

The Hart

Harthill with Woodall Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 73
Winter Hart 2023

Welcome to the latest issue of The Hart. We hope that you find it useful and informative. The clocks have changed, Halloween trick or treating and Bonfire Night have been and gone, and we are now a few weeks away from Christmas.

When looking at the size of Harthill with Woodall Parish, it is amazing how many things there are to do, in and around Harthill and Woodall, during the month of December. Thanks to the Carnival Society, we even have our own Christmas Grotto for the first time, which appears to have been greeted with much enthusiasm. Please read on, for all the things that local people volunteer to do to bring activities and events to our doorstep. So much time and effort go into organising the events, please come along and support them. It's a great way to meet new people and get into the festive spirit.



Ian Lloyd

Parish Council Chairman

Hopefully, early December, we will see an end to the road works, and, at least for the festive period, our Parish can return to something resembling normal. In order to keep parishioners informed on what is happening in the new year, the Parish Council has asked for a full update, which is published on page 3.

For anyone looking for volunteering opportunities, there will be elections in May 2024, so this will include Parish Councillors. This is a rewarding role for someone who wants to volunteer and make a difference in our community. If you would like to know more about the role, please speak to any of our Councillors or the clerk. Additionally, you would be most welcome to come along to a meeting.

The Hart magazine is put together by the clerk to the Parish Council. We always welcome any feedback, interesting articles or new ideas, so please get in touch with either me or Caroline, our Parish Clerk, if there is anything you'd like to raise. Parish Council contact details are on page 6.

Harthill Well Dressing Group Christmas Welldressing

This year's Christmas Well Dressing will be opened on Saturday the 2nd of December at 3.15 pm in Harthill Parish Church. Everyone is welcome.

The well dressing will be blessed by Reverend Gary Schofield, priest in charge. Harthill Primary School children will be there to sing for us and the choir of Harthill voices, musicians from Harthill Morris and friends will accompany the carols.

After the blessing, hot toddy and mince pies will be served in the church along with fruit juice and Christmas biscuits for the children. The well dressing will be placed in the well for the Christmas period. The blessing is a little earlier than usual this year, because a special person will be coming down the village and we want to be outside to see him when he comes. Also there will be the Carnival Society's Christmas Fayre starting at 4 pm.

If you wonder where our past well dressings go, they go out into the community including schools, churches, Kiveton Library, Peregrine Centre, Harthill Village Hall and nursing homes, to be enjoyed over the Christmas period.

The well dressing group meet throughout the year, usually on a Wednesday morning and our meetings last about an hour. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara Gunby on 01909 771328 or Anne Lloyd on 01909 773942. You would be made most welcome.



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Harthill Carnival Society

Remembrance Day



We are extremely honoured to have been able to create individual commemorative remembrance poppies for those from Harthill who gave the ultimate sacrifice during World War's I & II.

Hopefully many of you will have seen these in place on lamp posts in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.

We would like to give special thanks to Jamie Turner and 1ClickPrint for their generosity in the production and supply of the poppies.

We would also like to give special thanks to Craig Unwin, who has created two stunning commemorative Poppies to be displayed at the Cenotaph.

We recognise that there have been other conflicts since the World War's, for example Iraq and Afghanistan. As we look towards next year's Remembrance Day and beyond, we would like to open up the opportunity for families within the village, who may have lost loved ones during conflict, to have a personalised poppy created. 1 Click Print have very kindly offered to produce these for just £5. We as the Carnival Society would then place the poppy on to the lamp post each year along with the existing ones. If you are interested in having a poppy produced, then for further information please contact us on harthillcarnivalsociety@gmail.com

Christmas

As we head towards Christmas, we are excited about the festive plans we have in place for this year. First up is the Christmas Light Switch on event, taking place on Saturday 2nd December, 4 pm - 7 pm. This will be a great occasion for all the family, so please do get along to the Leisure Centre and enjoy the festivities. Santa will be touring around the village on his Sleigh from 4 pm before arriving at the Leisure Centre. (This will take the route of the Carnival Parade).

For our next Christmas offering, we are very excited to bring Santa's Grotto to Harthill on Saturday 16th December. With special thanks to Sarah & Andrew for kindly allowing the use of the Old Cobblers Shop on Union Street, this is a not to be missed opportunity for all those children who want to be able to meet Father Christmas. To ensure the smooth running of the visits and to reduce waiting times, it is essential to book a visiting time to the Grotto. You can do this by e-mailing: harthillsantasgrotto@gmail.com. This is selling out fast.

Carnival 2024 - We need your help!

Next year we will be celebrating 50 years of Harthill Carnival & Show. As part of the 50th year celebrations, we would like to showcase Pictures, Cine/Video footage and any other memorabilia which people may have collected from Harthill Carnivals over the last 50 years. The plan is to be able to showcase this on Carnival Day in the Marquee.

