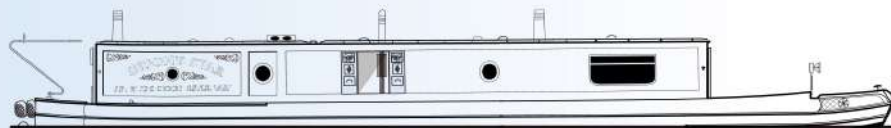




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NARROWBOAT

SPEEDWELL

Shell and fit-out by Peter Nicholls

Length: 57ft 5in
Style: Traditional

Year: 1990
Engine: Boatserve/Mitsubishi FMK4 diesel

Berths: 3 + 5
Registration No: CRT 47667

WIN: Built before RCD
Certification: BSS to 2030

Speedwell of Newbury is a 57ft 5in traditional narrowboat built by Peter Nicholls in 1990 and has remained in the same family since new. An onboard history file documents regular maintenance, including engine servicing and hull blacking, while a hull survey completed in 2024 is available for prospective purchasers to read. The layout offers flexible accommodation for up to eight people, with three fixed single berths (with bunks above) arranged across two cabins, and an L-shaped dinette in the saloon converting to provide an additional double berth. The galley is equipped with gas cooking, an under-counter 12V fridge and benefits from a side door with hatch providing additional natural light. The walkthrough shower room incorporates a shower cubicle, with a separate toilet compartment and washbasin. Heating is provided by an Alde gas boiler feeding fin radiators, complemented by a solid fuel stove in the saloon. Externally, the original paintwork has weathered over time and is now showing signs of fading, reflected in the competitive asking price, offering an opportunity for new owners to personalise and upgrade the boat while enjoying spacious accommodation from the outset.

Offered for sale
through ABNB

PRICE: £39,000



SPEEDWELL

230V SUPPLY

230V circuit installed with landline connection

Independent onboard 230V power from batteries via Amperor 0.6kW modified sine wave inverter • A manual switch determines the 230V source

The inverter is currently disabled and will need reconnecting.

ENGINE

Boatserve/Mitsubishi FMK4 diesel • 32hp at 3,000rpm • Built by Mitsubishi and marinised by Boatserve • Single lever control

Standard silencer exhaust • Skin tank engine cooling

Instruments: Tachometer, temperature gauge, oil pressure gauge, voltmeter, hour meter

Fuel tank: 50 gallon (approx) integral stern tank

STERN GEAR & TRANSMISSION

Engine flexibly mounted • Centaflex coupling • PRIM Delta gearbox with 3:1 reduction • Quick release weedhatch • Remote greaser stern gear lubrication • Electric bilge pump

STEELWORK & STYLE

10/6/4 plating; Shell in Traditional style

Fittings that are part of the shell include: Cabin edge handrails and forward and aft cants • Midship rope eye

Lengthened in 2002 by Peter Nicholls. Some overplating each side of the swim (600mm x 200mm).

(Note plating thickness cannot be measured during ABNB visits and is based on reported information)

BATTERIES & CHARGING

Single alternator: 12V 70A alternator charges 1 x 105Ah maintenance free engine battery and charges 3 x 110Ah maintenance free cabin batteries • Sterling alternator controller

ELECTRIC FITTINGS

Lights: Tunnel light

Cabin lights: Fluorescent, tungsten, LED

12V Sony radio cassette player

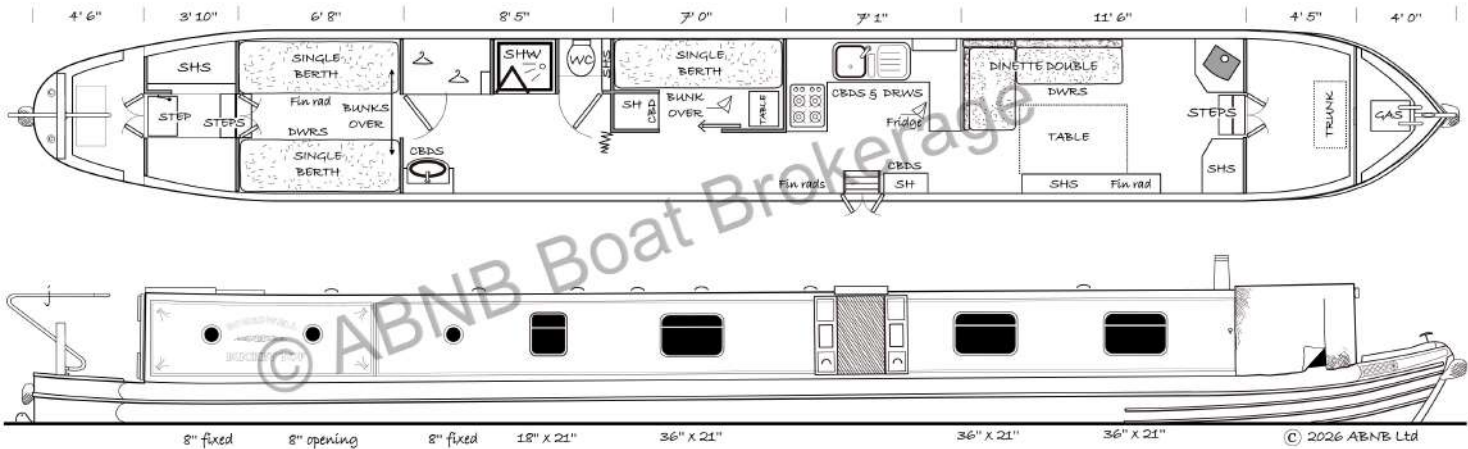
Extractor fan in galley and toilet compartment

NOTE: There is a 2in hole in roof (where socket for aerial was located). Currently weather-proofed with tape, but will require attention.

