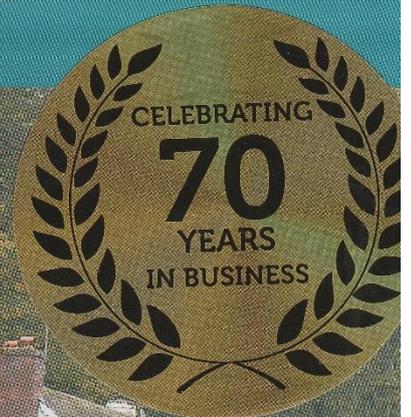


# Canal Cruising

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**OVER 66 YEARS EXPERIENCE** ARRANGING CANAL NARROWBOAT HOLIDAYS FROM OUR PICTURESQUE BOATYARD IN THE QUAIN MARKET TOWN OF STONE



**Canal Cruising** is now the oldest hire company on the canals. The company is still operated by the Wyatt family and our staff. We offer a wealth of experience and give a warm and friendly service, as standard, with special attention for our overseas visitors and novices. We are a pet friendly company, ideal for walking holidays and visiting Staffordshires Heritage and the surrounding areas.

### WHAT IS A MODERN NARROW BOAT LIKE?

"Look before you book" is the answer. Take a day out, visit our base between 10am and 2pm any time Monday - Saturday, we'll be pleased to see you. (Choose your boat and discuss possible routes)

### EVERYTHING IS PROVIDED ON THE BOAT

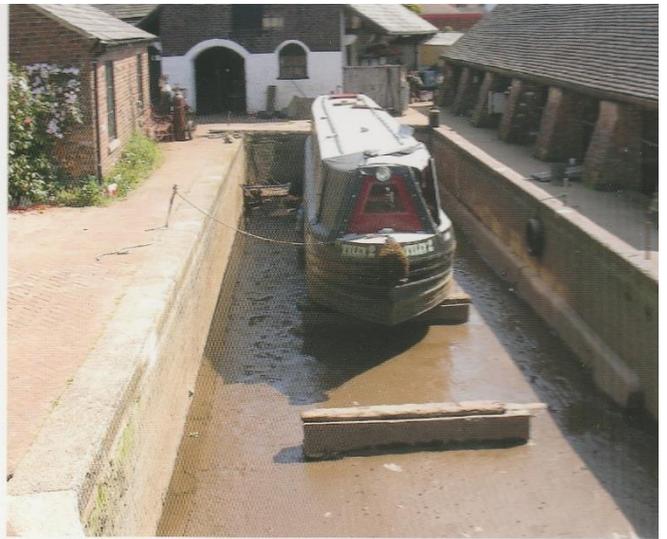
Everything is provided on the boats. We have fitted out and equipped our boats to the highest standard. We provide duvets, blankets, sheets, pillows and pillow cases. We also provide an initial supply of tea towels, brillo pad, washing up liquid, dish cloth, kitchen roll and toilet paper.

### INSTRUCTION GIVEN ON BOAT HANDLING

It usually takes about an hour depending on the locks. All boats have forward gear, a reverse gear and tiller steering. You push the lever forward and you're off, it's as simple as that! Tiller steering is precise and you have all the boat in front of you. With most people, ten minutes' instruction gives them all the confidence they need, but we also demonstrate the locks and give advice on mooring, navigation and safety.

### LEAVE YOUR CAR AT THE BOATYARD

We have ample open air parking and we take every precaution to ensure security and safety of your vehicle. All vehicles left at owner's risk.



### POINTS OF INTEREST

The one major aspect about a canal holiday is the proven fact that there is something of interest for everyone. The wildlife is abundant and is not frightened away by modern developments. Wild flowers and greenery are unspoilt and the old, historic bridges, aqueducts and tunnels are there for your enjoyment. The canals were built to connect existing rivers and on many trips you can combine both types of cruising in your journey. There are so many interesting museums and industrial museums, country houses and exhibitions such as the Middlepoint Pottery that the list seems endless, and there is sure to be somewhere of interest on your (chosen route. Maps and Guides are available.

### OVERNIGHT STOPS ON THE CANAL

You can moor anywhere on the towpath side either in the country or in built-up areas. If an inn is on the offside, mooring is usually allowed adjacent to the premises.

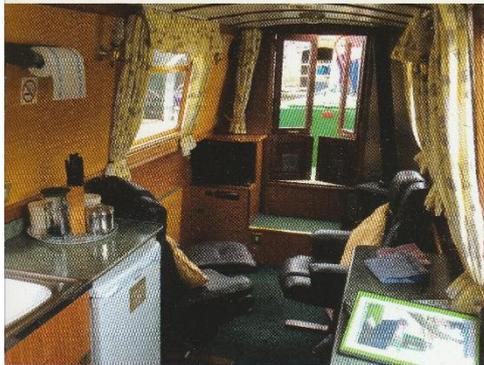
### ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

You normally take over your boat in the afternoon between 2pm and 4pm on the first day of your holiday and return at 9am-10am on your final day. This gives us a short period for necessary, maintenance, refuelling, cleaning etc. When you leave the base your boat will be full of fuel and water, and new gas bottles will be fitted.

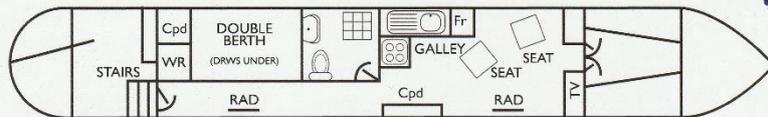


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**MARIA SLEEPS 2** (48ft)  
Saturday Start (Weekly only)



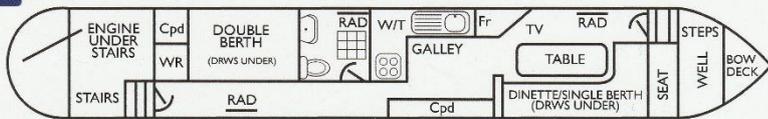
Very comfortable boat for two people. • Wood burning stove.  
Spacious lounge with reclining leather chairs.

