

Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

August / September 2015 Edition of Have you Heard...?

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

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Deadline for next newsletter:

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Did You Know

The word *angel* is derived from the Greek word *angelos*, which means "messenger."

Malakh, the Hebrew word for angel, also means messenger, and both words nicely coincide with the Persian word for angel, *angaros*, similarly meaning a courier.

The word "angel" can commonly be used to describe anyone who brings a message to another, whether a human being or a spirit. However, within some religions, angels are spirit messengers who bring messages of truth to aid mankind, while conversely fallen angels bring forth messages of untruth to lead people astray and wreak havoc on Earth.

Diary of Events

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

Village night will not be held in August, enjoy your summer break. Look forward to meeting you all in September.

22nd July Archeological Dig

By kind permission of Andy and John Farrow, there will be a guided talk around the site to view the finds and discuss what has been discovered, led by Hugh Wilmot of Sheffield University, followed by a BBQ and drinks in the garden of Mr and Mrs Farrow. Meet at 6:30pm at Abbey Farm. For those wishing to attend the BBQ there will be a charge of £10 or £5 if you just wish to attend the talk. Andy and John need to know numbers beforehand for catering purposes so please contact them on 540230.

7th Sept Parish Council Meeting

4th Oct Harvest Festival & Supper

6th Oct Harvest Auction & Raffle

At the Thornton Hunt Inn approx. 8.30 pm

3rd Nov Thornton Curtis Quiz Night

At the Thornton Hunt Inn approx. 8.30 pm

8th Dec Village Christmas Dinner

Held at the Thornton Hunt Inn. Numbers are limited; please contact Carole for further details.

Parish News

The **yellow defibrillator box** (Box No: AF24) is now located at the Thornton Hunt Inn, on the wall of the **Pub's Outbuilding**. **Access is through the car park**, you will see the outbuilding on your right.

Where the garden fence meets the outbuilding you will see the yellow box (on the left hand side of the outbuilding).

We suggest you make yourselves aware of the exact location at your earliest convenience and noting the instruction on the box of how the defibrillator kit is accessed. The defibrillator box had to have a power supply wired because during the winter months the box must be kept at a minimum temperature. This in the end decided its location.

Please be aware, the **staff at the pub do not have access** to the defibrillator kit or any responsibility for the yellow box.

The parish defibrillator training will hopefully take place in the autumn. As we no longer have the support of LIVES in our village, it is essential that as many people as possible are trained in the use of this valuable piece of equipment. The first few minutes are crucial and provide that extra time to enable emergency services to arrive. Anyone wishing to attend this free training should contact Chris Tooby on 532212.

The W.I Garden Party was a magnificent event despite the dreadful weather and was a huge success. The rain did nothing to dampen the spirits as we listened to Snake Davis play his saxophone as part of the opening ceremony and as for the ferret racing and the golf ladder, you had to be there to believe it! Well done to everyone who helped to make this a success and the weather finally improved towards the end of the afternoon allowing folks to sample the delights of the wide selection of stalls and the delicious refreshments.

Parish News

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is Monday 7th September at 8.00 pm in the church. Anyone is welcome to attend and bring ideas or comments to the attention of the council.

Superfast Broadband continues to evade most of our village although there are whisperings in the wings that things may be about to improve so it is essential that residents keep up the pressure by visiting the Openreach website and registering an interest. **BT**. They have confirmed to some residents living on Main Street that they should be able to receive between 4 & 10 MB broadband connection. One Main Street resident is already with BT and receiving an average speed of 7 MB. We suggest you contact BT direct to see what service they can offer. The only other option is a service provided by Quickline (LN Communications finished their service on 13th July).

Summer Time seems to bring with it more litter strewn amongst our hedgerows and verges. If anyone should feel the desire to collect it from time to time Carole has a stock of litter pickers for community use. One or two residents are already doing this and a few minutes can make a huge difference, especially to wildlife who so often are injured by tins and packaging

Do you know someone who deserves an award for their time dedicated to volunteering or caring for others; who is a true inspiration to others or someone deserves recognition for work within the local community? If you do, then nominate them for the **2015 North Lincolnshire Community Champions Awards** at www.northlincs.gov.uk/champion or phone 01724 297270. Closing date Sunday September 20th.

A date for the diary of all those who enjoy visiting other people's gardens in search of new and exciting ideas. **Sunday August 16th from 10.30 am to 5 pm Open Garden at Old Quarry Lodge**, Elsham in aid of our local hospice. Old Quarry is ½ acre of sloping garden with abundant borders and island beds with architectural focal points. This is a highly imaginative garden with an exciting mixture of the flamboyant and the quintessentially English. Afterwards you can enjoy refreshments in the village hall.

Notes From The Fields

In July the sun is hot; is it shining, no it's not! The cool, wet June and July have, however, kept the fresh green leaf colours vivid in all plants and crops. As a farmer, at this time in the cropping year, when the weather is so changeable, I find myself anxiously watching that a heavy rain storm is not going to come along and flatten my good wheat crop, so that it is unable to ripen properly.

The changeable weather has an effect on the chickens in our free range poultry unit. With lots of green grass to peck and scavenge in, you would think that they would be outside all the time. But no, on hot days with the shed fans working flat out, the chickens just stand at the hatches looking out. On dull wet days they are all over their range and not wanting to come in at night. At least they have a choice in their short life before they go down the production line to become Tesco Finest.

This is the time of year when we must get on with sheep shearing. The few fine days we have had were good for shearing because when the weather is fine and warm the natural oils in the wool rise. This means that a skilled shearer can get his cutters to slip between the sheep's wool and its skin very easily, so that he can work quickly. Our last day shearing was good with our two shearers doing 334 sheep in 6.5 hours: over 50 sheep / hour, with fleeces flying off the shearing trailer on to the cleaning and rolling table like a factory production line.

St Lawrence Church News

The Harvest Festival and Supper will be held on Sunday October 4th at 6:30pm in the Church. Tickets for the supper are £7.50 each for a two course meal and children under 11 years can eat for free. As we do not have a licence, we ask that people bring their own refreshments and we will provide glasses. This annual event is a lovely way to share with the community all our good fortunes and think about those less fortunate than ourselves. Produce for the Harvest Auction can be left in the Church any time from the previous Friday, October 1st. but we ask that fresh produce be brought on the evening. If anyone would like to help to decorate the church with flowers and produce, please contact Scilla on 531232.

Harvest Auction & Raffle will be held on Tuesday 6th October at the Thornton Hunt Inn, by kind permission of Stephanie and Peter. This usually gets under way around 8.30 pm and for those new to the parish it is an event not to be missed with many bargains to be snapped up amidst much fun and laughter.

Finally, after many years of being interregnum, (without a vicar for the church) there is some light upon the horizon. There was a meeting recently to discuss the possibility of appointing one vicar to look after 6 local parishes. In an ideal world we would have just one vicar for each church but those days are long gone so the idea of sharing one vicar seems quite appealing. We have been asked to think about the priorities in our parish and what we would want in a vicar. If anyone would like to contribute comments, suggestions or ideas, please contact any member of the Church PCC, or come along to the next PCC meeting at Pine Lodge on Thursday July 23rd at 7:30pm.