

WORCESTERSHIRE'S
VALE & SPA



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 1 MAY TO MONDAY 4 MAY 2026

VINES PARK

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FREE ADMISSION

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Key



Event Site



Event Information



First Aid



Railway Station



Bus stops



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| <p>1 High Street
WR9 8EW (short stay)
1 minute walk to event</p> <p>2 Ricketts Lane
WR9 8EW (short stay)
2 minute walk to event</p> <p>3 Friar Street
WR9 8EQ (long stay)
3 minute walk to event</p> | <p>4 Lido Park
WR9 8AA (long stay)
6 minute walk to event</p> <p>5 Covercroft
WR9 8HE (short stay)
6 minute walk to event</p> <p>6 Covercroft (Day Centre)
WR9 8QU (short stay)
6 minute walk to event</p> | <p>7 St Andrews (Saltway)
WR9 8EQ (long stay)
9 minute walk to event</p> <p> National cycle route</p> |
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Please note: Event timing and content will vary over the weekend.
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WELCOME TO THE



St Richard's Canal Festival started in 2007 and has grown rapidly over the years. We are pleased to say that we have organised a variety of family entertainment with a great day out promised. With free admission all May Bank Holiday weekend, why not enjoy yourself in this historic salt town.

The festival celebrates the life of St Richard the Spa's Patron Saint, who – as legend has it – made the town's brine well flow again in the Middle Ages. It offers attractions to suit all ages from live entertainment to a dog show, and boat trips on the Droitwich Canal.

This year's event has been organised by The Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society, Droitwich Spa Town Council and Wychavon District Council. The organisers would like to thank the many local groups and businesses that help in its organisation, provides sponsorship or runs activities and attractions.

Special thanks go to the Canal and River Trust whose continued help is very much appreciated.

Highlights of the 2026 festival include:

- Dog Show (Mon)
- Live music
- Real ale and cider bar
- Children's activities
- Arts and crafts
- Community stalls
- Catering zone
- Boating Festival
- Boat trips
- The 'Great Droitwich Duck Race' (Mon, 4.30pm)





FRIDAY 1 MAY

Food and drinks will be available throughout the weekend

ENTERTAINMENT

- 5.00pm Jorga Hughes
- 6.30pm Glamsparrow
- 9.00pm The Lost Notes

SATURDAY 2 MAY

Food and drinks will be available throughout the weekend

WELL BLESSING

The parade will gather at **10.45am** outside at Waitrose before marching to the well by **11am**. The Well Blessing Ceremony will commence from 11am with Rev. Laura Handy.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 1.45pm Droitwich Community Choir
- 3.00pm Kingswinford Concert Band
- 5.00pm Damn the Weather Irish Band
- 7.00pm Joe Thomas
- 9.00pm The Copertinas

NARROWBOAT CANAL BOAT TRIPS

- 10.30am-4pm Pamela May Boat Trips

ARTS AND CRAFT STALLS

- 10am-5pm Local traders selling a wide variety of goods

SUNDAY 3 MAY

Food and Drinks will be available throughout the weekend

ENTERTAINMENT

- 1.00pm I Sing Choir
- 2.30pm Alvechurch Choir
- 4.00pm Blackwell Concert Band
- 6.30pm Aardvark Stew
- 9.00pm Kemastree Set

ARTS AND CRAFT STALLS

10am-5pm Local traders selling a wide variety of goods

NARROWBOAT CANAL BOAT TRIPS

10.30am-4pm Pamela May Boat Trips



MONDAY 4 MAY

ENTERTAINMENT

11.30am Got2Sing Choir
1.00pm Clarinet Time
3.15pm Mel and Him

VINES PARK RIVER

4.30pm The 'Great Droitwich Duck Race'

DROITWICH BARGE CANAL

10am-4pm Pamela May Boat Trips

ARTS AND CRAFT STALLS

10am-5pm Local traders selling a wide variety of goods

VINES PARK

11am start Dog Show

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Thursday 11th June, 10.30am - 12.30pm

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We hold regular monthly meetings at The Alvechurch Boat Centre, Scarfield Wharf, Alvechurch, B48 7SQ, on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45pm (except July and August when we enjoy evening summer walks). If you are in the least bit curious then please come along, as non-members are always welcome. You do not need to be a boat owner as most of our members are not. The Weighbridge Pub is just at the side of the meeting room if that helps!

Presentations have included Historic Environment of the Canal in Worcester, Coal For The Ashby Canal, Cotswold Canal Restoration, Idle Women, The Cadbury Story, Lapal Canal Trust restoration, Hereford & Gloucester Canal Restoration and Canal du Midi to name but a few.

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Our society owns its own narrowboat named 'Cecilia'. This is available for crewed trips for groups for half day and full day trips. Find out more on our website. Terms & Conditions Apply.

We hope to see as many new faces as possible from all sections of the community in the meeting room which is compliant with disability access.



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11AM

LAST CLASS AT

3PM

ENTRY FEE: £2 per class

(Entries will be taken on the day)

- **Rosettes and goody bags** (1st-4th place)
- **Trophies for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show**
- **From 11am: Have a go at agility**
(£2/session - pay at ringside)



ALL DOGS WELCOME!

All proceeds will go to Danemere

DUCK RACE

St Richard's Canal Festival

MONDAY 4 MAY 2026

4.30PM | VINES PARK

1ST PRIZE
£100

2ND PRIZE
£75

3RD PRIZE
£50

TICKETS £1

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