

Private Hire of the John Bunyan Boat

The John Bunyan provides a unique venue to impress your guests with a private river cruise. The perfect venue for every occasion including wedding drinks receptions, birthdays, anniversaries, school, college and youth group trips, club outings, corporate functions, meetings with a difference and more. See website for our Charter and Wedding Event brochures:- www.johnbunyanboat.org

School, College and Youth Groups

The John Bunyan Boat provides the perfect place to learn more about the natural environment, and the history, geography in and around Bedford. Please see the Education Experience brochure for further details and prices.



Voluntary and Charity Organisations

We welcome charter bookings from voluntary groups and offer a discount to registered charities and voluntary organisations. Many smaller community organisations and care homes find this an ideal solution for their needs.

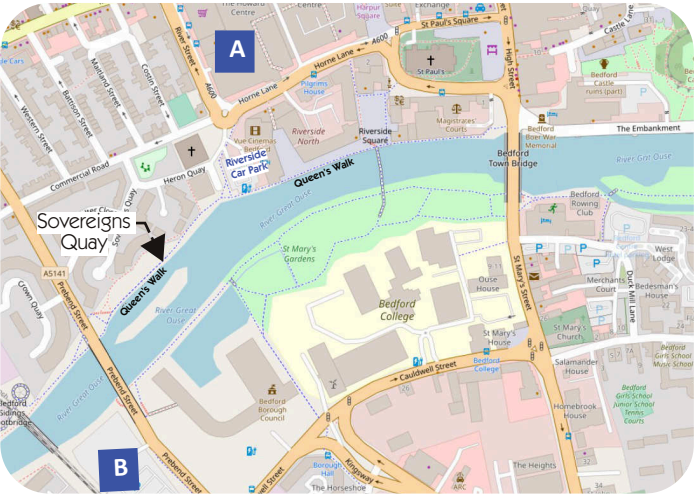


Car Parking information

Nearest Car Park to Sovereigns Quay is

- A Prebend street surface car park
- B River Street multi-storey car park

Also additional multi-storey car parks at the Harpur Centre. See website for additional car parking information.



Guests should arrive at least 15 minutes before the departure times. All cruise times are approximate and dependent on river conditions. If the river water levels are high we reserve the right to reroute or restrict passenger numbers or cancel a cruise. Alternative dates or refunds will be given. Full details of our terms and conditions are on our website. Before you set off, please check our Website for weather / river condition updates. The online bookings close 72 hours before cruise start time.

Passengers are not permitted to consume their own alcohol or food on board public cruises.

The John Bunyan Boat is fitted with a lift for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. It is important that a helper is present to assist those needing to use this facility. Lift platform dimensions: 1190mm x 900mm. Max weight: 200Kg (Wheelchair and passenger).

After your cruise why not leave us a review on Tripadvisor or Facebook and share your experience with others. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates, competitions and all the latest news from the John Bunyan Boat team!



Would you like to join our team?

You don't require any previous experience, as we provide training. We just ask that you commit to 2-3 sessions a month. If you want to gain experience, or have skills you think we could use, please get in touch!
By emailing volunteering@johnbunyanboat.org
We are always looking for:

- Boat Crew:**
- Cabin crew to set the cabin ready for a cruise, chat to customers and serve refreshments.
 - Deck crew to assist with mooring, locking, keeping lookout and ensuring passenger safety.
 - Helms with experience of handling river and/or canal boats.
 - Boatmasters prepared to train, or with a current MCA licence.
- Land Crew:**
- Commercial team members to engage with potential customers securing charter and public speciality cruises.
 - Social-Media and Marketing team members to engage with the public at shows and exhibitions.
 - Maintenance and cleaning crews to keep the John Bunyan in great shape.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

John Bunyan Boat

The John Bunyan Community boat is operated by Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Enterprise Limited on behalf of Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust.
The John Bunyan Community Boat based at Priory Marina Bedford has carried over 58,000 guests since it first started to operate in 2013. It is licensed by the MCA to carry up to 50 guests, offering a range of public cruises and private charters including: Morning, Afternoon Cruises with Cream Teas, Fish & Chip Cruises, Irish Music evenings and Motown Music Cruises to name a few.



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About the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust



The Waterway Park will provide new recreational and leisure opportunities, both on and beside the water.

It will include accessible footpaths and cycle ways. The Waterway Park will link to existing pathways providing safe, accessible traffic-free routes connecting villages and communities along the route.
Whether you are a boater or enjoy fishing, cycling walking or horse riding or just relaxing - it will provide something for everyone.
It will also bring a wider range of benefits, not just for leisure; create an ecological corridor for wildlife; and offer engineering solutions for better water management and reduce the risk of flooding locally.
Regionally, it will provide the missing link between the Grand Union and the Great River Ouse connecting the canals of the midlands to the waterways of East Anglia.



