

The Hart



Harthill with Woodall Parish Council Newsletter

**Issue 76
Winter 2024**

*Welcome to the latest issue
of The Hart.
We hope that you find it
useful and informative.*



Joy Pattison
Parish Council
Chairman

When the winter Hart drops through your letterbox you know that it's time for the start of festive activities. This year is no different and there are lots of activities planned in and around the village. Harthill and Woodall are wonderful at Christmas, the sense of community is never more evident.

Our local events, such as the Christmas Fayre and the Santa Sleigh tour are all put together by The Carnival Society, all local volunteers, and have become part of our festive calendar. Please support them as it helps to fund the lovely Christmas trees that you see around our Parish in December and the items of Remembrance during November, as well as Harthill Carnival. The new display at the Well Area this year has been simply stunning.

Whilst Christmas is a family time it also can be lonely for people on their own. Please reach out to neighbours and encourage them to come along to events in the village. Our community groups make everyone welcome.

On behalf of Harthill with Woodall Parish Council I would like to send everyone best wishes for the festive season.

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.

Joy Pattison
Parish Council Chairman



Harthill Well Dressing



This year's Christmas Well Dressing will be opened on Saturday 7th December at 3.15 pm in Harthill Parish Church. Everyone is welcome.

The well dressing will be blessed by the Reverend Gary Schofield, Priest in Charge.

Harthill Primary School children will be there to sing for us as well as the choir of Harthill Voices. Musicians from Harthill Morris and friends will accompany the carols. After the blessing, Mince Pies, provided by the Carnival Society, will be served in the church along with a Hot Toddy. There will be fruit juice and Christmas biscuits for the children. The well dressing will be then placed in the well for the Christmas period.



Harthill Well Dressing Christmas 2023

At 4 pm a special person will be coming down the village and we want to be outside to see him when he comes. The Carnival Society's Christmas Fayre will then be starting at 4 pm in the Church Lane.

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 Sunday

We are honoured to again be able to remember all of those who have served their country, and, for some, paid the ultimate sacrifice. Poppies to commemorate the fallen have been placed on lamp posts around the village.

You will notice a stunning new remembrance feature at the well area at the bottom of Doctor Lane, we are extremely grateful for the donation of this amazing commemorative piece. This will remain in place as a mark of respect, before then being transformed into the annual Christmas Tree at the beginning of December.



Christmas



By the time this edition lands on your doorstep, we will be edging closer to the festive season. We are delighted to be illuminating the village with the annual display of lights at various points around the village. It would be great if as many households and businesses as possible are able to add to the display through decorating their own properties with festive lights. We welcome two new estates at either end of the village, and it would be great to see those areas looking festive too!

This year we are working with Harthill All Hallows Church and Harthill Well Dressing Group to bring together all three of our festive celebrations in one place. On Saturday 7th December we will have the Christmas Light switch on and market on Church Lane between 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm, with performances from Harthill Village Voices and Maltby Brass Band. There will also be food & drink on offer alongside a selection of festive stalls. The Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place in Church earlier on that day and the Christmas Well Dressing service will take place before the light switch on and market.

By extremely popular demand, after the first Santas Grotto last year, we are excited to say this year we will have two separate dates for the Grotto. Thank you to Andrew and Sarah, the Old Cobblers shop will once again be transformed into a magical grotto, which will create an unforgettable experience for our younger (and older!) population to enjoy.

We anticipate that there will be a high demand for the Santas Grotto, and so it is imperative that you book at the earliest opportunity. Details are on the poster on the front page.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to an exciting Harthill Carnival & Show in 2025!

Festive Wishes.
Harthill Carnival Society.





HARTHILL CARNIVAL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS IN HARTHILL

FROM 4PM SATURDAY 7TH DEC	LIGHT SWITCH ON
CHURCH LANE, OFF UNION STREET	CHRISTMAS MARKET
	SANTA TOUR
SATURDAY 14TH DEC	SANTA'S GROTTO
2PM - 5PM	
OLD COBBLERS SHOP	
SATURDAY 21ST DEC	SANTA'S GROTTO
2PM - 5PM	
OLD COBBLERS SHOP	

BOOKINGS - HARTHILLSANTASGROTTO@GMAIL.COM

£7 ENTRY FEE FOR SANTA'S GROTTO INCLUDES PRESENT





Harthill & District Garden Association



Once again the year has come full circle and Christmas is almost here. 2024 has been a new start for Harthill and District Garden Society, as a new committee have formed to take the group forward. Our aim is, and always has been, to encourage growing vegetables, fruit and flowers, whether in a garden, allotment or on a patio. Over time, crafts of all kinds have been introduced into our schedule, to encourage everyone to 'have a go' at something. Committee members go into Harthill Primary School on a weekly basis to support their flourishing, and very popular, gardening club.

