

Charter a cruise for your event
or family celebration.



A relaxing cruise on our trip boat – the John Pinkerton II – is the perfect way to celebrate with family, friends or work colleagues. Your party of up to 50 guests will have exclusive use of the boat for the two-and-a-half-hour cruise from Odiham, in the peaceful surroundings of the Basingstoke Canal. Even if you live locally, the countryside and woodland views from the boat give you a totally different perspective, and make for a memorable and imaginative way to enjoy a taste of days gone by.

Cruises run from April to October*, and you can choose morning, afternoon or evening departures to suit your event. And the added bonus is that all trips on the John Pinkerton II benefit The Basingstoke Canal Society, safeguarding the Canal for the future.

TIMES OF CRUISES

Mornings: 10.30am
Afternoons: 2.30pm
Evenings: 7.30pm

* Charter cruises are available every day between April and October, apart from pre-published Public Trip Dates.

SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS

Please note that access is by five steps; there is no mechanical lift for wheelchair users. Group organisers must provide able-bodied helpers for those that need looking after, and to lift wheelchair users if necessary.



Alternatively, our sister charity Accessible Boating Association operates purpose-built boats to cater for disabled persons and their carers. 07934 926683, accessibleboating.org.uk.

Departure Points

COLT HILL WHARF, ODIHAM (Home Base)
Set your sat-nav to **RG29 1AL**

The canal at Colt Hill is signposted down London Road at the eastern end of the High Street. Go past The Waterwitch pub, cross Colt Hill Bridge, and the wharf is on the right. Drivers of vehicles larger than 2m high should contact the crew on arrival for access to the barrier. To find the car and coach park, continue down London Road to the end of the road, and turn right.

FOX & HOUNDS, FLEET (Occasional use only)
Set your sat-nav to **GU51 5NP**

The Fox & Hounds Public House is on Crookham Road, ½ mile westward from Fleet town centre. Car parking available in adjacent roads.

The John Pinkerton II normally departs from Odiham.

**Our smaller sister boat Kitty departs from
Town Wharf, Woking.
See Kitty website or Leaflet**



Charter Cruises *on the* Basingstoke Canal *In Hampshire*



Enquiries & Charter Bookings
01256 765889 (10am - 8pm)

jpbookings@basingstoke-canal.org.uk

See website for Charter Prices & Conditions of Booking

For Public and Theme Cruises
BOOK ONLINE at
johnpinkerton.co.uk/booking

See Public Cruises leaflet for details and prices



**John Pinkerton
Canal Cruises**



The John Pinkerton is operated to benefit The Basingstoke Canal Society registered as a charity no. 273085

About the John Pinkerton

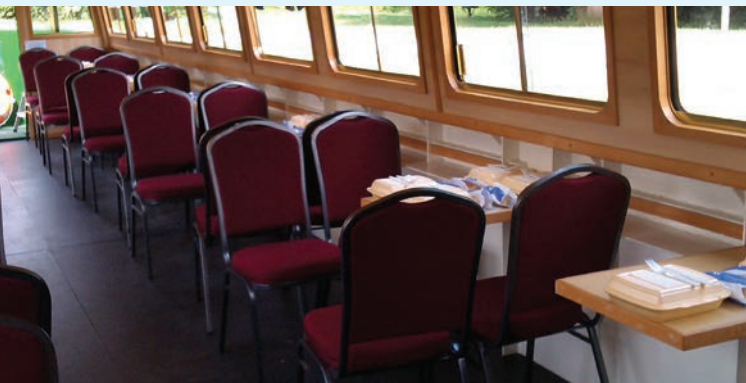
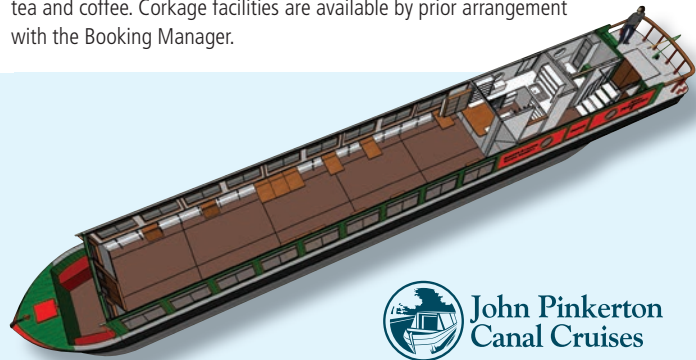


JOHN PINKERTON II was launched by the Basingstoke Canal Society in 2013, replacing the original John Pinkerton trip boat after 36 years of service. The trip boats have now raised nearly £1 million – all of which has been spent by volunteers from the Society on the restoration, maintenance and improvement of the Basingstoke Canal.

The John Pinkerton II conforms to Government safety regulations and is crewed by well-trained volunteer members of The Basingstoke Canal Society. The boat is licensed to carry 50 passengers. Seating can be arranged as required, so is ideally suitable for smaller private parties, or wedding receptions, business meetings and social outings of all kinds.

The natural surroundings of the boat provides a pleasant venue for any event, at a very competitive price. The boat has a toilet, and is covered for cruising in all weathers. On board facilities include connection to a sound system for your ipod / mp3 player (via a mini-jack).

There is a well stocked licensed bar on board, with light refreshments, tea and coffee. Corkage facilities are available by prior arrangement with the Booking Manager.



Make the most of your trip

CATERING

- Private parties may provide their own catering, or if you would like to use a catering service who will deliver to the boat, we can recommend:-

Chapel Pond Catering

07818 402763, kathryn.ball@virgin.net

Grand Catering

07800 888354, richwithey80@gmail.com

- For a fish 'n' chip supper, delivered directly to the boat, contact

Oliver's of Old Basing

01256 321018, info@olivers4fish.co.uk.

- Before and after your cruise, meals and drinks are available at

The Waterwitch pub & restaurant

London Road, Colt Hill, 01256 702778.

ENTERTAINMENT

You may organise your own entertainers subject to advance approval from the Booking Manager.



TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND

Add to the party atmosphere of your cruise and enjoy a canal boat shuffle with **The Excel Jazzmen** 01252 549037.



ACOUSTIC DUO

Sing along to tunes you know with **Still Crazy Duo** 07812 461367

Note: when booking, serving staff or entertainers must be included in total passenger numbers.

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About the Canal Society

THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL SOCIETY was formed in 1966 to save the then privately owned waterway from dereliction, and campaigned for its restoration under public ownership. From 1973 the new Hampshire and Surrey County Council owners funded a programme of restoration supported by the Society, Inland Waterways Association and other groups who organised volunteer working parties along the Canal length. Initial dredging was carried out by the Society using a steam dredger. In 1991, after nearly 25 years effort by many volunteers, 32 miles were re-opened as a navigation.

Since then, the Society has changed its focus from one of promoting a restoration project to one of safeguarding the future of the Canal for boating, local amenity, heritage and wildlife. It supports the Canal with volunteers' efforts of fundraising, work parties, and providing a lengthmen's scheme. Its aim is to secure a sustainable future for the Canal, thus preventing it again falling into dereliction.

The Society was proud to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service during 2018, presented by the Duke of Kent.

The Society welcomes new members, and many opportunities are available for volunteers to suit personal skills. Crewing and maintaining the Society trip boats are popular activities; and all proceeds from boat trips go towards the maintenance of the Canal.

**For more information about
The Basingstoke Canal Society:
basingstoke-canal.org.uk**



You may decorate the boat for your event subject to advance approval from the Booking Manager