

# Life in Lin

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## **DASHED GOOD IDEA FOR HOSPICE**

*The famous 'quadrangle dash' from the film 'Chariots of Fire' is to be repeated outside Lincoln Cathedral. The run – timed by the noon chimes from the Minster's bell – is just one of many events being organised by npower in aid of the St Andrew's Children's Hospice in Grimsby.*

*It will be taking place on Saturday, 7th June when top local athletes will race each other, and the chimes, along the south side of Minster Yard.*

*Sue Newton from npower said since the millennium the company had held the dash at two other Cathedrals which had now gone on to make it an annual event. It was hoped that Lincoln would do the same.*

*There will be a whole series of sporting activities from 10am onwards, leading up to the big race. Lincoln Wellington Athletic Club is also involved with the event.*



*Local talent: (from left) Ian Kimpton, Andrew Curtis and Michael White of Lincoln Wellington AC launching the npower dash*

## **NEW OFFICER FOR 'PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES'**



*The new scheme will identify and record finds and their locations*

*After a successful pilot scheme, Lincolnshire County Council in partnership with the Portable Antiquities Scheme has appointed a new Finds Liaison Officer for Lincolnshire.*

*Every year thousands of interesting and unusual archaeological finds are made in Lincolnshire by the public, along with a growing number of 'treasure finds'. The Portable Antiquities Scheme has been set up to identify and record these finds and their locations, to give advice on conserving objects, to implement the Treasure Act, and to foster a*

*spirit of co-operation between archaeologists, museums and the many amateur archaeological groups in Lincolnshire. The finds liaison officer is Adam Daubney who will not only record the finds, he will ensure a picture and description will also be made accessible through the Portable Antiquities web site ([www.finds.org.uk](http://www.finds.org.uk)).*

*For more information contact the Finds Liaison Officer, Lincolnshire County Council, Highways and Planning Directorate, City Hall, LN1 1DN. Tel: 01522 553073.*

## **WILDLIFE TRUST CELEBRATES 20,000 MEMBERS**

When Mr Terence Smith of Skegness joined the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, he also became the 20,000th member of this county charity. Mr Smith took out family membership of the Trust so that his entire family, including two great granddaughters, Sophia and Ellie, could benefit.

Members not only make a significant contribution towards helping safeguard the county's wildlife and wild places for future generations, they also benefit from a wide range of activities for families and children. Mr Smith was welcomed by the Trust's president, Dr Ted Smith and chairman Mr Don Wright at Gibraltar Point National Nature Reserve.

For more information about the Trust please contact 01507 526667.



*Latest member: Back row from left: Ted Smith, Sophia Von Werne, Ellie Pocklington, Don Wright. Front from left, Melanie Von Werne, Terence Smith, Peter Pocklington*

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## NEW FACILITY AT BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLIGHT VISITOR CENTRE



Visitors at the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight

A new education and activities centre has been opened at the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight based at RAF Coningsby.

This facility offers a new area which will be utilised in many ways, including the display of temporary exhibitions. In addition, it will provide more learning facilities both for local schools and communities, and will allow for on-site activities including lectures and talks. There will also be a small refreshment area.

The Royal Air Force's Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF), based at RAF Coningsby, exists to commemorate the personnel of the Royal Air Force, both aircrew and groundcrew, who gave their lives during the Second World War. In a unique partnership agreement with the Royal Air Force, Lincolnshire County Council operates a Visitor Centre that allows the public to view the Flight's aircraft that are preserved in flying condition in honour of their sacrifice. This is achieved with the help of experienced volunteer guides, who lead visitors around the BBMF hangar, discussing the aircraft on display.

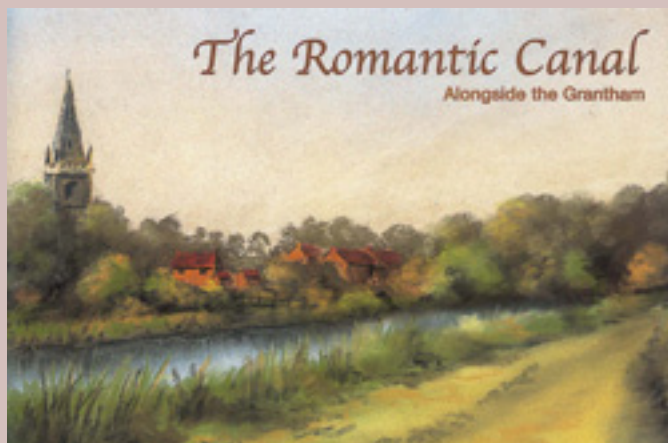
## NEW GUIDEBOOK TO 'ROMANTIC CANAL'

Walkers and water lovers will be delighted with a new book which has just been published promoting Grantham's thirty-three mile long 'Romantic Canal'.

The publication is the result of eighteen months of work by the tourism group of the Grantham Canal Partnership - Lincolnshire County Council, South Kesteven District Council and their opposite numbers in adjoining counties. It heralds the start of a long-term project to increase the restoration, use and image of the canal.

The book is delightfully illustrated with drawings, paintings, photographs and maps detailed on its pages and on separate laminated sheets at the back. It is available for £6.50 from Grantham Tourist Information Centre or you can telephone 01476 406162 for details of other outlets.

South Kesteven District Council has six copies to give away. All you have to do is write how long the canal is on a postcard and send it to Ginny Beckett, Tourism Section, Council Offices, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ. Closing date for entries is 1st July, 2003.



The new book on Grantham Canal

## WASHINGBOROUGH'S PAST GOES ON DISPLAY

After years of fieldwalking, members of Washingborough Archaeology Group were delighted when glass cases containing some of their significant finds were unveiled in the village's Community Centre.

Performing the opening ceremony, David Start of Heritage Lincolnshire said: "The finds tell the whole story of Washingborough from 3000BC and this is due to the determination of this group. We now know that this area of the country is internationally important."

Group leader John Weetman said: "We didn't want our finds and discoveries to be kept in boxes. They should be on display to give people a glimpse of local history."

Money for the illuminated glass display cases has come from the Awards for All scheme. The group are now fieldwalking at Fiskerton.

David Start (left) and John Weetman pictured at the 'unveiling' of the display cases