Bedding Combination: 1 Double



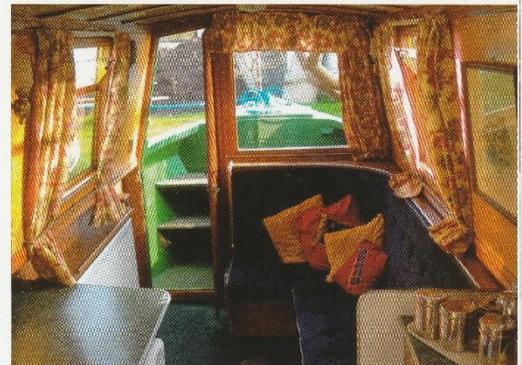
**PATRICIA & GINETTE SLEEPS 2/3** (47ft)

Patricia – Saturday Start (Weekly only)  
Ginette – Friday or Monday Start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 Nights)



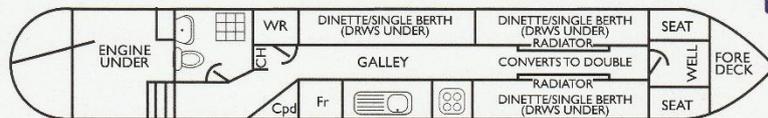
Comfortable boat for two or three.  
Built in settee in lounge becomes a single bed.

Bedding Combinations: 1 Double & 1 Single



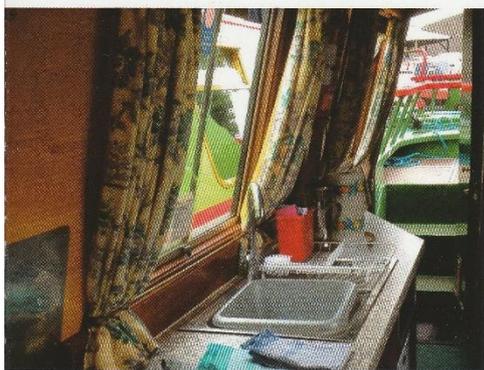
**ANGELA SLEEPS 2/3** (34ft)

Friday or Monday Start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 Nights)



Ideal boat for first timers.  
Easy to handle.

Bedding Combinations: 1 Double & 1 Single or 2/3 Singles  
(The double bed has to be assembled every night, 1 single is made using the dinette)



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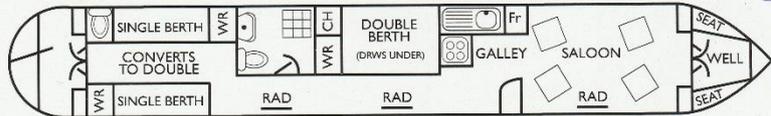


Narrowboats are available for weekly or short break holidays - we can offer a range of cruise options to suit your requirements. All narrowboats are superbly equipped and finished to a very high standard, enabling you to cruise the route of your choice in complete comfort.

## CAREY GINGER & LUCY GINGER SLEEPS 4 (60ft)

Carey - Saturday Start (Weekly only)

Lucy - Saturday or Tuesday Start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 Nights)



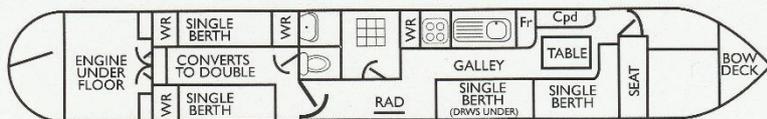
Very comfortable boat for four. • Wood burning stove (Carey Ginger).  
Spacious lounge with settee and reclining leather chairs.  
One shower room with toilet and separate toilet to the rear.

Bedding Combinations: 1 Double & 2 Single or 2 Doubles



## ALICE ELIZABETH SLEEPS 4 (48ft)

Saturday Start (Weekly only)



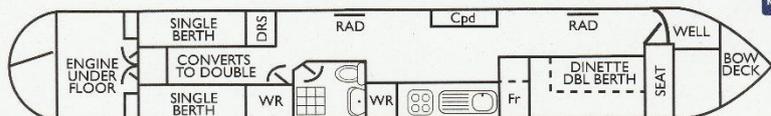
Comfortable boat for four. • Ideal boat for first timers.

Bedding Combinations: 1 Double & 2 Single or 4 Singles  
(The double bed has to be assembled every night)



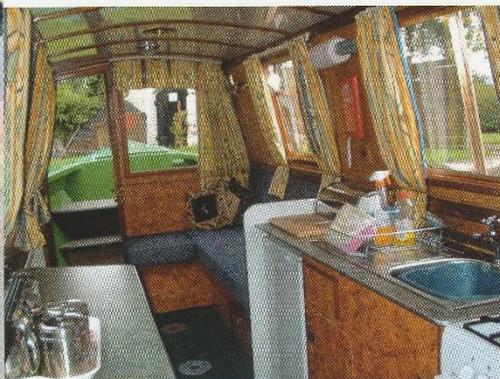
## AGNES & FRANCES SLEEPS 4 (48ft)

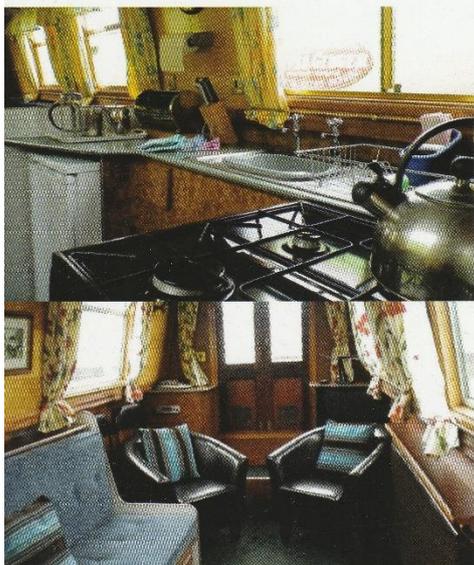
Friday or Monday Start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 Nights)



Comfortable boat for four. • Ideal boat for first timers.

