

# Canal Cruising

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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 Penkrudge ready for the big market tomorrow. Had a barbeque

### DAY THREE - Wednesday

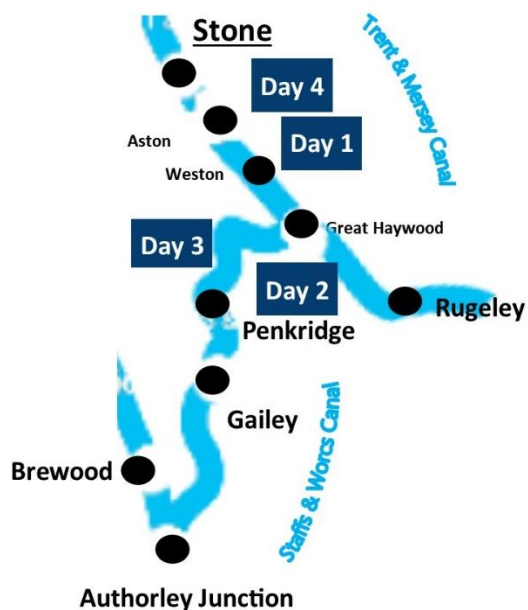
The market gets busier every year. Had dinner at the boat before we turned the boat round and headed back. Stopped at Acton Trussell, The Moat House. Cooked the steak from the farm for tea, oooh melted in the mouth.

### 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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