

Easter Boat Gathering Programme 14-17 April 2017

Daily Activities (Fri—Monday)

8.00am—6.00pm
Café open (breakfast available 08.00am – 11.00am). Drinks and snack also available in the Activity Room, on First Floor, Island Warehouse.

12:00noon - 11.00pm
Bar

11.00am - 3.00pm
Archive open with displays or historic records and audio visual material and researching your waterway family history

11.00am - 3.00pm
Activities with Canal & River Trust Explorers (Sat, Sun)

11.00am—4.00pm
Costumed characters in Porter Row and on the historic slipway

12.00noon, 1.00pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm
Boat trips along the Shropshire Union Canal. Book at reception £3 adults , £2 children

Friday 14 April

10:00—17:00
Historic boats arriving throughout the day

1.00pm—7.00pm
Open Music Sessions for Boaters

7.00pm – 11.00pm
Doors open for BMS meeting and talk by Tony Lewery

Saturday 15 April

11:00am – 1.00pm
Saturn AGM

11.00pm—4.00pm
Activity on and around 'George' - a rare-surviving horse drawn 'short boat'

12noon—1.30pm
Music & Song Session with Full House and Hungry Horse

1.30pm
The "launch" of the reconstructed 'George' – a rare-surviving horse drawn 'short boat'

12noon—1:30pm
David Gibb: Write Your Own Song Workshop & Family Concert

11.30am—12.30pm
The Waterways Archive for Family History

12.30pm—1.30pm
Film Archive Show: Ellesmere Port and Beyond

2.00pm—3.00pm
Mike Clarke: Heritage on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal

2.30pm—4.00pm
The Hungry Horse Folk Club

2.30pm—4.30pm
Heather Wastie & Kate Saffin: Idle Women of the Wartime Waterways

2.30pm—3.30pm
Young Curators behind the scenes lime shed tour. Please book at reception

3.30pm—4.30pm
Tour of the historic boat collection. Please book at reception

7.30pm—11.00pm
Mick Ryan and Paul Downes in Concert with support from Full House. Tickets available from reception £8.00

Sunday 16 April

11.00am
Young Curators behind the scenes small object store tour. Please book at reception.

11.30am—12.30pm
Film Archive Show: Ellesmere Port and Beyond`

12.00noon —1.30pm
Music & Song Session: Dave Russell & Friends

12noon—1.30pm
David Gibb: Write Your Own Song Workshop & Family Concert

12.30pm—1.30pm
Linda Barley and/or John Benson: The Waterways Archive for Family History

2.00pm—3.00pm
Phil Underwood in Concert

2.00pm—3.00pm
Chris M. Jones - The Decorative Tradition of Canal Boats: A Question & Answer Session 2pm - 3pm

2.30pm & 3.30pm
Jackie Robertson: FAMILY FUN WITH MUSIC 2.30PM & 3.30pm

7.00pm—11.00pm
Come-all-ye

For more information on the artists please visit canalrivertrust.org.uk/nwm

Details correct at time of going to print.

Timings and events may be subject to change—please see onsite signage and listen for announcements on site

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About the Events...

Boaters Evening: Boat Museum Society: Canal & River Trust Head of Museums Graham Boxer and Tony Lewery. Tony Lewery talks about *Aspects of Horseboating*. Tony is a renowned artist and designer and a greatly respected author and lecturer on folk art. 7.30pm - 11pm

David Gibb: David Gibb is an award winning singwriter and story teller on a mission to create great music for children and families. David's had his music played on BBC Radios 1,2,3,4 and 6 and has performed at the Glastonbury Festival. He has played over 400 concerts and been nominated for a BBC Radio 2 folk award. David's album Letters Through Your Door includes guest appearances from some of the biggest names in British folk, including Nancy Kerr.

Film Archive Show: Ellesmere Port and Beyond: Come along and enjoy rare film footage from the archives, including the cancelled 1962 British Transport film production Take to the Boats

Mike Clarke: Heritage on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal: Mike Clarke, author of The Leeds & Liverpool Canal: A History, has been involved with researching the canal's history for almost fifty years. During the canal's 200th year, Mike even had a lock named after him!

Heather Wastie & Kate Saffin: Idle Women of the Wartime Waterways: Heather Wastie is a poet, singer, songwriter, keyboard/accordion player, actor, humourist and facilitator. In Summer 2016 she began touring a double bill of theatre and poetry, Idle Women of the Wartime Waterways with writer and actor Kate Saffin. Kate is a writer and performer based on the Oxford Canal. She has written and performed several one woman plays in Tooley's Boatyard based on the lives of working canal boat folk. A Boat's Yer Whole World was based on Sheila Stewart's book Ramlin Rose. Kate's also written an adaptation of Richard III that was critically acclaimed at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Full House: Original members Nick Mitchell, Dave Russell and Chris Lee celebrated 25 years of Full House in 2011. Now a sensitive and original acoustic 6 piece line up with a varied repertoire of traditional and contemporary material. Full House continue to play festivals and folk clubs and are the resident band at the Raven Folk Club in Chester.

Mick Ryan: Mick Ryan is well known on the folk scene as a fine singer of traditional and original songs. He was described by Folk Roots as 'definitely the most underrated singer in the country'. Having written both comic and serious material for the band Crows in the 1980s, he has since written for radio and has composed a series of highly successful folk musicals.

Paul Downes: has a sensitive yet fun approach to live performance which puts him among the most respected artists on the British acoustic scene today. Paul has worked with a stellar array of musicians, including two appearances at the Royal Albert Hall with Show of Hands.

Phil Underwood: Phil Underwood is a singer songwriter who performs folk, cajun, blues and Appalachian. Phil's first stage play Roses & Castles is an historical drama set on the English canals. Among Phil's many performances was an appearance with Bill Bailey at Wembley Arena.

Jackie Robertson—Family Fun with Music: Parents and children from 5 - 95 welcome, to make simple musical instruments, decorate and play them. Sing, dance and enjoy listening. Come and have fun and make a noise!

Chris M. Jones - The Decorative Tradition of Canal Boats: A Question & Answer Session: Chris M Jones has had a lifelong interest in canals, canal boats and the boaters who lived and worked on them. He now works as an artist, illustrator, researcher and writer with a particular emphasis on the waterways of England. His articles and illustrations are well known to readers of Narrowboat magazine.

For more information on the weekend—the boats and the tours please visit canalrivertrust.org.uk/nwm