

# HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

## Welcome to our Spring 2020 Newsletter

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**First of all thank you to all 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 2020 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 we have the presentation of the second of our Norman Hughes 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 HPC)*

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## Jottings from the Parish Council

### 1. Parish Council Precept

The Council has set the precept for 2020 / 2021 at £8,500. This is a reduction of £172 from the previous year. However due to the decrease in the tax base this will result in a .75% increase in the Band D Council Tax to £42.37 per year.

### 2. Keeping you 'in the know'

The Council have now ordered 2 new solar powered noticeboards which will replace the existing boards on the village green and at the junction of High West Lane and Stockton Road, and a new lectern type information board. These are being funded by the successful grant application for £8,600.

### 3. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Parish Council have been liaising with the Police and hope to launch the new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at the Parish Meeting on March 16th. We still need volunteers to become involved. If you are interested let us know or simply come along to the meeting.

## Dates for 2020

<u>Monday 16th</u> March	Annual Parish Meeting
<u>Friday 8th</u> May	VE day
<u>Sunday 5th</u> July	Big Lunch Spring Photograph Competition Treasure Trail Open Garden Walk
<u>Saturday 5th</u> September	Judging <u>Sunflower</u> Competition
<u>Saturday 10th</u> October	Community Bulb planting
<u>Sunday 8th</u> November	Remembrance Sunday
<u>Saturday 5th</u> December	Visit Santa: Switch on Christmas Lights
<u>Sat 19th</u> December	Snowman Competition Judging

Save the Dates!

## The Norman Hughes 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 16th.**

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**Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday March 16th 2020 in the Community Centre**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome by the Chairman of Hawthorn Parish Council
2. Apologies
3. Presentation of the Norman Hughes Award
4. Launch of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Hawthorn
5. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2019
6. Matters Arising
7. To receive the Annual Report
8. To receive the report from the County Councillors
9. To receive the report from the Chairman of the Community Centre
10. To receive the Police Report
11. Any other reports
12. Any other business

*Cllr. Alan Askew  
Chairman  
16th February 2020*

**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**

**Sunflower Competition**

Sunflower seeds will be delivered to all residents later in the Spring and judging is next September

**Snowman Competition Results**

1st - Laburnum House  
2nd - 17 West Lane  
3rd - 22 West Lane

**New Competition for 2020!**

We will be introducing a new competition next Christmas for the 'best' outdoor Christmas Lights.

**Help in the Community**

The Parish Council are now working with the Church to provide help and services for the local community. Suggestions include visiting the sick/lonely, setting up mother and toddler group, Sunday school etc.

**Watch out for more information.**

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