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PRESS RELEASE

THOUSANDS ENJOY LINSLADE CANAL FESTIVAL

Thousands of residents and visitors to the town enjoyed the spectacular Linslade Canal Festival at Tiddenfoot Waterside Park over the weekend.

Along the tow-path visitors delighted in the working, trade and pleasure boats which joined the event with members of Dunstable & District Boat Club offering visitors an insight into owning a pleasure boat and the joys of life on the waterways. Trade boats offered the chance to purchase handmade items, canal memorabilia and food items while Raymond & Nutfield returned to give a glimpse into the previous working life of boats on the canal.

Landside, 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.

Entertainment throughout the day was provided by local choirs, Wayland Smithy, Hemlock Morris, Sam & Ana, Andy Smythe & Leannán with the main stage kindly sponsored by Taylor Wimpey. Traders in the Paddocks area were joined by handcrafters and traditional demonstrators in the craft tent, with a traditional funfair providing entertainment for younger visitors.

In the lakeside area of the site storytelling, origami and mosaic workshops provided entertainment and enjoyment for visitors while the Birds of Brey delighted visitors in the Poplars area.

Leighton-Linslade Town Council would like to extend its thanks to our supporters and local charities who assisted us with the event which include Canal & Rivers Trust,

Friends of Tiddenfoot, The Greensand Trust, The Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade
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