The Hart

Harthill with Woodall Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest issue of The Hart

We hope that you find it useful and informative.

Joy Pattison
Parish Council Chairman

The delivery of The Hart marks the arrival of December — always a lovely time of year in the parish, when our community spirit shines brightest. There are plenty of events and activities planned in the church and by the many volunteers who run the wide range of local groups that parishioners can enjoy.

As someone who has been a great-grandma for several years, I take even more pleasure in watching the children's faces light up when the Santa Sleigh tour arrives in the village. The displays of Christmas lights and trees make it a truly magical time. Whilst the Parish Council provides some financial support, all this work is carried out by volunteers from the Carnival Society. Their endeavours, both at Christmas and throughout the year, are remarkable in a parish of our size, with their work on Harthill Carnival and around Remembrance Sunday being just some of the ways they make Harthill and Woodall such a great place to live. I would like to extend my thanks, and those of the Parish Council, for all their hard work.

Further thanks go to all of our In Bloom volunteers, and to our Grounds Maintenance Operative, Alan. The parish received fantastic feedback from the In Bloom mystery visitor as part of our entry to the Golden Rose Award. Full results are on page 7, but for those old enough to remember the words of Bruce Forsyth: "Didn't we do well?"

I was privileged on Remembrance Day to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Thank you to everyone who came along for the event — it was wonderful to see so many people united in remembrance.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended the event at the Village Hall regarding Whitestone Solar Farm, and for expressing your views as part of the consultation. Harthill with Woodall Parish Council is firmly opposed to this development, and our response to the consultation is available to read on the Parish Council website under the News page. We will keep parishioners updated.

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 would like to raise. Parish Council contact details are on page 6.

Harthill Well Dressing 2025

This year's Christmas Well Dressing will be opened on Saturday, 6 December, at 3.15 pm in Harthill Parish Church, and everyone is welcome.

The Well Dressing will be blessed by the Reverend Gary Schofield, Priest in Charge. Harthill Primary School children will sing for us, joined by the choir of Harthill Voices, and 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 mulled wine, tea, and coffee. There will also be fruit juice and Christmas biscuits for the children, and a Christmas raffle.

At about 4 pm, a special person will be coming down the village, so we want to be outside to see him when he arrives. Afterwards, Maltby Brass Band will play outside, or in the church if the weather is bad.

The well dressing will then be placed in the well for the Christmas period.

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

Harthill Well Dressing Christmas 2024

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.

Harthill Carnival Society Remembrance Sunday

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

The stunning remembrance feature was again placed 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.

Harthill Christmas Lights and Festive Events

We are delighted once again to be illuminating the village with our annual display of lights at various points around the community. It would be wonderful if as many households and businesses as possible could add to the display by decorating their own properties with festive lights. We also welcome two new estates at either end of the village and hope to see those areas looking bright and cheerful too.

This year, we are again working with Harthill All Hallows Church and the Harthill Well Dressing Group to bring together all three of our festive celebrations in one place.

On Saturday, 6th December, the Village Christmas Lights will be switched on. Father Christmas will begin his tour of the village, starting at Firvale at 3.15 pm. He will travel down Winney Hill, turn left onto Woodall Lane, and make a short stop at the Leisure Centre Car Park for anyone who would like to meet him. His journey will then resume back up Woodall Lane, turning left onto Union Street. He will travel all the way down the village before turning onto the Northlands Estate, then up Glebe Farm Close, and arriving on Church Lane at approximately 4 pm.

This is timed to coincide with the Christmas Well Dressing Service, which begins at 3.15 pm and finishes at 4 pm. Harthill Village Voices and Maltby Brass Band will be performing at the church, where there will also be mince pies and drinks available. The Christmas Tree Festival will also take place in the church earlier that day.

We are delighted to announce that Santa's Grotto will be back again on both Saturday, 13th December, and Saturday, 20th December, from 2 pm to 6 pm. Thanks to Andrew and Sarah, the Old Cobblers Shop will once again be transformed into a magical grotto, creating an unforgettable experience for our younger (and older!) residents to enjoy.

We anticipate a high demand for Santa's Grotto, so it is important to book early to avoid disappointment.

Harthill and District Gardening Association (HDGA)

What a wonderful day we had for our annual Make, Grow and Show event, held in the Village Hall in September. The tables were full of exhibits, so a big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

Our next event was the ever-popular Pumpkin and Prosecco, where the ladies exceeded expectations and created the most beautiful floral arrangements inside pumpkins – aided, of course, by a little prosecco!

