

# Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

## December '16 / January '17 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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) - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Church Open Days** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun (9-4 pm)

### Village Night

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Dec Village Christmas Dinner**

£18 per person, please contact Carole Couch on  
01469-531226 for further information.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols around the Christmas Tree**

Hosted by Carole & Ian at Pine Lodge, £10 per  
person. Please contact Carole Couch on 01469-  
531226 for further information.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols around the Font**

Bring & Share Supper, mulled wine, starts 6.30pm

### **9<sup>th</sup> Jan Parish Council Meeting**

7.00 pm in the church

## Thornton Curtis WI

Thornton Curtis WI meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm at Wootton Village Hall. Should any Thornton Curtis ladies wish to take a look at what and how we run our WI please feel free to do so, no obligation.

We charge £3.50 for visitors, which include refreshments.

For further details please contact Lynn Clark, Tel: 01469 530254

### Our next events are:

13<sup>th</sup> December "T" was a Death Before Christmas"

Join us and help solve this Murder Mystery  
OPEN MEETING – all are welcome.

## Parish News

The issue of **Broadband** to the main part of the village is still not resolved and to this end a meeting is to be held in the Church with Sean Brennan from North Lincs Council to discuss the main concerns. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Carole and she will be able to advise you of available dates. The issue with Quickline is still ongoing. Two letters have been written requesting a village meeting but no reply received. The next step is to involve our local MP and the ombudsman as some villagers are now being charged double the original fee whilst others are still paying the original price. Bully boy tactics were employed to get people to sign up to the more expensive charge whilst those who refused are still receiving the service. Quickline received substantial government funding to upgrade the service to the village but have not delivered. We will keep you informed.

The Parish Council have requested another **speed survey to be held along Station Road** with a view to providing information to support a speed limit on this road and requested urgent repairs to Goxhill Road.

The Parish Council have funded a plaque on the Lych Gate to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday and they have provided funding for 4 new planters for the station together with some plants. A big thank you from everyone who uses the station to Allan Tulloch who tends these tubs and others for the community.

## St Lawrence Church News

The **Harvest Service and Supper** was well attended and everyone enjoyed an address by Robert Jaggs-Fowler followed by a delicious two course meal provided by members of the community. Thank you to all who helped with this annual event. The collection from this event was split between Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Then, of course, this event was followed by the most enjoyable **Harvest Auction**, held, as always, in the Thornton Hunt Inn by kind permission of Steph and Peter. There were fewer numbers this year but those who attended certainly dug deep into their pockets and bought everything that was for auction, raising a staggering £1192. This money will go into Church funds to help towards the upkeep of our beautiful building. Just before the harvest service, a heavy piece of plaster fell from the ceiling which meant we had to cordon off the centre pews each side of the aisle until investigative work could be carried out. The safety work and investigation has now been completed and we await a report from the architect. It is suggested that condensation is the cause. Until the report is received it is not known how much it will cost but the situation requires urgent attention as falling plaster is a major hazard to all who use the Church. The auction monies will certainly help towards the cost of this repair work. We will keep you informed of all future developments.

The **Ceilidh** held in October was a wonderful evening, with the **Little White Band** calling and playing and folk reeling and star turning all over the place. Half way through a supper of pie and pies was enjoyed before continuing with the dancing to work off the excess. If smiling faces are what is wanted in Church, then this evening certainly ticked all the boxes. A wonderful, fun filled event and one which should be held more often...watch this space.

On December 20th, at 6:30pm, we are holding our very popular **Carols around the Font** with a "bring and share" supper. Come along and join in the singing and request your favourite carol, Mulled wine is on hand to lubricate the old vocal chords and the supper is always a joy to enjoy.

**Christmas Morning Communion** service will be held at 9:30m with members of the community helping to run this event. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to sing, dance, play an instrument or read anything then please contact Carole before Dec 15th or if you would just like to come and be part of this wonderful service, then come and join us on Christmas morning. Father Christmas pops in to leave presents for our younger visitors but he does like to know in advance if anyone below the age of 11 will be attending. As he is very busy now could you please let Carole know if youngsters will be attending by Dec 15th so that she can contact him in plenty of time. Thank you in advance, he really appreciates this.

## Parish News

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm in the church. Anyone is welcome to attend and bring ideas or comments to the attention of the council.

On Tuesday December 6th there will be the annual **Village Christmas Dinner** in the Thornton Hunt Inn. Places are going quickly so if you would like to book contact Carole on 531226 by Nov 28th to ensure your place, £18 per person with community singing and a Christmas Quiz together with a lovely meal, how could you possibly miss it?

Following this, on Wednesday December 7th at 7pm, **Carols around the Christmas Tree at Pine Lodge** with mulled wine and nibbles, courtesy of Carole and Ian. Tickets are £10 each, purchased beforehand, and all proceeds are going towards Lindsey Lodge Hospice. This is the second time this event has been held and it was a huge success last year so please come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

Recently we heard that Wes Crampin had had a fall and broken his hip. Unfortunately he was admitted to Scunthorpe Hospital on the day their computer system was hacked and his treatment was delayed. I am certain that we all wish him a very speedy recovery.

With the darker nights at the time of year, it is essential that we all keep a vigilant eye on our properties and surrounding properties, especially those belonging to elderly residents. There have been a number of thefts locally and property being damaged so if you see anything suspicious contact the local police immediately. They would rather have many calls that amount to nothing than miss one that could result in an arrest and prevent further trouble for our community.

Thank you to our local poppy sellers who visit the community each year to raise funds for this very worthy cause. Sadly this year the service which is usually held at the cenotaph in Ulceby had to be held in the Church as a police presence could be no longer provided to stop the traffic. The roll of the fallen from Thornton Curtis and Burnham was once again included in the service. On the website, [www.roll-of-honour.com/Lincolnshire/ThorntonCurtis.html](http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Lincolnshire/ThorntonCurtis.html) there are names of all those who gave their life and personal details of some. If you know personal details of the others the British Legion will be pleased to receive them. It has been suggested that we honour the fallen by publishing this information in Church and taking each one in turn and displaying it each month.

**Five Yew Trees** from ancient stock have been applied for through the Parish Council and will be planted within the community. Various sites have been suggested but if anyone has any other ideas please contact Cllr Edwin Evans ASAP. At present, the sites are: near to the seat on Burnham Lane, in the playing field, near the picnic area at the Abbey, in the Churchyard and next to Gladwin Bros farm opposite Northfield Farm on Dam lane.

The **snow warden** is really quite excited now as the first flurry of snow has been seen. He wants to remind everyone that winter is on its way and with it will come frost, black ice and probably snow. Always keep the windscreen washer bottle topped up, check tyre pressure regularly and keep extra warm clothing in the car together with a shovel and an old sack should you become stuck in snow. It is a while since we had a bad winter and the forecasters are saying 2016/2017 is the next bad one. Should a situation arise due to heavy snow please contact your warden on 531226 and he will inform the appropriate authorities. Remember to keep an eye on elderly residents within our community and look after each other so that we all enjoy the winter safe and sound.

If anyone has anything they would like to include in a newsletter please contact either Carole or Peter and if there is room we will include it.

It only remains to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and we look forward to our next newsletter in 2017.