



The Admirals and Skippers Cruise



The 'field trip' with a difference!
Saturday July 7 2018

A 2.5 hour cruise on the Basingstoke Canal(SSSI)
Depart 10:30 from Odiham(M3 J5), returning around
13:00

"Fish 'n' Chip" lunch on board
(licensed bar on board, with light refreshments, tea
and coffee)



Optional afternoon walk around Odiham
Common(SSSI)



£16/person for cruise and lunch(max. 50 tickets)
(come rain or shine!)

To book: email Kelvin Richards junctionfive@gmail.com stating the number of tickets you would like to reserve and a booking form will be sent for completion and return with your payment.

Information on cruises with the chartered boat, John Pinkerton II, can be found at <http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk/jp/>; this should answer any questions you may have, if not please email Kelvin as above. Additional information will appear below:



FAQs

- **Will we see any butterflies and moths?** Not guaranteed but there have been plenty of sightings along the canal of many species, even Purple Emperor. Odiham Common supports a population of Forester moth (but earlier in the year).
- **What happens if the weather is bad?** The boat is enclosed and the cruise will go ahead.
- **After the cruise activities?**
 - There will be an optional walk around Odiham Common, split into groups if there is a large number of people. The walk is about 1.25 miles(2km), probably about an hour.
 - The Waterwitch pub is close by.
- **Is there an alternative to Fish 'n' Chips?** The Fish 'n' Chips is recommended but Chicken, Sausage or Veggie Burger can be substituted – please request on the booking form.
- **What is the itinerary?** The cruise direction is at the discretion of the boat skipper and may be influenced by the canal water level or other reasons. However, we hope to cruise west to King John's Castle where passengers can disembark whilst the boat is winded(turned) and explore the castle or make a short walk further west along the canal towpath to the entrance to Greywell Tunnel, home of more roosting bats than any other site in Britain. After re-embarking, lunch will be served and the boat will return to Colt Hill Wharf to arrive about 13:00.
- **Why have a branch cruise?** One of the drivers for organising the cruise was to provide a social event...there's never enough time to chat and catch-up with other members at the AGM; what better context than a slow cruise in the countryside? A full boat will generate income for the branch too!