Please get in touch via harthillcarnivalsociety@gmail.com with anything you are able to share with us to use. We will of course return all materials back to you after the event. Looking ahead to Carnival 2024, we are delighted to confirm the Rhythm Detectives will be performing on Carnival Night. After so much positive feedback on their performance at this years Carnival, we had a lot of requests to bring them back for 2024. You can reserve your tickets now by contacting harthillcarnivaltickets2024@gmail.com or calling Paul Brookes on 07949552292

You can keep up to date on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/harthillcarnivalsociety - Instagram: [hartcarnival](https://www.instagram.com/hartcarnival)

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes Harthill Carnival Society

HARTHILL CARNIVAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND MARKET

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023 - 4PM - 7PM

AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY!

SANTA TOURING AROUND THE VILLAGE -
BRASS BAND - BAR & FOOD - STALLS

ENTRY - FREE

Harthill Leisure Centre
Woodall Lane, Harthill

For More Information E-Mail:
harthillcarnivalsociety@gmail.com

HARTHILL CARNIVAL PRESENTS

THE RHYTHM DETECTIVES

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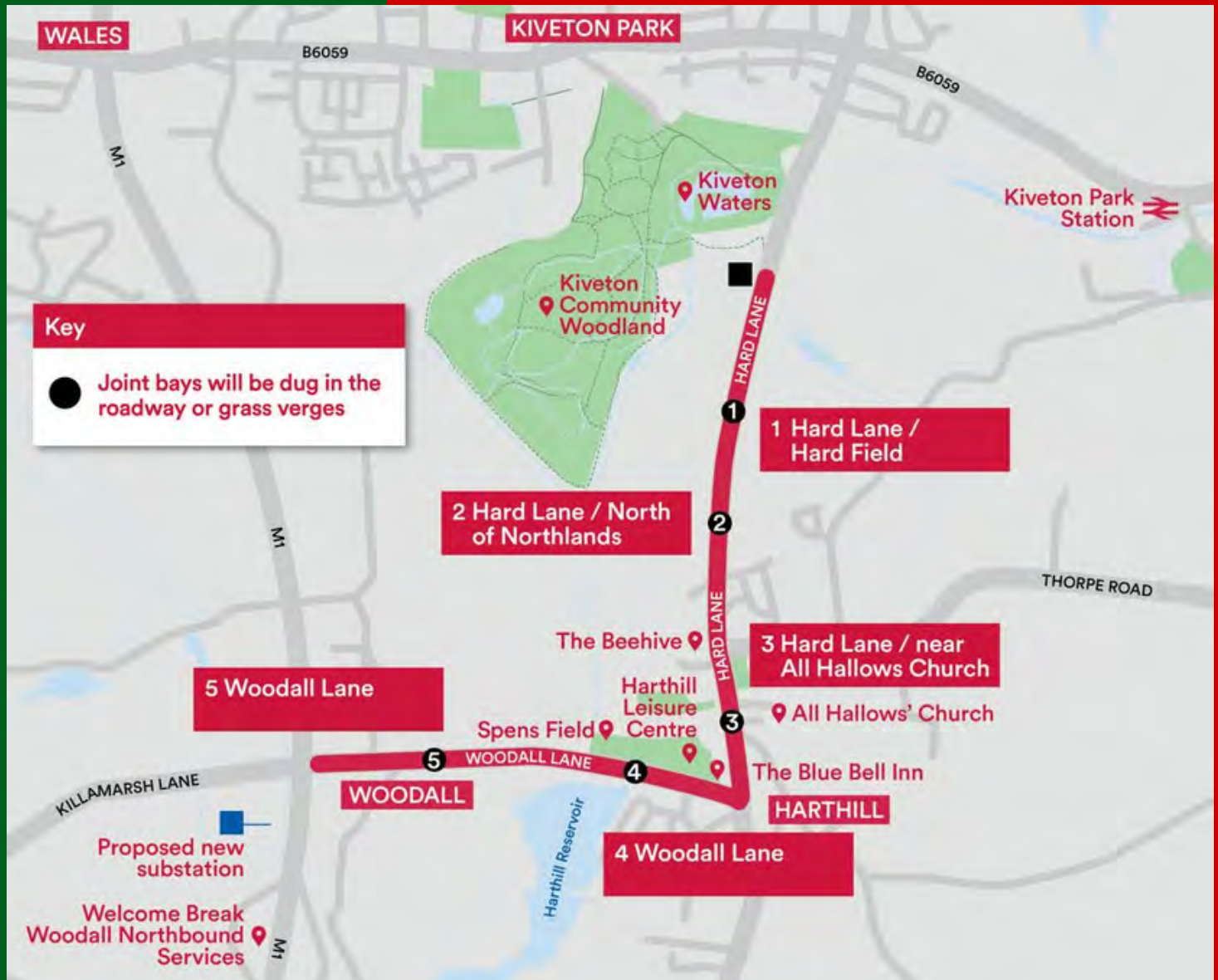
SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2024 - DOORS 19.30

TICKETS ONLY £10

BOOK NOW

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or call Paul Brookes on 07949552292

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The second phase of Northern Powergrid's excavation work along Woodall Lane which started in mid-October is progressing well and in line with the schedule the company shared in early October 2023.

