

# Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

## December '17/January '18 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> 2018**

### 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**      **Carols around the Christmas Tree**  
7.00pm at Pine Lodge.

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec**      **Village Christmas Dinner**  
At the Thornton Hunt Inn, 7.30pm.

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec**      **Carols around the Font**  
At 6.30pm.

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec**      **Christmas Morning Service**  
At 9.30am.

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

*Like the seeds of a dandelion blown into a large open space  
Like the seeds of love which can fall into the most unlikely place  
It is only when the seeds above have taken root  
Will the seeds of life start bearing fruit.*

**The Bard of Burnham**

## Parish Council News

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 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.

## 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.

For further details please contact Lynn Clark on 01469 530254

## Parish News

Do you have a few hours to spare? Do you enjoy reading? Do you have a good command of written and spoken English? If you have answered yes to these questions then you may be interested in becoming a **School Reader**. Many pupils are leaving primary school unable to read to the expected standard. One reason is that they are not receiving enough one-to-one reading practice. School readers helps to address this by providing volunteers to listen to children read in primary schools. All you have to do is complete an application form either by phoning 01234 924111 or an on-line form on [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org), happy reading.

Christmas is just around the corner and to get you in the mood why not come to Pine Lodge on Wednesday Dec. 6th at 7pm to share in mulled wine and canapés before singing all the well-known **Carols around the Christmas Tree**. Tickets are £10 each with all proceeds going to Lindsey Lodge Hospice. There will be a raffle with an alcohol infused decorated Christmas cake as first prize. Contact Carole for more information.

Places are going fast for the fun filled annual **Christmas Meal at The Thornton Hunt Inn**, Tuesday December 12th 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining in contact Carole 531226 to place your order and enjoy the beginning of Christmas.

Snow is falling in Scotland your Snow Warden reports and the frosty weather is upon and with it comes the threat of a hard winter. Your Snow Warden is fully prepared and as always has a few reminders for you all to ensure a safe winter. When travelling by car ensure there is antifreeze in both the washer bottle and the radiator. Check tyre tread and pressures and lights regularly. Keep an item of warm clothing in the boot together with either a small shovel or an old sack to provide grip should the car become stuck in snow. Ensure your mobile phone is fully charged before setting out and if the weather is bad notify someone of your journey before setting out. In and around the village, should we have heavy snow, start clearing early as it is easier to remove fresh loose snow that compacted. Do not use hot water on ice as it may result in black ice forming. Spread salt on cleared areas to avoid ice forming but not on grass. If no salt is available ash or sand can be used. And most importantly of all be a good neighbour. Have a safe winter.

Finally we wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable festive season and a very Happy New Year.

## Church News

Harvest seems a long time ago now, but was enjoyed by many from the village. Thank you to everyone who provided the delicious food for the meal and decorated the church so beautifully. The service and supper was supported by 42 people and raised £397.50 on the food and £269 in the collection. Each year the collection is donated to a good cause and this year it was given to Lindsey Lodge Hospice who do such a magnificent job caring for the terminally ill but who have to raise all their own funds. The raffle raised £163 and the superb auction held in the pub raised a magnificent £1,175.50. There were not as many at the auction as in previous years but those who were present certainly had a wonderful evening and enjoyed bidding for the produce. Thank you to Steph and Peter for providing the venue and to Tony and Ben for auctioning the items.

The church also donated £50 to the poppy appeal and the wreath looked splendid on our village war memorial. A small price to pay for the great sacrifice given by so many.

If you are still in good voice on Thursday Dec 21st why not pop along to the Church at 6.30pm carrying a plate of sharing food and join in with the **Carols around the Font** after first sampling a glass or two of the much loved mulled wine to lubricate the vocal chords.

The **Christmas Morning Service** is at 9.30am and will once again be a community based service with communion by extension. All are welcome and for any children who join us there will be a present beneath the tree for them as they leave. Father Christmas has asked Carole to let him have the names of all the children who will be there so that he knows how many gifts to bring for them. For new folk to our village this is a lovely way to begin the festivities as it involves as many people as wish to read, recite or sing, but also provides a lovely way for the more reserved of us to just enjoy being part of the celebrations. Please come and join in on this special day.