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Diary Dates

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

Louth Town Plan
Public viewing
28th May 2009 at 7pm
Holy Trinity, Eastgate, Louth.

Walking Festival

Louth Canal Walk
Sat 30th May 2009
From Tetney Lock to Louth
1.30 at
Crown and Anchor Tetney Lock.

AGM
25 June 2009 7.30pm at Conoco
Rooms, Louth Library.

Canal Clean Up Project:

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Paul White and his team work
with students from Linkage Trust
on
Sundays please contact Paul if
you would like to help

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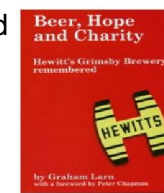
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**News Letter of the Louth Navigation Trust
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The 23rd **AGM** of

Louth Navigation Trust will take place at the Conoco Rooms, Louth Library on Thursday 25th June 2009 at 7.30pm. Please return your proxy form if you cannot attend.

Speakers this year will be Graham Larn who has written a book: Beer, Hope and Charity about Hewitt's Grimsby Brewery which started in 1870 and Phil Ellis who has just opened Fulstow micro Brewery at the Riverhead on Thames St Louth. He has named several beers after locks on the canal.



Memberships are now due for 2009/10
Please find the form enclosed.

Towpath Mowing
The mowing season is here again and project leader Tim Hawson would like to welcome new member Maurice Jackson who has been helping with the mowing at Alvingham for several years unacknowledged. Groups will also be working on the boules piste and cleaning project this season, anyone wishing to get involved should contact the project leader: details on back page.

Annual Bridge Drive

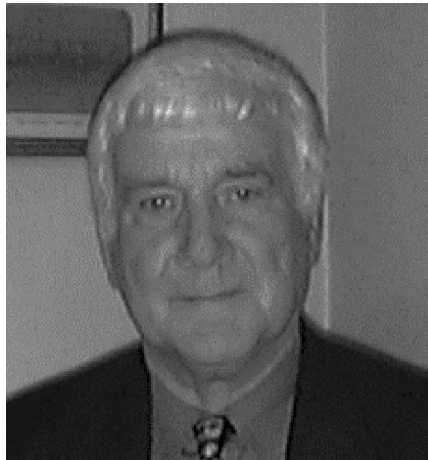
This years bridge drive on 26th March was very successful raising £495. Special thanks to Patricia Stanbridge and Olga Baker for their hard work.

LNT Guided Walks and Talks

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

New chairman

John Macdonald has completed 100 days in office. Maintaining a lively pace: he has reacquainted himself with the Northern Canals Association at their spring meeting in Boston whilst getting a preview of the new Black Sluice lock and has also touched base with Mary Powell of Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership and updated her on LNT activities.

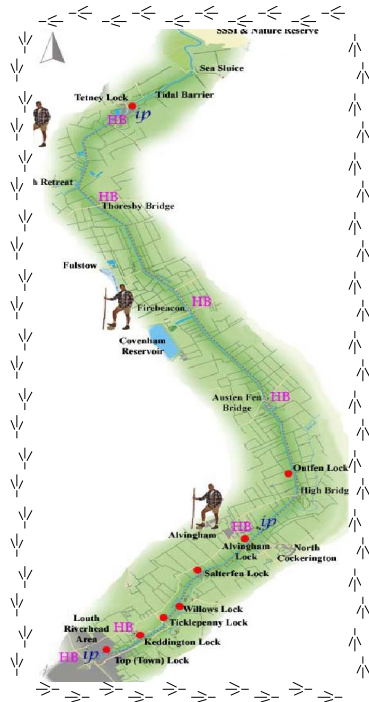


John was keen to get involved with the LNT Bridge Drive where he presented the prizes, including the surprise gift of an orchid to Patricia Stanbridge as a thank you for her many years of organising the event.

Walking Festival

The Trust is taking part in the Wolds Walking Festival for the fourth year. On Saturday 30th May 2009 the 4th annual **Louth Canal Walk** will start from Tetney Lock at 1.30pm and walk the 11 miles back to Louth. John Stanbridge will be walk leader and committee members will provide transport to the start, marshalling and water supplies.

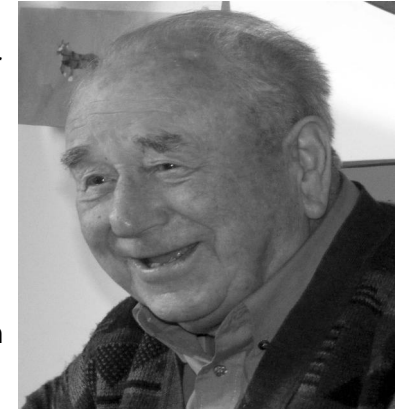
Anyone requiring transport should ring 01507 600655 or 605496



Louth Town Plan

The Trust are active members of Meridian Links, the group which is steering the Louth Town Plan — 2020 Vision. Inclusion in the plan will help secure funding and get the Navigation restoration into the Local Development Framework. A public viewing of the final draft plan will be held at Holy Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth on 28 May 2009 at 7pm but the document will be available from 10 May online at www.louthtownplan.org There are five objectives specific to the canal in the action plan:
To protect Louth and District against flooding.
To establish ownership and responsibility along length of canal.
To restore and refurbish canal and its corridor.
To restore canal to a navigation.
To develop safe walking and cycling routes out of town.

Historian Josephine Clark recorded some oral history tapes over the winter months with equipment loaned by SLHA. Special thanks to story teller Gordon Pridgeon who has lived by the canal all his life. If there was no wind, farmers would tow the barges to the next farm by horse often causing a back log of barges. Visiting Gypsies on Fen Lane brought their ponies to help out.



Boys remember being thrown biscuits by the barge men whilst they were waiting for a tow. Gordon also remembers catching moles and selling the skins for 1d to Roosevelt Wilkinson who would then send them to London.

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Please have a look at our re-styled website and post a comment on the blog or any photos you may have taken which are relevant to the project.