



PROBUS CLUB OF CARDIFF LLANISHEN



A REAL OUTING!

10.30 am, Wednesday, 22nd September 2021

NARROWBOAT CRUISE ON THE MONMOUTHSHIRE AND BRECON CANAL



Though we have had a successful series of virtual visits we have been eagerly looking forward to being able to offer proper social outings and an early-Autumn cruise on the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal will be a fitting start to this Probud year's bi-monthly activity programme.

We will leave Cardiff by coach at 10.30am and head north on the A470, enjoying the scenery of the Brecon Beacons National Park and stopping for lunch at the National Park Visitor Centre at Libanus where there is an information point and a shop.

Continuing our journey after lunch we will head for the picturesque and atmospheric Canal Basin at Brecon, joining the narrowboat "Dragonfly" at 3 pm for a private two and a half hour cruise along the canal, experiencing superb views and glimpses of wildlife. Built over 200 years ago before good roads and railways, the canal hugs the mountainside above the River Usk and "Dragonfly" will cruise along a stretch which includes a lock and an aqueduct. There is an on-board commentary compiled by local historian Peter Morgan-Jones giving an insight into the area's industrial past.

The "Dragonfly" is a well appointed vessel built in Brynmawr in 1988 and designed as a tour boat specifically for the Brecon Canal. To comply with COVID regulations it has a maximum capacity of 30 people and even if the Welsh Government rules allow further relaxation by September, this will remain the total for charter parties. During the cruise, we will be able to enjoy a cream tea (if selected) and a glass (or two!) of wine. We will rejoin our coach for the return to Cardiff arriving between 6.30 and 7.0 pm.

The cost including coach travel, lunch at the Mountain Centre and the narrowboat cruise is £30 per person. The optional cream tea is an additional £5. Partners are welcome but because there is a maximum number the first members to respond will be given priority. So, if you wish to come along please respond as soon as you can to me at jkeith.moger@gmail.com or 07796 902451. A deposit will be required to secure a place and I will advise on payment when I take your booking.

After such a long period of restriction it is great to be able to look forward to something different and I therefore hope that this will be a popular trip.

Keith Moger
Social Secretary - Outings

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