Our annual 'Make, Grow and Show' event in September was a wonderful day. Held in the Village Hall, the tables were full of the various exhibits. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. We were entertained by Harthill Village Voices and once again, it was standing room only in the hall!

Last week we held our Pumpkin and Prosecco afternoon. After much laughter, most pumpkins had their lid cut off and their seeds removed. Then it was decorating time. Two hours later, after more Prosecco, all the pumpkins were displayed on the stage. They looked magnificent, and everyone who participated hopes the afternoon can become an annual event. Everyone left for home with their pumpkin and our now famous treat pack, containing a Halloween muffin (with witches legs) and homemade Halloween biscuits.

Finally, to end the year, our annual wreath making session takes place on December 7th. All tickets are booked and there is now a waiting list. Marcella will once again be guiding people through the traditions of wreath making, and we wish to thank her for giving her time and expertise.

Finally, the HDGA committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas season, and a peaceful New Year.

Facebook: Harthill & District Garden Association

Peregrine Way Community Centre

We are here for everyone, not just for the bungalows, flats, or council houses in Pryor Mede, Carver Way, De Sutton Place, Peregrine Way and Carver Close.

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

Day	Activity	Time	Cost	
Monday	Coffee Mornings	10 am – 11.00 am/11.30 am	£1.00	Includes Refreshments
Tuesday	Art Group No art skills necessary.	10 am – 12.00 noon	£2.50	Led by Deborah Gibson. Refreshments and Art materials included.
Wednesday	Volunteer Gardening Group	Maintains the Gardens mainly throughout Spring & Summer. 1 pm.	Free	The group are now planning next years' planting, so if anyone fancies joining in, let us know.
Thursday	Lunch Club Plus raffle and Play your Cards Right.	12 Noon to 2.30 pm Please note that the Christmas luncheon club is on 19 th December. The next one will be 9 th January.	£6.50	Includes a hot main course and a hot dessert followed by Tea/Coffee and of course plenty of conversation. Please call Sue MacDonald and order by Monday morning.

Future Plans

Using Johnson Coaches we had spring/summer trips to Bakewell followed by early evening meal at The Royal Oak at Barlborough (29/4/24) and Bridlington (30/6/24). Members and non-members came along, and we were lucky with the weather. It is planned to try and organise another Coach trip in December so please ask us about this.

On Thursday 2nd January there are plans to hold a buffet rather than the usual luncheon club. The timing of this will be advised nearer the date.

Following the successful Clairvoyance Evening on 23rd September, which raised £90, we plan to hold another in the early months of 2025. Please look out for announcements.

CONTACTS:

ANY DATE: Sue MacDonald on 07974 227 573
UNTIL 3rd Dec and after 22nd Dec:
Sue Klinker on 07787 551 459



It has been proposed by the Council Hub Centre Team that we make more use of the Centre as we have additional spare capacity for social gatherings. It has been suggested that perhaps parents who want to have a chat in the morning after dropping children off at school, or in the afternoon before picking children up from school may be interested. The spare times for this are: Monday and Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday morning, and Friday morning and afternoon.

It has also been suggested that if there are any groups who want to get together in the evenings to play games such as Bridge, Scrabble or similar that they may want to form an evening club any weekday evening.

Please contact us if you wish to know more about this.

Defibrillator

In addition to the four units, mentioned previously in The Hart, that are owned and managed by the Parish Council, a further unit was installed early in 2024 at the Peregrine Centre - Access from De Sutton, turn right into Peregrine Way by the maisonettes and Carver Close turn left into Peregrine Way cul-de-sac of 4 bungalows.



All Hallows Church

Dear Friends,

One of the most precious moments at our 5.30 pm Christmas Eve Christingle Service is when the children sing the first verse of 'Away in a Manger'. There's something about the combination of children and the Christmas Story that incredibly magical.

The children have previously brought the knitted nativity figures forward one by one and placed them in the manger scene. Last of all is the infant king. The creator of the universe represented in the form of a woolly tiny babe. We then turn all the lights off and sing in a candlelit church 'Silent Night'. Which finishes with the words 'sleep in heavenly peace'.

