

Cheshire's Floating Garden Festival

For one week in June Cheshire's waterways will see a flotilla of decorated boats taking part in Cheshire's Floating Garden Festival – crews from the four corners of Cheshire will take part in the festival. The decorated boats will travel through or over a massive total of 324 bridges, tunnels and aqueducts and negotiate 80 locks including the narrow flight of 12 locks at Bosley to meet together at the Middlewich Folk & Boat Festival (13-15 June).

Saturn, a restored Shropshire Union Fly Boat, will start its journey from Audlem on Sunday 8 June calling into Nantwich Marina and Barbridge before finally reaching Middlewich in time on join in the Folk & Boat Festival celebrations.

Events:

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 June

Launch weekend Audlem – Saturn will be horse drawn from Audlem to Nantwich

Monday 9 June

Saturn will be moored at Nantwich Marina

Tuesday 10 June

Celebrations at the Jolly Tar, Barbridge
7.00pm Waterways Talk with Harry Arnold
9.30pm Live Music from 'Steamhead'

Wednesday 11 June

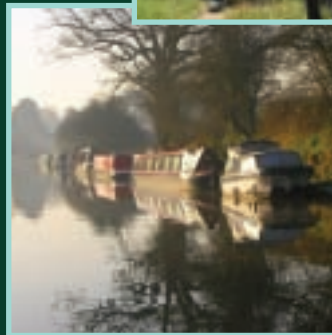
At the Old Barbridge Inn, 9.30pm Pub Quiz with a waterways twist

Thursday 12 June

Saturn travels to Middlewich

13-15 June

Middlewich Folk & Boat Festival



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Launch Weekend at Audlem Wharf

Cheshire's Floating Garden Festival

7 – 8 June 2008

Visit Audlem for the launch weekend, 7 & 8 June, of Cheshire's Floating Garden Festival and experience what life was like on board a Shropshire Union Canal Fly-boat, or try your hand at the traditional canal arts whilst enjoying local music from the Crofters, plus a performance by Day Star Theatre.

Saturday 7 June 12-4pm & Sunday 8 June 11-3pm
All weekend:

- Canal Crafts – Audlem Wharf
- Take a tour of Saturn – Audlem Wharf
- Visit the Mill Shop – Audlem Wharf
- Performance by the 'Crofters'
- Audlem Schools Art Exhibition – Methodist Hall
- Meet the Shropshire Union Canal Society – Methodist Hall
- WI Teas – Methodist Halls

Sunday Only:

- Performance by Day Star Theatre (12.30pm) – Audlem Wharf
- Horse Harnessing Demonstration (1.20pm) – Audlem Wharf
- Launch of Saturn (2pm) – horse drawn to Nantwich Marina



Map of Audlem



Audlem is an ever-popular picturesque village in set beside the Shropshire Union Canal. With characteristic canalside hosterleries, Audlem is a popular stop-off point for walkers and canal cruisers, as well as a popular destination for several summertime events and festivals.

Called Aldelime in the Domesday Book, Audlem's market charter was granted in 1296 and St James' Church dates from the late 13th century. Audlem is famous for its 15 locks on the Shropshire Union Canal, Thomas Telford's last project.