

HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to our Spring 2016 Newsletter.

I am delighted once again to include sunflower seeds for everyone and do hope you will plant them and take part in our sunflower competition. Details are included in the envelope. This year we have also added a Spring Photography Exhibition and invite everyone to take photos with their cameras, ipads or phones and forward to myself or the Parish Clerk.

A list of our community events for this year is shown over. The Big Lunch and Open Garden Walk are again being held in June and we hope to build on the success of last year. Further details on these will be circulated nearer the time.

This year our Annual Parish Meeting has been delayed due to the closure of the Community Centre for refurbishment. It will now be held at 7pm on Monday May 16th and is your opportunity to come along and let us know what you want from your Parish Council. I look forward to seeing you there .

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman of the Parish Council)

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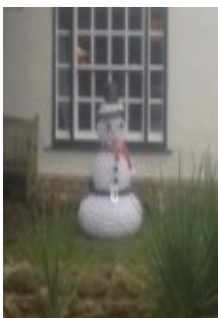
Photography Exhibition and Competition : Hawthorn in the Spring!

Two classes : adults and under 16's.

All photos will be displayed in the Community Centre and judging will be during the Big Lunch on Sunday June 5th

E mail your photo or post to Cllr. Alan Askew or the Parish Clerk (Details as over)

Closing date 30th April



Hawthorn Snowman Competition : RESULTS

Winning Entry

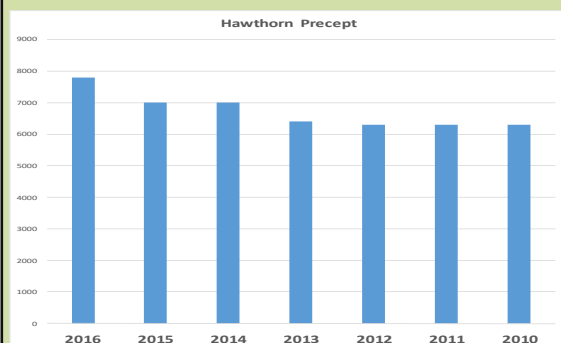
Anna Ellis Laburnham House

Joint Runners Up

Len Clifton, West Lane : Sheila Irving, High West Lane: : Elsie Nettleton West Lane

Jottings from the Parish Council

- The Parish Council has been successful in their application for funding of £780 to provide a computer & scanner in order to fulfill the statutory duty of ensuring all information is available on the council website at www.hawthornparish.co.uk.
- An application to provide a community defibrillator on the outside wall of the Community Centre is being submitted to Co. Durham Community Foundation.



- Council Tax 2016 / 2017 : The Parish Council has increased the precept from £6,824 to £7,792. It represents an increase of 13.9% on a band D property and is equivalent to 9p per dwelling per week. The precept is the amount requested from residents of Hawthorn and pays for the Parish Clerk, local maintenance and grasscutting, donations, play equipment charges and the new community events. Full details of the estimates and budgets are on the council website at www.hawthornparish.co.uk

Sunday	5 th June	Big Lunch and Spring Photography Exhibition
Sunday	5 th June	Open Garden Walk
Sunday	7 th August	Sunflower Competition
Saturday	19 th October	Community Bulb planting
Sunday	13 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Saturday	3rd December	Visit Santa: & Switch on Christmas Lights
Sunday	11 th December	Snowman Competition Judging

Save the Dates!

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