A tiny baby fast asleep is such a peaceful sight. A real promise of hope for a better world. Sleep deeply, tiny eyes. For soon you will wake to see the mess that we have made of your world. You will see our nakedness, for we cannot hide. You will see our selfishness, for we cannot give. You will see our pain, for we cannot heal.

Rest tiny one and this Christmas may we all see your promise of peace and live it out in our lives. Each and every day.

Christmas Blessings.

Christmas Services

Sunday	15th December 4.30 pm	Carol Service
Sunday	22nd December 10.45 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	24th December 5.30 pm	Christingle Service
Wednesday	25th December 10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29th December 10.00 am	Joint service for local churches at Wales Parish Church

Best wishes and prayers

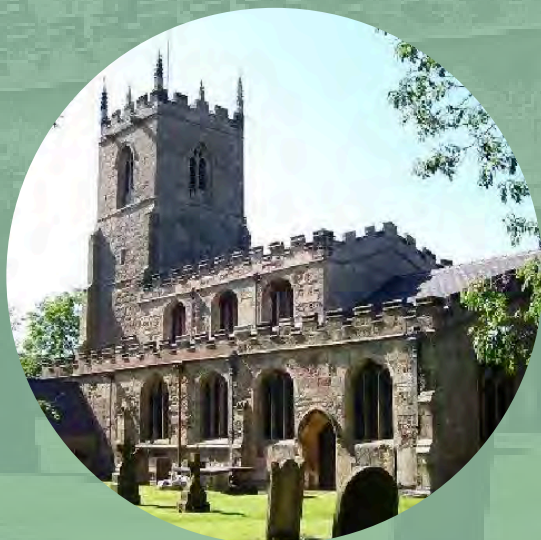
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Harthill Tea Day and Social Club



Harthill Tea Club have had a very active year so far, with days out to the coast and countryside, cake bake sales, table top sales, and a very successful afternoon tea with prosecco to celebrate The Carnival Society's 50th Anniversary. On carnival day in July the weather was very kind to us and we raised an incredible amount for our club funds.

With autumn just around the corner we are organising our winter events with a pie and peas meal, and all our members will be able to enjoy a Christmas meal being catered for in the village hall, enabling all our members to take part and enjoy.

If you would like to join us please just come along and give us a try, friendship is one of our core values, if you require further information please contact:

Sue on 01909 772778
or Marlene on 01909 771432



We look forward to meeting you!

Margaret Lovely RIP



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Margaret Lovely, our Church Warden.

Lovely by name and lovely by nature, Margaret will be missed by many in our village. She was a Focal Minister and Worship leader planning many of the services as well as acting as pianist.

She will be remembered by many for her youth work and had recently started an after-school club on Mondays, the Wonder Club, along with other Church members.

Her funeral was on Friday 8th November at 11 am in All Hallows.

Reverend Gary writes "Margaret was irreplaceable in so many ways. She was our Churchwarden and pianist and so much more in between. The community saw her as the gentle, kind and smiling, face of the Church. They also recognized her deep faith and conviction in passing that faith on to future generations. She was deeply committed to sharing the love of her Lord with young people. The perfect legacy for Margaret would be for her to know that her spreading of the seeds of the Gospel was not in vain. That All Hallows was flourishing and growing as a church in her absence. "

Paul Rowland writes: "In the 14 years I've run the Harthill FB page we've never had a post that has received more than 150 Likes. Margaret's post has already clocked up 250 Likes with 72 comments. I hope Margaret's family will get some comfort from knowing that their mum was held in such high esteem and affection."

Reverend Gary Schofield



Harthill Active Travel



Did you know that Ed Clancy OBE is the Active Travel Commissioner for South Yorkshire and a cycling ambassador for our region?

Ed Clancy is a three-time Olympic cycling champion, six-time world champion, and one of the most successful endurance riders in the country. He's also an ambassador for British Cycling.

Ed Clancy's mission is to encourage people to walk, cycle, or wheel more by making it fun and providing the right environment. He's also working to improve the region's cycling and walking networks.



Harthill Active Travel met and cycled with Ed Clancy this summer and we are looking forward to hosting him in Harthill this month to show him the sites for safe walking, wheeling and cycling paths on Hard Lane and Woodall Lane that this group is lobbying for.

If you have not seen or signed our petition it is available in Harthill Fruit and Veg shop, in Salon 69 and will shortly be available electronically. RMBC is aware of and supportive of our campaign but there is no current local funding to upgrade the two routes. We need 600 signatures to guarantee having our case considered by a RMBC planning subcommittee and to support applications to other funding bodies. Any help and expertise is welcome and will be greatly appreciated by this group of passionate volunteer campaigners. harthillactivetravel@gmail.com

Carol Singing at The Beehive, Harthill



Come along and join in this season's Thursday night sessions of singing and playing of the 'Old Yorkshire Carols' in the upstairs room at The Beehive.

