

### CANALS FOR HOLIDAYS:

Who'd have thought it was a day in March, and barely a train-length away from Paddington Station? British Waterways call it Little Venice, and for Easter they had the bright idea of holding a display of pleasure craft. They said that if you want to find a side of England you've probably never seen before, try a canal cruise; and to make it easy they hire all sorts of craft for the purpose. There's solitude, if you want it, or you can join a party of 40-or-so, up to Oxford, or Stratford-on-Avon, or even as far as north Wales - all by canals.

On cruises with a party there's no lack of creature comfort. Don't think we're trying to sell you the idea. This is the age of air travel and fast cars, so three miles an hour along a country canal isn't everybody's cup of tea. Still, for folks who fancy a short time away from the noise and rush, with a chance to meet the natives (or to take some along with you), British Waterways provide the craft. At Little Venice people can see for themselves.