Finally, preparations are underway for the annual Wreath Making workshop, which takes place on Saturday, 6th December, from 10 am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Marcella will once again be on hand to offer her expertise and insight into traditional wreath making. A big thank you to Marcella for giving her time and advice throughout this year's events.

Funds raised from our events this year have helped us plant window boxes and tubs at Ladyfield Care Home, and support Harthill School Gardening Club by purchasing new equipment.

Finally, on behalf of HDGA, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our events in 2026.

Harthill & District Garden Association

Christmas Tree Festival at All Hallows Church

By popular demand, we are hoping to continue the tradition of decorating All Hallows Church with Christmas trees.

We warmly invite anyone, or any organisation, who would like to supply and decorate a small tree to take part. Although it would be lovely to have some of the trees in the church before the Well Dressing Ceremony on Saturday, 6 December, this is not essential.

The church is open every day for access; however, it would be helpful if you could let us know in advance by emailing allhallowsharthill@gmail.com, in case of any conflicting events.

Please note that lights must be battery-operated. A card placed by your tree with contact details will ensure that it can be returned safely after Christmas.

All Hallows Church

Dear Friends,

At Christmas, we are reminded that the story of Christ's birth begins not with grandeur, but with togetherness — a mother, a father, a stable, and a community of shepherds and wise men drawn together by light and hope.

We gather in All Hallows for the Well Dressing Blessing, Carol Service, and Christingle, echoing that same spirit of unity. Our songs and carols lift our hearts in harmony. When we sing together, our voices blend — different tones, different strengths — yet one melody. That's the beauty of community.

And as the hand bells and hung bells ring out, may they call us to joy, to peace, and to love. Bells have long marked moments of celebration and remembrance. They remind us that Christ is born among us — not just in Bethlehem long ago, but here in our parish: in our fellowship, in our kindness, and in our shared care for one another.

At Christmas, as we lift our voices in seasonal song and open our ears to the splendour of the bells, may we also rededicate ourselves to being a blessing — a blessing to one another, to our neighbours in Harthill with Woodall, and to the world.

The true music of Christmas is the sound of hearts united in love. A love fully found through the babe in a manger.

Christmas blessings.

Reverend Gary

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Vicar of Wales
Priest in Charge of Harthill with Woodall
and Thorpe Salvin

Christmas Services

Saturday	6th December 3.15 pm	Well Dressing Blessing in All Hallows Church
Sunday	14th December 4.30 pm	Carol Service at All Hallows Church
Sunday	21st December 10.00 am	Service at Thorpe Salvin Church
Wednesday	24th December 5.30 pm	Christingle Service at All Hallows Church
Thursday	25th December 10.00 am	Christmas Day Service at All Hallows
Sunday	28th December 10.00 am	Joint service for local churches at Wales Parish Church

Harthill Village Hall Ltd

Changes at the Village Hall

As many of you know, we have an occasional bar in the hall and have had for many years. Recently there have been problems with our bar provider. Under the terms of our Premises Licence any bar must be run by a properly licensed person.

We are delighted to announce that with immediate effect, Wayne Cubitt has taken over the responsibility for the bar.

Wayne is a resident of the village and very anxious to promote both the hall and the facilities it provides as a village hub. He has spent many years working in the licensing trade, and we are sure he will bring much needed experience, help and guidance.

There are plans to improve and upgrade the bar area which will happen over the coming weeks, so you will see changes.

If you are hiring the hall and would like to discuss a bar, then please ring Wayne on 07462293879 to discuss the options available.

The Old Schoolroom

The Old Schoolroom is a restored 18th Century building situated off Union Street, just along the quiet lane which runs alongside All Hallows Church, Harthill, with dedicated disabled parking and wheelchair access (including to the toilets).

The hall has a polished wooden floor and folding tables with chairs to seat 40. There is a fully equipped kitchen with a large selection of crockery.

It is an ideal venue for meetings, club activities, daytime or evening classes, family parties and social events.

The rental charge is £12 per hour.

To book: email allhallowsharthill@gmail.com
or contact Sheila at 07867 533207.

Harthill Tea Day and Social Club

As we move into winter and with Christmas just around the corner, we have recently enjoyed our Bonfire Night celebrations with hot dogs, parkin, and plenty of good company. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a lovely event.

We are now busy planning our Christmas events, including a wonderful in-house Christmas meal to round off the year.

This is also a time to reflect on the many years our club has been running. Next year, we will celebrate our 75th anniversary, and we hope to continue for many more years to come.

Please give some thought to coming along to see how our club works. We meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday in Harthill Village Hall, where we serve a buffet tea with soup, sandwiches, dessert, and plenty of tea and coffee.