This custom began in Harthill in the 1970's when the late Dr. Derek McCloughlan introduced this Yorkshire tradition to the Beehive, supported by members of the Harthill & District Choral Society, the Harthill Morris and others interested in learning these 'Local' carols. Some pre-date those listed in the Ancient & Modern hymn book, with titles such as 'Old Foster', 'Jacob's Well' and 'Star of Bethlehem'. Many are sung with great gusto, especially when accompanied by a pint or two!

The Beehive sings, in common with other pubs in South Yorkshire, commence the week following Remembrance Sunday.

So, this year we started on Thursday 14th November and will be continuing weekly at 8.45 pm until Thursday 19th December. If you don't know the carols when we start, you should be familiar with them by Christmas. Words are provided and the singing is accompanied by an enthusiastic band of musicians. Attendance is Free.

So come along and enjoy singing these lovely carols with a very friendly group.

Defibrillators Locations

Harthill with Woodall now has 5 defibrillators that are accessible to the public 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

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 right of the noticeboard
- On the Wall of the Doctor's surgery
- Peregrine Way Centre

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 locations for accommodating the units.



Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held
on 3rd December 2024 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@harthillwithwoodall-pc.gov.uk
www.harthillwithwoodall-pc.gov.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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Steve Green	01909 773056
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Sarah Day.....	07710 431136
Marnie Havard	07523 657273
Fiona Radford.....	07846 614015

Play Area Consultation

A big thankyou to everyone that has filled in the play area consultation - this gives us lots of feedback on what parishioners would like to see in the play area.

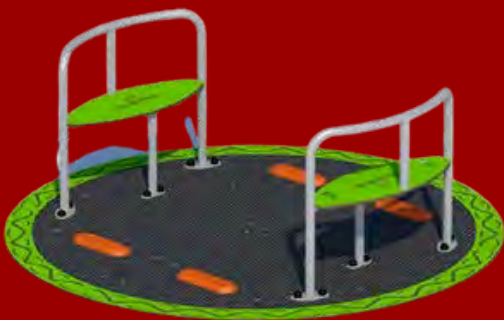
Harthill with Woodall Parish Council is now looking at this to devise a five-year plan to swap out certain equipment and replace it. Some of this will be funding dependant so we can't give timescales on this as yet.

The large Teen shelter will be coming down as it has a number of issues that cannot be fixed. Popular amongst voters was the Hoop shelter with some kind of climbing item close by. Currently the climbing net is favourite by a small margin. This will be built into our plans.

In the main play area two climbing frames were popular - both with longer slides. New equipment is always being designed and produced so we will keep this in mind when we have the opportunity to make some changes in that area.

The first item on the list to change is the small roundabout which is to be exchanged for a more inclusive model on better surfacing. Council will be seeking funding for installation in 2025

The Cableway and Tots play area are proving hugely popular and we will be responding to requests for more seating/picnic tables. It is proving a really popular venue for families when the weather permits and that is great to see.



Canal and River Trust



Harthill Project Update - November 2024

We are pleased to confirm that the public footpath reopened on Friday 1st November and we are starting to gradually refill the reservoir over the forthcoming months.

Landscaping around the reservoir will begin later this month. Approx. 100 new trees will be planted along with new hedgerows to be added along the timber fencing, as part of our commitment to help to increase biodiversity in the area.

While our charity had originally hoped to include new fishing platforms within this project, this has not been possible within the existing project budget. However, we have secured planning permission for the fishing platforms (valid for two years) and are looking into opportunities to try to support these.



Yorkshire Rose Competition



YORKSHIRE



Photograph thanks to Paul Rowland

In the spring/summer issue of The Hart we told Parishioners that our Parish had been invited to take part in the new Yorkshire Rose Award Scheme. As part of the 60th anniversary of the National Britain in Bloom campaign, Yorkshire in Bloom launched a new simple accreditation scheme for local communities. They have gone back to the original campaign, launched in 1964, where Towns and Villages were rewarded for their local pride with three basic threads, Horticultural Impact, Cleanliness, and Provision of Public Amenities. Assessment was in the form of Yorkshire Rose awards 1-5, five being the highest.

