

the ferry

The Tilbury ferry is one of the few remaining ancient Thames river crossings, and dates back to the 13th century when a small rowing boat was used.

The introduction of steam power in the mid 19th century saw the ferry operated by the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway, which was subsequently taken over by the Midland Railway. This in turn was incorporated into the London, Midland and Scottish Railway and finally became part of British Railways Sea-Link establishment.

The ferry boats used have traditionally been flat-bottomed vessels; paddle steamers were used in the second half of the 19th century, with the first twin-screw steamer 'T.S.S Carlotta' acquired in 1893 and remaining in service until 1930.

In 1911 a new vessel was able to carry vehicular traffic for the first time, and this remained until the completion of the Dartford Tunnel in 1963. The West Street Pier, used for the vehicular ferry, was converted to a passenger ferry terminus. The Town Pier, which had been used since 1850, was sold in 1967.

Today, the ferry is run with financial help from Kent County Council and Thurrock Council. The vessel 'Duchess M' was purchased in 2002 by the two authorities, in conjunction with the operator, Captain John Potter.



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Gravesend to Tilbury

Ferry & Bus connections

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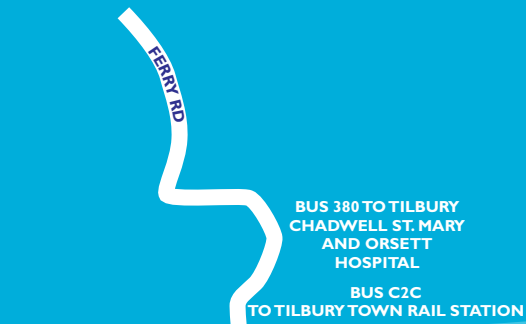
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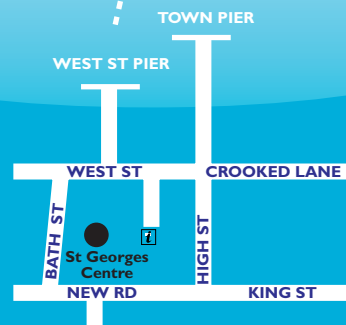
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River Thames



GARRICK ST buses to; Bluewater, Chatham, Dartford, Meopham, Sevenoaks, etc.

GRAVESEND RAIL STATION

Gravesend



from Gravesend

| Mondays-Fridays | | Saturdays | |
|--|--|--|--|
| ferry from West Street Pier to Tilbury Riverside | c2c bus from Ferry Road to Tilbury Town Stn* | ferry from West Street Pier to Tilbury Riverside | c2c bus from Ferry Road to Tilbury Town Stn* |
| 0540 | 0550 | 0540 | 0550 |
| 0620 | 0630 | 0620 | 0630 |
| 0650 | 0700 | ---- | ---- |
| 0715 | 0730 | 0700 | 0710 |
| 0745 | 0755 | 0740 | 0750 |
| 0815 | 0825 | 0800 | 0815 |
| 0840 | 0850 | 0905 | 0915 |
| 0905 | 0915 | 0935 | 0945 |
| 1005 | 1015 | 1005 | 1015 |
| 1035 | 1045 | 1035 | 1045 |
| then at these minutes past each hour | | then at these minutes past each hour | |
| 05 | 15 | 05 | 15 |
| 35 | 45 | 35 | 45 |
| until | | until | |
| 1405 | 1415 | 1405 | 1415 |
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| 1535 | 1545 | 1535 | 1545 |
| 1605 | 1615 | 1605 | 1615 |
| 1635 | 1645 | 1635 | 1645 |
| 1700 | 1710 | 1700 | 1715 |
| ---- | 1740 | 1730 | 1745 |
| 1730 | 1755 | ---- | ---- |
| 1800 | 1810 | 1800 | 1815 |
| 1830 | 1840 | 1830 | 1845 |
| 1900 | 1910 | 1900 | 1915 |

* - c2c bus service is free to rail ticket holders (via Tilbury Town); normal fares are available for other passengers.

Places to go...

Take a relaxing trip across the Thames and have a look at the many places of interest in and around Gravesend. There's plenty to see and do, from shops and historic buildings to scenic gardens and traditional pubs and cafes. Travel to Tilbury for bus and train connections to Grays, Lakeside, Orsett Hospital, Southend and other locations.

from Tilbury

| Mondays-Fridays | | Saturdays | |
|--|---|--|---|
| c2c bus from Tilbury Town Stn to Ferry Road* | ferry from Tilbury Riverside to Gravesend | c2c bus from Tilbury Town Stn to Ferry Road* | ferry from Tilbury Riverside to Gravesend |
| 0540 | 0555 | 0540 | 0550 |
| 0620 | 0630 | 0615 | 0630 |
| 0650 | 0705 | 0655 | 0710 |
| 0720 | 0730 | 0735 | 0750 |
| 0745 | 0800 | 0803 | 0810 |
| 0815 | 0830 | 0835 | ---- |
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| 1750 | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| 1800 | 1815 | 1805 | 1815 |
| 1830 | 1845 | 1835 | 1845 |
| 1900 | 1915 | 1905 | 1915 |

for more information about the area;



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Ferry Information

- Arrival times are approximately 8 minutes after departure
- Service is provided Monday to Saturday only. There is no service on Sundays and Bank Holidays
- Light motorcycles, bicycles, prams and dogs are carried free of charge subject to availability of space and at the discretion of the Ferry Master and at the owner's risk.
- The service is maintained at scheduled times unless it is interrupted by extreme weather, mechanical breakdown or by direction of the Harbour Authority.
- Official outings or parties of more than 10 people may travel on request at off peak rates
- Terms and conditions of travel are available on request

Safety Information

- In the unlikely event of an emergency the crew will instruct passengers on what to do as they are fully trained to deal with any emergency situation that may arise. Please keep calm and, if required, move to the open deck areas forward or aft of the boat. The vessel is fully equipped with all necessary life jackets and life rafts.
- The number of passengers and crew aboard are always recorded
- Smoking is STRICTLY PROHIBITED on the pier and the craft