

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.