In September we got our results and are delighted to announce that the Parish had gained the top award of '5 Roses' and was the South Yorkshire winner.

The judges' comments were as follows:

1. Street Scene and public areas were spotless, even stopped a litter picker out and about on the day of judging. Seasonal hanging baskets, wall boxes, planters added a splash of colour throughout the village.
2. Good use of sustainable planting in areas around the war memorial, main street and Doctor Lane. Public areas around the village hall, church yard, public houses and shops were well maintained and welcoming.
3. Allotments were well maintained and full of produce. The recreational ground and pond (when fully open) are real assets to the village.
4. The wildflower meadow along the verge of the main road into the village was spectacular.

The Parish Council are delighted with the results and would like to thank all who contributed.

Farewell to Jim and Hello to Alan



After 17 years of keeping our Parish tidy, Jim Ellam, our handyman, has hung up his litter picker for the last time, enjoying a well-earned retirement. The Parish Council wish to express their thanks for his service over these years. Jim has also done sterling work as a volunteer for Yorkshire In Bloom and always willingly turned out to help with any projects around the Parish. His contribution has been much appreciated.



Jim Ellam

Jim's replacement started early November and is a local chap named Alan Page. I am sure many of you will know Alan from the fantastic work he does as a volunteer for Harthill Cricket club. Alan comes highly recommended, and we confident that he will carry on Jim's great work. Like Jim, Alan will be working to keep the Parish tidy, particularly around the play areas. Please let us know if you spot any issues. Fly Tipping should be reported to:

[Fly-tipping - Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)



Alan Page



Wales Ward

Covering Harthill, Kiveton,
Wales, Waleswood and Woodall



Councillors Update

We have recently been busy liaising with the Council, the Canals and Rivers Trust and other agencies about the reopening of the reservoir. Like many of you, we are delighted the public amenity has been reopened for the benefit of local people. We are hoping the condition of some of the footpaths will also be improved in the near future too and we are working hard to bring this about. Oh, and we could do with the water back!

On other matters, Rotherham Council has recently consulted with effected residents about proposed new double-yellows around some junctions in the village and around the Beehive Pub. This should make the village safer for all and strike the correct balance between the need to park and pedestrian and driver safety.

Coupled to this, the new speed humps promised for Hard Lane, Thorpe Road and Woodall are still due to be installed. We are just awaiting a date.

Don't forget we hold our monthly drop-in advice surgeries at the Harthill Leisure Centre, 1st and 2nd Saturday of every month at 10 am -11 am.

We do hope that everyone across Harthill and Woodall has a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year period where family, friends and community should be at the forefront of our minds. We may see you around at some of the community events and happenings.

**Best wishes for now,
Dominic Beck & Marnie Havard**

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Soup and Song at Wales Kiveton Methodist Church



The idea of bringing Soup and Song to Wales Kiveton Methodist Church for our local communities was first conceived when visiting a similar themed event 3 years ago up in Ayr, which is called Musical Melodies.

After several visits there, it was abundantly clear that listening to music, and singing along to the old songs and tunes, brought such a joy and pleasure to those present. This was obvious by the smiles and reactions from everyone there. The Ayr events are now into their 11th year, so it's continued success is very much deserved.

Subsequent visits to two other churches (at Worksop and Thrybergh), hosting similar gatherings, produced the same responses, and so it was that we decided it was the right decision to start our own 'Soup and Song' events closer to home.

Starting in September last year the sessions have grown from strength to strength, and the Lost Chord singers/musicians and volunteers that have been coming to entertain seem to get as much enjoyment from being there as the people they perform to!

The continued popularity of Soup and Song means our programme for 2025 is now being planned with Lost Chord, and booking in the singers and musicians is being liaised with the very helpful Lynsey who coordinates it with us.

New flyers will be printed in due course, but as long as you put the second Thursday each month from 12 noon to 2 pm on your calendar or diary (and to come with a good appetite for food, singing and fun), you're sure to have a good time that day!

Lost Chord is a charitable organisation that is dedicated and experienced in providing musicians and singers that share songs of yesteryear, which bring back memories to those with dementia, but also the more senior members of our community, whilst uniting all through the power of music. We have even had a few little ones attend and catered for with songs such as "Baby Shark" or "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and the older generation join in with these too!

All our Soup and Song gatherings provide not just soup, but also sandwiches, quiches, cake and buns with tea and coffee refreshments all for FREE. To help with some of the food provisions we would like to thank 'The Food Hub' at Kiveton, who have helped support us, and also Greencore, who not only supply us with soups and quiches, but with two employees each time to help serve the food and refreshments. To help get us started we were assisted by RMBC Cllrs: Dominic Beck and Marnie Havard, and to help us continue to provide this facility we would like to express our appreciation to Wales Parish Council for their funding support.

