

Have you Heard.....?

Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District Newsletter

Welcome to the autumn 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:
November 15th 2013

Grimsby & Scunthorpe **Telegraph'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.

Sept 29th Harvest Festival & Supper

At St Lawrence Church 6.30pm followed by supper at 7.30pm.

Tickets from Carole, Marian or Helen will be available from 1st Sept.

Oct 1st Harvest Auction & Raffle

At the Thornton Hunt Inn in aid of St Lawrence's Church. To start around 8.30 – 9.00pm. Donations for the auction would be gratefully received.

Nov 4th 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.

Nov 5th 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

The **Annual Village Christmas** meal will take place on **Tuesday Dec. 3rd** 7pm for 7:30pm prompt, price £14.95 per person. This is a really good way to begin the Christmas celebrations but places are limited to 20 so if you wish to be part of this festive evening contact Carole as soon as possible and choose your menu and pay a deposit of £5 per person. It really is a case of first come first served.

Although **Thornton Curtis Parish Council** is currently meeting at the Parish Room, Howe Lane, Goxhill, public participation is still welcomed, with the next meeting due to take place at 8.00 pm on Monday 4th November. For any parishioner where transport from Thornton to Goxhill is difficult, by arrangement, the Parish Councillors will try to arrange a lift (in the first instance please contact Cllr Carole Couch – tel: 531226).

We are holding a **Christmas Tree Festival in St Lawrence's Church from Sat. 14th to Sun 15th Dec and Sat 21st to Sun 22nd Dec**. We are hoping local businesses and families or individuals will decorate a tree. Visitors will then come and judge the trees and we will be giving hamper prizes for the trees which get the most votes. Refreshments will be served and we are hoping for help from the whole village to man the event. Entry forms out in October for more details please contact John Farrow on 01469 540230.

Notes from the Field

The harvest is gathered in for 2013. The fickle English weather has been very good to us with bright, fine hot days to ripen the grain and dry the straw. This has meant that most of our grain has come into the store at low moistures, saving on drying, and is in good condition to sell to the grain merchant.

The selling of the grain can be more difficult to get right than the growing of it. We are producing a commodity which is traded worldwide, and whose value is governed by so much which is out of our control: - speculative commodity dealers, world supply and demand, currency values, weather patterns and transport costs. Our grain buyers thus offer a price which is irrespective of how our harvest has performed in the UK.

We therefore have to hedge our bets. Our options for selling are either to have a fixed price contract made long before harvest, or to place some tonnage in a merchant's pool, which gives an average price based on the ups and downs of the market, or to keep grain in the shed and hope that the price will go up and not down when the time comes to sell.

On a different note, many thanks to those who came to our archaeological dig evening. It has become a great summer event and seems to be enjoyed by all. Hopefully the "team" are returning next year to continue their exploration. We are considering making this a ticket event as it has become so popular, making the catering arrangements rather tricky.

St Lawrence Church News

It is wonderful to be able to report that the new toilet and kitchen are almost complete. We were hoping that everything would have been finished in time for the Harvest Festival and we are very close but there are still a few small details outstanding. However, the Harvest service and supper will be a good opportunity for the community to come and see the wonderful new facilities. We will be holding a special event later in the year to publicise the new facilities and fully commission them, and we will keep you fully informed as we would like as many people from the community to attend and support this wonderful achievement.

Book the date in your diaries for the **Annual Carols by Candlelight** with a "bring and share" supper **Thursday Dec 9th 6:30pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Thornton Curtis WI

Thornton Curtis is your local WI and meets at Wootton Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month. At the September meeting members met Janet Plant of Aylesby Yoga Studio and brought their excess Garden Produce along to sell on the Harvest Stall. The Committee provided the refreshments and the meeting was chaired by Kim Courtenay.

Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday 8 October and the speaker/demonstrator will be Irene McGrath who specialises in Decorating Glass. The meeting starts at 7:30pm and the venue is Wootton Village Hall.

Thornton Curtis has 38 WI members and we welcome anyone who would like to come along to experience a meeting without joining, although there is a small entrance charge. In addition to the main WI we also have both a Craft Club and a Gardening Club, which meet on a monthly basis, but you do have to be a WI member to join either of these.

Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society

The above society is appealing for volunteers in this area. Reading correspondence, home visits, shopping trips, social outings, leisure pursuits, group activities and telephone befriending are all areas for which help is required. For more Information please contact:-

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