SOCKETS & LIGHTS

Additional sockets: shaver socket • Additional lights: 12V table lamp, 12V bedhead light

Cabin	Sockets			Lights		
	D.C.	Mains	USB	Deckhead	Wall	Bulkhead
Saloon	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-
Galley	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-
Bedroom 1	-	-	-	✓	-	-
Shower room	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Bedroom 2	-	-	-	✓	-	-
Aft cabin	-	✓	-	✓	-	-



FINISHES

Hull: Black enamel coating above top guard and bitumen to hull sides

Superstructure: Dark blue • Double yellow coachlines • Cream roof • Dark blue handrails • Signwriting & scrolls • Paintwork is original and is in need of attention

TRAD FITTINGS

Brasswork: Ports, tiller & pin, mushroom vents, chimney band, folding steps • Chromework: fairleads

DECKS

Well & aft decks self draining • Well deck steel and aft deck steel with screwed down steel hatch

Varnished hardwood glazed cratchboard • Canvas cratch cover with zips

Hardwood capped taff rail

WINDOWS & DOORS

Single glazed gold anodised framed windows • Single glazed brass portholes

Forward doors are hardwood, glazed with a glazed bulkhead • Side & aft doors are steel with timber panels

Fwd port-side glazed bulkhead is cracked

One side door with one roof hatch

SPEEDWELL



SLEEPING

8 berths in 3 cabins consisting of:

6ft 10in x 2ft 9in **permanent single** in bedroom 1 • 6ft 10in x 1ft 11in **make-up single** bunk in bedroom 1

2 x 6ft 6in x 2ft 3in **permanent singles** in bedroom 2 • 2 x 6ft 6in x 2ft 0in - 1ft 6in (tapered) **make-up single** bunks in bedroom 2

6ft 5in x 4ft 0in **make-up double** on dinette

SHOWER ROOM

Full width compartment

Cubicle **shower** 30in x 29in with tiled linings and bifold doors

Vanity unit containing **washbasin**

Sealand **pump out toilet** directly on stainless steel (?) gallon (approx) tank • Additional Porta Potti cassette toilet is stored onboard as a spare

APPLIANCES

Gas cooking • Valor Vanette SL **grill & oven** • Moffat 65 4 burner **hob**

Shoreline 12V under counter **fridge**

SEATING & EATING

Seating: 1 four seater built-in seating • 1 wooden stool

Tables: Large table for dinette • 3 x small folding tables

L-shape **dinette**

DIMENSIONS

Overall length: 57ft 5in

Foredeck 4ft 0in

Well deck 4ft 5in

Overall cabin length: 44ft 6in consisting of:

Saloon 11ft 6in
Galley 7ft 1in
Bedroom 1 7ft 0in
Shower room 8ft 5in
Bedroom 2 6ft 8in
Aft cabin 3ft 10in

Aft deck 4ft 6in

FIT-OUT

Linings: **Cabin sides** oak tongue & groove boarding and **hull sides, headlining** (ceilings), **bulkheads** (partitions) lined in oak plywood • Framing in oak • Water staining in the usual places - windows, mushroom vents, aft hatch. The fwd port side window was re-sealed in 2024 (invoice onboard)

Hardwood edge laminate galley worktops with tiled splashbacks • Laminate washbasin worktop with tiled splashbacks

Flooring: Carpet tiles

Insulation: Polystyrene foam

Galley tap needs loosening to avoid movement (otherwise the pipes below the sink move and may leak)



SYSTEMS

Gas: Propane gas system with 2 x 13kg cylinders

Water: Under deck integral (unable to see to measure size) water tank • Resin galley sink

The owner reports that the water tank was de-rusted, cleaned and painted with black potable paint (2 coats) in summer of 2025.

Water Heating: Calorifier heated by engine & boiler

Cabin Heating: Alde Comfort 2920 **gas boiler** controlled by thermostat, fin radiators along port & starboard sides • **Squirrel solid fuel stove**

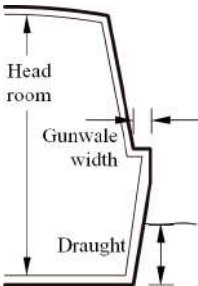
Morso Squirrel stove was new in August 2023

STORAGE

Additional storage: under forward steps, under dinette, storage box in well deck, under single berths

Cabin	Drawers	Cupboards	Wardrobes	Shelves
Saloon	✓	-	-	✓
Galley	✓	✓	-	✓
Bedroom 1	-	✓	-	✓
Shower room	-	✓	✓	✓
Bedroom 2	✓	-	-	-
Aft cabin	-	-	-	✓

Headroom: 6ft 3in
Gunwale width: 5in
Draught: 2ft 0in



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OWNERSHIP HISTORY

Number of owners: Two

Lack of use means that the boat is for sale

MAINTENANCE HISTORY

Hull: Last blacked: February 2024

Engine: Last serviced by engineer in May 2025 •
Running hours at ABNB visit: 6,643

DOCUMENTATION

A BSS Certificate issued by Charles Colledge expires 18/03/2030

The craft was built prior to the Recreational Craft Directive

The boat licence is not transferable with the boat and a new licence will be required

Full survey by Richard Grenham-Thompson dated February 2024 available to read when booking a viewing

A cabin inventory list will be available when viewing

Brochure approved by owner



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