

Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

December '14/January '15 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:
January 15th 2015

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 the Thornton Hunt Inn, from 8.30pm.

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

Dec 2nd Village Christmas Dinner

A fun filled evening with delicious food and excellent company.

Dec 6th Church Tea Party

From 2 until 4 pm. Refreshments available, Christmas cards and decorations on sale.

Dec 18th Christmas Carols

Starts 6.30 pm. There is no entrance fee but we ask that people bring something to share for their supper.

Dec 25th Christmas Day Service

9.30 am. As in previous years we are putting together a community service and hope that many people will offer their services to read or recite something. If you are interested, please contact Carole on 531226.

Notes From The Fields

I do not like this time of the year; the shortening days, lack of sunshine and a general dull dampness in the weather dictates the way we work.

With most of the crops harvested and land worked, it is a time to get ready and be organised for what the winter has in store for us in the next few months. Grass looks very green; as it has been constantly wet, but is growing very slowly and stock graze it down quickly. We have to keep rotating stock and fields to ensure there is plenty to eat and the stock do not lose condition. This is important with in-lamb ewes. A sheep with lots of wool on may look healthy, but we must feel beneath the wool to see if its condition is good. If not we have to supplement the grass with winter feed. Our small herd of Dexter cattle have done well this year with 5 new calves born and a new Dexter bull called "Alun the Red" - a fine looking animal.

The Dexter breed's origin is in Ireland and they can be dark red or black, with short legs or medium legs, some are polled and some have horns. We have most types. They are hardy, slow growing cattle and now have lots of rough hair ready to go through the winter. They do very well on rough grass and love fodder beet. This week we had to move them to new pasture next to the old Abbey Gatehouse. I went to check on them one late afternoon, when it was a bit foggy. I was looking for the herd against the background of the overbearing Abbey and the gloom of the day. I could just make out the dark shapes with the cows' horns. It was as if I had come across the Thornton Abbey ghost herd!

Parish News

The next **Parish Council meeting** is on Monday January 5th at 8pm in Goxhill. Any resident wishing to attend can arrange a lift with any of the councilors. See the council notice board in the Churchyard for their contact details.

Congratulations to Rachel and Edward Davey on the birth of their second son William Alexander, and to Carole and Ian Couch on the birth of their first granddaughter Florence Mae. We wish them all the very best for their future.

The Parish Council are seeking a grant to replace both the noticeboards in the churchyard with one new, larger noticeboard which will be placed in the same position as the current parish board. They have already gained a grant from the local authority to repair the lychgate and replace the gates and it is hoped that this work will be completed by February 2015.

The local authority have provided the village with some litter grabbers. Anyone wishing to have one to help keep our parish free from litter should contact Carole.

The snow warden has dusted off his boots and snow shovel and is preparing for the long winter months and colder temperatures. There are those who are reading the natural signs and are saying it is going to be a long, hard winter. For newcomers to the village, should you have any news regarding snow please contact Ian on 531226 who will pass it on to the relevant people. Remember to keep extra clothing and a shovel in your car when journeying this winter. Remember also to keep your washer bottles topped up and check lights and tyres. Keep safe this winter.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone in the parish a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a happy 2015.

St Lawrence Church News

On **Sunday December 6th** from 2pm until 4pm, there will be a **Tea Party in the Church** to raise funds for Nina from the village who is hoping to take up a volunteer's post abroad to help build a school. Nina is travelling to Bolivia to work in an orphanage and help to build a school and just for a bit of light relief she's climbing the Andes! She will do any job to raise her funds, gardening, housework, waitressing, shopping, dog walking, the list is endless. She can be contacted on 650308. As well as the refreshments, there will also be Christmas cards and decorations on sale. All are welcome so do come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

The **Harvest Auction & Raffle** raised approx. £2,500. A great night was had by all.

Thornton Curtis Church is planning a museum of Angels, to be an ever growing collection. The Angels can be in any form: ornaments, paintings of, drawings, poems about, stories involving them, there are no restrictions on the forms these Angels can take. If you would like to donate an Angel or loan an exhibit for a period of time all you have to do is write a little synopsis about the exhibit saying who is providing it, how old it is or where it originated and maybe a brief bit about it. These will then go alongside the Angel. For more information please contact Svetlana or Carole.

Christmas Carols around the font is being held this year on **Thursday December 18th** at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to this annual event, there is no entrance fee but we ask that people bring something to share for their supper. Hot mulled wine is served before the singing begins to ensure we raise the roof with our voices. Svetlana has once again agreed to play the organ to accompany the singing and I have no doubt she will have some small surprise in store for us as she did last year.

The **Christmas Service** is on Christmas morning at 9:30am. As in previous years we are putting together a community service and hope that many people will offer their services to read or recite something. If you are interested, please contact Carole on 531226. Father Christmas leaves some presents beneath the tree for small children attending the service so, if you are bringing small children, please let Carole know beforehand so that she can ensure Father Christmas leaves enough!!