Very recently we have been successful in being accepted by the Co-op community fund as being one of their three chosen projects to be given assisted funding over the next 12 months, which we are extremely excited about.

To help grow the potential contribution Soup and Song can receive from the Co-op we would very much appreciate if all Co-op members would select us to be chosen as the local community project they would like to support, and we thank you all for this in advance.

You can join us on the second Thursday of each month between 12 noon and 2 pm, and the next event is the Christmas one which will be on December 12th. Please come along and join us in the festivities and be sure to wear your Christmas jumpers and any other suitable attire that gives that Christmas feel to it.

There will be one or two additional musical performances to look forward to as well as the Lost Chord entertainer, so don't miss it, please make the effort to bring your Mum, Dad, Grandma or Grandad, and make some new friends along the way. Our local care homes are welcome, and you can be assured of a warm welcome and we guarantee you'll be back for more!

See you there,
the mince pies
are waiting!



Harthill and Woodall Memories and History Society



We were deeply saddened to learn that one of our members, Mrs Margaret Lovely, passed away in October. Margaret was an enthusiastic member of our society and will be much missed by us all.

We extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

The society took part in the Todwick Local history fair on 6th October, next year will be our 25th anniversary, and it will be our pleasure to host the event in Harthill. We will confirm the date as soon as it is arranged.

Our next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday the 26th November, from 2 - 4 pm in the Village Hall lounge. All are welcome.

A small selection of Christmas cards showing scenes of the village will be available to purchase at the meeting.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Harthill-with-Woodall WI

November 2024

Our WI motto: Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply & Speak kindly

We were ahead of ourselves in the last edition of The Hart, well done to those who spotted the deliberate mistake!

We've welcomed more new members over the autumn months and our total membership is now rapidly approaching 70! New members are always welcome, we meet on the third Tuesday in the month, 7.15 pm in the Village Hall. You can come along as a visitor for £5 (which includes tea/coffee and cake/biscuits) and 'try-before-you-buy' if you want to.

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

Once again, our WI life has been busy whether at our meetings or on trips. We've heard from Whiteknights Yorkshire Blood Bikes - a fabulous charity transporting urgent medical support around the area. Our own ladies, Carole Evans & Marcella Baker, have treated us to an evening making Christmas Crafts, getting us in the spirit for the busy festive season ahead.

We've had trips to the cinema and theatre and are looking forward to our Christmas celebration at The Venus in Dinnington in December. We aren't holding a formal WI meeting in December as it is such a busy time for many of our ladies.

We're looking forward to hearing from a range of speakers for the rest of this WI year:

- January - Clearing the Clutter
- February - Craft Evening
- March - our annual AGM and quiz.

2025 is our WI's 70th Birthday, we hope to pass through the 70 member bracket and will keep you updated on a range of celebrations we have planned.

Do get in touch if you're interested in finding out more, harthillwoodallwi@gmail.com. We are always happy to welcome new members and can help with travel arrangements if needed as lots of our ladies are from neighbouring villages as well as our own.

We closed last month with what felt like an early Festive Greeting! We'll reiterate it this month and wish you and your loved ones the magic of Christmas. Let it fill your hearts and minds with love, joy, peace, and happiness.



JAKE RICHARDS MP

Your local champion, fighting for our towns and villages

Keep in touch

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📱 Jake Richards MP



Your MP for Rother Valley

As the last leaves fall and winter draws in, it's been a pleasure to meet many of you over the election period and since I was made your MP in July. From street surgeries to local events, I've been listening to your concerns and working to ensure that your voices are represented. I was pleased to hold two street surgeries last month in Harthill, which many of you came to discuss local and national issues with me. I am always grateful to anyone who attends my surgeries, as it is the best part of the job meeting residents!

Recently, I met with the Canal and River Trust to see the upgrades underway at Harthill Reservoir, and I look forward to enjoying it with my family once it's completed. The new path is a very welcome improvement and will mean the reservoir is much more accessible to wheelchair users and parents with buggies. I know it will be a treasured spot for all of us in the community.

We recently came together for Remembrance Day, honouring the courage and sacrifice of those who served. Placing a cross in Westminster's Garden of Remembrance was a humbling experience. John Maxwell Edmonds' words resonate strongly: "For your tomorrow, we gave our today." Their sacrifice reminds us to value and protect what they fought for, and I carried those words as I attended several remembrance events across the constituency. We must never forget those who gave their lives for our freedom in Rother Valley.

