



Newark Heritage Barge

Newsletter

Autumn 2011

Heritage Open Days

Thursday, 8 September - Sunday, 11 September 2011 (12.00 - 5.00 pm)

These will be the last open days for 2011 - Leicester Trader will be open between 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm for the public to view free of charge. Leicester Trader will be moored at 24 The Weavers, Newark, NG24 4RY.

We will be open the Thursday and Friday to give opportunity for those people/organizations who are able to come during the week to attend - particularly corporate bodies. If you are able to join us and wish to know any specifics about the project please let me know so that we can have this information available.

We would be delighted to welcome new volunteers to support any of these days. If you can donate some of your time to support the project on any of these days, please contact Les (details overleaf).

There will be theme days

- 'Tankers' on Saturday
- 'Gravellers' on Sunday.

Les is hoping that boatmen and families from these trades will be able to come.

To find out more about these Heritage Open Days in general visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Leicester Trader visits the Emergency Dry Dock...

Following discussions with British Waterways, we have been offered the use of the former Emergency Dry Dock (adjacent to Town Lock, Newark) as the home mooring for Leicester Trader.

As this is subject to planning approval, we were allowed to put the barge into the dock, afloat, for a 24 hr appraisal. This was to allow interested parties to see what it would look like, to take measurements and photographs, and decide how best to design safe public access.

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We recreated the past with this movement as Leicester Trader as we were towed to the dock using the former British Waterways Trent Heritage Tug, Friar Tuck. This was by courtesy of James Wilkinson, Newark Marina, who has purchased Friar Tuck for restoration. Thank you, James.

This all happened to coincide with the Trent Vale Time Travel Event on 30 July at Newark Castle. Our stall was visited by many and the Tombola raised over £103 towards the restoration. Thank you for those who helped man the stand.

Transport Trust Restoration Award

We are delighted to confirm that we were successful in receiving a £400 award for welding repairs to the fore deck. This work will enable us to insulate under the deck in the fo'c'sle to stop the kettle freezing in the winter (a vital tool for the volunteers!).

2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM will be Saturday, 8 October 2011 on the Leicester Trader, moored at 24 The Weavers, Newark. The notes of our 2010 AGM can be found on our website.

There are a few vacancies on the Committee for the Friends and we would be delighted to welcome new members onto the Committee. If you are able to support the project with an evening per month, please contact Les.

Membership Renewals

Thank you for the 50 members who are renewed and a gentle reminder to those who have not yet had opportunity. We hope you will continue to support the project.

Contact Us

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