

HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to our Winter 2017 Newsletter

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

The Parish Council has organised our annual Christmas Tree which will be outside the Community Centre once again and the lights will be switched on by Cllr. Bill Kellett (Mayor of Durham). This will take place on Saturday December 2nd as part of the Carols around the Tree with the Pittington Brass Band. Santa will also be in the Community Centre earlier in the afternoon with a gift for all of the children. In addition we will have tea and mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone is welcome to come along to this free event.

The annual Snowman Competition will be judged this year on Sunday 10th December. You don't need snow! Simply make your snowman from any materials and place in your window or front garden. (Must be visible from the public footpath) and let us know.

We hope as many as possible take part in our Christmas celebrations and look forward to seeing you on the 2nd!

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman of the Parish Council)

**You are invited to attend our
Christmas Celebrations
Saturday December 2nd**



3.15pm - 4.45pm

Santa in the Community Centre

with a present for everyone

(Coffee / tea and mince pies)

5pm

Carols around the Christmas Tree

**with Pittington Brass Band & Switching On the
Christmas Tree Lights**

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Annual Snowman Competition



- Make your Snowman from any materials.
- Place in a window / garden. (Must be visible from public footpath)
- Let a Councillor / Parish Clerk know. Details as over.
- Judges will be visiting on the morning of December 10th.
- All entrants will receive a 'little' snowman.
- Winning entries will receive gift vouchers.

Jottings from the Parish Council

1. The application for £10,000 from Awards For All for the Community Plant Project has been successful. This includes a new community greenhouse, new seats, flower tubs and extensive bulb planting.
2. The Parish Clerk - Lesley Swinbank has been awarded the prestigious 'Outstanding Achievement Award' in recognition of her work with the Society of Local Council Clerks as a Town and Parish Clerk and also as the SLCC's Professional Development Officer.
3. The Parish Council is currently considering budgets and estimates for 2018/2019 and will be setting the precept at their meeting in December.
4. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month (except August) at 7pm in the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along and speak during Public Participation.

Can you help??

Mr. Roy Hawthorn has been reading up on his surname, and a few online sources state that the name originated in or around Hawthorn Village in County Durham. He is curious if anyone in Hawthorn knows anything about the Hawthorn surname originating from the village or if it is just a coincidence.

If you can shed any light on this then Mr. Hawthorn would be delighted to hear from you.
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The Parish Council is busy arranging community events for 2018 - watch out for details in the Spring News or register for the monthly electronic newsletter the Hawthorn Round Up by emailing lesley.swinbank@hawthornparish.co.uk. All information is available on the council's website at www.hawthornparish.co.uk

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