Contractors Balfour Beatty have completed works at the Harthill end of Woodall Lane and on the section adjoining Pryor Mede and Spens Field and are now working on the final section of road to be closed as part of Northern Powergrid's £7.7 million investment in the local electricity infrastructure.

The road is currently closed between Harthill Reservoir to just past the junction of Walseker Lane, with resident access from the Harthill end of Woodall Lane. This section is due for completion in the first week of December 2023, after which Woodall Lane will reopen for the remainder of the month.

Completion works will begin in January 2024 (firm date to be confirmed) and run until approximately Easter 2024. This work will be carried out using temporary two-way traffic lights and Northern Powergrid would like to stress there are no further road closures planned.

The work involves digging five intermittent joint bays in the roadway/grass verges along Hard Lane, Union Street, Woodall Lane and Killamarsh Lane. These small excavations are dug to allow section of the new electricity cables to be pulled into the ducting that has already been laid in the roadway and then joined together.

Grass verges and any damaged areas of the roadway/footpath will be fully reinstated once the full programme of works has been completed.

All Hallows Church

Dear Friends, some people eagerly anticipate the release of the Christmas adverts! Marks and Spencer were first out of the blocks this year. However, its festive offering has been flooded with complaints.

Many people are saying it has 'misjudged the Christmas mood.' It appears to encourage people to shun the endless chores of Christmas, (like writing Christmas cards for loved ones or making a cake or playing board games, wearing party hats and even getting rid of the Elf on the Shelf), to solely focus on enjoying themselves.

On a positive note, it is fun and highlights the pressure we put on ourselves to make Christmas Day perfect. It reminds us that we don't need to stress as much. At the end of the day, it's only a day. M & S said, 'This year's ad is about recognizing that we all have different Christmases and reminding people that it doesn't matter how you celebrate, just do what makes you happy.'

In the Advent run up to Christmas some people feel the pressure of having to worry about and plan so many things. It can often feel like the list is never ending.

For me Christmas is about two things: Love and Peace. Finding ways to love our neighbour. Just like the innkeeper did when he compassionately offered a Bethlehem stable to Mary and Joseph. It was a chaotic night and the generosity of one person made a difference to the life of a tiny babe called Jesus.

We also know him as the Prince of Peace. Finding peace in our hearts and lives, not through a pile of presents, but by spending quality time with our loved ones and friends. Knowing the love and peace of Jesus in my life every single day is what Christmas means to me.

Come and experience the love and peace of Jesus at one of our Christmas Services:

Sunday 17th December 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 24th December 10 am Christmas Eve Communion
Sunday 24th December 5.30 pm Christingle Service
Monday 25th December 10 am Christmas Day Service
Sunday 31st December 10 am New Year's Eve Communion at Wales Church

Have a blessed Christmas.

Reverend Gary Schofield
The Vicarage, Manor Road
Wales, Sheffield S26 5PD
Tel: 01909 771111



Where did 2023 go? It seems to have gone in a rain-sodden year - I can't remember the last time it was too warm to go into the garden, now I am investing in waders and a mackintosh!

We changed our Annual Show this year to adjust for financial issues and to create an event that better met the needs of an evolving community. Feedback has been so positive, and the show was so well supported, all had a great time, young and old. Thank you, Harthill and Woodall, as always, you stepped up.

This edition of Hart looks forward to all the things that make Christmas special in the Village, as well as a look forward to events that may be planned for 2024. We are really looking forward to our Annual Christmas Wreath making to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday morning 2nd December. This is such a wonderful event, sociable, creative, celebratory and, for me in particular, it heralds the start of Christmas. It is always very popular, and as I write Marcella reports that she has sold out tickets for the limited places - these are £10 for adults and £5 for children. There are posters going up around the Village, so if you want to go you need to act fast and get in touch with Marcella to be put on a waiting list in case of cancellation. She is such a driving force for these events, and we are so grateful to her and to all the helpers and the talented bakers who make and give out the delicious and Christmasy refreshments during the morning.

At this point I am usually giving you dates for your diary of things that we are planning for the coming year.

As I have communicated before, Jill, our Treasurer, and myself, as Secretary are stepping down from our roles from the end of December. So far, we have not had any volunteers for these posts and the organisation cannot function without these key people. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with me on 0114 2879540 OR email mijen.shimwell@btinternet.com. I can explain what the roles entail and give you assurance that if you take them on you will be supported and helped in the changeover.

If we have not had anyone interested by 20th December 2023, then with real regret, we will have no alternative but to wind up HDGA, which we hope will not happen! We have had to set a deadline, as we have no certainty on our future as an organisation without people to help run it, so we will have to wind it up early in the New Year and therefore we cannot plan for the future.

