

NATIONAL WATERWAYS MUSEUM ELLESMERE PORT



Friday 7th June

Historic narrow boats Shad and Gifford are leaving The National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port on Friday afternoon following the celebration launch party and boat blessing

12-2pm.

Arriving at Chester basin approx 6.30pm

Saturday 8th June

Chester Basin- Shad and Gifford are here throughout the day. The Mayor and Mayoress of Chester will officially welcome the boats at 11am.

There will be entertainment and guided tours.

Shad's garden and both boat cabins will be brought to life with costumed characters.

4.30pm Shad and Gifford move towards Northgate locks and proceed up the staircase.

6-6.30pm Arriving at Cow Lane Bridge, this can be watched from Chester city walls.

Sunday 8th June

Shad and Gifford will be moored at Cow Lane all day; outside the Frog & Nightingale.

Both boat cabins and the garden will be on display with costumed characters.

Monday 9th June

Early departure.

10.30-12.30pm Greenfield Lock.

Parish councillors and local schoolchildren greet Shad and Gifford to present their giant insects and flowers which have been part of their recent school projects.

6pm Arrive at the Cheshire Cat- Chrisleton

Shad and Gifford on display to all patrons and towpath users.

Tuesday 10th June

11-4pm Arrive at Shady Oak- Beeston

Shad and Gifford on display to all patrons and towpath users.

4pm depart for Barbridge.

6pm Shad and Gifford arrive at the Jolly Tar- Barbridge.

They are joined by the horse drawn fly boat Saturn.

6.30pm onwards-Waterways Talk with Harry Arnold and Live Band.

Wednesday 11th June

Shad, Gifford and Saturn are moored at Barbridge all day.

10-1.30pm Local schools visit.

Evening- Pub Quiz at the Jolly Tar.

Thursday 12th June

Morning- Shad, Gifford and Saturn reach their destination as they move to Middlewich and moor at Town Wharf.

The boats remain at Middlewich for the Middlewich Boat & Folk Festival.

Friday 13th June

3pm Civic Reception in the Marquee on behalf of
The Floating Garden Festival

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June
Festival Events- The Middlewich Boat & Folk Festival

Monday 16th June
Shad and Gifford remain in Middlewich

Tuesday 17th June
Shad and Gifford travel to Anderton for the weekend 21-22 June
The IWA Rally- Chester Branch.