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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **LINSLADE CANAL FESTIVAL RETURNS!**

Linslade Canal Festival was enjoyed by thousands as it made a triumphant return to Tiddenfoot Waterside Park last Saturday. Traditional craft demonstrators including stick makers, skep builders and wood carvers shared their skills with visitors whilst local charities educated and informed visitors about their work within the natural environment.

Along the tow-path, those attending found delight in the working, trade and pleasure boats which joined the event. Trade boats offered the chance to purchase handmade items and canal themed memorabilia whilst the historic working boats provided a glimpse into the past and the workings behind the canal in yesteryear.

For those looking to be entertained at the festival, traditional storytellers took to the Lakeside area to delight with traditional tales and yarns whilst stage headliners Funk Odyssey were joined in the Paddocks throughout the day by Stampede, Milady Clare's Musicke, Chasm, Fiona Harrison, Ukietoones and Wayland Smithy band also playing. Traders in the Paddocks area were joined by handcrafters and traditional demonstrators in the craft tent, with a traditional hand-turned funfair providing entertainment for younger visitors.

Leighton-Linslade Town Council would like to extend our thanks to our supporters and local charities who assist us with the event which include Canal & Rivers Trust, Friends of Tiddenfoot, Leighton Buzzard Better Speakers, The Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade and Central Bedfordshire Council.

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