It is very sad, but the great group of people we have been working with over the last 13 years of shows and events have been so committed and worked so hard, that it is difficult to find the words to express what an uplifting and special time we have had continuing the tradition of a show that has been going since 1945. All things change and pass and many of these local shows have closed down over the last few years. So maybe the time has now come for us too. We hope not and that someone will see this as an interesting and rewarding volunteer role.

Once we are sure what might be happening then we will put out information on Village Facebook page and also in the Spring Hart. In the meantime, good luck to you in your planning for a new growing year and we all wish you a "Very Merry Christmas and a great and productive 2024."

Jenny Shimwell - Show Secretary



Harthill Christmas Family Fun Day!

Come and join us at Harthill Village Hall on Sunday 3rd December from 11 am where you can take part in the village Christmas Trail, take a wander around the Christmas gift market before taking a trip to the North Pole for a visit to Santa in his Grotto! We will then close the doors at 3 pm and with the help of Santa's elves we will transform the hall ready to show this year's movie The Grinch! Doors for the movie will open at 5:00 pm the showing at 5:45 pm. Please note that entry to the Christmas gift market is free, however tickets for the village trail, Santa's Grotto and Christmas Movie Screening are available from our website www.hmrmedia.co.uk.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Dates for your diary

Every Monday morning - Coffee morning from 10 am

Every Tuesday morning Art Group 10 am - 12 noon

Every Wednesday morning Gardening Group
During Spring & Summer

Every Wednesday evening Knit & Natter
6 pm - 8 pm

Every Thursday Lunch Club 12 noon - 2.30 pm
For tenants and residents, come along to socialise, have a hot 2 course meal followed by tea or coffee (£5.50 per head), buy £1 Raffle tickets and finish off playing Bingo at £1.50 for 3 games.

Future Events are planned as we finish 2023 and start the new year of 2024

Saturday 25th November 2023 Christmas Fair
From 10 am - 4 pm. £5 a table if required
Refreshments will be available
Bring The Hart magazine or a leaflet for a Free Cuppa!

Sunday 3rd December 2023 Christmas Market
Coach trip to Skipton Christmas Market
Depart 8.30 am from Harthill Leisure Centre car park

Thursday 21st December
Lunch Club Christmas Lunch - 12 noon

Thursday 4th January 2024 - 12 noon
Lunch Club restarts

Saturday 6th January 2024
Afternoon Tea at 2 pm

CONTACTS For table bookings for Christmas Fair, seats for coach trip and meals are:

Sue Macdonald : 07974 227573

Sue Klinker : 07787 551459

Until 3rd December and after
20th December to take booking requests.



Peregrine Way Community Centre

We are continuing to run the following activities on a weekly basis:

Monday Coffee Mornings

10 am until 11 am/11.30 am

Cost £1 which includes refreshments

Tuesday - Art Group

10 am to 12 Noon - led by Deborah Gibson

Cost £2.50 includes refreshments and art equipment.

Wednesday - Volunteer Gardening Group

Maintaining the gardens mainly throughout spring and summer. Over the recent months new fence panelling and trellis was installed and painted. Necessary repairs have been carried out. Good use has been made of the greenhouse and plants grown from seed as well those purchased with grant money flourished. The summer displays were great but have now been removed. The group are now planning next year's planting etc.

Wednesday Evenings Knit & Natter

6 pm - 8 pm - A Knit & Natter Group has recently started and beginners through to experts are welcome to join us. We pay £1 which includes refreshments.

Thursday Lunch Club

12 Noon to 2.30 pm. Cost is £5.50 per head and includes a hot main course and a hot dessert followed by Tea/Coffee and of course plenty of conversation. We hold a Raffle - £1.00 per ticket. Once the meal, supplied by Dinnington Resource Centre is over and the tables are cleared, we get down to the serious business of our weekly Bingo.

Coach Trips

Using Johnson Coaches we had summer trips to Beverley (17/6/23), Cleethorpes (15/7/23) and Lincoln (19/8/23). Members and non-members came along, and we were lucky with the weather.



Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 5th December 2023 at Harthill Village Hall at 7 pm

The Agenda for this meeting will be on the Parish Council website by the Thursday preceding the meeting or by request from the Clerk

Clerk_harthillwithwoodallpc@outlook.com
www.harthillwithwoodallpc.org.uk



Clerk to the Council Caroline Havenhand

My working days are
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
10 am until 4 pm
and Wednesday
10 am until 12 noon

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Julian Morley 01909 770231
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Liz Simmonite..... 01909 770921

Halloween 2023

The Halloween trail 2023 was a great success.

This year, instead of finding words on posters we had stamps, the children stamped around the village, this year finding spooky stamps.

They were able to receive a tasty treat with thanks to Harthill with Woodall Parish Council for their kind donation of the sweets.

The Bluebell Inn hosted pie night with The Handmade Pie Company who made delicious pies and hotdogs for the children.

Thank you for all the kind donations, without these the event would not be able to go ahead.



