

## Latest Jazz Cruise News

### Jazz on the Great Ouse – 2019 Cruises

Our Jazz Cruises are so popular that we are sold out until the October Cruise which features Bedford's own star trumpet player Tom Syson. The John Bunyan Boat Team are pleased to announce forthcoming Jazz Cruise. The cruises are run in association with Olney Jazz Club, Conscia Jazz and The Barns Hotel and feature top national and local jazz musicians.

**The next cruise for which we have tickets available is on: Thursday October 17th – Tom Syson Trio featuring Tom Syson of Conscia Jazz on trumpet.**

### Biography:

After growing up in Bedfordshire, Tom moved to Birmingham to attend the Birmingham Conservatoire in September 2011, after being granted a place on their prestigious jazz course. After graduating from his BMus degree in Jazz from Birmingham Conservatoire with First Class Honours in 2015, he has released his debut album and completed 3 UK tours as a bandleader. His debut album 'Green' was recorded at Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios, featured JazzFM Vocalist of the Year 2016 Lauren Kinsella on a track, and was produced by long term mentor Percy Pursglove. 'Green' received a large amount of press coverage, which included a feature on BBC Radio 3's Jazz Now and substantial radio play on JazzFM. It also included some great reviews from leading jazz publications in the UK, including Jazzwise and London Jazz News.

In 2018 he was handed the prestigious lead trumpet chair at the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, after holding a chair in the ensemble for a few years. He also holds the lead trumpet chair with the Birmingham Jazz Orchestra, and has performed with the Syd Lawrence Orchestra. To date, he has played with musicians such as Jacqui Dankworth, Alex Garnett and Leon Greening, and has played at venues/events such as Ronnie Scots, Cheltenham Jazz Festival, The Barbican and The Royal Albert Hall. His latest album "Different Coloured Days" is now available.



The two-hour cruises leave from the moorings at The Barns Hotel, Cardington Road, Bedford boarding at 7.15pm. A 3 course Pre-cruise dinner can be booked in advance from The Barns Hotel (01234 270044) Drinks are available from the Riverside Tavern Bar.

Drinks and snacks are available on board the John Bunyan Boat and a Fish & Chip Supper price £9 or a picnic box priced £9 can be booked in advance..

Tickets priced £20.00 can be booked via the website: [www.johnbunyanboat.org](http://www.johnbunyanboat.org) or by phone on: 01946 690 301