

Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the spring edition of Have you Heard...?

Specifically for Thornton Curtis,
Burnham & District compiled with news
and events relevant to our community
and surrounding area.

If you have any news or events which
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Deadline for next newsletter:
May 15th 2013

Location for Parish Council Meetings

The Thornton Hunt Inn is
reorganising their Abbey Dining
Room and back of house areas to
create two additional en-suite
bedrooms. Therefore they are no
longer able to offer a room for the
Parish Council Meetings. A new
location is under consideration by
the parish council.

Diary of Events – Spring 2013

St. Lawrence Church Services

9.15am (communion) - 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Church Open Days - 1st Wed, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun (9-4 pm)

Village Night

1st Tuesday of the Month at Thornton Hunt Inn from 8.30pm.

A chance for you to meet your neighbours and members of our
community for a drink and chat.

May 7th Village Quiz Night

At Thornton Hunt Inn to start around 8.30pm. Teams of four,
£1 per person.

May 13th Parish Council AGM & Meeting

Location to be agreed, please check the church notice board
nearer the time, AGM at 7.30 pm, Parish Meeting at 8.00 pm.

Thanks to all the villagers who supported the signatures in last
time's newsletter. We are delighted to announce that LEADER
have granted the money subject to full approval from Lincoln.
This is an excellent result and means that we can finally begin
the process of drawing up detailed plans and putting the work
out to tender.

Laura Frances Weightman married Aaron Paul Cole on March
23rd in our Church. We wish the happy couple all the very best
for their future married life.

On April 28th Samuel Grasham Farrow is being christened.
Congratulations to the proud parents,
Claire and Andrew Farrow.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mrs Vessey; she was a much loved member of our
community. We are sure the community would like to join with us in sending our sincere condolences
to Mick, Janet & family.

NOTES FROM THE FIELDS

Just when I think that the long, dark tunnel that has been our miserable winter is opening out into spring, we get "March
Many Weathers". What a difference a year makes. The view into the fields this March is depressing: crops sown last
autumn have sat in wet, cold soil all winter. These have either struggled to make any growth or have flooded and given up.
Pigeons and slugs have not helped the crops of oil seed rape, eating off the leaves above ground and the shoots and roots
below. All this makes for very patchy uneven crops with poor potential for 2013 harvest.

January born lambs are still sheltered in the barns, getting very frustrated when they should be out gambolling in the fields
- not in this weather! The main lambing is about to start and all the sheds full of stock make for a lot of work, with the daily
rounds of feeding and bedding. Moles in the old grass land have had a good winter with plenty of worms near the surface
to tunnel after and eat. This leaves lots of molehills which have to be flattened before the grass grows - or when it grows!

Speed Sign in the Village

As you will have noticed the speed monitoring sign arranged by the parish council has now been taken down and the monitoring period has come to an end. The overall results of the sign from July to November 2012 indicated the following:

- 2503 vehicles per day use Main Street through the village averaging 39mph
- 1261 vehicles travelled northbound averaging 40.3 mph
- 1241 vehicles travelled southbound averaging 37.6 mph
- Overall 35% of all vehicles, being an average of 885 vehicles per day exceeded 35 mph.
- Of these 575 vehicles were travelling between 35 – 40 mph, 286 between 40 – 50 mph, 17 between 50-55mph and 7 exceeded 55mph.

The results, based upon the 85th percentile of speed were entered into the speed management strategy coordinated by the North Lincs Council. To explain, 85th percentile speed monitoring takes out the 15% of very slow or very fast drivers which may skew the figures. Main Street numbered 81 out of 400 locations entered in terms of priority within North Lincolnshire based upon the speeding offences recorded. Unfortunately only the top 48 locations receive any police intervention due to funding and resource limitations. The Parish Council have written to the road safety unit at North Lincs Council with their concerns and continue to highlight the issues of speeding in the village despite the lower priority given to our community. On a positive note the flashing speed sign did reduce the level of speeding throughout the period it was in place. The parish council would welcome feedback from the community as to their views and opinions in relation to speeding in the village and surrounding area.

Footpath to Wootton

There used to be a foot path along the A1077 between Thornton Curtis and Wootton. You can see the rather useless remains, running for about a third of the way, on the north side. The rest was grabbed to make the road fit for Lorries.

Two years ago the Parish Council presented a petition of over sixty signatures, to have the footpath restored. North Lincs Councillors were sympathetic, but officers less so. 'Let them observe the Highway Code' one told us to advise pedestrians. We didn't let the matter drop, and have now had a further response:

The existing lanes of the A1077 are at or slightly below the minimum width required for a road used by HGV traffic and we would therefore not recommend moving the carriageway edge line to allow an increased hard strip at the edge of the carriageway. We recognise that pedestrians walking along a 60 mph main road, without the protection of a properly designed footway with raised kerbing, is not a desirable solution.....

And so we are now no.21 in the queue for a reinstated path.

To support our case we have been asked for information on the number of people who walk between Thornton Curtis and Wootton, their reasons for doing this and the number of people who would use a new footway. If you would like to support the case for a new footpath please contact me, on p.grainger@ioe.ac.uk or any member of the Parish Council. Paul Grainger

Congratulations to the Thornton Hunt Inn for winning:

Highly Commended – Pub of the Year “Select Lincolnshire Food & Drink Awards 2013”

This newsletter has been sent electronically to residents on the village database. If you would like your next issue this way please contact the Thornton Hunt Inn.