Bedding Combinations: 1 Double & 2 Single or 2 Doubles  
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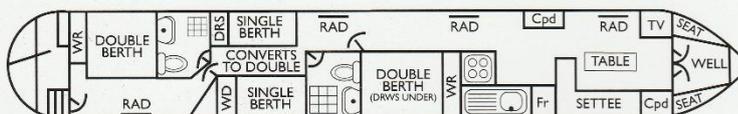




## MARTHA GINGER & OLIVIA GINGER SLEEPS 6 (68ft)

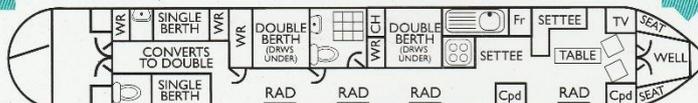
Martha - Saturday Start (Weekly only)

Olivia - Saturday or Tuesday Start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 Nights)



MARTHA

OLIVIA



Spacious and very comfortable boats for six.

**Martha:** Lounge area with built in settee and one arm chair, two shower rooms with toilets. • **Olivia:** Lounge area with built in settee and two arm chairs, one shower room with toilet and a second toilet to the rear of the boat

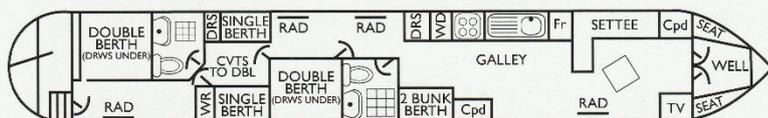
Bedding Combinations: 2 Doubles & 2 Singles or 3 Doubles



## LILLIAN GINGER & ELINOR GINGER SLEEPS 8 (70ft)

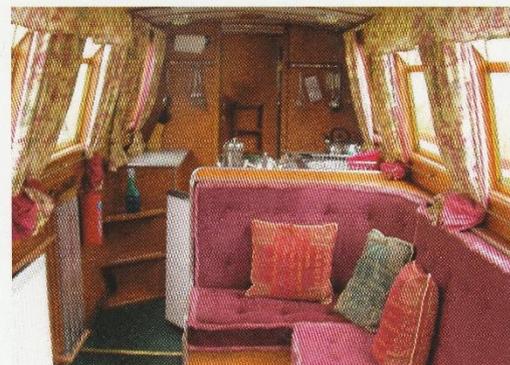
Lillian - Saturday Start (Weekly only)

Elinor - Friday or Monday Start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 Nights)



Comfortable craft for eight. • Ideal for groups or two families.  
Two shower rooms with toilets.

Bedding Combinations: 2 Doubles & 4 Singles or 3 Doubles & 2 Singles (Single beds are bunk beds)



## COMMON FEATURES ALL BOATS

- Table (Drop-leaf or loose, stowed away)
- Colour TVs • Radio CD player
- Hair Dryers • Full Size Cookers • Electric Fridges
- Carpeted Throughout • Full Central Heating
- Hot and Cold Water • Duvets, Pillows and Blankets
- Centre Ropes • Mobile Phone Charging Points
- Fully Equipped Galley • Electric Razor Point
- Towels for Overseas Guests

FREE training is given  
(British Marine Handover accreditation)

