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## Jottings from the Parish Council

### Parish Council Tax

The Parish Council have set the precept for 2018 / 2019 at £8,606. This represents a Band D charge of £42.25 and is a zero increase on 2017 / 2018.

### Garden Village

An initial consultation meeting with Tollent re their proposals for a Garden Village to the North of Hawthorn was held in January.

### Community Plant Project

Bluebell bulbs have been purchased as part of the community plant project. The council are now discussing new seats and planters.

### Community Orchard

New community fruit trees have been planted along the boundary fence in the play area and funded through the County Council's Tree Week scheme.

### New footbridge

A meeting has been held with Network rail re a new footbridge over the railway line to replace the footpath level crossing at the bottom of the Dene.

## Welcome to our Spring 2018 Newsletter

Although it seems a long time ago now, thanks to everyone who helped and came along to carols around the tree in December and in particular to Cllr. Bill Kellett (Chairman of the County Council) who carried out the official 'switch on', the Pittington Brass Band together with Cllr. George Vest who led the singing and also Ken Rowe who stepped in as Santa. The event was very successful and will be repeated next Christmas. Our thanks also to all who took part in the Snowman competition. This is now an annual event and the number of entries continue to increase. Photos of all our events are on the council website at [www.hawthornparish.co.uk](http://www.hawthornparish.co.uk)

The Parish Council has been discussing our Community Events for the year and these are shown below. We start with our walk through the Dene on March 3rd and is followed by our Annual Parish Meeting a couple of weeks later. 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.

<b>Dates 2018</b>	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Walk around Hawthorn Dene
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday 3 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Lunch Spring Photograph Competition Plant Pot Festival Open Garden Walk
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Judging Sunflower Competition
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Community Bulb planting
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Visit Santa: Switch on Christmas Lights
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Snowman Judging



We hope to see you at our events.

**Cllr. Alan Askew**

**Chairman : Hawthorn**

# Hawthorn Parish Council

**Notice is hereby given that the  
Annual Parish Meeting  
will be held at  
7pm on Monday March 19th 2018  
in the Community Centre**

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2017
4. Reports
  - A. Annual Report
  - B. County Councillor
  - C. Community Association
  - D. Police
  - E. Any other reports
5. Any other business

***Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)  
20th February 2018***

**All local government electors for the  
Hawthorn Parish are entitled to attend and  
speak at the meeting. Light refreshments  
from 6.45p.m.**

### ***Walk through Hawthorn Dene***

Join us for our community walk through Hawthorn Dene - led by Chris Jones from Durham Wildlife Trust.  
Saturday March 3rd  
Meet at the Community Centre at

### ***Snowman Competition Results***

#### **Top three**

**2 Glencot  
22 West Lane  
Garden House**

**Watch out for details of the 2018  
competition.**

### ***Sunflower Competition***

Watch out for your sunflower seeds later in the year. Simply plant on a sunny window sill and then plant out in early summer.  
Judges will be visiting at the beginning of September.

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