



The **Boules** season is approaching and LNT would like to challenge you to a game down at Ticklepenny - get in touch if you are interested - bring a picnic - weather permitting - or just turn up

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## Diary Dates

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

#### Work Parties:

Second Mondays 9am  
Plus ad hoc weekends

#### Walks:

<https://woldsoutdoorfestival.com>

#### Louth Navigation and Alvingham

Fri 17 May 2024

Start at 6pm at Alvingham Mill

#### Navigation and Blow Wells Walk

Tues 21 May 2024

Start at 10am at Tetney Lock

#### Louth Canal Linear Walk

Sat 25 May 2024

Start at 10am at Tetney Lock

#### AGM

Wednesday 12 June 2024

Navigation Warehouse 7.30pm

#### Culture @ the Canal Zero Degrees

30 June 2024 12.00 to 5.00pm

Navigation Warehouse

#### Boules 21 June + 19 July 2024

Ticklepenny Lock 6pm

#### WRG 10—17 August

#### Louth Navigation Live

Music, paddling + Heritage talks

A two day event in and around the  
Riverhead Basin

Sat 21 and Sun 22 Sept 2024

12.00 to 5.00pm

#### Louth Christmas Market:

Sun 24 Nov 2024

# THE WHARFINGER

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## Memberships are due for 2024/25

Please find the form enclosed.  
Subscriptions can be paid online  
or by post; details are on the  
membership form.  
DONATIONS most Welcome

Since our last newsletter LNT have stepped up a pace: our application to UK Shared Prosperity Fund was accepted with an offer of a £54,650 grant which we now need to match fund. The project is to build a slipway at Austen Fen to enable small craft and paddlers access to the 'seven mile level' between Austen Fen and Tetney Lock.. Significantly, the new owners of AF warehouse, Andy and Chau of Ecovril are fully on board and committed to help restoration plans for the canal by donating design drawings and concepts for 'in kind' contributions.



LNT also had the honour of being invited to the High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, Richard Lake's Legal Service at Lincoln Cathedral in March. Included in his prologue Richard said: "To every generation, choice is given to squander the inheritance of the past or to bring from it treasures for our own times", This belief fits well with the aims of LNT.

The High Sheriff has an important role supporting the Crown but also assists local charities and is not funded from the public purse. LNT is therefore delighted the High Sheriff has given £5000 from his community fund towards LNT's slipway project 'Navigation Restoration'. Thank you

The 38th **AGM** of  
Louth Navigation Trust  
will be to be held on  
Wed 12 June 2024  
at Navigation Warehouse.  
7.30 pm

Speaker:

David Rodger, National Trails  
King Charles III Coastal Path



Members will be shocked to hear Dr Judith Tucker died in November, tragically killed in a car accident. Artist Judy and poet Harriet Tarlo collaborated on the Outfalls project which featured Louth Canal in 2018. Transforming the meeting room into an art gallery and initiating our 'Culture' Program, they gave LNT a new lease of life.

**Exhibition: Neverends**

A memorial, retrospective show of Judith's paintings of The Fitties will be held at Cleethorpes Library From 1 May to 29 June 2024 <https://lincsinspire.com/entertainment-attractions/venues/the-albert-room> [The Albert Room - Lincs Inspire](#)



LNT also had shock news in January, Cllr Sue Crew of Louth Town Council and Louth Lions died suddenly. Sue has been a friend and supporter of the trust for many years promoting walks, events and funding initiatives. Due to be Mayor of Louth 24/25 Sue had already been checking diary dates so events didn't clash. Louth Lions very generously donated £1000 towards Way markers and signs for the Towpath following a presentation by Alison and Steve.



**The Navvies Team**

Have a few new members this year and have uncovered the steps and pontoon at Austen Fen and replaced the rotten wooden steps.

Navvies are looking for somewhere to store their tools as they have outgrown the store cupboard at the warehouse. Looking forward to another week of IWA's **Waterway Recovery Group** visiting in August to continue the work they started last year at Ticklepenny Lock. We are grateful to Park Avenue Youth Centre for accommodation and Magna Vitae for providing showers

A trainer paddleboard has been purchased thanks to funding from Louth Town Council. We thank Mayor of Louth Cllr Julia Simmons and Consort Alan for their support throughout the year.



**Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival**

Fri 17 May 2024

An evening walk around **Alvingham and Nth Cockerington** Start at Alvingham Mill 6pm looking at The Mill, unique canal features and the two churches. Distance 4.5 miles 2.5 hrs



Tues 21 May 2024

**Louth Navigation + Tetney Blow-Wells** Start at 10am from Tetney Lock Visiting Tetney Outfall; Tetney Blow Wells and returning via the Bailey Bridge Distance 7 miles 3.5 hrs

Sat 25 May 2024

**Louth Canal Linear Walk** Start 10am Tetney Lock follow the towpath back to Louth Distance 10 miles 4.5 hrs All brochures: [www.louthcanal.org.uk](http://www.louthcanal.org.uk) The EA has assured us that the towpath will be mowed in advance of the Festival this year.



**Activities** - Junior Wildlife Watch visited in March

**Talks** - LNT have several speakers Please get in touch if you would like them to talk to your group.

**Reporter** Ted O'Neill has written three articles in the Target, promoting the Navigation, projects and history.

Zero Degrees 2024 presents: **Culture @ the canal**, Sun 30 June, 12.00 to 5.00pm. Live music at Navigation Warehouse Grimsby and Cleethorpes Model Boat Association, watercraft and paddlers will join us on Riverhead Basin. Please bring your paddle board, kayak, canoe!

Pop—up Pimms bar, tea, coffee and Bensleys ice cream van

**Louth Navigation Live** Music + Heritage + Paddlers Riverhead, Louth

A two day event 12.00 to 5.00pm Sat 21 and Sun 22 September, arranged by Keith Angel, will feature paddlers, model boats, live music, Pimms + Bensley's Ice Cream. Stuart Sizer Talk Sat 21 at 12 noon 'The early days' 1hr Stuart Sizer Talk Sun 22 at 12 noon 'History of Riverhead' 1hr Again bring your paddleboard and join in the fun—water will be deeper.



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