

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

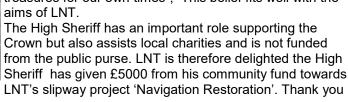
The 38th **AGM** of
Louth Navigation Trust
will be to be held on
Wed 12 June 2024
at Navigation Warehouse.
7.30 pm
Speaker:
David Rodger, National Trails
King Charles III Coastal Path



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





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 sians 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 BlowWells 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
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, kavak. canoe! Pop-up Pimms bar, tea, coffee and Benslevs 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