

# Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

## February / March 2016 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**

## **Fundraising**

The PCC continues to hold fundraising events to help pay the running costs of the Church. We have just received our annual Insurance bill of **£2158** a huge amount of money for such a small parish, and yet it only gives us 25% cover which is the minimum we are allowed to have to keep the Church open. We look forward to seeing you at the events planned for Church this year as they promise to be entertaining and a lot of fun.

## **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.

### **7<sup>th</sup> March Parish Council Meeting**

### **TBC in May Snake Davis and his Jazz Trio**

Tickets £16.50 per person. Please contact Marian Weightman 01469-531558 or Carole Couch 01469-531226

### **28<sup>th</sup> Oct Ceilidh by the Little Band**

Tickets £12.50 per person. Please contact Marian Weightman 01469-531558 or Carole Couch 01469-531226

## **Happy New Year**

To all our readers  
let's hope 2016 will be a good  
year for everyone within  
our community.

***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**

Just to remind you the **yellow defibrillator box** (Box No: AF24) is located at the Thornton Hunt Inn, on the wall of the **Pub's Outbuilding**. **Access is through the car park**, you will see the outbuilding on your right.

**Where the garden fence meets the outbuilding you will see the yellow box (on the left hand side of the outbuilding).**

The last weekend in January is the **RSPB's Annual Garden Birdwatch**. Just choose an hour over the **weekend of 30-31 January** and see which birds and how many of them come to your garden then tell the RSPB at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or phone through your results. The results of the survey help to spot problems for the wildlife and hopefully find ways to put things right. In this cold weather, as well as feeding the birds sunflower hearts and suet balls try putting out grated cheese, cooked potato, pastry, dry porridge oats and old fruit as well as remembering a fresh supply of water.

The **snow warden** just wants to remind everyone that we are not out of the woods yet as regards bad weather so to keep warm clothing in the car and keep your tyres at the correct pressure and the screen wash topped up. There have been three road accidents coming into the village from Barrow in the last month, so take extra care in the fog and frosts.

## Parish News

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the new time of 7.00 pm in the church. Anyone is welcome to attend and bring ideas or comments to the attention of the council.

We have been very lucky in our local area to avoid the dreadful floods and severe weather conditions. In fact, not only have we avoided bad weather we have experienced some beautiful days with nature being displayed in all her winter glory. The churchyard is adorned with snowdrops and violets and some gardeners are enjoying a fine display of golden daffodils. A walk around the reservoir at the Abbey on a crisp yet sunny morning saw the trees standing bare and sentinel but with a hint of Spring just around the corner. The low sun was glinting through the woodlands and reflecting light off the ice, it was the true beauty of the natural world at its very best.

## Notes From The Fields

Some may think that it is a quiet time for farmers with the ground frozen and the days short but there are always jobs to be done. With the cold weather comes the large flocks of pigeons, all wanting to feast upon the newly planted rape seeds, and there is the scanning of all the ewes to determine which are having one, two or three lambs in March so that they can be fed the correct dosage of feed. And when all other jobs are completed there is always machinery to maintain and repair in preparation for the coming season.

## St Lawrence Church News

**A Happy New Year to everyone.** Where did the time go? Christmas is now just a happy memory and we are well into January. Before our Christmas thoughts fade, a few comments about the events held in Church in December. The carols around the font was well attended and the vocal chords nicely lubricated with the usual mulled wine. At the interval, everyone enjoyed a truly delicious bring and share supper which enabled them to continue in fine voice for a second half. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

Then, on Christmas morning, there was a family communion service held without a vicar which was much enjoyed by 48 local residents and their families. Many joined in with readings and poems and the whole event was started with a beautiful solo performance of silent night sung by Rosie. It was magical and provided just the right atmosphere for Christmas morning. Father Christmas sneaked in and left gifts beneath the tree for all the children so everyone left feeling very happy. A big thank you to all who read or sang.

This year we are hoping to hold two big events to raise funds to keep our magnificent church in good repair. In our area we are very fortunate to be able to call upon the musical services of **Snake Davis and his Jazz Trio** and he has kindly agreed to hold an event in **Early May in the Church**. It is hoped to run it along similar lines to our popular Harvest Supper, where we have one session with Snake and a small group, then an interval with a two course hot meal with a licence bar and complete the evening with a second session from Snake and friends. Tickets cost £16.50 per person and are available from Marian 531558 or Carole 531226.

**A Ceilidh will be held in the Church on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016.** It is several years since we held a Ceilidh but they are great fun, it really is back by popular demand, it is one of the events the PCC has been asked about more than any other. Music will be provided by the Little Band who will make sure we all know which direction our feet should take when the music strikes up. There will be a Pie & Pea Supper with a Vegetarian Option. Tickets cost £12.50 each. The Ceilidh will be a fun, enjoyable evening and we hope you will be able to join us. For tickets please contact Marian Weightman 531558 or Carole Couch 531226