

# HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL



Welcome to our Winter 2016 Newsletter.

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At the time of writing we are approaching Christmas very quickly!

This year the village Christmas Tree will be outside the Community Centre and we are delighted that the Christmas Lights will be switched on by Cllr. Edward Bell, Mayor of Durham. This will take place on Saturday December 3rd as part of the Carols around the Tree with the Pitlington Brass Band. Santa will also be in the Community Centre earlier in the afternoon with a gift for all of the children whilst the Community Centre Association will be providing tea and mince pies.

We are also repeating our Snowman Competition. You don't even need snow! Just make a snowman and place in your window or front garden. (Must be visible from the public footpath) and let us know. Judges will be visiting on Sunday 11th December. We hope as many as possible take part in our Christmas celebrations and look forward to seeing you on the 3rd!

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman of the Parish Council)

You are invited to our  
Christmas Celebrations on Saturday December 3rd



3pm - 4.15pm

Santa in the Community Centre with a present for every child.

Coffee / tea and mince pies

4.30pm

Carols around the Christmas Tree with the Pitlington Brass Band

4.45pm

Switch on of the Lights by Cllr. Edward Bell

Mayor of Durham

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## Snowman Competition




- Make your snowman from any materials
- Place in window / garden (must be visible from public footpath)
- Let a Councillor / Parish Clerk know. Details as over.

Judges will be visiting on  
Sunday 11th December.

## Jottings from the Parish Council

1. The application for £1300 to the East Durham AAP for funding to install Wi-Fi in the Community Centre and to also provide a large wall mounted SMART TV for the centre has been successful.
2. The Parish Council received a 'Highly Commended' in the National Association's Star Council Awards for being one of the first paperless councils in the country.
3. The Parish Council is currently considering budgets and estimates for 2017 / 2018 and will be setting the precept at their meeting in December.
4. Elections for the Parish Council will be held in May 2017. Further details on how you can stand will be included in the Spring Newsletter.
5. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month ( except August) at 7pm in the Community Centre. All welcome to come along and speak during Public Participation.

 **The training in use of the defibrillator took place in September. A further session for those who missed this one will be held in the Spring, subject to demand. If you are interested please let a councillor / clerk know.**

### Dates for 2017

The Parish Council is busy arranging community events for 2017—watch out for details in the Spring Newsletter or register for the monthly electronic newsletter ; the Hawthorn Round Up by emailing the Parish Clerk ; [lesley.swinbank@hawthornparish.co.uk](mailto:lesley.swinbank@hawthornparish.co.uk)

*Save the Dates!*

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