

With money raised from the John Bunyan Boat...  
 .....the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust has been able to dredge parts of the River Great Ouse towards Kempston Mill, opening up a new destination on the river for smaller craft. The Trust are now planning to build a new landing stage with funding from the Environment Agency, Bedford Borough Council and donations raised on the John Bunyan Boat.



**It's good to know that...**

...the route remains protected in 3 Local Plans and in early 2019 the first section of the route in Campbell Park Milton Keynes was filled with water. Other sections are in the pipeline at Bedford Commercial Park and Marston Valley.

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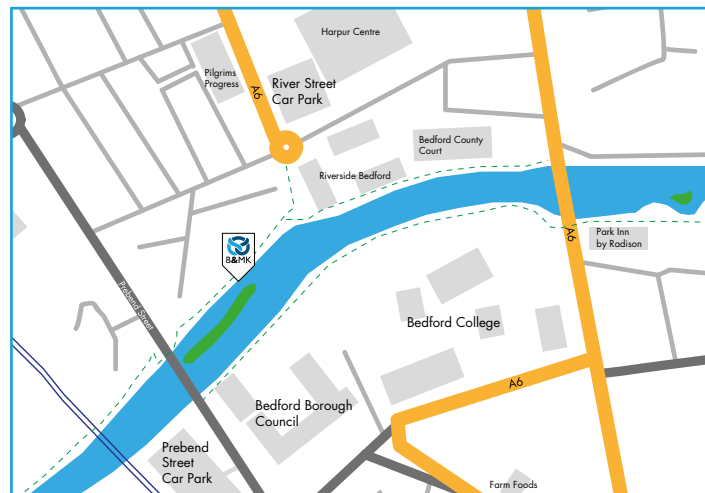
**How to find us:**

**Priory Marina:** Priory Country Park, Bedford MK41 9DJ. Signed car parking spaces are near the Premier Inn/Beefeater. Walk to the Marina to find the John Bunyan at her mooring.



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**Sovereigns Quay:** MK40 1QS - Junction of River Street and Commercial Road. Surface Car Park in Prebend Street - Cross the road and the river bridge, turn right and walk down alongside the river to Sovereigns Quay Moorings: Leave plenty of time to walk down to the John Bunyan. Also multi-storey car parks on River Street or the Harpur Centre.



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# Bedford's Community Boat

## John Bunyan

### 2019 Cruise Guide



BOOK ONLINE

[www.johnbunyanboat.org](http://www.johnbunyanboat.org)  
 Booking line: 01946 690 301

Tickets also from the Corn Exchange Box Office, The Harpur Suite, Harpur Square, Bedford.

**1 Sunday Afternoon Cruises**  
Priory Marina to Kempston and return.

1.30pm departure for 4 hours from Priory Marina  
Relax and cruise through picturesque pastures, to discover Bedford's unique pyramid! Navigate the Bedford lock, and then see the 12th century mound of Bedford Castle before going under the historic town bridge, arriving at Sovereigns Quay to pick up Route 1a.

Adult £17 Concession £15 Child £13 Family\* £41

**1a Sovereigns Quay to Kempston and return.**

2.30pm departure for 2 hours from Sovereigns Quay.  
Cruise upriver passing the Guru Nanak Gurdwara temple in Queens Park, Kempston Outdoor Centre and on towards Kempston Mill before returning.

Adult £12 Concession £10 Child £8 Family\* £28

**2 Thursday Walkers Special**

Priory Marina to Sovereigns Quay, returning on foot

1:30pm departure for 45mins

Join the boat at Priory Marina, cruise upriver through Bedford Town Lock, along the embankment and under the historic Town Bridge to Sovereigns Quay. Disembark and make your own way back to Priory Marina.

Adult £6 Concession £5 Child £4 Family\* £14

**3 Thursday Afternoon Cruises**

Sovereigns Quay to Cardington and return

2.30pm departure for 2 hours

Cruise under the historic Town Bridge past Bedford Castle mound and then through the Town Lock, and along the tranquil river to Cardington Lock.

Adult £12 Concession £10 Child £8 Family\* £28



**4 Saturday Evening Fish & Chip Supper**

Sovereigns Quay to The Embankment and return

6.30pm departure for 1½ hours

Relax on the river as the sun goes down and enjoy your Fish & Chip Supper on board (Chicken & Chips, Vegetable Pancake & Chips also available). Licensed bar.

