



Bedminster Bridge Avon New Cut



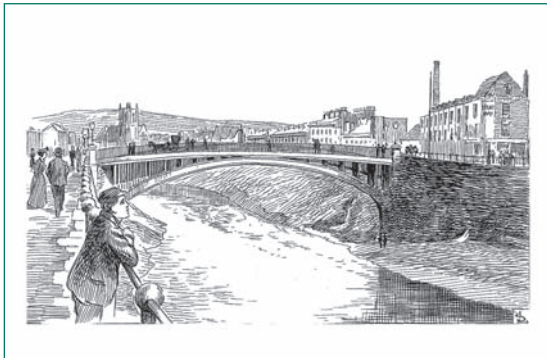
Mallard



Buddleia



Bedminster Bridge today

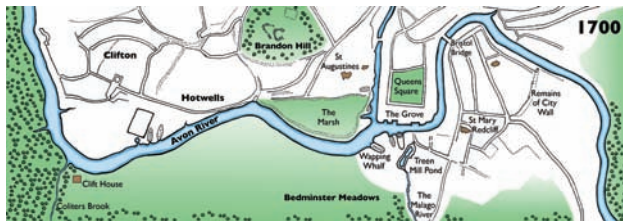


Harford's (Bedminster) Bridge by S.J. Loxton, kindly provided by Bristol Reference Library

Welcome to Avon New Cut

High Tide

The difference between high and low tide on the River Avon can be over 11 metres, one of the highest tidal ranges for any river in the world. The New Cut was dug in the early 19th century to create a tidal-free 'Floating Harbour' in Bristol so ships could berth safely.



River Avon in 1700



Floating Harbour and New Cut in 2012

Bedminster Bridges

When the New Cut was constructed, a single cast iron bridge was installed at Bedminster. The bridge was known as Harford's Bridge and was supplied by the Coalbrookdale Company.

This was replaced in 1883 by the current bridge. This bridge features cast iron 'rope' handrails which were saved from the original Harford's Bridge and, along with the nearby Rope Walk Pub on Bedminster Parade, reflect historical links with rope-making in this area.

A concrete bridge was built alongside in the 1960s to double the capacity and create Bedminster Roundabout.

Wildlife

The New Cut is a valuable corridor for wildlife reaching into the centre of Bristol. Black-headed gulls and mallard are commonly seen, and the buddleia is a common plant on the southern bank, attracting butterflies and other insects.

Friends of the Avon New Cut (FrANC) is working to improve the Cut and its wildlife. If you would like to find out more, or to get involved, please visit our website at www.franc.org.uk, or contact us via email at contact@franc.org.uk

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Black-headed gull

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