24/7 Emergency contact numbers



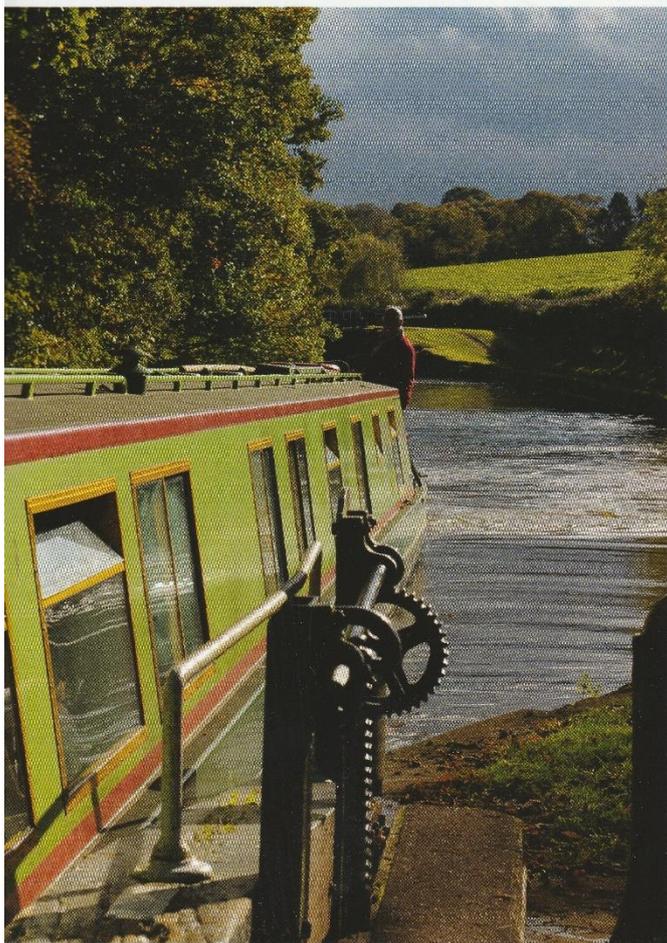
## Short Breaks & Day Hire

**Weekend** Friday 2.00pm - Monday 9.30am

**Mid-week** Monday 2.00pm - Friday 9.30am

**Day Hire** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm

**10 or 11-Day Cruises - prices on application**



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### SAMPLE INVENTORY LIST

Mooring Lines	3	Tea Strainer	1
Mooring Stakes	2	Wooden Spoon	1
Mooring Hammer	1	Scissors	1
Windlasses (lock keys)	3	Cork Screw	1
Boat Hooks	2	Cheese Grater	1
Deck Mop	1	Toast Rack	1
Life Belt	1	Tray	1
Fire Extinguishers	2 (3)	Frying Pan	1
Fire Blanket	1	Saucepans	4
Hosepipe & Fittings	1	Colander	1
Anchor (on request)	1	Tumblers	4 (6,8,10)
Water Key	1	Basins	2
Dustpan & Brush	1	Cruet S & P	1
Broom	1	Wine Glasses	4 (6,8,10)
Vacuum	1	Butter Dish	1
Toilet Brush	1	Jugs	1
Bucket	1	Sieve	1
Floor Cloth	1	Egg Cups	4 (6,8,10)
Bin	1	Mugs	4 (6,8,10)
Canister Set	1	Cups	4 (6,8,10)
Bread Board	1	Saucers	4 (6,8,10)
Kettle	1	Tea Plates	4 (6,8,10)
Teapot	1	Soup Bowls	4 (6,8,10)
Washing up Bowl	1	Dinner Plates	4 (6,8,10)
Dish Cloth.	1	Dessert Plates	4 (6,8,10)
Dessert Knives	4 (6,8,10)	Tea Towels	3
Table Knives	4 (6,8,10)	Duvets Double	
Table Forks	4 (6,8,10)	& Single Blankets	2 (4,6,8)
Dessert Forks	4 (6,8,10)	Bed Linen	2 (4,6,8)
Tea Spoons	6 (8,10,12)	Pillows & Pillow Cases	2 (4,6,8)
Table Spoons	2	Boat Key	1
Ladle / Large Spoon	1	Toilet Roll	1
Fish Slice	1	Waterproofs	2 sets
Tin Opener	1	Black Rubbish Bag	
Vegetable Knife	1		
Carving Knife	1		
Caffetiere	1		

## SUGGESTIONS

### OF WHAT TO PACK

Torch  
Camera  
Clothes for all types of weather  
Waterproof Clothing  
First Aid Kit  
Sunscreen Lotion  
Insect Bite Cream/Spray

### Groceries

Stone has ample shopping facilities with a large supermarket opposite the boatyard.

### Pets

Dogs and other pets are welcome but we do ask you to bring suitable bedding for them. A small extra charge will be made for each pet.

### Restrictions

The minimum age of hirers is 18, and whoever is in charge must be a responsible person.

**We regret that  
bicycles, scooters,  
dinghies and  
canoes are not  
allowed**

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## LEEK & FROGHALL

Easy & pleasant with lovely countryside. Ideal for new comers to boating or Overseas visitors to experience all the Canals Offer. You have a stair case lock, lift bridges, mechanical and manual, a small aquaduct/viaduct, traveling at the top of a valley and then dropping into a valley, a river, 2 tunnels, not to mention the Steam Railway.

### THE CLEMENTS FAMILY CANAL BOAT HOLIDAY DIARY, 2014

#### 7 DAYS

##### DAY ONE

Picked up our boat and headed for Trentham (3 hours). Had a refresher at the lock and stayed at Trentham for the night. Weather brilliant.

##### DAY TWO

Sun shining, wow it's hot! Boat has everything we need. Heading for the Sportsman at Stockton brook as recommended by the company.

##### DAY THREE

Another good restaurant, the Holly Bush round the corner from the Sportsman. Rain in the night but much better this morning. Phone and TV have no signal so got out the games instead! We are now aiming for Leek.

##### DAY FOUR

Stopped on the aqueduct last night. Beautiful looking down the valley and up at the stars. Off to Froghall today, been assured that the boat will go through Froghall tunnel. YES IT DOES!! Well worth the trip, it's wonderful, so peaceful. Stopped the boat at Cheddleton and the Churnet Valley Railway.

##### DAY FIVE

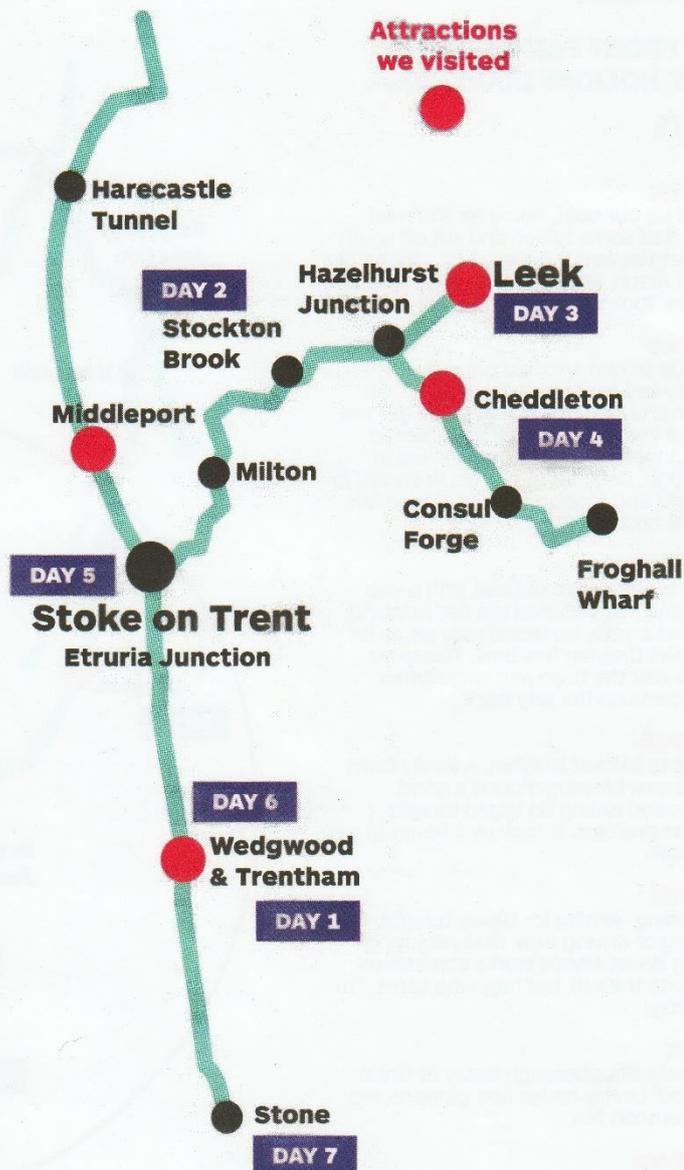
Heading for Etruria today and nipping up to Middleport Pottery in the morning before we head back to Stone.

