

Hidden Gems

A secret journey through the heart of the county

MACCLESFIELD Canal Centre, based at the marina on Union Road, is run by husband and wife team Ged and Marilyn Layfield, who first came to the centre with their narrowboat AnastasiA in 1995.

Their desire to operate their own canal related business had been maturing for some 25 years, in fact ever since they took their first canal boat holiday.

The dream came true in 1999, but when they first took it on, the business was ailing and had little more than the provision of moorings. Within two years, however, a small but progressive chandlery was established and a lot of 'dead' and abandoned boats were removed from the site.

Supported by fellow director and qualified boat master, Nick Cope, the marina is now a thriving concern with an excellent chandlery, good moorings and a newly established hire boat company - Freedom Boats - offering day and weekly hire.

A canal cruise is like a secret journey through the heart of the county and the Macclesfield Canal is

one of the most beautiful stretches of waterway in the UK, best experienced from on board the luxurious Milford Star.

An inland cruise on Milford Star offers all you could wish for in comfort and style. From luxurious and cosy surroundings, see the beauty of the countryside gently unfold as you travel along the beautiful Macclesfield Canal.

Take a cruise and enjoy specially designed facilities, a choice of on-board catering and a ship's bar.

Community News' Tony Allen recently hired Milford Star for his wife's 30th birthday celebrations and, along with 30 friends, was suitably impressed. Tony said: "It was absolutely brilliant. The food was first class and the staff just couldn't do any more for us. I couldn't recommend it enough. A totally unique experience and a night that we will never, ever forget."

So whether you join them on a public trip or your own private charter from Macclesfield, you are guaranteed the warmest of welcomes on board Milford Star.



Take life easy on a canal boat

A family business with traditional values

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business is one of the area's success stories.

Established in 1964 by Philip Jones, the company is now run by his two sons, Michael, who manages the Macclesfield shop, and David, who runs the Knutsford branch at 83 King Street.

Friendly service and top quality workmanship are key

elements of P R Jones' business. It retains traditional values and standards, while at the same time keeping abreast of a rapidly changing market to offer contemporary fashion jewellery and giftware.

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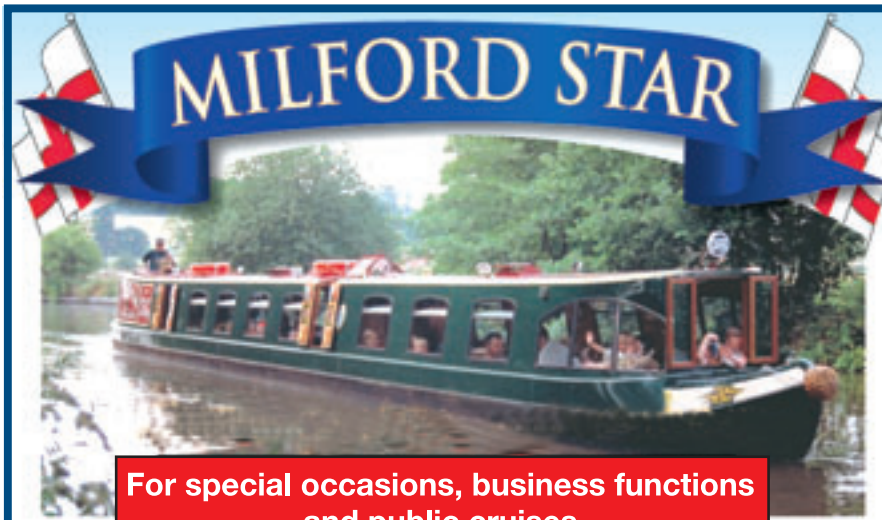
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