



# The Skippers and Admirals Cruise



The 'field trip' with a difference!  
Saturday June 29 2019

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. 36 tickets)  
(come rain or shine!)

To book: email Kelvin Richards [junctionfive@gmail.com](mailto: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, for 2019 we hope to cruise in the opposite direction to 2018 and go downstream/east to Barley Mow where passengers can disembark whilst the boat is winded(turned) and explore the area. After re-embarking, lunch will be served and the boat will return to Colt Hill Wharf to arrive about 13:00.
- **Why have you reduced the number of available seats?** Feedback from last year was that the number was about right and that had we had 50 it would have been 'too cosy'.
- **Why have a branch cruise?** One of the drivers for organising the 2018 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? Feedback indicated that we should repeat the event in 2019. A full boat will generate a small profit for the branch too!