Adult £18 Concession £16 Child £14 Family\* £52

**5 Barns Hotel Afternoon Tea Cruise**

Sovereigns Quay to the Barns Hotel and return

2.30pm departure for 3½ hours

Enjoy a relaxing trip through Bedford and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea at the Barns Hotel before returning to Sovereigns Quay.

Tickets £26 per person. Licensed bar.

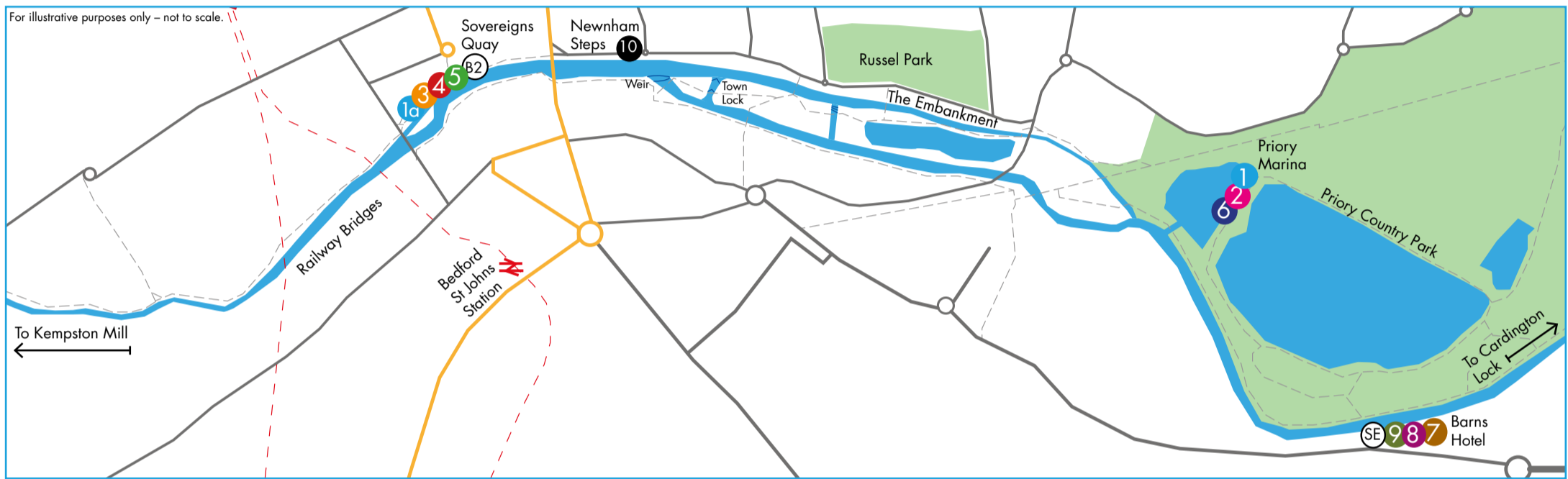
**6 Anchor Lunch Cruise**

Priory Marina to The Anchor, Great Barford and return

10.00am departure for 3 hours, 3pm coach return.  
Take a cruise from Bedford to Great Barford to enjoy lunch from our partners at the Anchor.

Return to Bedford by coach

Tickets include lunch and coach £35



**7 Evening Jazz Cruise**

Round trip from the Barns Hotel, MK44 3SA

7.15pm boarding, 7.30pm departure for 2 hours

Join our onboard jazz line-up for a lovely evening on the beautiful Great Ouse. Pre- and post-trip drinks available at the Riverside Tavern, Barns Hotel.

See our website for details of artists.

Tickets £20 per person. Licensed bar.

**8 Folk on the Boat Cruise**

Round trip from The Barns Hotel, MK44 3SA

7.15pm boarding, 7.30pm departure for 2 hours

Featuring Mill Race Folk & Guest Artists - see website for guest artists and further details.

Tickets £17.50 per person. Licensed bar.



**9 Motown and Soul Cruise**

Round trip from the Barns Hotel, MK44 3SA

7.15 boarding, 7:30pm departure for 2 hours  
Featuring DJ Keith Stewart

Tickets £15 per person. Licensed bar.

**10 The Embankment Hotel Boat Party**

Round trip from the Newnham Steps at the bottom of Newnham Road

7.00pm departure for 2 hours

Put the fun back into Friday and join us for a two-hour all inclusive cruise filled with bubbles, bites and music.

