



GATHERING OF HISTORIC NARROW BOATS, AUDLEM

Organised by Peter and Chris Silvester of Audlem Mill

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 July 2022

This will be the 12th annual gathering of historic narrow boats at Audlem on the Shropshire Union Canal, and up to 40 boats can be accommodated. Besides the boats, around 300 old cars, lorries and motorbikes are on display from about 12 noon on the Sunday on the village playing field, just above the canal wharf.

This boat gathering has proved extremely popular, and we believe that this is because it is free to visit, informal, with virtually no rules, no sales stands and no commercialisation. Our main aim for the public and boaters is to enjoy the event, and have a good time. There is no entry fee for historic boats.

In previous years, we have held a boaters' gathering with food on the Saturday evening, but the venues we used previously may well not be available. We will contact you later if we can arrange something.

We are grateful for all the practical help and assistance provided in advance and during the event by CRT and their local staff and volunteers.

MOORING

We recommend that participating boats arrive in Audlem a day or so before the event, and report to Audlem Mill on arrival. Though mooring places are pre-planned, final mooring allocations are made on arrival, and we will try to take account of any particular needs (e.g. accessibility issues, dogs, etc.), but these must be notified well in advance. The mooring space is limited, and breasting up is necessary for most boats. There is a water point, a sanitary station/WC and rubbish disposal at Audlem.

CAR PARKING

Parking will be available from Wednesday in the field adjacent to lock 12 - follow the signs from the canal bridge. Parking before that will be on the public car park, only 150 yards from the canal wharf, across the playing field. **Please do not park in the Bridge Inn or Shroppie Fly pub car parks** unless you have cleared this with the manager **before** you arrive in Audlem, as the very limited parking is reserved for pub customers only over this very busy weekend.

BOAT BOOKING

Entry, which is free for boats, is open to any working or ex-working narrow boat built up to 1962. Please complete the following, to ensure that we have the right information to go into the event programme, and return to Audlem Mill, The Wharf, Audlem, Cheshire, CW3 0DX, or email boats@audlemmill.co.uk. Please ring 01270 811059 if you need any more information.

Your name:

Phone:

Email:

Boat name now:

Previous name(s):

Year built:

Builder and yard (e.g. FMC Saltley, Yarwoods Northwich):

Previously operated by (e.g. FMC, Cowburn & Cowpar, BW etc.):

Current length (important for mooring purposes):

Current engine make/type:

or unpowered/butty:

Present state (e.g. in working condition, converted, etc.):

Other information: