

Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

August / September 2017 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:

September 15th 2017

Grimsby & Scunthorpe Telegraphy's

The Grimsby Telegraphy can be pre-ordered
for any day(s) Monday to Saturday.

The weekly Scunthorpe Telegraphy is
available Thursday. All papers can be paid for
on a daily or weekly basis & collected during
pub opening hours.

To place an order, please get in touch.

Thornton Hunt Inn

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

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.

19th Aug

Church Table Top Sale

From 10 until 1 pm

5th Sept

Parish Council Meeting

7.00 pm in the church. Tickets £7.50, kids under 11, free.

1st Oct

Harvest Festival & Supper

From 6.30 pm

3rd Oct

Harvest Auction & Raffle

At the Thornton Hunt Inn, from 9pm.

6th Dec

Carols around the Christmas Tree

7.00 pm at Pine Lodge

Parish Council News

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is Tuesday 5th September at 7.00pm in the church. Please note change of day.
Anyone is welcome to attend and bring ideas or comments to the attention of the council.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Wes Crampin who passed away in the early hours of July
15th aged 95. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this very sad time.

Thornton Curtis WI

Thornton Curtis WI meets at 7.30 on the second Tuesday of the month, at Wootton Village Hall. We welcome
visitors from other WIs (and anyone wondering about joining the WI) to all our meetings and everyone,
including friends, family and partners to our Open Meetings. We ask only for a visitor's donation of £3.50, which
includes refreshments.

Our next events are:

August 8th

Treasure Hunt

September 12th

Barton Food Bank, with Margaret Siddle

October 10th

Mission to Seafarers, with Geraldine Pearce

November 14th

Including a presentation of woolly hats we have knitted

Ghost Walk around Barton

For further details please contact Lynn Clark on 01469 530254

Parish News

It was reported to the Parish Council that some motorists parking in the lay-by along Main Street are being left yellow parking stickers beneath their windscreen wipers. These are not official and anyone receiving one should report it to the community Police Officer or the Parish Council and they will take it to the NATS meeting. The lay-by is not Resident only parking and is there for everyone to use as and when required.

The **Village Signs to Thornton Curtis** are beginning to show signs of wear and tear and the Parish Council are looking in to replacing them with something a little more eye catching and attractive. We would welcome ideas and input from the Community, especially from all the local artists, and therefore are asking residents to contact any member of the Parish Council before the next Council meeting on September 5th 2017.

Thank you to growing **band of litter pickers** in and around our village. It makes such a difference when the verges and pathways are free from debris. Carole still has some plastic litter pickers if anyone else would like one. In the autumn we are hoping to organise a litter picking campaign in conjunction with the Local Authority who will supply gloves, bags and more litter picking sticks. We will keep you updated.

The **Snow Warden** has had a very busy summer but not too busy to forget about his winter duties. He has fettled up his snow shovel and dusted off his high vis jacket in readiness for the colder weather and will be keeping a keen eye on all the weather forecasts from now on. Remember to keep a check on your tyre pressures and windscreen bottles and carry that piece of extra clothing in the boot once the weather turns. With luck, he will maintain his track record, and keep the snow away again this winter.

This is the latest details from the local authority concerning **broadband**. We are upgrading our current superfast broadband rollout, we are covering the following post code areas: DN39 6XF, DN39 6XH, DN39 6XJ, DN39 6XN & DN39 6XW. The survey and associated work is being undertaken at present, with upgrades expected to occur between December 2017 and June 2018.

Church News

In our last newsletter we set a date for a **Tabletop Sale** in the churchyard and church, which was to be August 26th 2017. However, since then we have had a request for a wedding so the date has been moved back a week to Saturday August 19th from 10am until 1pm. If anyone would like to book a table, please contact either Carole 531226 or John 540230 before August 5th. The event will only take place if we hear from people wishing to hire a table. This was one of the suggestions from our "bacon butty" morning in church earlier in the year as a way in which we can use our beautiful building to generate more community involvement. There is a great possibility that the church will close in the future if it is not being used, whether it be for community or religious purposes. Please help us to maintain this wonderful asset to our village.

On July 29th at 2pm Christine Tooby is marrying Crispin Lee Reynolds in our church, and on August 26th at 1:30pm Kassie Lou Pearson is marrying Oliver John Clegg. We wish both couples all the very best on their wedding day and for their future together.

The year is rapidly moving on and our thoughts turn to **Harvest Festival**. This year the service will be on Sunday October 1st at 6:30pm followed by the **Harvest Supper** at 7:30pm. All are welcome and, as always, we ask for donations of flowers and produce to be delivered to the church on the Saturday before, September 30th. Anyone wishing to help in any way, either by baking cakes, or making Shepherds' Pie or a fruit pudding of some description for the supper can contact Carole, Marian or John. Tickets for the supper will be on sale in September priced £7.50 with children under the age of 11 admitted free of charge. As we do not have a licence for alcohol, we ask people to bring their own refreshments with them. There are facilities in the church for making hot drinks. If anyone has a particular hymn they would like including in the service or would like to read something please contact Carole.

The Church Council have been approached about having an aerial on the church tower to hopefully improve the wireless signal for many in the village. This is possible but requires a faculty from the Diocese which can take anything up to 6 months to acquire by which time; hopefully the situation should be improving.

Notes from the Fields

A field that borders the Skitter Beck behind the old Abbey is part of a ten year Environmental Stewardship agreement. This means managing the land for wildlife and not farming it. This means no spray or fertilizer, leaving some growth rough and uncut, trying to create a good habitat for a wide range of birds and animals throughout the year. We see foxes, badgers, hares and roe deer with a faun hiding in the nettle patches. In fact everything down to the small field vole. For these little grey-brown rodents this is a perfect place to live and breed with plenty of hiding places, lots of seeds, roots and leaves to eat. A pair of voles can have up to six litters between March and October which means numbers of voles can soar quickly in these good conditions. Unfortunately they have a habit of building hiding places/nests at ground level or in small hollows. When we have to flail off bad thistle and nettle patches to improve habitat areas some voles lose their homes and then the killing starts. Circling above the field looking for a meal and easy prey there is a Buzzard, a large Herring Gull, 2 Little Gulls, a Carrion Crow with 2 young Crows and a hovering Kestrel. So when the cutter goes over a hiding place the little voles make a run to another place, then they get got! The most effective killers are high flying buzzards, kestrels and Herring Gulls. The young crows just peck the voles and they still run off or pick a dead one which they then have stolen by a gull. The crows see the Buzzard has got a vole, then mob him so he may drop his prey. So the circus goes on till all have had their fill or got fed up! At the north end of the Carr field in a little copse is a Barn Owl box. This night hunter of voles watches the hunting activity from his box doorway, hoping that there will be plenty of voles for the Barn Owl to feed their young. All is well, last week a Wildlife Trust Officer took 3 fat young owls out the box to ring, they were just about fledged and on the wing and ready for off. The Pattern of countryside life goes on, with one species success in numbers ensuring plenty of food for another.