You'll have the opportunity to make new friends, go on days out, and enjoy a variety of in-house events.

It would be such a shame to let our wonderful club fall by the wayside after so many years - we really do need your support.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For more information, please contact:

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Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 2nd December 2025 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

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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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New Roundabout

South Yorkshire's Community Foundation

A big thank you to the South Yorkshire Community Fund for a grant of £5,000 from the Loscar Wind Farm Fund. The new roundabout is now installed and already getting plenty of use.

The Parish Council is now looking at teen provision as the next priority for improvements to the recreational area and play facilities within the parish.

A new bench has arrived to replace the broken one on Hard Lane, and new benches are also planned for Doctor Lane Recreation Ground and Woodall Lane, near the bus stop. These will be installed shortly. Hopefully you have also noticed that a larger picnic bench has been placed near the Zip Wire.

All of these improvements have been financed and installed by the Parish Council.

Defibrillator Training Session Update

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.

It was unfortunate that Yorkshire Ambulance Services had to cancel the session advertised in the Autumn Hart - this was for very valid reasons and could not be helped

Harthill with Woodall Parish Council has been in touch to organise a new date which is now likely to be in March. Please keep an eye out on Social Media and village notice boards for a new date. The last time we held the session it was very well received. The training covers the use of defibrillators but also CPR. It is entirely free, please come along.

Yorkshire Golden Rose Award Success

Photograph thanks to Paul Rowland

As you know from the Spring/Summer issue of The Hart, the Parish was approached again this year to enter the Yorkshire Golden Rose Award.

We had a mystery visit over the summer and we have now received the results. I am delighted to announce that not only did the Parish once again earn the top award of "5 Roses", but it was also awarded 2025's Overall Winner.

Whilst the judges made a couple of minor suggestions for improvement, the overall comments were very positive:
"Congratulations on being awarded the winner of the Yorkshire in Bloom Golden Rose Award for Best Parish in Yorkshire 2025. A thoroughly deserved accolade and achievement."
"There is no doubt that Harthill with Woodall is a little gem! From the moment a visitor drives into the village, it is immediately clear that this is a community that is well loved and well cared for. The many excellent floral displays are spread out down the main street, extending to the area in front of the shops. Well-planted and maintained hanging baskets, troughs, borders and colourful entrance signs all add to the general feel of well-being here. Everywhere was immaculately clean and tidy, despite there being a lot of people in the village and passing through."

You can find the full report on the Yorkshire in Bloom website: Results | Yorkshire in Bloom.

The Parish Council would like to extend a huge thank you to all our volunteers and parishioners who presented their gardens so beautifully, and to our Grounds Maintenance Operative, Alan, for his hard work maintaining the play areas and keeping the village clean through regular litter picking. Your efforts together make this achievement possible.

Whitestone Solar Farm Consultation

The Parish Council has now submitted its formal comments on the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm. The consultation period closed on 28 October 2025, and we would like to thank all residents who took the time to review the plans and share their views.

Our submission reflects the feedback and concerns raised by the community, particularly regarding the visual and landscape impact, the potential increase in traffic, the loss of amenity, and the effect the development would have on the rural character of our parish. The full text of the Parish Council's response is available to read on our website. We will continue to share updates from the project developers and the planning authority as they become available.

Council Motion Update

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council recently passed a motion calling on the developers of the Whitestone Solar Farm to listen to local concerns and to withdraw or significantly scale back the current proposals. This demonstrates clear support from the local authority for the views expressed by residents and parish councils in the area.

We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Ward Councillor Update

Wales Ward

Councillor Dominic Beck

Councillor Marnie Havard

Covering
Harthill
Kiveton
Wales
Waleswood
Woodall

As we approach the end of the year, we wanted to update residents on several important local matters.

We continue to oppose the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm development. While we fully support renewable energy and the transition toward greener infrastructure, we believe this particular proposal is inappropriate for our area. It would have a negative impact on valuable local green spaces, wildlife habitats, and the rural character of our community. We will continue to represent residents' concerns and challenge this application via any means we can.

Community safety remains one of our top priorities. We are working closely with the local Neighbourhood Watch groups, supporting their efforts to deter crime, reduce antisocial behaviour, and strengthen communication across our streets. We encourage residents to get involved, report suspicious activity, and stay connected through official channels. Together, we can help ensure our community remains safe and welcoming.

We look forward to seeing so many familiar (and new!) faces at upcoming Christmas fayres and seasonal events across the ward. The enthusiasm, creativity, and community spirit on display will be fantastic as always, and we're proud to support our local volunteers and organisers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. These events play a huge part in bringing people together and showcasing the very best of our area.