As we approach the end of the year, my family and I are getting into the Christmas spirit, and I'm excited to share the season with my young daughter, for her second Christmas. I know, though, that for many, this season can bring challenges, especially given the impact of global conflicts and the ongoing need for national renewal. I remain committed to working on policies that will bring hope, stability, and opportunity to our community. If you or your neighbour needs additional support this Christmas, do get in touch and my team and I are always happy to help.

I hope everyone in Harthill and Woodall have a wonderful Christmas, and I wish you all a Happy New Year.



Harthill Cricket Club



Now the cricket season is over, we have had the wicket deep scarified, dressed with loam and fully grass seeded in preparation for the new season starting in April.

Indoor winter nets start on Monday 13th January at 8 pm at S20 The Boundary in Halfway, only 10 minutes from the village.

We are always on the lookout for new players, and for those of you who have recently moved to the village, there is no better way to get to know people than joining a sports team.

If you'd like to join us at winter nets (regardless of cricketing experience or ability), please email andrew.rossington@gmail.com

**Finally, Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year from all of us at Harthill CC.**

Harthill Netball Club



The club is still growing from strength to strength with 6 teams all playing competitive netball throughout the week.

Each team has had their own successes from being runners up in the league to two players winning awards for most valued players in their league.

We continue to train each Wednesday which is unique to our club - no other teams in the leagues are fortunate enough to run training sessions and it really does bond the club together, offering the opportunity to learn new skills and to put them into match play. Chris Harper, who runs the training sessions, is always open to suggestions of what to include if any player wants to work on a particular skill. Everyone is welcome regardless of experience and ability.

Matches are played on a Tuesday and Thursday, and we train every Wednesday - at the moment it is at Dinnington High School from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm but from spring we will be back at Harthill Leisure Centre from 7 pm - 8.30 pm. The first half an hour is used for skills practice, followed by an hour of game time.

We have a social secretary who plans events throughout the year and we are looking forward to some great upcoming social nights in the run up to Christmas.

So, whether you have never played before or want to get back into netball, please come and join us (first training session free) for fun, exercise and to meet new friends.

For further information please contact
Chris Harper on 07743 223913
or Jill Perrozzi on 07595 959368



Harthill Morris

Hi Folks,

Harthill Morris are busy having fun preparing for our festive performances.
Why don't you come and join us?

We are holding one of our very popular Meet the Morris events at 10 am, Saturday, 30th November, at the Village Hall. The last time we ran this we had great fun with the Harthill Morris ladies and gents demonstrating the Morris to our curious visitors - and successfully press-ganged, sorry I meant recruited, three new members. We are repeating the event, and you can expect a lot of laughs as we guide you through a full performance of a traditional Morris dance to live music played by the Harthill Morris Big Band.

Please call in at any time between 10 am and 1 pm for a chat, a brew, and, if you feel up for it, try a few steps of the Morris. No need to tell us you're coming - just turn up!! If you want any more information, please contact Lesley Ellam at harthill.bagman@gmail.com. You won't be alone in trying something new, we are currently learning a dance we've never performed before in our (almost) 50-year history - a dance originally created to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and one we will



feature as we approach our 50th anniversary. 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! We are performing on Sunday, 1st December, at 1pm, at the Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street, Sheffield, S3 8RY. The event is open 10 am - 5 pm (Adults £8, 5-16yrs £2, under 5s free). Harthill Morris musicians will also be supporting the service in All Hallows Church at Harthill to celebrate the unveiling of the Christmas Well Dressing at 3 pm, Saturday, 7th December.

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 tom-foolery! This will be our 49th consecutive Boxing Day performance without a single break.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.
Wassail!!

Darren Nugent, harthillmorris.org.uk,
Facebook: Harthill Morris



Meet the Morris!!

Harthill
Village Hall
Saturday 30th
November
10 am - 1 pm



Harthill Workbench

Are you missing out? There's a bunch of lads n lasses of all ages at Harthill Workbench being creative, sharing jokes and drinking top branded tea and coffee with the occasional biscuit thrown in.

Last week's two worst jokes:

First the 'Tommy Cooper oldie' ...

a man walked into a bar, ooooofff it was an iron bar!

The second, origin unknown ...

A "Can you name me two fish whose name starts and ends in a K?"

