



HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to our Winter 2021 Newsletter

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This is our first newsletter since the start of the covid pandemic and we hope to resume distributing information to all at least once each year . Our new solar noticeboards will continue to display what's happening in our village.



First of all I would like to thank George Vest on behalf of all the Parish Council for all of the time and work he has given to the Council and Hawthorn over many years as a Parish Councillor. George has now resigned from the Parish Council for family reasons and a vacancy has been declared.

The covid pandemic prevented all of our events in 2020 so we were delighted to be able to hold our Big T event in July 2021. This was courtesy of a National Lottery Grant and proved to be very successful. We are, therefore, looking to arrange a similar event in June 2022 to celebrate the Queens Jubilee - watch out for details! Our Christmas event is also back on track on Saturday December 4th and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Centre for warm mince pies and outside singing carols around the Christmas Tree with the Pittington Brass Band.

This newsletter also includes a nomination form for the Norman Hughes Award. Last year Mr. Les Newby was chosen and he will be presented with the Award at the Christmas event. Please take the time to nominate who you feel has given their time and work to Hawthorn over this last year.

And finally...on behalf of all the parish council, can I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

Cllr. Diane Hughes (Chairman : HPC)

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You are invited to attend our
Christmas Celebrations

Saturday December 4th

Community Centre

3.30 - 4.30 pm

Santa in the Community
Centre

with a present for the children
(Coffee / tea and mince pies)

4.40 pm

Carols around the Tree
with Pittington Brass Band &
Switching On the Lights.

The presentation of the
Norman Hughes Award (2020)
to Mr. Les Newby will also
take place at this time.

Snowman Competition

- Make your Snowman from any materials.
- Place in a window / garden. (Must be visible from public footpath)
- Take a photo and forward to the Parish Clerk - clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk by December 25th
- The results will be announced in the January Round Up

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Vacancy on the Parish Council

We understand that the required 10 electors in Hawthorn have now come forward to request an election. Durham County Council are currently preparing the necessary nomination forms and if an election is to be held (i.e. more that one person is nominated) then it is envisaged the election will be held on 13th January.

Watch out for details on the Noticeboards and in the Community Round Up.

Jottings from the Parish Council

1. The Parish Council is currently considering budgets and estimates for 2022 / 2023 and was hoping to set the precept at their meeting in December which will be held on Monday 13th December at 7pm in the Community Centre. This has now been delayed until the January meeting when the cost of an election - if to be held, are known.
2. The new solar powered noticeboards have now been installed. These are courtesy of the successful £8,600 grant.
3. The Parish Council continue to work with DCC to look at the issues around the speed limit on Stockton Road.
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 on items on the agenda.
5. The Parish Council is busy arranging community events for 2022- watch out for details on the noticeboards or keep up to date with everything that is happening by registering for the monthly electronic newsletter, the Hawthorn Community Round Up by emailing clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk. All information is available on the council's website at

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Norman Hughes Award

Nomination form

The Parish Council would like to invite nominations for this Award.

The aim of the Award is to publicly recognise the work and commitment of local residents who have made a significant contribution to their local community.

If you know someone who has made a significant contribution to the village then why not nominate them using the nomination paper as included with this newsletter. the closing date is January 31st.

The Award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in March.

1. Nomination forms will be invited in December of each year and should be completed and either handed or emailed to a Councillor or the Parish Clerk.
2. Forms are available in hard copy in the newsletter, via email from the clerk and online from the Parish Council website.
3. Anyone resident in the Hawthorn and over the age of 18 is eligible for nomination.
4. Parish Councillors and Parish Council employees are not eligible for nomination.
5. The closing date for entries is January 31st each year.
6. The name of the winner will be decided by the Parish Council and the award presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting in March.
7. The name of the winner will be recorded on the 'Roll of Winners' as a permanent and public record of the award.
8. All the nominees will be presented with a Norman Hughes Award certificate.
9. Nomination forms can be downloaded and printed from www.hawthornparish.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to make a nomination but before you begin, please fill in your details.

Your name:.....

Your address:.....

Your phone number:.....

Your email address:.....

Nominee details (the person nominated must be over 18yrs of age):

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone /number:
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Email address:.....

How do you know of this person?

Please describe, in no more than 200 words, the contribution to the community made by this person, including the nature of their contribution, how long this has been for, and who has benefited.

Once complete please give this form to a Cllr or e mail to clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk or post to the Parish Clerk.

Closing date for nominations: 31st January