##### DAY SIX

Monkey Park or Wedgwood... decisions decisions! Wedgwood was closer, then the Plume of Feathers at Barlaston for tea. 3 Hours left, so a lazy day tomorrow down to Stone.

##### DAY SEVEN

It's all over far too quickly, need 2 weeks next time, already planning the trip! Moored up in Stone just above the yard and went into town for the last meal. Tidied up the boat ready for the morning.



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## THE FOUR COUNTIES RING HOLIDAY

One of the most interesting and varied routes on the whole canal system. To complete this ring comfortably you must cruise for a minimum of 9 hours a day. Certainly if you have never been before we would start you off traveling South, stopping at Sandon, Salt or Weston for your first night. On your 2nd night you would expect to be near Gailey Wharf. On the 3rd night you need to be between Gnosall and Norbury Junction. On the 4th night you need to be near Audlem. On the 5th Night you need to be at Middlewich, On the 6th near Hardings Wood Junction. On Your last night you need to be at the top of Stone.

### THE FROST FAMILY CANAL BOAT HOLIDAY DIARY, 2014

#### 7 DAYS

##### DAY ONE

Picked up our boat, home for the next week. Had some tuition and set off south to Great Haywood. Did our first lock on our own at Aston. Moored up for the night at Sandon. Took us about 2.5 hours.

##### DAY TWO

Woke up to rain and had breakfast. I was allowed to steer today & didn't hit anything! Locks are OK when you get the order of the paddles. Weather cleared up at dinner time just as we arrived in Penkrigde. Decided to aim for Brewood for the night and stopped by the Bridge Inn. About 8 hours today.

##### DAY THREE

Lovely morning. Sat outside with a cup of tea and just watched the fish jumping. Fab! Had a vote, we would only go as far as Market Drayton this time. This gave time to visit the town and some other small towns on the way back.

##### DAY FOUR

Made it to Market Drayton. A lovely town with its own brewery. Found a good butcher and eating on board tonight. Weather overcast. It took us 6 hours to get to Gnosall.

##### DAY FIVE

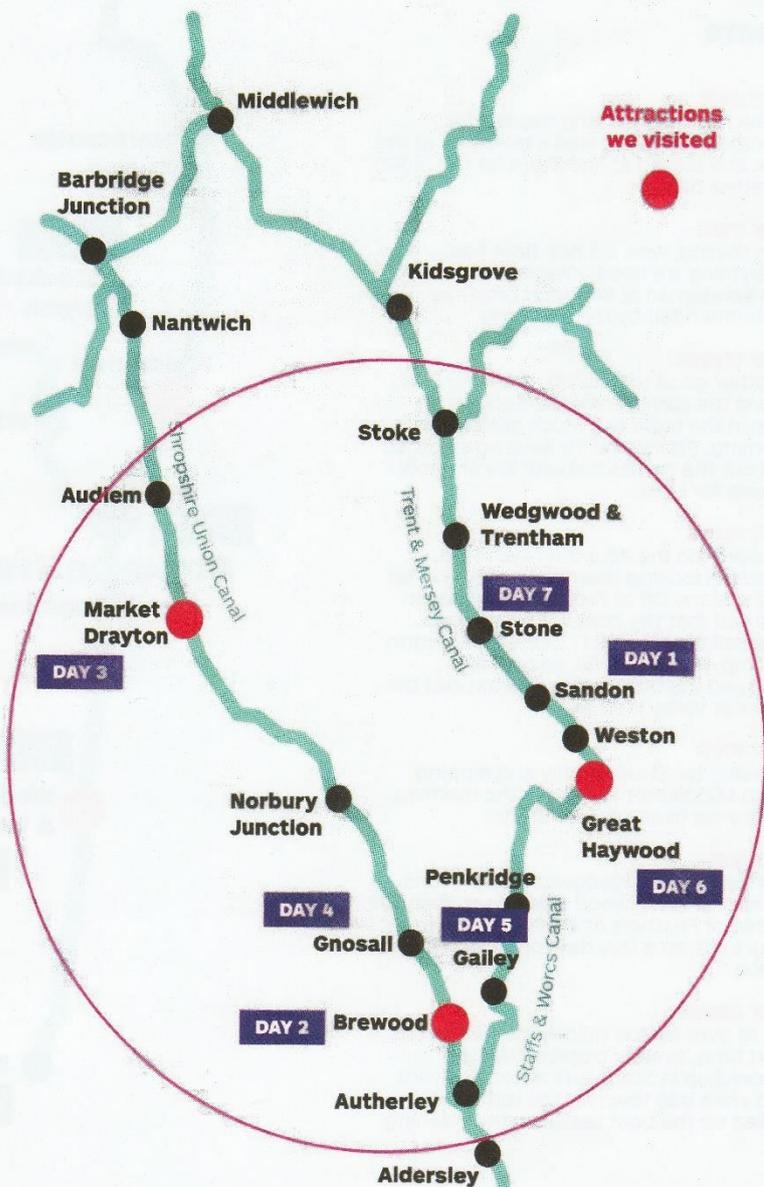
Sun shining. Aiming for Gailey tonight. Got the hang of driving now, really enjoying winding down. Phone works sometimes along with the wifi, but hey, who cares, I'm on holiday!