Defibrillator Training



Harthill with Woodall Parish has organised a defibrillator training event to be presented by Yorkshire Ambulance Services on Saturday 9th March at 11 am in Harthill Village Hall.

Whilst the machines do give full instructions, parishioners have told us that face-to-face training would make them feel more confident. Please take a few minutes to walk around the village to identify where our four defibrillators are located.

Defibrillator on Wall of Beehive



These are located:

On the wall of the Beehive Pub

On the wall adjacent to the noticeboard in Woodall

At the Village Hall to the left of the noticeboard.

On the Wall of the Doctor's surgery.

Three of the units are available thanks to funding from South Yorkshire Community Foundation, through the Loscar Wind Fund.

The Parish Council would also like to thank the owner/occupiers of the three locations for accommodating the units.

Harthill Cricket Club

When I wrote my last article towards the end of August there was an on-going concern that the First Team were going to be relegated from the Championship after just one season. Following a very strong end to the season, where 4 out of 5 games were won, we finished joint 6th in a league of 12 teams.

In this run, we beat Ordsall Bridon away by 28 runs, successfully defending 156 (Dom Cumming 36, Luke Lodge 32) and then the wickets were shared amongst Chris Page (2-17), Bradie Shaw (3-35), Dom (2-29) & Connor Graham (2-13). This was followed up with a 22-run victory over Bawtry, who at the time were in the mix to win the league. Reece van Staden top scored with 59 in our under-par total of 153 all out. We bowled Bawtry out for 131, with Chris Page and Dom Cumming taking 3 wickets each.

The following weekend the calendar flipped over to September which meant the start time moved forward to 11.30 am and we had a long-drive to North Wheatley for a game against another team challenging for the title. We had an under-strength team but posted an impressive 253/8 with Dom Cumming (87) and Chris Radford (59) scoring his first half century for the 1st team being the leading scorers. We bowled North Wheatley out for 215

to win by 38 runs with Reece van Staden taking 4-29 off 10 overs and Bradie Shaw taking 3 outstanding catches.



Special mentions for Will Bloodworth who faced up bravely to one of the fastest bowlers in the league and fielded brilliantly, and Graham Shaw who took the winning catch and is believed to still be running home celebrating 2 months later.

Having secured our safety there was a real party atmosphere at Thorpe Road on a baking hot day for the last home game of the season against Mansfield Hosier Mills, with the "cheerleaders" expertly led by Dave Poucher, Pat Hurt and Jason Drake being a particular highlight. Mansfield compiled 236/8 with Chris Page taking 3 wickets. Harthill raced to victory for the loss of just 2 wickets with 11 overs remaining. Phil Higginson scoring 73 and Dom Cumming 110 not out.



For the last game of the season, we went to Anston with confidence hoping to cause one final upset and derail their league title ambitions. Unfortunately, we were very well beaten by the best team we had played all season. We only managed 136 all out off 49.3 overs with Anston knocking the total off for the loss of 3 wickets in just 21 overs. Congratulations to Anston on an outstanding season and a fully deserved league title.

The Second Team's season finished around the time of my last article so there are no game updates, but they have had an outstanding season finishing third in the table. As it stands, it is only the top two teams who get promoted but if there is a restructure of the leagues, we will be going up.

Leading Run Scorers 2023

Player	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVERAGE
Dom Cumming	15	15	2	695	124	53.46
Reece Van Staden	17	17	1	368	81	23
Martin Grayson	14	13	0	359	65	27.62
Andrew Collinson	12	12	1	331	59	30.09
Ian Batty	10	10	1	254	68	28.22

Leading Wicket Takers 2023

Player	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	BEST BOWLING	AVERAGE
Christopher Page	115	10	505	28	4/24	18.04
Bradie Shaw	111	9	587	20	3/20	29.35
Dom Cumming	112.5	15	418	19	4/27	22
Chris Woodward	69	13	259	18	5/26	14.39
Reece Van Staden	138	8	556	14	4/29	39.71

All fixtures, results and league tables can be found at <https://bassetlawdcl.play-cricket.com/home>.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors for their continued support:

The Beehive
Formist
and Newett Homes



WALES WARD

Covering Harthill, Kiveton, Wales, Waleswood and Woodall

Councillor
Dominic Beck



Councillor
Marnie Havard



Councillors Winter Update

We sincerely hope everyone is looking forward to a happy and peaceful Christmas period with friends and loved ones. Christmas is a time for friendship, good deeds and family, and whilst we all have busy lives, we should cherish this fellowship and the time we have to share with others.

As ever, there are a number of updates we wanted to give you this month in relation to things happening in the villages of Harthill and Woodall. We are pleased that three of our local roads will be resurfaced next year, likely around March time. This includes, Northlands following the major drainage works, South Farm Avenue and part of Walseker Lane.

