

## 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 7.45pm (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 are not. 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, supporting the restoration of the Lapal Canal to name but a few.

Further details are available on our website: [www.wbdcs.org.uk](http://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.

**Registered Charity No. 500159**

'Cecilia' on the Tardebigge Flight



Map of Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals



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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 Canal Festival.







*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 use 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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