

Gnosall Canal Festival Programme

17-19 July, 2026



Welcome to three days of activities on one of the UK's prettiest canals. We are a community festival, locally managed and locally enjoyed, run by volunteers and mostly free.

Trade Boats

- **Gloria:** 'The Curry Cruiser' - Indian street food
- **Free Spirit:** Candles, melts and diffusers
***Demonstration Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 11:00 am**
- **Evanthia:** Herbal remedies
***Demonstration Sat & Sun 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
- **Shelby:** Vinyl records artwork
- **That's Driculous:** Cheese truckles, chutneys and cheesy gifts
- **Deltic:** Gemstone jewellery, crystals, crafts diffusers
***Demonstration Sat & Sun 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
- **Lazy Dayz:** Painted canal ware
***Demonstration Sat & Sun 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
- **Ghost of Cain:** Bookmarks, jewellery, etchings, dog items
- **Kimberley:** Vintage/antique items
- **Forget me knot:** Pizza. Trading during the day taking orders for collection early evening (5/6pm)
- **Scorcher:** Cakes, ice creams, hot dogs and fudge
- **Artful Crafter:** Chainsaw carvings
- **Gordanneus:** Wooden signs/gifts
- **Jenny Wren:** Fair trade clothing, accessories & coffee
***Demonstration 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (making earrings)**
- **Bear Necessities:** Decoupage gifts
***Demonstration 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
- **Joanna:** Barista coffee, cakes, ice creams and crepes
- **Wood turning**
- **Crooked Mouth:** Slate and wood gifts
- **Creature Comforts:** Craft and Arts

Open for trade Fri, Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.
Mostly moored between Bridge 34 (The Boat Inn) and Bridge 35 (The Navigation Inn).

Historic Working Boats

Bridge 33 – 34: Dory, Darley, Warbler, Stanton, Ethel, France, Leo, Scorpio

Bridge 35 – 35a: Malvern, Saltaire, Bainton, Ipswich, Pearl Barley

Saturday 2:00PM Meet 'Flower' the boat horse by Ethel.

Guest Boats

Bridge 33 – 34: Fledermaus

Bridge 35 – 35a: Journeyman, Border Reider, Eleventh Heaven

Navigation Inn - Food

Fri, Sat & Sun: Breakfast served 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Main menu available from 12:00 pm.

Navigation Festival Garden - Music

Friday

7:30 pm - The Oss Road

Saturday

12:00 pm - Simple Folk

3:00 pm - Russ Handy

5:30 pm - The Magpies

8:00 pm - Earl Grey & the Charwallahs

Sunday

12:00 pm - Simple Folk

3:00 pm - Robert Johns

The Boat Inn - Food

Fri, Sat & Sun: Burgers and hot dogs from the BBQ served 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

The Boat Inn - Music

Friday

7:00 pm – Massive Surfboard

Saturday

7:00 pm – Dan Firman

Sunday

4.30 pm – Unlawful Men

Raffle

Drawn Saturday & Sunday between 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Prizes include a day boat hire and other fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses.

For more information, look for the green GTR stands or volunteers.

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Festival Garden

Located at the Navigation Inn, the Festival Garden can be reached via the towpath steps beside our beautiful herb garden or by the free shuttle bus.

Alongside the many visiting stalls offering something for everyone, GTR is delighted to run plenty of events based in (or gathering at) the large marquee.

Whatever the weather, plenty of seating and cover from the elements is provided for enjoying towpath takeaways or Phoenix tea and cakes, whose proceeds support charity.

Enjoyable children's activities run on Sat and Sun at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and feature crafting pirate hats and dragonflies, along with a duck treasure hunt.

Our **free boat trips** run from 9:30 am through to a final departure at 4:30 pm, but you must have a ticket. Book these at the GTR stand in the Festival Garden. Departures leave hourly on the half hour and last roughly 45-50 minutes. A Gnosall history talk accompanies some trips, please enquire when booking.

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Bus Route

On Saturday and Sunday, this **FREE** accessible shuttle bus service will pick up at various locations throughout the village and drop you off at the Navigation Festival Garden.



Shuttlebus
18th & 19th July
First bus 10am
Last bus 4:30pm
Sat & Sun only

- Brookhouse Road
- Gnosall Surgery
- Greenfields
- Glebe Lane
- Sharman Way
- Bank Top Garage
- The Acorn
- The Navigation Inn (Festival Garden)
- The Boat Inn (afternoon drop off only)

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Festival Garden Stalls

Open 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Sat & Sun

- Burslem Port Trust
- Chasing Boats
- Churches Together
- Gnosall and Newport Lions
- Gnosall First Responders
- Gnosall Public Rights of Way (PRoW)
- Gnosall Towpath Restoration Group (GTR)
- Phoenix Club and Methodists (Cash only)
- River Canal Rescue (RCR)
- Royal British Legion
- Shrewsbury and Newport Canal Trust (SNCT)
*2:00 pm (Sat & Sun) Rag rug demonstration by Sue Wardle
- Shropshire Union Canal Society
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust
- Whitchurch Waterways Trust
- Woodland Trust



For up-to-date information, please visit our website
www.gnosallcanalfest.co.uk

Free car parking (weather permitting and at owner's risk) is available via Wharf Road, just over the Boat bridge.