Image courtesy of Gill Prince Photography

See Milton Keynes from the water!

Get a different view of the city as you glide peacefully along the Grand Union canal on Electra, the Trust's new all-electric, accessible narrowboat for up to 12 guests. Public trips offer a range of tempting Food Cruises, including cream tea, coffee & cake, fish & bubbles, curry. There are also Chill-out Cruises, Trail & Sail Cruises combining a walk and a cruise, pub lunch cruises, and half-day lunch cruises. Alternatively, enjoy having Electra all to yourself with a private charter booking – catering options available Book online at www.bmkwaterway.org/electra

Cruise the Great Ouse

2024 Public Cruise Guide

John Bunyan Community Boat

Book Online:
www.johnbunyanboat.org

Daytime Cruises

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Sunday Afternoon Cruises
Priory Marina to Kempston and return.
- 1.30pm departure for 4 hour cruise from Priory Marina. Relax and cruise through picturesque pastures to discover Bedford from the Great River Ouse. Arrive at Sovereigns Quay before continuing towards Kempston as route 1a below. Licensed bar on-board. Adult £22, Child £11
- 1a

Sovereigns Quay to Kempston return
- 2.30pm departure for 2 hour cruise from Sovereigns Quay. Cruise upriver passing the Guru Nanak Gurdwara towards Kempston Mill before returning. Licensed bar on-board. Adult £17, Child £8.50
- 2

Thursday Afternoon Cruises
Sovereigns Quay to Cardington and return
- 2.30pm departure for 2 hour cruise from Sovereign Quay. Cruise along the Embankment and the tranquil lower river towards Cardington Lock, turning at the Kingfisher Riverside Pub. Adult £17, Child £8.50

Lunch & Afternoon Tea Cruises
Return Cruises from Priory Marina

- 3

Special Afternoon Tea Cruise
- 2.00pm departure for 2 hour cruise. We bring out the posh crockery for fantastic Afternoon Tea on-board, in-conjunction with Crème Brew Lait. Licensed bar on-board. Tickets £34
- 4K

Afternoon Tea Cruise at the Kingfisher
- 2.00pm departure for 3.5 hour cruise from Priory Marina. Take a relaxing cruise through Bedford before disembarking at Kingfisher Pub to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Licensed bar on-board. Tickets £36 per person.



5 Fish & Chip Lunch Cruise

12.00pm departure for 2 hour cruise from Priory Marina and enjoy your fish & chip lunch on board (chicken & chips, vegetable pancake & chips are also available). Licensed bar on-board. Adult £28.

