



Grimsby and Cleethorpes MBA
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Diary Dates

Committee Meetings:
Second Weds of the Month at 7.30 at
Navigation Warehouse, Louth

Work Parties:

Second Mondays 10am
plus ad hoc weekends

Louth Christmas Market

Sunday 3 December 2023
Louth Market Place 10am to 4pm
LNT stall—Mercer Row

Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival
Sat 11 to Mon 27 May 2024

Alvingham Walk
Fri 17 May 24 6pm at The Mill

Canal and Blow Wells Walk
Tues 21 May 24 10am at Tetney Lock

Louth Canal Linear Walk
Sat 25 May 24 10am at Tetney Lock

AGM

Wednesday 12 June 2024
Navigation Warehouse 7.30pm

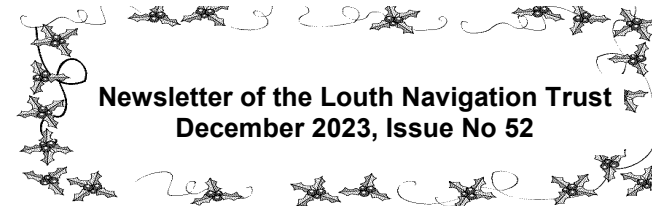
WRG Camp 3 to 10 August 2024

Events on the Navigation
Culture at the Canal Zero Degrees
30 June 2024

Music & Paddling
21 & 22 Sept 2024
Navigation Warehouse
Riverhead

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Please visit our stall
at the
Christmas Market
Sun 3 December 2023
on
Mercer Row, Louth
Next to Woolliss Butchers
10am to 4pm
Mulled wine + mince pies +

Thanks to LNT members for
donating mince pies.

LNT welcomed Inland Waterway's
Waterway Recovery Group in August.
Volunteers from across the country
descended on Louth to help our Navvies
work at Ticklepenny Lock for a whole week.
Several months in the planning it was a joy
to see it come to fruition. WRG loved camp-
ing out in Park Avenue Community Centre,



showering at Magna
Vitae Leisure and some even had the energy left for a
trip to the coast and a chippy tea.
Cllrs Ros Jackson, Ed Mossop and Sam Kemp funded
equipment and Lee Brocklebank
donated heritage bricks making
it a real community event.
A variety of outfits were worn on
site as modelled here by
Andrew, John and Joe but HSE
rules apply - safety boots and
hard hats are essential.





Events at The Navigation Warehouse have been gaining popularity for a few years now both due to the eclectic musical arrangements put together by Keith Angel and by the increasing number of paddlers joining Steve and Sophie Manders on the water. Mayor of Louth, Cllr Julia Simmons and consort Alan opened both the Zero Degrees and the Heritage Open Days events—both in the entertainment industry, it is a pleasure to see them on the decking. High Sherriff of Lincolnshire, Richard Lake also joined us in September and offered his support.

It turned out to be the hottest weekend of the year with sunshades needed to protect the string instruments from warping and children 'bombing' into the water to cool down!

Each year we have had a contingency plan 'what if it rains' and never needed it—this year we had a massive thunderstorm but luckily we saw the clouds coming and removed all the electrical equipment from the decking. The eight piece brass band Stompers and Luke Carver Goss on accordion entertained during the set change—then we all continued indoors—fantastic.



Grimsby and Cleethorpes MBA are a star attraction for both men and boys, thanks to Graeme Oxy for sharing his boat photos with us. Bensleys Ice cream, the Woolpack and our very own Pimms girls keep us refreshed. Stuart Sizer has had a number of health problems during the year but managed to give a heritage talk although he can no longer

manage the walking talks. Stuart is working on a third book which will follow the journeys of the Ships built in Louth. Thankfully Andrew stepped in to lead the Riverhead Trail.

Kidgate School have just been again with another 60 children for a talk and walk—well done Andrew and Roger.

Louth Junior Wildlife Watch visited and performed an ingenious display of water flow using sheets and balls!



Alison and Steve gave a talk to Louth Lions. The Lions have supported our events providing First aid cover and generously donated £1000 for way - markers and finger posts to promote the Towpath, we are so grateful.



At the AGM, Chairman Roger Subden announced his retirement after nine years in office. However LNT does not have a knowledgeable replacement. Patrick Moss, MNY has been mentoring Alison and Steve on all things 'Waterway' during the year and new member Joe is quickly getting up to speed: we should let Roger go by next June! Roger will continue with the work parties and walks. Patrick gave his Northern Canals Restoration presentation to the Louth Navigation Regeneration Partners with bespoke tailoring for Louth Canal: this was well received and can be found on LNT's website/news.



Webmaster David Evans has revamped the LNT site www.louthcanal.org.uk making it mobile responsive. The new site is now LIVE so please take a look.

The new owners of Austen Fen warehouse introduced themselves in September and are keen to be involved: immediately proposing plans to lead the slipway project. LNT have submitted an

expression of interest for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund after being encouraged by ELDC's Cllr Ros Jackson. A full application has now been invited but with only two weeks to completion, ouch! Anglian Water are also offering a Get River Positive fund.



As always the more volunteers we have the easier it is to spread the load. LNT are planning three walks again with Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival in May: this picture was taken at Austen Fen on our Linear walk—details over =>

Many thanks to Louth Town Council for £400 funding for a paddle board so LNT can give tuition to people wishing to 'have a go' at our events. Boules evenings at Ticklepenny Lock in the summer, are a great way of getting to know each other, welcome new members, share a glass of Pimms and who doesn't like a bit of healthy competition.