##### DAY SIX

Called into Shugborough today at Great Haywood. Lovely house and gardens, we had afternoon tea.

##### DAY SEVEN

Moored up below Stone to tidy up the boat. Sad to be going home. Meal out in Stone tonight. Really chilled out, can't wait till our next holiday. May do the full ring next time!



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## Short break 3 night - Fox Surprise Birthday Weekend

### DAY ONE - Friday

Hubby drove to the boatyard. Such a lovely surprise, had no idea we were going on a canal boat. Advanced party had decked Elinor Ginger out with Balloons and banners. The whole family were there wonderful. It's a pity we picked the boat up in the wet. Ahh after all the good weather we have had, tut tut. Never mind, I packed the water proofs. Arrived about 3.00 p.m. Met the team. Had the run through boat and locks, set off. Went through Aston and moored up in the marina for an evening meal. Found some board games in the cupboard, seemed to be a lot of cheating going on. Great night was had by all.

### DAY TWO - Saturday

Woke to Clouds, but not raining bit cold but the heating is great. Yippee set off and aimed for Great Haywood passing through Sandon and Weston. Had a picnic for dinner. Tied up at Great Haywood below the lock, It's so pretty overlooking Shugborough Hall. Carried on to the turning point at Rugeley, 56 point turn but managed it. Lovely down the valley. Got back to Great Haywood. We all decided to walk into Shugborough over Foot Bridge. You could just imagine ladies taking the air in big crinoline dresses. What a beautiful house, had cream tea in the cafe. Had a nice meal at the Clifford Arms pub not too expensive.

### DAY THREE - Sunday

Fantastic!! Woke to blue skies. Heading back to Stone, ate a huge bacon, eggs, sausage, beans, black pudding, oakcakes and mushroom breakfast, all beautifully cooked my hubby. Really good farm shop at the junction. Had a late dinner in the Saracens Head at Weston. Passed a load of fishermen really slowly going, Wow. Got back to Stone ready for handing the boat back moored in the basin. Went into Stone for the last night, nice little town.

## Short break 4 night - Brown

### DAY ONE - Monday

Arrived about 2. Met by the team. Knew what we had do, as this was our 10<sup>th</sup> time with the company. Signed paperwork. Set off about 3.30 and got to Weston about 7.30, Lovely sunset. Sat on the front of the boat with a glass of wine

### DAY TWO - Tuesday

Got to the Strawberry farm, bought some lovely meat and veg for a couple of days. Nice cakes too. Stopped at Penkridge ready for the big market tomorrow. Had a barbeque

### DAY THREE - Wednesday

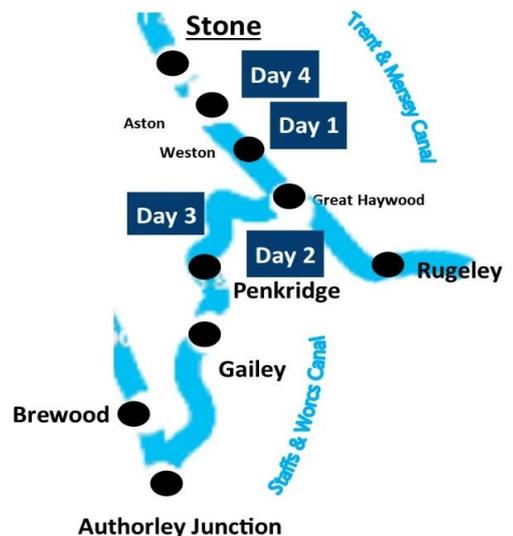
The market gets busier every year. Had dinner at the boat before we turned the boat round and headed back. Stopped at Acton Trussell, The Moat House. Cooked the steak from the farm for tea, oooh melted in the mouth.

### DAY Four - Thursday

Oh woke to rain. Called in to Strawberry farm for some meat to take home. Heading for Aston Marina for tonight, had a good meal there last time. . .

### DAY Five - Friday

Bit late getting back to the yard. Bit of a que at the locks.



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## The Four Counties Ring Holiday

### Bennetts Weeks Holiday Summer 2017

#### DAY ONE Saturday

Had a horrid journey to the yard, but what a lovely surprise when we got there! The boat was beautiful, just the right size for the two of us and it had a lovely little wood stove. She is called, Maria and because we are CAMRA members we had a gift of Limestone Ales. Much nicer than other boats we have hired; all the staff were so pleasant and helped us load up. Had the usual run through, very thorough! Doing the Four Counties Ring anti-clockwise. Headed north first. Got to Trentham 1st night.

**DAY TWO Sunday** - 7.30 a.m. What a lovely day. Heading up to Stoke and the tunnel. Not too much boat traffic. Locks in Stoke are deep. Lots of Graffiti, must have been a very busy city in its hay day. Quite sad looking now. Interesting architecture. Nice man at the Tunnel explained what we should and shouldn't do, counted us in. Yuck, dark noisy and lots of drips. Let hubby drive, took about 50 minutes to get through. What a difference in the water colour – its bright orange. Stopped at the Blue Bell for one. Two locks side by side, works well when both pairs works. Long day. Got to Malkins Bank. Had a throw away BBQ and watched the sun go down with a glass of red wine, nothing beats it, glorious.

