

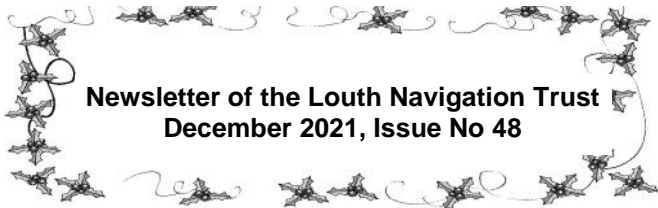
THE WHARFINGER

LOUTH
NAVIGATION
TRUST



Incorporating the Louth and the Great Ouse Navigation Companies

Newsletter of the Louth Navigation Trust
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Please visit our stall
at the
Festive Market
Sun 28 November 2021
In
Louth Cornmarket
10am to 4pm
Mulled wine + mince pies +
We expect our gazebo will
be outside the
Nat West doorway

Thanks to LNT members for donating mince pies.



You could make a difference to how our canal is preserved but not if you don't step forward. We regret saying goodbye to Trustee Graham Cox who has now moved north across the Humber. However, we welcome new Trustee Alison Eades who has worked on the committee since 2016. Engineer Steve Manders and wife Sophie have also joined the committee; the work party and they are paddlers.

If you would like to get more involved with Louth Navigation Trust please contact Secretary Paula (details on back) she would love to hear from you. Or just come for a chat at the stall. Positions available are webmaster, treasurer, Deputy Chair and we always have room for more at work parties. Having the water level raised for the September event made all the difference and paddlers came to take part in the fun. Even Chairman Roger

Subden took to the water in his kayak: more photos on our face book page.





The work team made light work of the stop log installation which at 5 metres long are more unwieldy than they look. The water level was raised 18 inches for the whole of September allowing paddlers to develop their skills. The extra water depth also helped Grimsby and Cleethorpes Model Boat Association demonstrate their larger vessels—oh yes, they have an aircraft carrier! And some very fast little boats which were not happy last year when they hit a brick in the shallow water.



Two cultural events were permitted this year, Zero Degrees in July followed by Navigation Recreation and a wonderful party atmosphere. Supported by Awards for All lottery funding. Thanks to Keith Angel who not only project managed both events but also entertained us with his Latin Percussion skills.



Stuart Sizer was also busy with the Louth Museum exhibition - Ship Builders of Louth which ran from May until July. We understand the museum will have a special feature for the ships next year too. Stuart gave a walking talk to Manby WI around the River-head in July and again as part of the September cultural event.



Andrew Stratford has recently given a talk at Kidgate School and Alison Eades talked to Louth Junior Wildlife Watch who visited the Warehouse, drew a Kingfisher and tested various foods for the ducks - the preference

is sweetcorn and rice, not peas and lettuce.

We wish to thank Peter Hill from Aegre and Janet Richardson from Towpath Talk for giving us such good cover in their publications, you can find these on our links page: <http://louthcanal.org.uk/links.html> plus many other interesting connections.

A visit to Anglian Water's Covenham Water treatment works was organised by IWA in the Summer.



In May the work team uncovered a wing wall downstream at Ticklepenny Lock. Mikk Bradley IWA tech support, visited and provided a 'scope of work' which is a mammoth project for our small team - Roger, Andrew, Alan,

Pete, Phil, David, Peter, Wally Richard + Maurice.

We now have a new group working on weed clearance at the River-head to assist better paddling - Steve, Sophie, Lynsey, Keith, Rex, Baz + Neil. Thanks to ELDC Cleansing Dept for removing the weeds. We aim to buy a weed/work boat for transporting briars to the slipway which would be more fit for purpose than the leisure inflatable Rex has lent us . And would also be useful at Ticklepenny. Come and join the team.



Cllrs Chris Green, Sarah Parkin and Ed Mossop have contributed £800 from their ELDC community fund towards an information panel by the old Keddington Church Lock. Thank you. The new weir is gathering rubbish and water is flowing under not over the granite rocks—Steve Ross, ELDC has offered to remedy this in the new year.

LNT is grateful to The Mayor and Mayoress of Louth Cllr Darren and Sarah Jayne Hobson for opening both Cultural events - it is great support for LNT and our musicians who come to perform at the Warehouse.

Dracula by Hambledon Productions made another popup performance at Navigation Warehouse for Halloween which sold out!

Many thanks to Debbie for the teas and ghoulish biscuit displays, to Joyce for flyer drops around the town and to Colorgrafix for help with my printing.



Roger and Andrew continued to lead our walks even though the LWOFF festival was cancelled for 2021. Plans for the 2022 Festival are in place and details of our 3 walks are in Diary Dates >>>





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Diary Dates

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

Work Parties:

Second Mondays 10am
plus ad hoc weekends

Louth Festive Market

Sunday 28 Nov 2021
Louth Cornmarket 10am to 4pm

Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival
30 April to 5 June 2022

Canal and Blow Wells Walk

Tues 24 May 2022
Start at 10am at Tetney Lock

Alvingham Walk

Thurs 26 May 2022
Start at 6pm at Alvingham Mill

Louth Canal Linear Walk

Sat 28 May 2022
Start at 10 am at Tetney Lock

AGM

Wednesday 15 June 2022
Navigation Warehouse 7.30pm

Culture at the Canal Zero Degrees

July/ Sept 2022 date tbc
Navigation Warehouse
Water level raised in the Riverhead
for paddling .