B "Well, I can think of only one, Killer Shark"

A "Yes, the other is Kilmarnock"

B "That's not right, Kilmarnock is in Scotland"

A "Exactly it's a PLAICE in Scotland" boom boom!

So apart from bad jokes, good quality tea, coffee and biscuits, we also mess about with wood. If you join us don't expect us to be trying to be like a Chippendale (neither the world famous cabinet maker or a strip tease performer from the 70's - that would be too gruesome to see) Harthill Workbench, a place to be creative! Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10 am to 2 pm.
Telephone 07719164359 for details or pop in for a chat and a cuppa.



Hartwheelers:
Your local social cycling group
A Santa Ride to match no other!



On Sunday 22nd December at 10.00 am everyone on bicycles is invited to join us in Christmas costume on our annual 'Santa Ride' starting at Harthill Leisure Centre on Woodall Lane. You can join us to ride to where upwards of sixty Santa's will be converging at Waleswood Campsite Café for Seasonal Sausage Sandwiches and a very large dollop of Ho! Ho! Ho!

During the year we meet several times a week and pedal along local quiet roads, lanes, and cycle paths. We are a mix of cyclists with variable abilities on road bikes, mountain bikes, hybrid bikes and electric bikes, so different rides during the week cater for differing skills to match the abilities of whoever turns up.

Musketeers Bike Ride: A Journey of Friendship and Fitness! (10.00 am every Friday, Harthill Leisure Centre)

Are you ready to pedal your way to a healthier lifestyle while making some fantastic new friends along the way? Look no further than the Musketeer's Bike Ride! This is not just any cycling event; it is a weekly celebration of camaraderie, fresh air, and the joy of riding. Nothing too exhausting, just a relaxed jolly.

Every Friday morning, as the clock strikes 10, the Leisure Centre car park transforms into a hub of excitement and anticipation. Cyclists from all walks of life gather, each with their own unique stories and a shared passion for biking. The air buzzes with friendly chatter as newbies are welcomed with open arms, and regulars catch up like old friends.

The ride kicks off with a sense of adventure, as the group decides its path based on the whims of the weather. If the sun graces the day, riders will be treated to the scenic beauty of the canal, a tranquil ribbon of water that meanders through the lush landscape. It is a path where nature's serenade accompanies you, and every pedal stroke brings a new discovery.

Should the clouds decide to weep, fear not! The journey continues along the quiet roads and lanes, where the symphony of raindrops creates a rhythmic melody for the ride. It's a different kind of beauty, one that embraces the crispness of the air and the softness of the earth.

Midway through the adventure, a much-anticipated cafe stop awaits. It is a moment to rest and indulge in life's simple pleasures—a slice of cake, a cup of coffee, and endless conversations. Laughter echoes, stories are shared, and the bond of the Musketeers is strengthened over these sweet treats.

The pace is leisurely, ensuring that no one is left behind. It is not a race; it is a journey enjoyed together. Every rider is a vital thread in the fabric of this community, and together, they weave a tapestry of unforgettable memories.

If you are yearning for a dose of fun, fitness, and friendship, the Musketeer's Bike Ride is calling your name. Stephen (Aramis), Chris (Porthos), David (D'Artagnan), and Andy (Arthos) delight in welcoming intrepid new adventurers. So, dust off your bike, don your helmet, and join a group where every ride is a new chapter in the story of the Harthill Musketeers.

Wednesday Wobblers: a ride for new or less confident cyclists (10.00 am every Wednesday, Rother Valley) Meeting Point: Rother Valley Country Park Cafe

Do you have an old bicycle gathering dust in your garage or an electric bike that you'd like to ride more. Are you new to the village and keen to meet new friends? Do you want to be more active but need some help to get going? Perhaps you're not a fan of cycling near traffic or you are recovering from illness or injury. You may have recently reduced your working hours and have a bit more spare time. The Wednesday Wobblers is here to bring the joy of cycling back into your life. There are no hills, ups or downs. Novice riders will be looked after and well cared for.

Distance: A gentle 3-mile 'wobble' around the lakes.

Pre-Ride: Quick helmet and bike safety check and a welcome from the ride guide.

Post-Ride: Relax with a coffee, chat, and a delicious bacon sandwich (if desired).

For those looking to get a bit more exercise, a group leaves Harthill at 9.20 am and warms up with an off-road ride to Rother Valley Country Park to meet and ride with 'The Wobblers' before climbing the hill back home in time for lunch.

For more information about any of our activities message Ruth 07786543408 or Chris 07831480580

Regards

Chris Lambley (aka Porthos)

