

The Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society

If you are interested in canals, narrowboats, boat crewing, natural history, angling, walking, cycling, photography, industrial archaeology, local history, canal work parties, preservation and enhancement of the environment as well as meeting up with like-minded friendly people, then please consider joining this Canals Society!

The Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society holds monthly meetings at the Alvechurch Boat Centre, Scarfield Wharf, Alvechurch, B48 7SQ. Meetings are scheduled to take place every first Tuesday of the month at 8pm (except July and August when society walks are usually organised). If you are in the least bit curious do come along, as non-members are always welcome. You do not need to be a boat owner as most of our members aren't. The Weighbridge Pub is right next to the meeting room if that helps!

The Society actively encourages volunteering in a variety of ways to suit all individuals such as conserving the Tardebigge Lime Kilns, litter picking, marshalling at festivals, tree and shrubbery planting to name but a few.

Further details are available on our website: www.wbdcs.org.uk. The Society also owns its own narrow boat named 'Cecilia'.

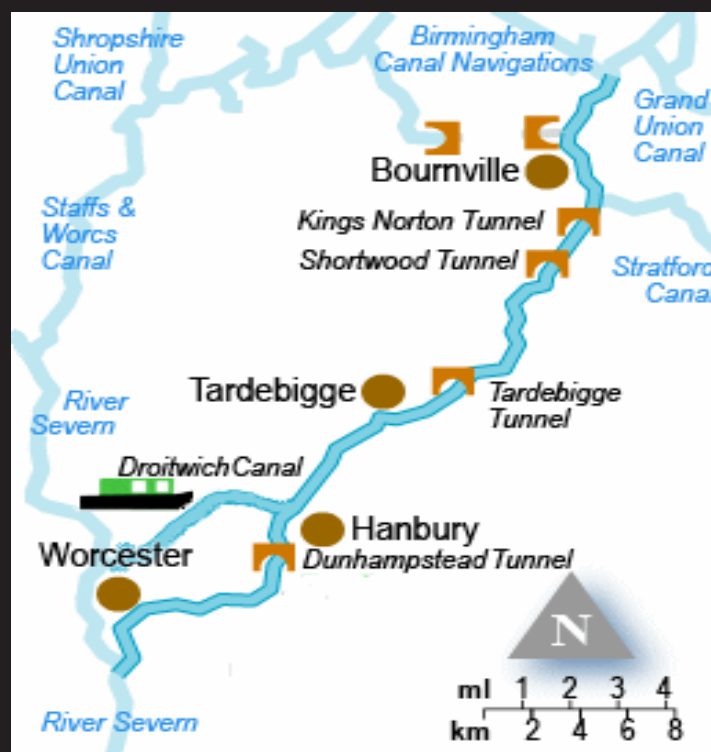
We hope to see as many new faces as possible from all sections of the community in the meeting room which is compliant with disability access.

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'Cecilia' on the Tardebigge Flight



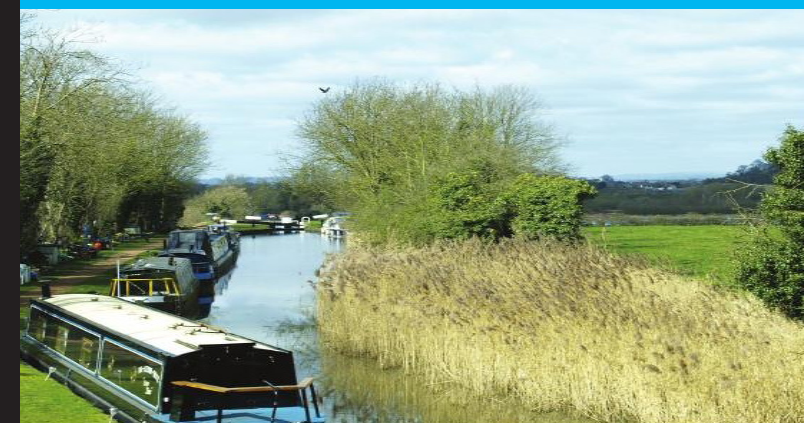
Map of the Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals



The Worcester & Birmingham Canal runs from Diglis Basin, in Worcester, to Gas Street Basin in Birmingham.