As we continue to champion Harthill and Woodall and seek to attract investment from the Council, we will see several local improvements next Summer. The footpaths on Winney Hill and Union Street will be newly resurfaced as we know how much in need of repair they are. Following reports over many years of speeding at various locations in the village, and after consultation with residents which was overwhelmingly supportive, speed humps will be installed on Thorpe Road, Hard lane (entering the village) and on Woodall Lane at Woodall.

We wanted to incorporate all of Woodall Lane, but the funds are limited and sadly wouldn't stretch along the entire stretch into Harthill. These works will entail little disruption.

Like many residents, we remain frustrated by the impact Northern Powergrid works have had on some of our most vulnerable residents and on our local businesses. We will be glad when the works are complete, which should be very soon. We have been tremendously busy assisting individuals on a variety of issues caused by the works. If for yourself, or if you know of anyone who requires assistance or advice, please get in touch. We want to help.

Finally, we hope to see you at the many Christmas get togethers and community events over the coming weeks. Don't forget we have our regular drop-in advice surgeries at Harthill Leisure Centre 1st and 2nd Saturday of the month 10 am - 11 am.

Our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Dominic Beck

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Cllr Marnie Havard

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Harthill Workbench



It's almost eight years now since Chris Lambley and Dave Tingle had a dream. The building of a workshop which could be used for woodworking by our community. It took almost 3 years of hard work and perseverance before that dream came true. Thanks to a grant from the lottery fund and the wholehearted backing of the Parish council we completed our workshop in the grounds of the Leisure Centre on Woodall Lane. Barrie Watson and Tim Stevens joined us to make the band of four who spent several weeks constructing the workshop from a "flat pack".

When we opened, everything we had in the workshop, including all the machinery was either donated or second hand.

Today we have an almost professional set up with new equipment and tools which we have been able to buy using various grants we have successfully applied for.

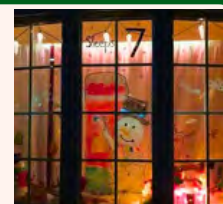
We have been the victims of our own success. We are now fortunate to have many members, some of whom had little or no woodworking skills when they joined us. Today the workshop is often filled to capacity, with members beavering away producing some excellent examples of their woodworking skills.

We are open 10 am to 2 pm Wednesday to Sunday inclusive. The kettle is always on so why not pop in and say hello to us have a chat and a cup of tea - you may even like to join us.



Window Advent

There will be a window Christmas advent trail. Would you like to decorate your window to join in the Christmas trail? Email your interest to harthillevent@gmail.com or see the Facebook event Harthill Christmas Advent Trail. There will be a map of windows to view over the Christmas period.



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Harthill-with-Woodall WI

November
2023



the WI
INSPIRING WOMEN



Our WI motto: Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply & Speak kindly resonates even more so during darker nights when socialising is not as easy or accessible for many. The WI camaraderie ensures ladies feel connected whether over WhatsApp, in person at meetings or social events and simply by knowing they have someone to chat to, whenever they need it.

Our WI evenings continue to bring much entertainment, enjoyment, but most of all, companionship and friendship to a number of ladies from Harthill and surrounding villages. We've welcomed our 53rd member and are confident that we'll reach a wonderful 55 before the turn of the year. We must give a shout-out to our friends from Thorpe Salvin! Their membership to our WI has tripled this year and is on the verge of quadrupling very soon - they'll be coming in a mini-bus to join us soon! If you're interested in joining us, wherever you may live, but worried about driving to Harthill, do get in touch as it is more than likely we can support you.

We thoroughly enjoyed 'An Evening with Chocolate' in September, welcoming over a dozen guests. October brought 'Trick, Treat & Prosecco' led by two of our talented ladies and we are looking forward to welcoming local resident, Grahame

Farleigh, to talk to us about 'His Life with Antiques' in November. We'll celebrate the festive season in December and are very much looking forward to hearing from Ted Mullins from Harthill Memories Society in January before our Silent Auction in February and our AGM in March.

We were honoured to host the South Yorkshire Federation of WIs annual quiz this year, sadly, we didn't win but we'll go again next year! A group of us were blown away with the talents of Dinnington Amateur Operatics at their performance of 'The Sound of Music' early in October, so much so that we have booked tickets to go and see 'The Wizard of Oz' in March next year. We are keen to support local groups and businesses and it was an absolute pleasure to sell out for our Christmas Meal this year, at The Beehive pub.

We're looking forward to, what is becoming a traditional trip to, the Manor Operatics' Panto - Robin Hood - in December. We have limited tickets (including travel to and from Harthill) available via harthillwoodallwi@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us. 28th December, at the City Hall in Sheffield at 2 pm.

Our regular Friday morning coffee meetings have continued. We meet most Friday mornings from 10.30 am for coffee in The Blue Bell, and these are enjoyed by many of us and we welcome all ladies from the village and surrounding area, whether WI members or not.

Come and join us! We meet every third Tuesday in the month at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome and visitors are welcome to 'try before they buy' for a nominal fee.

On behalf of all our ladies, may we wish you, your families & friends a truly magical Christmas and here's to many more wonderful evenings together and another year of inspiring women with the WI.

