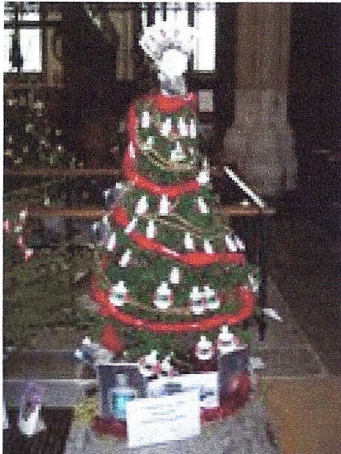




Newark Heritage Barge

Newsletter

Winter 2011/2012



*We wish all our members, supporters
and volunteers a very Merry Christmas
and a wonderful New Year*

Christmas Tree Festival 2011

Our gratitude is extended to Margaret for supporting the project and the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, Newark (picture left). It has been reported that this festival was well attended by visitors and there were over 100 trees at the festival.

Heritage Open Days (8-11 September 2011)

We were delighted to welcome visitors aboard during these Open Days and offered a lovely end to the season of Open Days.

2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM was well attended and thank you to all who were able to make it. The notes of the AGM will be available on the website shortly.

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 the Secretary.

We need your help ...

- We are wishing to spend the Winter building the Heritage Lottery Fund application. If you have **experience building these bids/applications** and a little spare time. Please contact Julie on secretary.nhbarge@gmail.com
- We are needing to design public access into the vessel. If you have the **technical drawing/design experience** and some time, you may be able to help.
- **Working Party Days** are continuing over the Winter months. Please contact Les if you are able to offer any time to support the maintenance of the vessel.

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Spreading the word ...

Our Project Lead, Les has been extremely busy taking up all the invitations to spread the word about the project. The groups include (to name a few) Southwell Local History Group, Norwell Parish Heritage Group, Newark Conservative Ladies Group, Newark Rotary Club and Stubton & District WI.

These talks are possible (technically) due to the support of the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme which has funded the provision of laptop and projector. Thank you.

Maintenance Update

Our whole hearted thanks go to ..

- The Transport Trust Restoration Award who funded the welding work. The welding is complete and Les is busy lining and insulating under the deck in the fo'c'sle. If you have are able to support Les to start on the aft deck, please contact him.
- Ray and Les who have been busy painting the inside of the hull and organising the winter wood store, which included installing some newly donated display panels. Thank you.
- Richard and Ray who have continued to cut and replenish our wood supplies to keep the vessel dry. A daily fire helps to preserve the displays and archives we now hold.
- For those who did not see the barge moved to the British Waterways dock for the 24 hr appraisal may not know that the whole vessel was pressure washed and painted by a our member, retired boatman, Frank Major. Thank you very much Frank - a bus man's holiday for you.
- In addition to the work that this project is doing, James Wilkinson (who now owns the Friar Tuck tug) is currently restoring the tug, with aid of research from Les, to its original colours - as it was when it was new in 1952, one year older than Leicester Trader.

Open Days 2012

The Committee has recently agreed that the Open Days in 2012 will commence on Sunday, 8 April 2012. As always the boat is open to group visits by prior arrangement.

Membership or Donations

If you would like to join the project as a member or donate funds or time to the project, please complete the section of the leaflet and forward to the Treasurer, Newark Heritage Barge, c/o 24 The Weavers, Newark, NG24 4RY.

Contact Us

Contact Les (Project Leader) on either 07971 589612 or les.nbarge@googlemail.com or membership queries to secretary.nhbarge@gmail.com

Without your continued support, time and energy, this project would not be possible. We look forward to expanding the project further over the coming year. Thank you and all the best for 2012.

Our **Website** - www.newarkheritagebarge.com