

Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

February / March 2018 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 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) - 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.

6th Mar Parish Council Meeting

In our church from 7pm.

3rd Apr Thornton Curtis Quiz Night

Starts at 8.30 prompt. Teams of 4 £1 p.p.
Raffle will be held on the night.

Oct/Nov Snake Davis Musical Evening

Date to be confirmed in next newsletter.

A New Year thought from the Bard of Burnham:

*When the birds start singing their morning chorus
They are simply singing there is a brand new day before us.*

Parish Council News

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is Tuesday 6th March at 7.00pm in the church.

Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings but during the winter months wrap up warm as we don't have the heating on!

Thornton Curtis WI

Thornton Curtis WI meets at 7.30 pm 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 only ask for a visitor's donation of £3.50 which includes refreshments.

For further details please contact Lynn Clark 01469 530254

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Parish News

Happy New Year to all our readers.

Well here we are in 2018, having survived the madness of Christmas and New Year. If you were one of the many unfortunates who succumbed to the dreadful virus then we hope you are well on the road to recovery. Spring is just around the corner and the snowdrops are out in the Churchyard

Thank you once again to Steph and Peter for another very enjoyable Village Christmas Meal. Sadly this event was also hit by the flu virus but those who were fit enough to attend had a lovely time.

An update on **Broadband for the village**. North Lincs Council assures us that they are still on target for June 2018. There has been some work taking place along Main Street so fingers crossed that we will finally be connected to a much more efficient system. Time will tell.

Newcomers to the village may not be aware that the Church is also our community building and can be hired for functions such as dances, musical events, wine tastings, art exhibitions, or exercise classes. Just contact Carole or John for further details.

You will be pleased to hear that the **Snow Warden** is fully recovered and able to continue with his snow warden duties. He reminds everyone that we are not out of the woods yet with regard to winter weather. February can bring some significant snow falls so be prepared. He will be out and about with his trusty snow shovel spreading salt on the pathways around the homes of the elderly and infirm and he asks everyone to be good neighbours and help dig out pathways should we experience heavy snow. Check those water bottles in your cars, keep warm clothing and a shovel in the boot and check headlights and tyre pressures regularly. Thank you also to the Deputy Snow Warden, Roly, who spreads salt all around the bend on Dam Lane each time there is severe frost.

By popular request we are bringing back the **Thornton Curtis Quiz Night** and the first one will be held on Tuesday April 3rd. Teams of 4 £1 per person, starting 8:30pm prompt.

March 2nd – 4th is the Great British Spring Clean. Last year 300 volunteers took part to ensure that our countryside towns and villages remained litter free. During this weekend can everyone make a special effort to collect rubbish please and if litter pickers, bags gloves or high viz jackets are required please contact Carole 531226

Church News

The Christmas celebrations are now just a happy memory but were enjoyed by many. The **Carols around the Christmas Tree at Pine Lodge** were a huge success with 48 people attending who were all in very good voice. Lana played the music and the mulled wine certainly lubricated the vocal chords. During the interval canapes were served and folk refilled their glasses and sang their hearts out until the end of the evening. The total raised for the local Hospice was almost £800 which was a superb amount. Thank you to all who attended and helped make the evening such a success.

The **Carols around the Font in Church** was another good event but sadly less people attended. It was a jolly cold night and many were suffering with the flu including the song leader/snow warden himself! Many thanks to Edward Davey who stepped into the breach. Once again mulled wine warmed the cockles and enhanced the singing voices which were accompanied by Lana once again, on her electronic piano.. A bring and share supper was enjoyed by those attending.

Our **Christmas Morning Service** was attended by 46 people, which is a record, and was a truly wonderful event especially as we did not have a vicar and arranged it ourselves. All the children who came received a present from Father Christmas and many of the congregation took part in the service with readings and prayers and sang heartily. It was a wonderful beginning to Christmas Day. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to take part, and especially thank you to Lana who played the organ.

And one final word about Christmas. I am sure everyone enjoyed the beautiful trees both outside and inside the Church once again this year. Thank you to Ian for erecting both trees and decorating the one outside and ensuring all the lights kept working, and thank you Lana for decorating the one inside, the Church and decorating the entrance....and thank you for undecorating and to Ian for clearing them both away.

Until further notice the **Church Bells** will not be able to be rung as there is a major issue with the workings of them I have included an extract from a local bellringer who highlighted the problem. *"Each bell has a wheel around which the rope runs, and the side of the wheel is fitted with what is called 'shrouding' to create a channel in which the ropes run. That shrouding is fixed to the sole of the wheel with metal pins. In modern times these fixings are brass screws which do not corrode. 100 years ago this did not happen and they used simple steel pins, what we would call 'panel pins' these days."* All the wheels need to come out and is rebuilt by a specialist and then a full service carried out. This is an expensive exercise but very necessary as we cannot use the bells until it is completed. We have an inspection booked for January 18th when we should find out the extent of the problem and an estimate of how much it is going to cost to put things right.

With fundraising on our mind I have approached **Snake Davis** to hold another Musical Evening in the Church. The previous one was such a resounding success and we had to turn people away as tickets sold so quickly. We are looking to hold this concert in late October or early November, date to be confirmed in our next newsletter.

As the parish is still without its own Vicar, and there is little chance of ever having one in the future, the community work together with the Rural Dean David Rowett to provide services twice a month. The first Sunday of each month is a joint community service without communion but with jolly good hymns that we can all sing and enjoy and the readings and Gospel for that particular Sunday. The third Sunday of the month is a communion service with visiting clergy to support the congregation ...and more jolly good hymns which we can all sing along to. So please come along to one or both of these and help to support the continued life of our Church and our community.