"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve." (Unknown)

Harthill Tea Day & Social Club



Well, what a busy and enjoyable year we have had. We recently celebrated our 73rd birthday as a club with yet another glorious cake from Harthill Bakers, thank you Ian it was delicious. We have done exercises to music, had several tabletop and cake sales, enjoyed days out to the seaside and countryside, and had speakers in to enlighten us on a variety of topics. We continue to grow in membership, with friendship at the core of our club values. We are busy planning our Christmas lunch out and looking forward to a very busy and enjoyable club next year. May we wish everyone, including friends old and new, a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

If you would like to join our happy club, please just come along.

We meet every alternate Wednesday in Harthill Village Hall, 3 pm - 5.30 pm, if you would like further information, please call **Sue on 01909 772778** or **Marlene on 01909 771432**, we look forward to meeting you



The Hart



Alexander Stafford your MP for Rother Valley



As readers will be aware, the State Opening of Parliament happened at the start of last month, which included the first King's speech for over 70 years. I was honoured to be at that magnificent occasion and was very lucky to be able to watch His and Her Majesty the King and Queen process through the Royal Gallery dressed in their ermine and velvet cloaks. As ever, at times like this, I am deeply honoured to be there representing my neighbours in Harthill, and all my constituents across Rother Valley.

Likewise, I was humbled to place a Poppy in the Garden of Remembrance in Parliament in remembrance of all those from Rother Valley who laid down their lives for others. Our Memorial Cross in Harthill is a powerful reminder, especially on Armistice Day, of the debt we owe to those brave men and women. In Rother Valley, I took part in Armistice Day celebrations across the constituency, laying wreaths in Dinnington, Maltby, and Harthill, among others, as we all take some time to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Back at home in Harthill, as the nights grow longer and there is more of a chill in the air, my family and I are looking forward, as ever, to Christmas. The festive season really is my favourite time of year, especially for us in Harthill and Woodall as the community comes together and everyone gets into the festive spirit. I love seeing the Harthill sleigh as it goes through the village; I remember fondly, last year, my daughter running down our drive saying she was "chasing Father Christmas on his sleigh". I know everyone, my family included, also loves seeing the Hartwheelers go by in their fancy dress on the annual Santa Ride, and I am sure my children will be asking Father Christmas for a bicycle this year so they can join in next year.

I do know, however, that cold winter nights bring worries as well as festive cheer. In our homes, though they have fallen since last year, energy prices are still running high; and abroad, I know many were, like me, deeply concerned by ongoing war in Ukraine and the new crisis unfolding in the Middle East. I will, throughout the year, continue to support the Government in their work to alleviate both of these fears. I encourage anyone in Harthill and Woodall to please get in touch with me directly if I can be of help with these, or any issues. After all, Christmastime is a time for families to get together, and for us all to be free of the worries and concerns of normal life.

I hope all of my neighbours in Harthill and Woodall will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Canal & River Trust

The newly upgraded Harthill Reservoir spillway has been serving its purpose well during the heavy rainfall from recent storms. The Trust is continuing to closely monitor water levels in the reservoir and carry out 'fish rescues' as required (in cases whereby raised water levels have caused small numbers of fish in the top pond to transfer into the bottom pond).

We would like to thank everyone who has fed back on our fishing platform designs, an amended planning application is being submitted by the end of November.

Your patience as we carry out this reservoir upgrade project is appreciated. The team are working hard to complete this by the end of March 2024, although prolonged periods of heavy rainfall and recent storms are likely to have an impact on this and updates will be posted on our webpage - Harthill Reservoir upgrade | Canal & River Trust (canalrivertrust.org.uk)

For any enquiries relating to the project, please contact our team on freephone: 0800 028 8141 or email: harthill@canalrivertrust.org.uk

For emergency / out of hours assistance (including requests for 'fish rescues') please contact Canal & River Trust on: 0303 040 4040



Harthill In Bloom

Perhaps we are biased, but we believe that our Parish is the prettiest in Rotherham and many people comment on the colourful displays, created in the flower beds and planters. It does not happen by chance. Each May, volunteers who have adopted an area or bed, plant the beds to create these lovely displays. The plants are purchased by the Parish Council and collected locally. Volunteers then keep an eye and add a drop of water if the weather remains dry for long periods. In winter, by the same method, pansies or bulbs are added.

Inevitably our volunteers get older, or sometimes relocate and we need to add new members to our marvellous team. This task is a great example of the saying "many hands make lighter work".

You do not have to have green fingers - enthusiasm is the only thing that you need to join in. The time commitment is small.

If you would be prepared to help, please contact the clerk - her details are on page 6.



Harthill Morris



Hi Folks,

Harthill Morris are now busy with our practice season, welcoming new members to the ranks.

We held a "Meet the Morris" day in late October at the Village Hall. We had great fun with the Harthill Morris ladies and gents demonstrating the Morris to our curious visitors. We all had a lot of laughs as we guided them through a full performance of a traditional Morris dance to live music played by the Harthill Morris band.

