

SILSDEN BOATS

New Boats • New Features



Welcome to Silsden Boats

We are Barbara and Richard Bradburn and have been interested in canals for 30 years, and had numerous holidays and endless pleasure from them. In 1995 an opportunity to buy this business arose and we thought it would be nice to pass on our experience and give pleasure to other people like yourselves. We are ably assisted by our daughter Jenny & six staff.

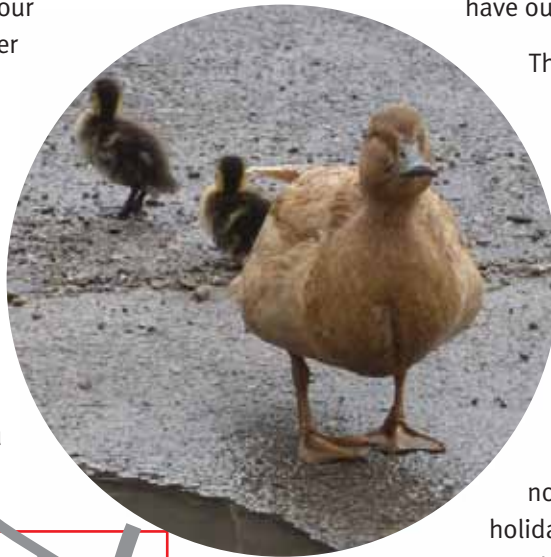
Why not call and see us. We will be happy to show you around a boat and talk to you about canals and give you any help you need.

Just give us a ring beforehand to make sure the boats are in that you wish to see.

The Boatyard

The yard consists of buildings in traditional Yorkshire stone, giving a warm and cheerful welcome, as do the Dales and the people. It is situated in Silsden, which still has the atmosphere of a village surrounded by the Dales. We have our own car park, free to customers.

There is a Co-op supermarket close by for last minute shopping.



The Canals

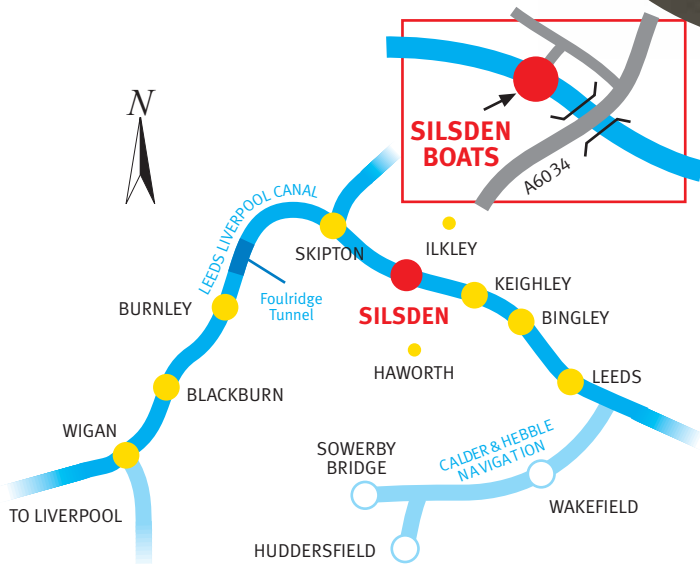
The canal system had its 200th anniversary in 1994. It forms a network over the whole of England, spreading into Wales, and forms vital links of a bygone era between all the commercial centres of the country. The network now offers a unique opportunity for holidays to suit every age and taste. The

peace and tranquillity of the countryside for

those who want a change from the rat race; adventure and fun for the youngsters, and locks and swingbridges for the amusement and exercise of everyone.

At the end of a day in the fresh air and sunshine (unless you're unlucky), you can moor up by one of the canalside pubs and enjoy a meal someone else has cooked, or moor away from it all, with only the sounds of the countryside for company.

To quote one of our first time hirers: *"I am hooked, I can't wait to go again"*.





There are no tolls or extra charges on this canal.

Boats are licensed for all waterways controlled by British Waterways Board.

Full tuition on the working of locks is given to all hirers.

Free parking is provided in our ample car park, max of two cars.

The Boats

The boats come equipped with full central heating, hot water, toilets, (two on larger boats), shower, full-sized fridge and cooker, colour TV/DVD's is standard, as are tea towels, duvets, pillows and sheets. Diesel and gas are included in the price, together with damage waiver and cancellation insurance.

Pets are welcome on Silsden Boats, max two per boat. We ask that you bring suitable bedding for them.

If you have a baby, we can provide a cot side.

You can bring bikes, which are useful when operating the swing bridges.

Boats are easily controlled. No experience is necessary!

