



## *The Priory Hotel*

### **Getting the most out of your visit to Louth.....some suggested visitor attractions**

Louth is a beautiful market town, situated on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Whilst you are visiting the area, here are a couple of attractions which we hope will add to your visit, or even encourage you to visit again!

#### **St James' Church**

Built in the 15th century, our very own St James' Church has the distinction of having the tallest spire of any Parish church in England (295 feet) and attracts many thousands of visitors to the town. It is open to visitors Easter to Christmas on Mondays through Saturdays from 10.30am to 4.00pm and from Christmas to Easter on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8.00am to 12.00 noon. Some of the best views can be obtained by climbing the tower—not for the faint hearted!

#### **William Brown's Panorama of Louth**

This is a major work of 19th century provincial art and is a bird's eye view of Louth and the surrounding area, framed in the time warp of a busy sunny day. Painted by William Brown in 1844 from the top of St. James' Church spire during its restoration, it is a remarkable 360 degrees panorama on two oil on linen canvasses each 9 feet by 6 feet. This is on display in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall and a copy can be seen at Louth Museum. Prints of these paintings can be viewed in the Drawing Room at The Priory.

#### **Louth Museum**

Louth Museum was built in 1910 by the Louth Naturalists' Antiquarian and Literary Society (Ants and Nats) and is still run by them today. It has only recently reopened following a £660,000 refurbishment and extension of the original museum. Opening times Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm April through October.

#### **Louth Market**

Market days are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays with a Farmers Market on the 4th Wednesday of every month. These are very popular with visitors—feel free to leave your car in the car park as parking in town can be oversubscribed!

#### **Greenwich Meridian**

Louth is one of the few towns through which the Meridian passes, dividing the town into West and East. A brass line and plaque denoting the Meridian can be found in many places throughout the town, namely Newmarket, Kidgate, Queen's Street, Eastgate, Northgate, James Street, etc.

#### **Hubbards Hills**

This is a delightful area for walking with lovely green open spaces, steeply wooded slopes and safe bathing in the stream. The area was donated to the people of Louth by Auguste Pahud, a local schoolteacher, in memory of his beloved wife Annie. A commemorative tablet is housed in a temple across the stream.

#### **The Louth Art Trail**

Some splendid examples of wood carving, stone masonry, ironwork and stained glass are scattered around Louth—The Navigation Canal, Westgate Fields and at various points of the Greenwich Meridian.

#### **Louth Food Trail**

Louth remains the kind of town that has sadly disappeared from large parts of Britain—one which has preserved the streetscape of bygone times. We are proud of our many independent butchers, poulterers, bakers, cheese shops, delicatessens, and many others. We endorse our local suppliers and would be glad to refrigerate any purchases you wish to make to take home with you.

#### **Tastes of Lincolnshire**

It is a little known fact that 20% of all Britain's food production originates from Lincolnshire! We are proud to be associated with Tastes of Lincolnshire, who are involved in the promotion of traditional Lincolnshire produce and producers. Look out for the Tastes of Lincolnshire emblem for quality assurance.

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### **Louth Playgoers Riverhead Theatre/Allegro Appassionato/London Mozart Players**

Louth is a very culturally aware town and as such many theatre productions and recitals are ongoing throughout the year. Please ask at Reception or Tourist Information for more details of productions.

### **Louth Film Club**

Louth Film Club was set up in 2005 to show the best of current and recent films not on the mainstream circuit, and also some of the great classic movies that you might not have seen on the big screen before.

Screenings are in Louth's Playhouse Cinema, in Cannon Street, fortnightly on Mondays at 7.30pm.

### **Playhouse Cinema**

The Playhouse Cinema is located in a stunning Art Deco building on Cannon Street. It comprises three screens and has the distinction of being one of the few cinemas left which still has an intermission!

### **Lincolnshire Wolds Railway**

This is the only standard gauge steam railway in Lincolnshire open to the public. It is situated at Ludborough/Fulstow off the A16 to Grimsby. Opening times apply—ask for details at Reception.

### **Cadwell Park Motor Racing Circuit**

One of the country's most exciting motorcycle racing circuits with plenty of action and thrills and spills. Situated 5 miles from Louth on the Horncastle Road (A153). Racing is predominantly in the summer months.

### **Manby Motorplex**

Manby Motorplex provides a venue for many Motorsport events - Rally stages on both tarmac and loose stage, 4x4 Off Road Racing, Motorcycle Enduro Racing, Quad racing on the 100 acres of off road terrain to mention a few! Ask at Reception for further details of events.

### **Golf**

There are a number of excellent golf courses in the Louth vicinity—Louth Golf Club (Crowtree Lane) and Kenwick Park Golf Club are the most popular.

### **Swimming**

The swimming baths are located on Riverhead Road, about a five minute walk from The Priory. The new Leisure Centre (opening early 2010) will be located on Wood Lane, about a 10 minute walk from The Priory. The will comprise an 8 lane pool, leisure pool with slides, health and fitness suites, dance studio and crèche.

### **Walks**

As one of the least populated counties in Britain, there are many opportunities for nature walks in the Louth vicinity. We have details of several walks on the Wolds, ranging in distance from 1½ to 8 miles. These encompass Tealby, Belchford, Little Cawthorpe, South Thoresby, Goulceby, Tetford, South Elkington and Raithby. The Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival takes place for two weeks during May each year. Ask at Reception for further details.

### **Bird Watching**

Seaview Haven is an ideal location for bird watching or just a pleasant stroll on the beach. Take the B1200 past Manby, continue straight to Saltfleet and then right to Theddlethorpe. Seaview Haven is signposted. Gibraltar Point is located south of Skegness and comprises a coastal stretch of sandy/muddy shores, dunes and marsh.

### **Angling**

Anglers will find excellent fishing at the Brickyard Fishery, South Somercotes and Fly fishing at Thorpe Vale Fisheries, Ludford.

### **Seals**

Donna Nook is renowned as the only land-based colony of grey seals in Britain. It is possible to view the seals between November and January when they come ashore to give birth. Turn left out of The Priory and head towards North Somercotes. Donna Nook is signposted from there.

### **Horse Racing**

Market Rasen Racecourse is a popular venue for punters located 15 miles from Louth.

### **Cycling**

The Wolds are perfect cycling terrain with gently rolling hills and minimal traffic on the village roads. Louth Navigation Canal is also an ideal cycling location.

### **Children**

Apart from the obvious attractions at the resorts of Mabelthorpe, Cleethorpes and Skegness, there are a number of activities for children in the Louth area. **Rushmoor Country Park** is situated 2 miles outside Louth at North Cockerington and has a tea room, children's play area, birds of prey centre and petting farm. **Quackers Soft Play Centre** is located on Tattershall Way, Fairfield Industrial Estate and has climbing areas, indoor slide, separate infant play area and Fair Trade café. **Wragby Maze** is another favourite with children and is located 12 miles from Louth on the Lincoln Road (A157). **Rand Farm Park** is located on the Lincoln Road (A157) and has an petting farm, café and indoor play area. **Cleethorpes** boasts a light railway, tenpin bowling and multiscreen cinema and is located 19 miles from Louth.