**DAY THREE Monday** - Early Start 7.30.a.m. Bit wet this morning. Met some lovely people very friendly and helpful. Nice having locks side by side. Aiming for the Middlewich Branch tonight hopefully Nantwich. Countryside changed from hilly to open plains. Good chip shop in Middlewich by Kings Lock. Got to Barbridge.

**DAY FOUR Tuesday** - Early start 7.30 a.m. heading for top of Audlem today so we can walk back to the Shroppie Fly pub for Tea. Glorious Day. Needed sun cream. See for miles over the Shropshire plains and the Welsh Hills. England really does have some wonderful scenery. Not many locks today, I jest! 15 at Audlem alone plus the other 6, no wonder I slept. Had a walk into Audlem. Lovely village with the church on the hill. Good butchers bought some steak for tomorrow's tea. They have a Festival of Transport in July, with a boat gathering. Wow that could be interesting. Might tie that in with another holiday next year. Audlem seems to have a really proactive village committee as there lots of things going on.

**DAY FIVE Wednesday** - 7.30 a.m. Having to do another long day to get round. What a lot of Locks yesterday. Got through Market Drayton today. Would have liked to have stopped at the Joules pub 'The Red Lion'. It's harder than you think this ring. Arrived at Wheaton Aston had a very good meal at the Hartley Arms.

**DAY SIX Thursday** - 7.30 a.m. Early start this morning. Need to get to Penkridge tonight. Lovely day again. Good job the boat has a brolley - phew it's hot, shut all the curtains to keep the sun out.

**DAY SEVEN Friday** - 8.00 a.m. Early start again to get back to Stone for tonight. Weather still very good. Got a tan! Stopped below the locks and went to the Little Seeds restaurant. Brilliant night. Good end to the holiday.

**DAY EIGHT Saturday** - Lazy morning. Up at 8.00 a.m. tidied the boat and packed. Set off up the 2 locks back in the yard just after 9.30 a.m. Met by the helpful and friendly staff at the yard who tied us up. Unpacked the boat. What a great time. The boat was brilliant and comfortable.

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## Cruising Routes - see our website for alternative routes

### One-week Circular

#### 4 Counties Ring

Autherley, Barbridge, Middlewich, Harecastle  
**108 Miles : 94 Locks**

One of the most interesting and varied routes on the whole canal system.

#### The Cheshire Ring

Kidsgrove, Mow Cop, Marple, Preston Brook  
**100 Miles: 92 Locks**

Go past the famous Anderton Boat Lift & through fine wooded valleys.