We have a variety of modern boats from two to nine berth, most have cruiser style sterns. They range from 50ft to 59ft long, and we also have a number of wide beam boats, 11ft 5ins wide. These boats have two en-suite bedrooms and a sofa-bed and an armchair in the lounge area. Just right for relaxing after a hard days work.



Short breaks are available on a number of our boats.

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The Leeds Liverpool Canal

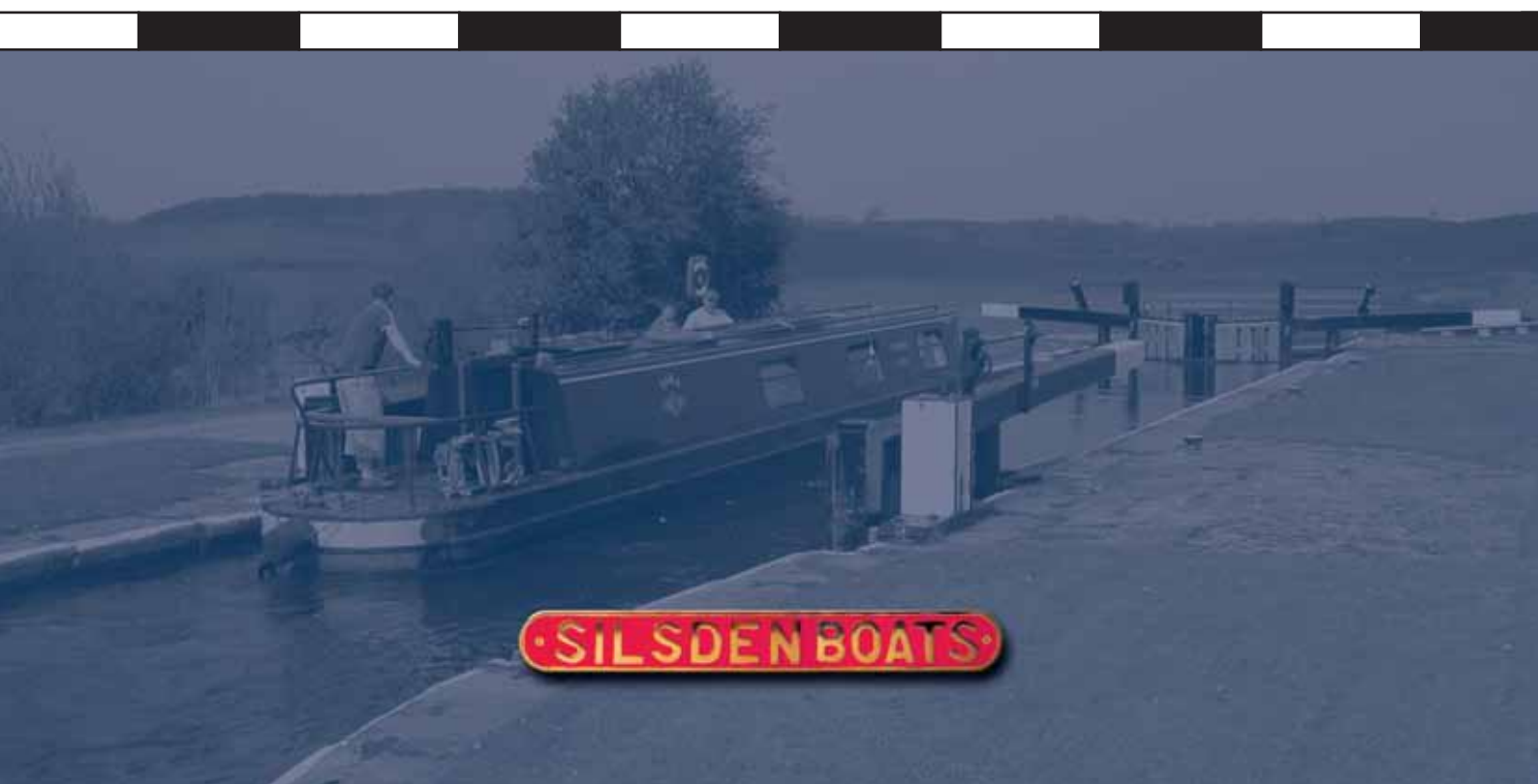
The name of the Leeds Liverpool canal belies the majestic beauty of this trans-pennine waterway. It is the longest single canal in Britain and yet the least crowded.



The Locks at Greenberfield

Travelling west you encounter Skipton, gateway to the dales, and beyond this, the beautiful and dramatic scenery through the dales countryside with its rugged moorland, limestone caves and gorges, through Foulridge tunnel to the industrial towns of Burnley and Blackburn.