As we have new members, now is the ideal time for you to step forward and join them to help keep this old village tradition alive. It is our 50th anniversary in two years and it will be you, as new members, that will ensure we reach that landmark. Please come and join us as we prepare to practice ahead for 2024.

Any enquiries please contact Lesley Ellam at harthill.bagman@gmail.com.

Our next performance will be under the gas lamps at the Kelham Island Victorian Christmas Market. This is a great atmospheric event to start the festive season as we provide magical music and merriment along with other local brass bands, musicians, choirs and carollers, and, of course, Santa and his elves. And you will feel the floor shake as the mighty River Don Engine runs on the hour, every hour! The event is on Saturday, 2 December, 10 am - 6 pm, and Sunday, 3 December, 10 am - 5 pm, at the Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street, Sheffield, S3 8RY. (Adults £8, under 16's free). Please note that Harthill Morris will be performing on the afternoon of the Sunday.

We will be up to our usual mischief at the two Harthill public houses on Boxing Day - 11 am at the Blue Bell, 12 noon at the Beehive - bringing fun, Morris dancing, traditional singing, festive drinking, and more merry-making and tomfoolery!

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!
Wassail!!**

Darren Nugent

harthillmorris.org.uk, Facebook: Harthill Morris



Harthill Leisure Centre

Located at the side of Car Park,
Spens Field, Harthill



HARTHILL

LEISURE CENTRE

We have had a good season especially with social and league bowling. A special thank you to Pat and Don who have looked after the front border and tubs this year, they have looked especially colourful. Also, thank to Ray who has done additional work around the bowling green.

We have plans to more hold craft markets in 2024 encouraging local producers and crafters to come along - watch this space and our Facebook book page for more details.

Our plans to refurbish the main court with the possibility of opening a MUGA are still ongoing.

Santa is stopping by on the 2nd December, he will be in the main court along with other festive goodies - look out for posters around the village for more details.

For bookings, pitch reservation or enquirers about activities on offer please contact Neill Radford on 07971081318 or message us via our Facebook page which is regularly updated with news and events.

Harthill Play Area

Having built the new tots play area last year, the Parish Council is starting to look at our provision for older children, as well as looking at existing equipment which is ready for replacement.

There will be a survey in the new year on the village Facebook page, so please keep an eye out for this. In the interim if you have any views on this please email the clerk on:

Clerk_harthillwithwoodallpc@outlook.com.

We want to hear your views.



Hartwheelers



Now is the season when men wear tights, at least those who cycle do! If the winter rains keep away and the roads aren't frosted and icy, we cyclists wrap up warm and venture out on the roads and trails for our favourite exercise. Bright jackets and lights are essential, too!

Hartwheelers cycle meets, arranged via our WhatsApp group, include:

- Monday night social rides, all abilities welcome, at 6.30 pm.
- Tuesday hill training on Kiveton Community Woodlands, for the Keen Beans and a short social ride to the bottom of the colliery hill and back, for those who prefer a quickie! Meet at 6.30 pm.
- Wednesday night social mountain bike rides, starting at 6.30 pm.
- Friday morning "musketee" social rides, with our trusty e-bikers Aramis and Porthos, to the café at Netherthorpe airfield, where the eating of cake is strongly encouraged.

Several Hartwheelers also ride out with the Bolsover and District Cycling Club:

- Sunday morning on a 50 mile road bike round trip
- Tuesday evening on a 25 mile road bike round trip
- Thursday evening on a 15-20 mile mountain bike trip

Look out for us or come along and join us in festive attire on our annual Santa Ride to Waleswood campsite café on Sunday 17 December. Hartwheelers ride throughout the year. Our coaches can help you to rebuild confidence and brush up skills. Our mechanics can check and tune up your bike, too. We have a private Facebook page.

For more information or to join our group, please contact me

Andy Warren on 07967 984754
or Ruth Sutherland on 07786 543408

"Soup and Song for our local villages."



If you're interested in singing along to some old traditional songs such as Que Sera Sera, We'll meet again, Sweet Caroline and more, with food and refreshments, ALL FOR FREE, then this invitation is meant for you!

Taking place on the second Thursday of each month from 12 noon to 2 pm, the entertainment is provided by professional singers/musicians, and soup, other food and refreshments are served by willing cheery volunteers, everyone is welcome.

In liaison with charitable organisation Lost Chord, Wales Kiveton Methodist Church are delighted to host and provide these popular interactive dementia friendly music sessions, and a warm welcome is extended to our close neighbours at Harthill, Killamarsh, Todwick and others further afield.

These "Soup and Song" singalongs have already created some new friendships and have an uplifting effect on mood, wellbeing and feel-good factor.

You can be assured of a friendly greeting with a light-hearted atmosphere, so come along and join in with the fun and enjoyment at our Christmas special at 12 noon on Thursday 14th December - mince pies at the ready!

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