As with all canals it is now in a revival period and passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in the Midlands. Playing host to the tourism industry it now forms part of the Stourport Ring, Avon Ring, Black Country Cruising Ring and the recently added Mid-Worcestershire Ring.

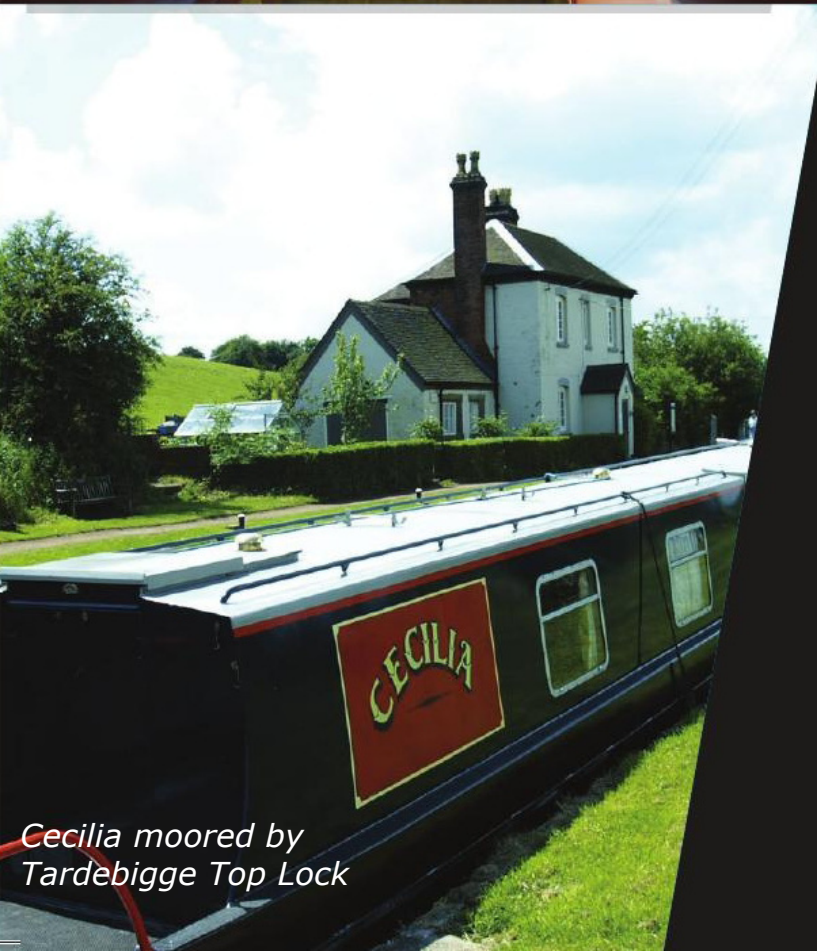
Hanbury Wharf is the start of the Droitwich Canals system which joins the River Sever, north of Worcester, at Hawford. The Droitwich Junction Canal and the Droitwich Barge Canal were both reopened in 2011. They form part of the Mid-Worcestershire cruising ring. Vines Park, in Droitwich, is the venue for the annual St. Richard's Festival.



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Interior view of Cecilia



Cecilia moored by
Tardebigge Top Lock

***'Cecilia' is a 70 foot
8 berth narrowboat
owned and run by the
Worcester-Birmingham
& Droitwich Canals
Society***

**This charity boat is
available for everybody*
to experience the historic
waterways of the Midlands.**

- 2 double cabins
 - 1 set of bunk beds
 - 2 convertible single beds
 - equipped galley
 - gas cooker
 - 2 refrigerators
 - 2 shower rooms
with flush toilets
 - hot and cold water
 - central heating
 - 12v electrics with charger point
 - bookings taken for half
day and full day cruises
 - bookings taken for longer
self-steer cruises
 - available for use by
charities, community
groups and private parties
- * Terms & Conditions Apply



'Cecilia' is well known around the canal system, particularly on the Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals.

'Cecilia' can be borrowed for half day, full day or longer periods of time.

For half day and full day users, crew can be arranged for those who do not wish to self-steer. For those who would like to take the boat on their own*, handover tuition can be provided by society volunteers.

As the society is a registered charity, no charge will be made for use of the boat. Donations towards running costs and upkeep are always very welcome. We also encourage users to join our society.

To view *'Cecilia'* or for more information please contact
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