### 3 or 4 Night Breaks

#### Penkridge

3 Nights

#### Rugeley

3 Nights

#### Trentham & Wedgwood

3 Nights

#### Fradley

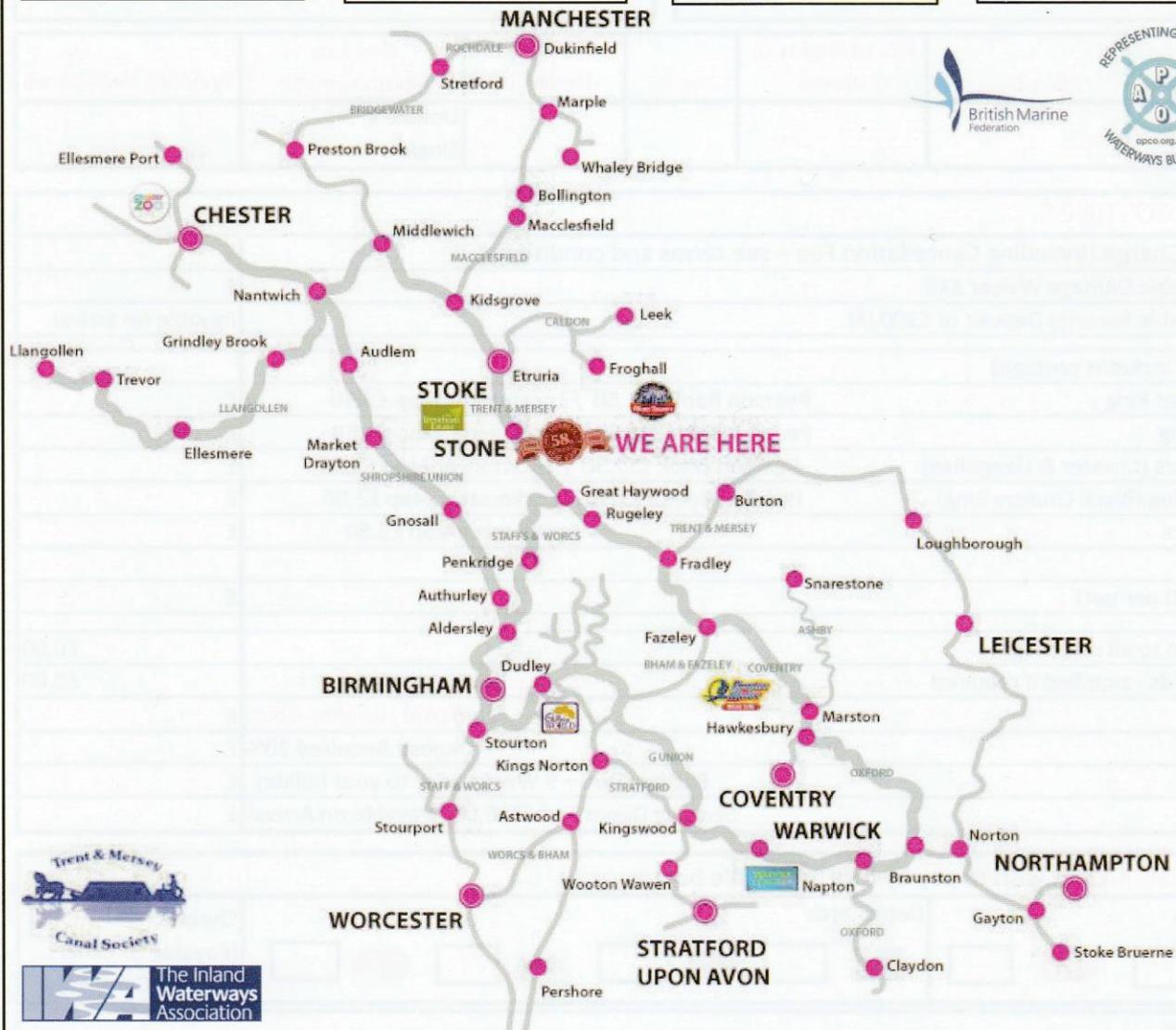
4 Nights

#### Leek

4 Nights

#### Froghall

4 Nights



#### How to find us:

M6 / J14 - Stafford take the A34 north and then the A520 into Stone. Turn left onto the one-way (Crown Street).

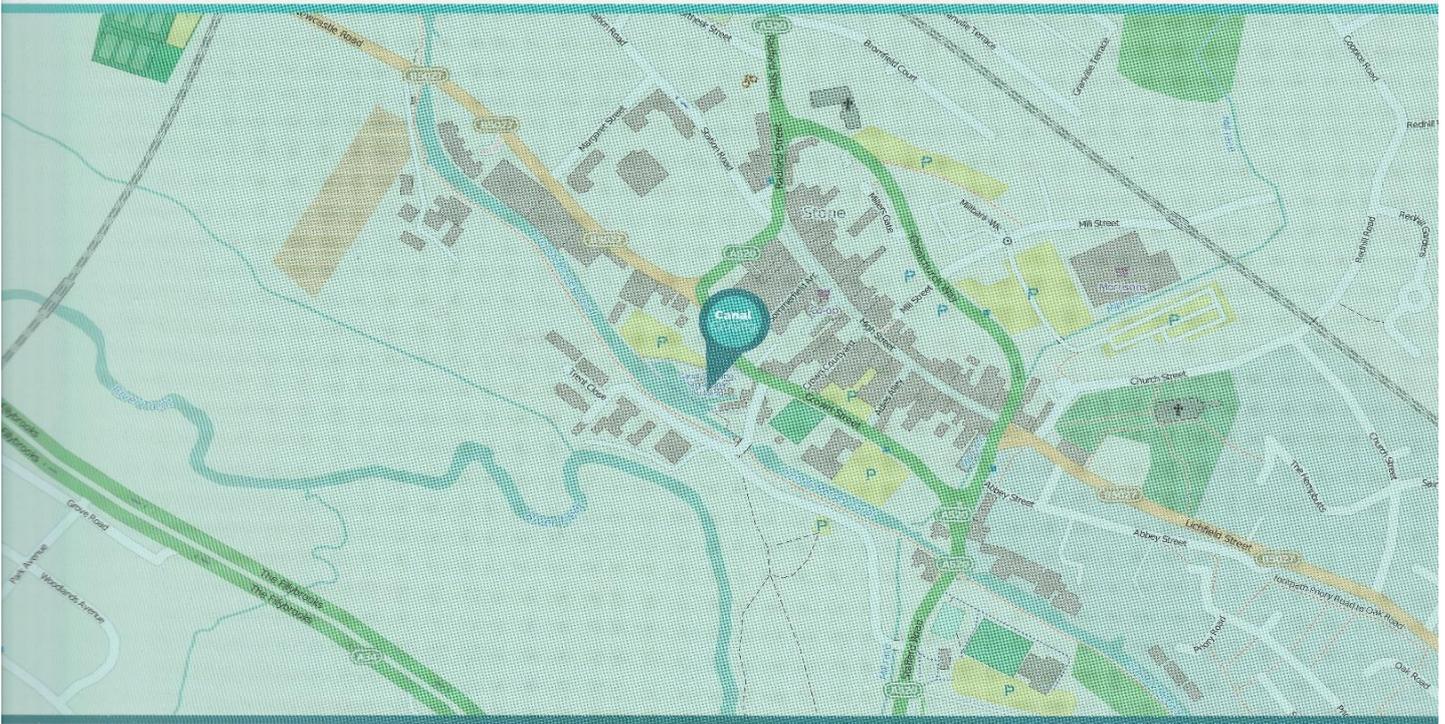
The boat yard is 200 yards on the left.

**NOTE: Ignore the lane immediately after Crown Street garage, we are the next left after our sign.**

#### Nearest Railway Station:

Stone 1/2 Mile - we can collect you from the station.

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## DIRECTIONS

**From Stafford** take the A34 north and then the A520 into Stone.  
**From Stoke-on-Trent** take the A34 south then the A520 into Stone.

Turn left into one way system along Crown Street and the boatyard is 200 yards on the left.

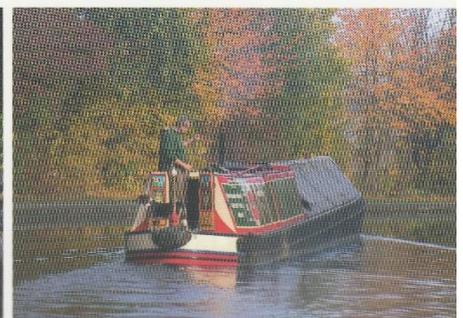
The nearest **rail station** is Stone.

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