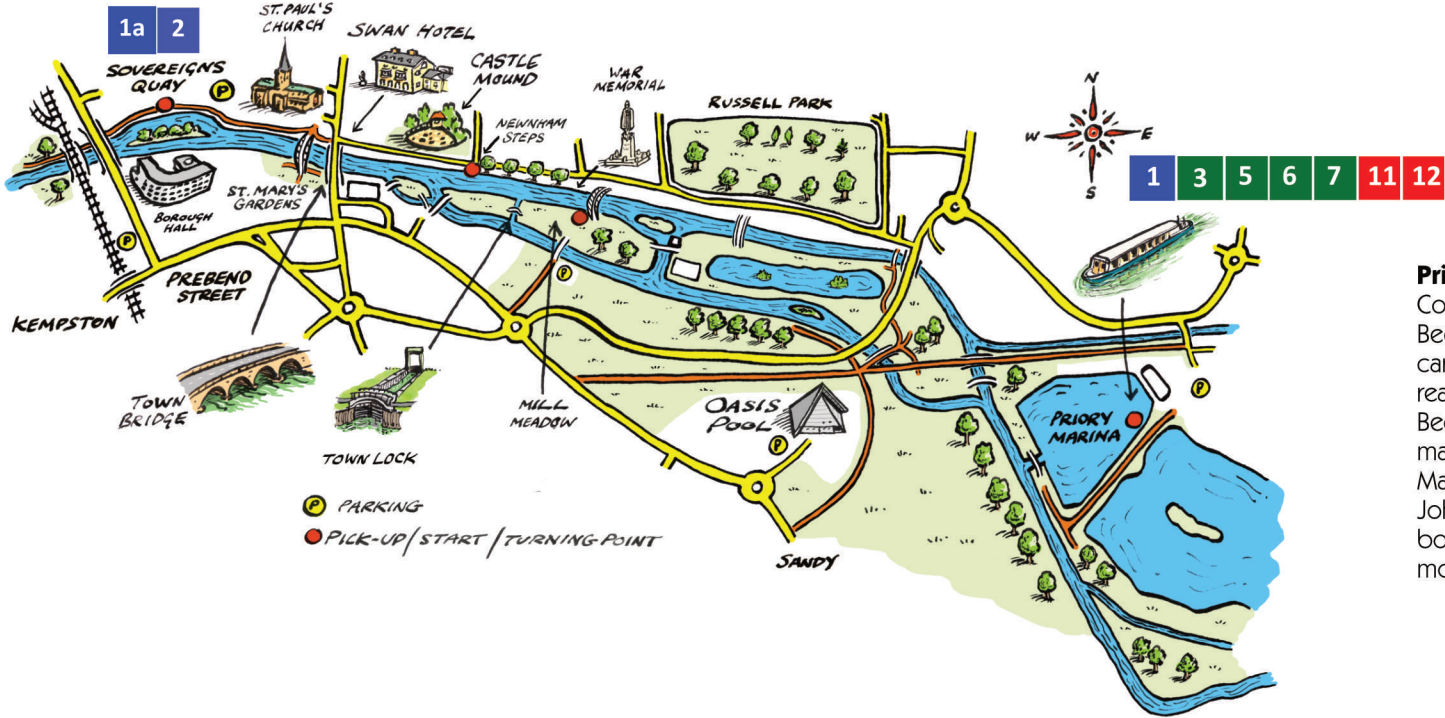
6 Anchor Lunch Cruise

10.00am departure for 3 hour relaxing cruise to The Anchor Inn at Great Barford to enjoy a buffet lunch followed by 3pm return by coach to Priory Marina. Tickets include cruise, lunch & coach £45.

7 Tea & Cake Cruise

2.00pm departure for 2 hour cruise from Priory Marina. Treat yourself to a leisurely cruise with a cup of tea or coffee and slice of cake served to your table. Experience a different view of Bedford's Tranquil countryside and The Embankment. Licensed bar on-board. Adult £18, Child £12

Sovereigns Quay: MK40 1NY - Between Riverside car park and County Bridge. Nearest Surface Car Park is Prebend Street - cross the road and County river bridge, turn right and walk down along the Embankment (Queen's Walk) to Sovereigns Quay Moorings. Wait by the John Bunyan notice board. Alternative car parking in the multi-storey car park on River Street.



Priory Marina: Priory Country Park, Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9DJ. Signed car parking spaces are at rear of the Premier Inn/ Beefeater. Please wait by the main entrance gates to the Marina off the road, near the John Bunyan Boat notice board, to be escorted to the mooring by one of the crew.

Evening Music Cruises
See website for departure location

7.30pm departure for 2 hour cruise along the Embankment.

8 Jazz Music Cruise

Join our on-board Jazz line-up for a lovely evening on the beautiful Great River Ouse. See website for details of artists. Licensed bar on-board. Tickets £26 per person.

9 Motown and Soul Music Cruise

Dance the evening away as we cruise along the Embankment, featuring DJ Keith Stewart. Licensed bar on-board. Tickets £22 per person.

10 Irish Music Cruise

Featuring Inis Eire. See website for details of event for a lively evening on the beautiful River Great Ouse. Licensed bar on-board. Tickets £26 per person.



Evening Supper River Cruises
Departing from Priory Marina

11 Fish & Chip Supper Cruise

6.00pm departure for 2 hour cruise from Priory Marina. Relax on the river as the sun goes down and enjoy your fish & chip supper on board (chicken & chips, vegetable pancake & chips are also available). Licensed bar on-board. Adult £28, Child £15.50

12 Curry Dinner Cruise

6:30pm departure for 2 hour midweek cruise with a curry supper. See website for further details. Licensed bar on-board. Tickets £29 per person.

Why not enjoy one of the following to accompany your Sunday or Thursday cruise?

- Ploughman's Lunch
- Cream Tea
- Afternoon Tea



Gluten free options available. Pre-order and pay online at www.johnbunyanboat.org
Licensed bar is available on-board serving hot & cold drinks with a selection of snacks.

Short Family River Cruises

BH Bank Holiday Cruises
Departing from Suspension Bridge - Mill Meadow

60 min cruise departing: 1.30pm & 3.00pm.
Refreshments available on-board. Adult £10 Child £7

ES EyeSpy Cruises
Departing from Suspension Bridge - Mill Meadow

60 min cruise departing: 1.30pm & 3.00pm.
Refreshments available on-board. Adult £10 Child £7.50

FW Family Walkers Cruise
Priory Marina to Sovereigns Quay, (One Way)

1:30pm departure for 45 min cruise to Sovereigns Quay before making your own way back to Priory Marina on foot. Licensed Bar on-board. Ticket £8

Special Event Cruises

- See our website for information and booking cruises on our special event days
- HC

9th July - History Cruise along Bedford Embankment
- RF

20th - 21st July - Bedford River Festival (Tickets available at event)
- BW

12th Sept Bedford Autumn Walking Festival, guided walk to Gt Barford, return by John Bunyan Boat. (see Website for details)

All Tickets can be transferred to a different cruise or you can request a refund up to 14 days before a cruise. All tickets are subject to an online booking fee at checkout.

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