

HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to our Spring 2019 Newsletter

No. 19 March 2019



Although it seems a long time ago now, thanks to everyone who helped and came along to our Carols around the Tree in December and in particular to **Krazy Kev** who stepped in as Santa, the **Pittington Brass Band** and **Cllr. George Vest** who led the singing.

Our events for 2019 are shown below - the first one being the Annual Parish Assembly. This is your opportunity to come along and give your views, comments and ask question on what your council is doing for you and our local community. In addition it will be the presentation of the first Chairman's Award. Our thanks to all who forwarded nominations.

I do hope you will be able to come along and look forward to seeing you there.

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman of the Parish Council)

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Jottings from the Parish Council

1. Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council has set the Precept for 2019 / 2020 at £8,672 (This is an increase of 0.59% on 2018/2019 and represents a Council Tax Band D of £41.98 which is a reduction of 0.46% on the previous year.)

2. Dog Poo

Concerns have been expressed about the increasing problem particularly on Western Park. Free dog bags are available from the Community Centre and the Stapylton Arms during opening hours.

3. Community Plant Project

The Council has continued to provide new seats and planters and have planted many more bulbs as part of the project which was funded by £10,000 from Awards For All. In addition new hawthorn hedging has been planted to screen the garages on High West Lane, courtesy of the Tree Grant from DCC.

Monday 18th March	Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday 11th May (TBC)	Walk around the Dene
Sunday 2nd June	Big Lunch Spring Photograph Competition Plant Pot Festival Open Garden Walk
Saturday 31st Aug	Judging Sunflower Competition
Saturday 12th Oct	Community Bulb planting
Sunday 10th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 7th Dec	Visit Santa: Switch on Christmas Lights
Sat 21st Dec	Judging Snowman Competition



Chairman's Award
Thank you to all who submitted nominations for this new award. The results will be announced at the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm on Monday March 18th.

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting
will be held at 7pm on Monday March 18th 2019 in the Community Centre**

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman of Hawthorn Parish Council**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Presentation of the Chairman's Award**
- 4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2018**
- 5. Matters Arising**
- 6. Reports**
 - a. To receive the Annual Report**
 - b. To receive the report from the County Councillors**
 - c. To receive the report from the Chairman of the Community Centre**
 - d. To receive the Police Report**
 - e. Any other reports**
- 7. Any other business**

Cllr. Alan Askew
Chairman Hawthorn Parish Council
18th February 2019

**All local government electors for the Hawthorn Parish are entitled to attend and speak at the
meeting. Light refreshments will be served from 6.45pm**

**Snowman
Competition
Results**

1st 17 West Lane
2nd Garden House
3rd Laburnum House

**Community Walk Through the Dene
Saturday 11th May (TBC)**

Last year the walk was cancelled on the day due to lack of attendance.
If you would like to take part then please confirm your attendance by e
mailing Lesley Swinbank or any of the Parish Councillors and we can
then confirm with the Durham Wildlife Trust who lead the walk.

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