Book direct with The Embankment Hotel 01234 261 332 or embankment@peachpubs.com

Tickets £40 per person. Sail & stay room packages also available.

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

- Ploughman's Lunch £7.50
- Cream Tea £6.00
- Picnic Box £9.00

Picnic Boxes are also available on Motown/Jazz Cruises.  
Gluten Free options available for an additional 75p.  
Preorder and pay online at [www.johnbunyanboat.org](http://www.johnbunyanboat.org)

**(B1) Bank Holiday Sunday 'Tea for Two'**

An afternoon get-away cruise for two with afternoon tea. Limited spaces available, see website for full details on cruise times, pricing and the menu.

**(B2) Bank Holiday Monday Cruises.**

45 minute river cruises departing from Sovereigns Quay, next to Riverside Bedford.  
Departure times: 11.00, 12.30, 14.30 & 16.00.  
Adult £6 Concession £5 Child £4 Family\* £14

**(SE) Special Events**

Visit our stand at these events to learn more about what we do and how you can get involved!

- Barns Hotel Fun Day, Bedford - 6th May
- Armed Forces Day, St Neots - 22nd to 23rd June

The John Bunyan Boat is fitted with an accessibility lift for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. It is important that a helper is present to assist those needing to take advantage of this facility.  
Lift dimensions: 1190mm x 900mm. Max weight: 200Kg.

After your cruise why not leave us a review on Trip Advisor 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!



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## 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 and youth trips, club outings, corporate functions, meetings with a difference and more. Prices start from £360 depending on the cruise, and requirements. Please see our *Public Charters* or *Wedding Event* brochures for more information. Alternatively digital versions are available from our website [johnbunyanboat.org](http://johnbunyanboat.org)

## School, College and Youth Groups

The John Bunyan Boat team are pleased to offer a variety of cruises aimed at schools and youth groups. We are able to accommodate up to 50 children and staff in a friendly educational environment. The John Bunyan Boat provides the perfect place to learn more about the natural environment, history & geography in and around Bedford. Please see the *Education Experience* brochure for further details and prices. We can offer up to 25% discount for educational organisations.



## Voluntary/Charity Organisations

We welcome charter bookings from community and voluntary groups, and offer a discount to registered charities and voluntary organisations. We can also accept group bookings on public cruises, and arrange ploughman's lunches and cream teas if required. Many smaller community organisations and care homes find this an ideal solution for their needs.

The John Bunyan Boat is operated by B&MK Waterway Enterprises Ltd on behalf of Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust, Registered Charity no 1114294



## Would you like to join our team?

You don't require any previous experience, as we provide all training. We just ask that you commit 2-4 sessions a month. If you want to gain experience, or have skills you think we could use, please get in touch!

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:

- Marketing team members to engage with the public at shows and exhibitions.
- Finance people to ensure we use every penny donated wisely.
- Maintenance and cleaning crews to keep the John Bunyan in great shape.
- IT support working on website, email and more!

We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

\*Family tickets are for two adults and two children under sixteen. Concessionary rates are available to registered pensioners, students and people with disabilities with ID/Proof.

Passengers must arrive a minimum of 15 minutes before departure time. All cruise times are approximate, dependent on river conditions and time spent going through locks. If the river is in flood, cruises will be rerouted or cancelled. 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/Facebook for weather/river condition updates. Bookings online close 36 hours before cruise start. Passengers are not permitted to consume their own alcohol on board public cruises.



## About the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust

The Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust was established in 1995 to promote the development of a broad waterway linking the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes to the River Great Ouse in Bedford.

Creating Britain's first major new waterway in a century, it will provide amenities and opportunities for communities at the heart of the Oxford/Milton Keynes/Cambridge corridor, recently recognised by Government as a key location for housing and economic growth.

The Waterway Park will provide a green corridor linking new and existing communities, creating a unique sense of identity - a Waterway Park for all which will meet a wide range of recreational demands from walkers and cyclists to horse riders and fishermen. It has the potential to boost the local economy through new tourism related jobs and additional spending in the area as well as potential environmental benefits such as flood prevention and improved water management.

The project is supported by a consortium of local authorities, navigation authorities and charities, including the Trust whose role is to act as an advocate and mobilise support at all levels for the project.

Interested in supporting the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust?

Sign up to be kept informed of our progress at [www.b-mkwaterway.org.uk/support-us](http://www.b-mkwaterway.org.uk/support-us)

