**“Christmas Critters”**

**Thornton Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peter’s Church, Thornton**

Following the success of last year’s Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter’s Church, Thornton, the Friends of St. Peter’s (FOSP), are organising their second Christmas Tree Festival at the church.  It will be open to the public over the weekend of Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December (50p entrance per adult, with refreshments available for a small charge) and all money raised will go towards the maintenance of this lovely 14th century listed building.

**Would you like to bring, decorate and exhibit a tree and be part of this event?   We do hope so!  There will be prizes in various categories and a**n **impressive and colourful display of trees will make the Carol Service on Saturday 15th December even better than ever.**

The theme of the Festival is *“****Christmas Critters****”,*so all you need to do is to take your inspiration and decorate a tree based on animals and birds associated with Christmas traditions or stories.

**Where to obtain your entry form**

If you would like to participate, forms will be available from the shop, school and the church from 11th November or email Mary Gibson on baba.gibson@yahoo.co.uk or Shirley Garlick on shirley.garlick19@btinternet.com

***\*Please note:  Battery-operated lights only please (no electrical leads/cables).  Trees up to 1m (38”) high will be displayed above floor level on boards, ledges etc: all trees over 1m high will be displayed on the floor.***

 **Day/time to bring your tree to church to decorate**

St. Peter’s will be open for preparations on Friday 13th December, 2pm - 7pm for you to bring your tree into the church and decorate it. You will be allocated your space on arrival.  If you need to come outside of those times, please contact Sue Bakewell to arrange a mutually convenient time: E-mail: suembakewell@gmail.com

or Telephone: 01530 230 643

**Day/time to take down and remove your tree from St. Peter’s**

St. Peter’s will be open on Tuesday 17th December, 2pm - 7pm for you to take down and remove your tree.  If you need to come outside of those times, please contact Sue;  email  suembakewell@gmail.com or Telephone 01530 230643 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Hope to see you at the festival and also don’t forget the annual **Carol Service** which will be held at 6pm on Sunday 15th December.