

Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

Welcome to the winter 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:
March 15th 2014

Grimsby & Scunthorpe Telegraphy's

The daily Grimsby paper can be pre-
ordered for any day(s) Monday to
Saturday. The weekly Scunthorpe
paper 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.

Feb 4th Village Quiz Night

At Thornton Hunt Inn to start around 8.30pm. Teams of four,
£1 per person.

Mar 10th Parish Council Meeting

At the Goxhill Parish Rooms, from 8pm anyone wishing to
attend who does not have transport can always have a lift from
any of the councilors.

June 3rd Village Quiz Night

At Thornton Hunt Inn to start around 8.30pm. Teams of four,
£1 per person.

Nov 4th Village Quiz Night

At Thornton Hunt Inn to start around 8.30pm. Teams of four,
£1 per person.

***This newsletter has been sent electronically to residents
on the village database. If you would like your next issue
this way please contact the Thornton Hunt Inn.***

Parish News

Unfortunately, our parish was not successful in being included in the roll out of the rural broadband
but we are served in the village by LN Communications. Any new residents who wish to be connected
can contact them on 0845 6435811.

If anyone has any items or ideas for things we could include in our newsletter, please contact Marian,
Helen Carole or Peter.

St Lawrence Church News

We were blessed with three wonderful events in the church to end 2013, which hopefully means the future looks bright as regards using this wonderful facility to further develop the spirit of our community. In November, we held the **grand opening of the new kitchen and toilet**, attended by 40 people. Mrs Gwen Farrow, our oldest village resident, cut the ribbon to officially open the toilet and Mrs Pat Finch, another long standing member of our community, officially opened the kitchen. Mrs Beth Golland had also been invited to take part in the opening ceremony but was, unfortunately, not well enough. I'm pleased to report that she is now feeling much better and was able to attend the other two events.

The second event was the annual '**Carols around the Font**' with a bring and share supper. This was very well attended and the singing was much improved by the playing of the piano by one of our newest residents who is fast becoming an integral part of village life, Mrs Svetlana Cain. Svetlana first offered her help at the Art exhibition last summer and since then has taught herself to play our beautiful organ and now plays at the two services on the first and third Sundays of each month. Her enthusiasm is infectious and we are very lucky to have her with us. After Brian and Karen Prince very kindly donated two beautiful trees for the Church, Ian Couch lit the outside one again which everyone passing the church can enjoy, and Svetlana decorated the inner one and made some beautiful hanging decorations for the lights. The supper was enjoyed by all who attended, washed down with the usual homemade mulled wine.

The third and final event of the year was the **Christmas Morning Service**. Two years ago, when we did not have an attending vicar, we held our own service with the permission of the Bishop, and it was a wonderful event. This year, once again, we thought we were going to be in the same position so once again a community service was planned with many local families wanting to be included. The result was a fantastic beginning to Christmas Day, attended by at least 45 people, many taking part by reading, and all joining in with an Australian version of Jingle Bells to end the service. For the young ones who attended, Father Christmas had left presents beneath the tree to be collected as they left.

Despite all the good things that happened, we were very downhearted in November when thieves stole the new lead from the north roof of the Church. They visited twice and caused tremendous damage by removing all the lead allowing water to pour into the north side of the building. Stalwart efforts by Allan Tulloch to mop up water every day prevented more damage and the loan of a dehumidifier from Paul Weightman is helping to reduce some of the moisture. We are now looking at repairing the roof with stainless steel but as yet we do not know the cost. To end this on a good note though, vigilant Church wardens in Goxhill reported men on their church roof and alerted the Police, having first blocked the exit of the van the men were using. Police arrested 3 men and we are hopeful that it is the same men who stole our lead which means if we have it returned to us then we can at least sell it as scrap and recoup some of our loss.

This year we will remember the start of the First World War in August 1914. Our War Memorial is the Church Lych Gate and the list of fallen from this village is recorded on a plaque in Church. We plan to apply to the Local Authority for a grant towards refurbishment of the memorial. We also have plans to renovate the village seat and plant two tubs with small shrubs and annual bedding plants. The Parish Council are seeking more ideas from the residents for other projects for the parish. The speed camera has proved to be effective, and the new dog bin on Station road is helping to keep the pathways clear. Anyone wishing to help with this or any other project can contact any of the Parish councillors whose names are in village noticeboard.

In these dark nights we hope you are busy painting and sculpting ready for the **Thornton Curtis Annual Summer Art Exhibition**. Booking details to follow.

Snow Warden's Report

The snow warden has had a successful winter so far and has kept the snow away but don't be complacent as he is sure there will be some on the way. America and Canada have had the polar blast so we will be next. If travelling, keep spare warm clothes and boots in the car and a shovel.