

Have you Heard....?

(Thornton Curtis, Burnham and District bi-monthly newsletter)

Welcome to the spring 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 May 15th 2011.

*Life resembles a novel
more often than novels
resemble life*

Congratulations to:

**Thornton Hunt Inn
"Runners Up"**

'Taste of Excellence Awards'

Best Pub Food Award 2010/11
"Lincolnshire Life Magazine"

&

**Pine Lodge
"Winning"**

"Accommodation Silver Award"

Well Done & Much Deserved

Diary of Events – Spring 2011

St. Lawrence Church Services – 9.15am (Communion)
1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

Mothers Day Service – April 3rd
Small gift for all Mothers attending

Village Nights – 1st Tuesday of the Month at the Thornton Hunt Inn from 8.30pm

April 5th Quiz Night – Start 8.30pm
A chance to meet your neighbours and members of the community

St. Lawrence Annual General meeting – April 14th Open meeting for all who wish to attend. For any issues you wish to raise concerning the Church, please contact Alan Tulloch or Carole Couch our Church wardens.

Holy Week

The days leading up to Easter is a time for reflection and for celebrating the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead and now brings us the promise of forgiveness and eternal life. During this time Christians should be thinking about their relationship with God and asking themselves 'Is there evidence of my relationship with God in the way in which I live my life?' Please find time to visit your Church during the celebrations and join the community in caring for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Services this Holy Week

April 17th 9.15am Holy Communion with the blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses

April 22nd 7pm A short Devotional Service for Good Friday

April 24th 9.30am at Wootton Church - Easter Communion. All are welcome to attend this joint service and lifts are available for those who require them. Contact Carole or Allan for more information.

Parish Council Meeting

May 9th – Thornton Hunt Inn start at 8pm

July 1st - 7.30pm 'Music for Everyone' with the Brigg Singers (St. Lawrence's Church) £7.00 per tkt

We hope you can join us for some, or all of these events; they are a wonderful part of community life and are always enjoyable.

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Playing Field Committee

Trimming of the hedges along the west side of the playing field has been completed with the remaining sides to be trimmed as soon as possible.

The Committee has set a date for a village fund-raising event in the field. Our goal is to raise sufficient funds to hire a radar operated speed indication sign to be placed on Main Street at some point. The event will be called 'The Thornton Curtis Garden Party' and will take place on Sunday, 26th June, with everyone welcome to join in. Watch this space for further details.

A copy of the Minutes of the Playing Field Committee meetings will be available to read at The Thornton Hunt Inn. A thank-you to Peter and Steph. A further copy will be displayed on the Parish Council notice board.

Liz Trubshaw (Old School House)

Further news and developments will be relayed via this newsletter.

Notes from the Fields

On a farm near you, hundreds of sheep are about to give birth...

The ideal is that each ewe lambs without help, has two healthy lambs who suckle happily, whilst she eats new spring grass. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work like that! As farmers, we plan to make lambing time successful. We know, because the gestation period is about 21 weeks, when each 'mob' of sheep is due to lamb. We can also scan the ewes at 14 weeks to find the number of lambs each ewe is going to have. We can then feed the ewes accordingly so that they are in the peak of health for lambing.

With the lambing pressure on, it's all about supervision by the shepherd; helping a difficult lambing, stopping any mis-mothering, ensuring the newborns get their first important drink with colostrum, treating the lamb's navel to prevent infection, fostering any motherless lambs, feeding weak lambs, tailing, castrating and some located in a dry, airy, purpose-built polytunnel, and allow the supervision to continue for 2-3 days, giving the little lambs a very good start in life, whatever the weather.

Thornton Abbey Farm is holding an Open Day for the village on Easter Sunday, from 2-4pm and invites everyone to come along and see the lambs for themselves.

From your Farming correspondent

Poetry Corner

'Last Friday Night'

Come home from work, quick tea and a shower,
Catching the bus in less than an hour.
Hair all gelled down; new clothes look the part,
The big Friday night is ready to start.
Visit the cash point and take out your cash,
The bus is now coming, you're having to dash.
Paying the driver, taking your seat, and
Dreaming of women you're hoping to meet.
Meet up with your friends in the loudest of places,
Making eye contact with painted up faces.
Don't move too soon, just occasionally leer
And try catching her eye while drinking your beer.
You try not to bother when she walks out of the door,
You'll catch up again further on in the tour.
The lights are now blurring and you're feeling quite ill,
You wish you'd refused that 'innocent' pill.
Just one more beer then it's on to the clubs
With their loud pounding music and cigarette stubs.
People dance round you they think you're asleep
But now you can't focus, you're in far too deep.
They carry you out to blue flashing lights,
And on to the ward on the busiest of nights.
They try to revive you, but fail in the end,
It's the last Friday night that you'll ever spend.

John Herring

'The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.'

Leo Rosten, (American teacher and humorist)