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**News Letter of the Louth Navigation Trust
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Memberships are now due
for 2011/12
Please find the form
enclosed.

Towpath Mowing

The mowing season is here again and we thank volunteers Tim Hawson for leading this project and for the many hours he contributes and Maurice Jackson who mows the Alvingham towpath.

The boules piste is now fit for play and the first match of the season will be played by the Morgan Club on 5 June.

The **25thAGM** of Louth Navigation Trust will take place at the Conoco Rooms, Louth Library on Thursday 23rd June 2011 at 7.30pm. Please return your proxy form if you cannot attend.

Our speaker this year will be Brian Peeps from the Humber Keels and Sloops Preservation Society.



Annual Bridge Drive

This year's bridge drive on 24th March was very successful raising £410. Special thanks to Patricia Stanbridge, Gaye Maskery and Olga Baker for all their hard work.

www.louthcanal.org.uk

For more pictures and latest updates please go to our website. We welcome any contribution you would like to make to the website, either stories or pictures relating to the canal.

Increased towpath access

“The proposal to allow cycling on the Louth Navigation towpath accords with the aims and ambitions of the County Council's Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan and its development will assist in promoting non motorised travel for pleasure and health within the County.”

A variety of barriers will be required to contain the various sizes of stock, from squeeze stiles to self latching gates. Suggestions are welcomed.

Walking Festival

The sixth annual Louth Canal Walk will take place this year on Saturday 4th June 2011 as part of the Wolds Walking Festival. The Walk will start from Tetney Lock at 1.30pm and follow the towpath back to Louth, approx 10 miles

John Stanbridge will be walk leader and members will provide transport to the start, marshalling and water supplies. Dogs are welcome.

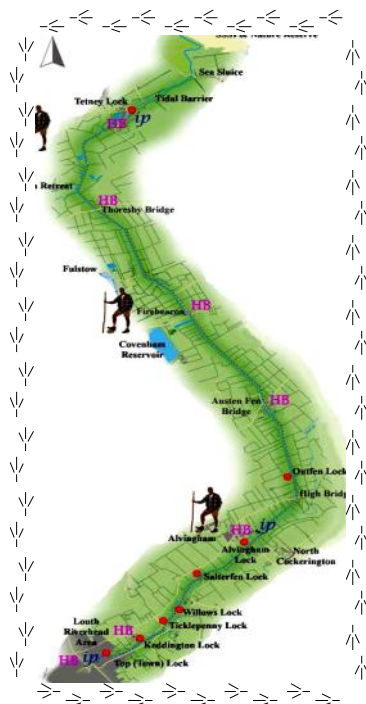
Anyone requiring transport should ring 07825302929 or 01507 605496

LNT Guided Walks and Talks

John Stanbridge and Stuart Sizer have both been busy giving talks and presentations to local groups including:

Probus Mixed Group
Lacey Gardens School
Theatre Club
South Elkington WI
Waddington History Group

For information on Talks and Guided Walks please contact us at the office or via the website www.louthcanal.org.uk



The Trust is sorry to have to report the deaths of warehouse caretaker Roy Ferrier and member and volunteer Dennis Subden, our sympathy goes to both families.

Padley Map

An original 1828 plan of Padley's Survey is on loan to the trust from Richard Burn.

Archivist and Historian Stuart Sizer explained the value of the canvas is immeasurable in terms of the detail it provides.

The 'as-built' drawing which differs from Grundy's 'design drawing' shows a profile section of the whole canal including depths at the downstream end of the locks.

Ian Rowson and Lincoln Archives have assisted in photographing the canvas which was only possible in quarters and will need stitching together. The copy will be displayed in Louth Museum.

The trust is now seeking a valuation as this is one of only five copies. It was used as evidence in a high court case in 1881, a few months before Padley's death.



Alvingham Lock has given grave cause for concern since the excessive winter frost. The south bank bywash arch is most severely damaged plus brickwork and laterals on the north side.

Tenders are being invited to survey the damage.

The Environment Agency pumped out the sediment from the brick lined tunnel under the lock (commonly known as an inverted siphon) in March.

The silt removal only took 2 days with modern equipment. In 1981 it took 6 men a month to clear the silt with shovels and wheelbarrows.

The workmen found Jeff Hand's cricket bat which he had lost when he lived at Lock Farm as a boy.

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If you would like to get involved
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ber.

Diary Dates

Committee Meetings:
Third Thursday of the month.
7.30pm at
Navigation Warehouse,
Riverhead, Louth

Walking Festival:

Festival launch
Sat 21 May 2011 10.30 - 4.00
Brackenborough Hall, Nr Louth
Www.woldswalkingfestival.co.uk

Louth Canal Walk
Sat 4 June 2011
From Tetney Lock to Louth
Start : 1.30 at
Crown and Anchor, Tetney Lock.

Sun 5 June 2011
Morgan Club Boules match

AGM

23 June 2011
7.30pm at Conoco Rooms,
Louth Library.

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