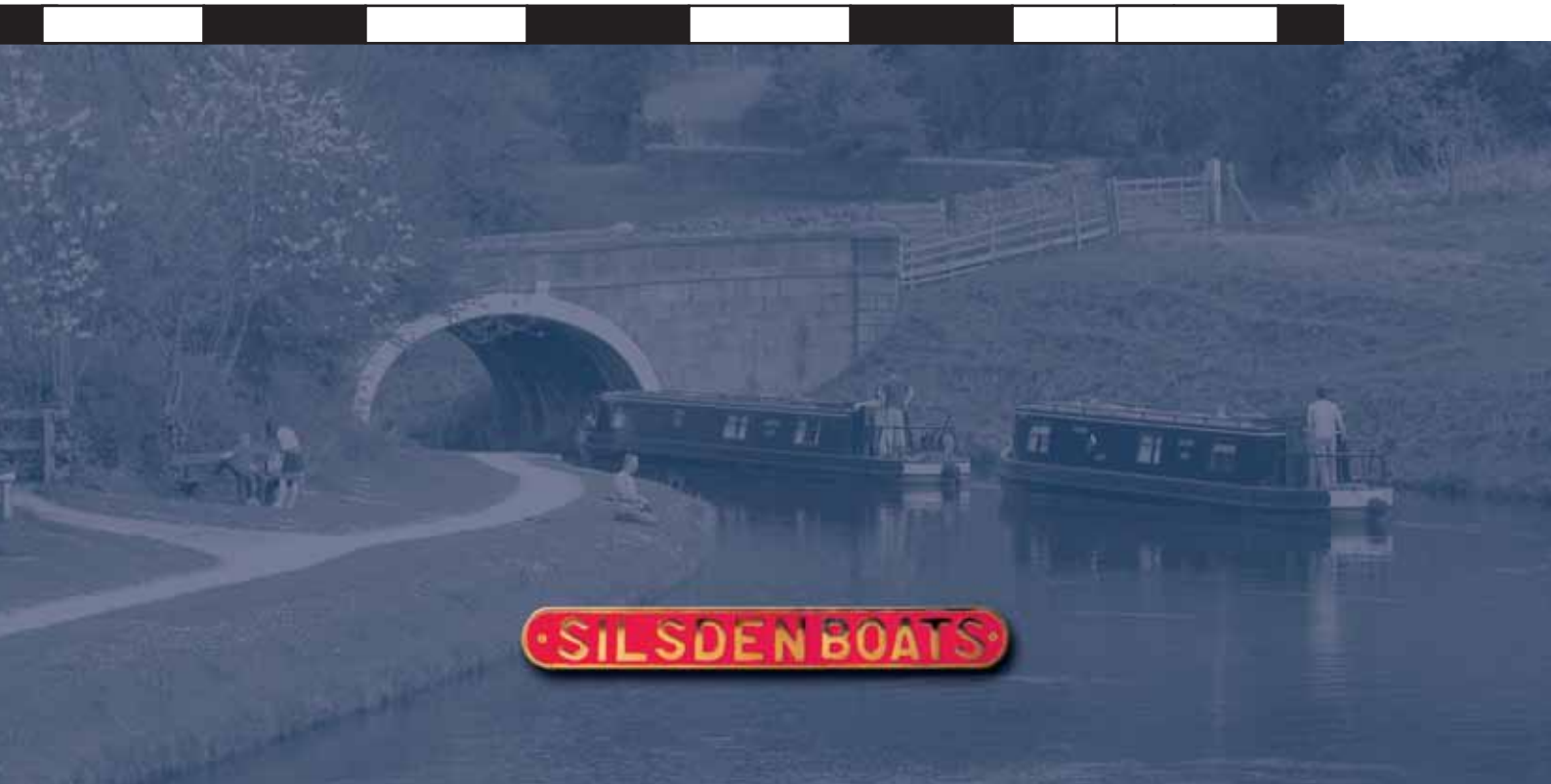
Moving east towards Leeds, you can visit the Haworth Parsonage, home of the Brontes, or visit Saltaire, the Victorian model village built by Sir Titus Salt for his workers.



The canal gives a unique chance to see wildlife, such as kingfishers and herons in their natural habitat. It also enables you to test your angling skills.

At East Marton, the canal towpath combines with the Pennine Way for a few miles, which together with numerous other footpaths, gives the keen hiker a chance to explore the dales on foot, using the boat as a base for walking.

Why not take advantage of the cheaper Spring and Autumn rates? It may not be as warm, but the fresh green of Spring or the colour of Autumn trees enhances the beauty of the countryside. All our boats have full central heating.



Where to go

You will find, we believe, the scenery on the Leeds Liverpool Canal to be second to none. The beauty and peace and quiet of the Yorkshire Dales has to be experienced to be believed. Watering points, sanitation stations and winding holes are numerous, as are the pubs and villages.



East Marton

For a one-week cruise, you can cruise to Foulridge and experience the tunnel, before turning to cruise through Silsden to visit the famous Bingley Five Rise locks. The return trip to Silsden will complete your week's cruise.



Or, you could cruise west through the village of Kildwick and on to Skipton and Gargrave, cruising through the bleaker hills of the Pennines to Burnley and then return to Silsden.



Skipton





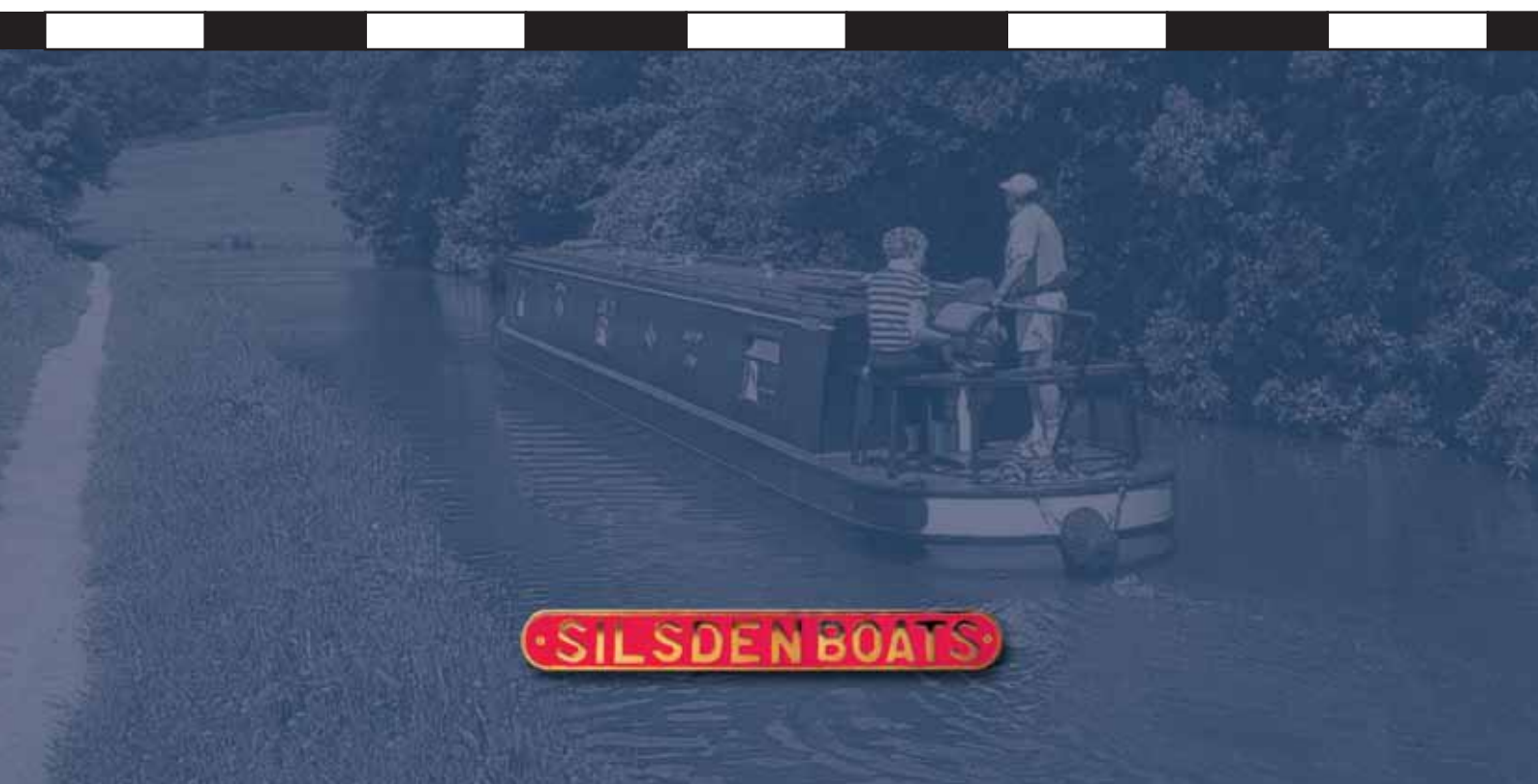
If you stay for two weeks, you could cruise this same way and travel to Wigan, down the Wigan flight of locks to Wigan Pier before returning the same way to Silsden.

Two rings are available using either the Huddersfield or Rochdale canals. Three weeks are necessary for this.

En Route

You pass through several typical Yorkshire villages including East Marton, Gargrave and the 17th Century village of Kildwick down to Skipton with its award winning canalside fish and chip shop.

We look forward to seeing you on your canal holiday with us.





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