Finally, we would like to thank every resident, volunteer, and community group for your support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, peaceful, and successful New Year. We look forward to continuing our work on your behalf in 2026.

Best wishes for now,
Dominic and Marnie

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Soup and Song at Wales Kiveton Methodist Church.

Following on from the great success of the VE 80 Day Concert back in May, Harthill Village Voices and the bell ringers returned to Wales Kiveton Methodist Church to perform and entertain with their own unique arrangements of popular songs and musical theatre pieces.

The concert began with Getting to Know You from The King and I (1951), followed by Hallelujah. The bell ringers then took to the stage, and their hours of practice and dedication to perfection were clearly evident. You couldn't hear a pin drop in the room - just synchronised harmonies for happy ears to enjoy!

Among other excellent performances, the song before the interval was an unusual rendition of the children's rhyme Old MacDonald Had a Farm. This was both amusing (not just for the number of "oinks"!) and impressive in its clever arrangement and delivery.

Food and refreshments during the interval were smoothly served by members of the choir. Hot roast pork and stuffing sandwiches kept the hunger pangs at bay!

The second half featured medleys from The Phantom of the Opera as well as the huge theatre hit Chess. Before the finale - Do You Hear the People Sing? from Les Misérables - Sting's Fields of Gold provided a soothing contrast.

Another sell-out performance to a full church audience resulted in generous donations once again from Harthill Village Voices and the bell ringers:

- £150 for Soup and Song continuation,
- £150 towards internal church building repairs, and
- £150 for Wales Primary School.

Thank you all for your generosity.

A big thank you also goes to everyone who continues to support and help keep our Soup and Song events a mainstay in the community, with special gratitude to those who voted for us in the Co-op Good Causes scheme, which has provided additional funds to maintain the project - now in its third year.

Our December session will be held on Thursday, 11 December, from 12 noon to 2 pm (always the second Thursday of the month, and still free of charge). If you're joining us, be sure to wear your Christmas jumper or other seasonal attire, and bring along your hearty voices to sing Christmas tunes and old favourites.

Our Christingle service is on Sunday 14th December at 2 pm if you would like to join us; children and adults welcome.

See you there!

Harthill FC Update

A win on our Harthill homecoming at Spens Field started the 2025/26 season in the best possible way. The lads secured a 3-1 victory over Langold Old Boys, taking all three points on our big opening day. Since then, we've kicked on, winning six of our last eight games. Harthill FC currently sit second in Rotherham Division 2 and are through to the third round of the Rotherham Cup.

The support has been incredible, with our home games averaging around 60 spectators. Thank you to Paul and Helen Portman-Brookes for running the tuck shop and keeping the fans fed and hydrated. A big thanks also to The Blue Bell for once again providing food for the players and supporters after the games.

If you're interested in coming along to support the team in their promotion push, please follow Harthill FC on Facebook and Instagram for fixture updates and results. We'll see you there — up the Til!

Keep on Sailing

Sailing has continued at Harthill Reservoir despite the extremely low water levels. We have been able to sail on the available water, and it is only in the last month that we have had to move to the deeper part of the reservoir to avoid the weeds now visible above the surface.

The Sailing Club is delighted to have welcomed several new members, including four youngsters aged between 11 and 17. They are all very enthusiastic and are enjoying learning a new sport.

The sailing season will be ending shortly for the winter break, but it is hoped that conditions will allow the club to resume its traditional Boxing Day event, starting at 11 am. Spectators are very welcome.

Given the challenging conditions faced this year since the reservoir reopened, all sections of the club - sailing, model yachting, and open-water swimming - are looking forward to a better 2026.

Following a number of enquiries, the club has begun exploring the possibility of introducing paddleboarding and kayaking at Harthill. Look out for news of these exciting new developments coming next spring.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Rotherham Sailing Club.

Harthill and Woodall Memories and History Society

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Local History Day in October — we hope you found it entertaining and informative. We are pleased to announce that the Kiveton & Wales History Group will be holding the event in 2026, with details to follow in due course.

Copies of the newly reprinted book 'Wrapped in a Warm Blanket' will be available from Sybel Webb or at our meetings.

Our first meeting in the new year will be on Tuesday, 27th January, in the Village Hall lounge at 2 pm. New members are always welcome.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Harthill-with-Woodall theWI

INSPIRING WOMEN

Women's Institute
Affiliated to the NFWI
Season's Greetings from Harthill-with-Woodall WI!
As the year draws to a close, we want to thank all our members and friends for their wonderful support and friendship throughout the year.
May your festive season be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones.
Here's to a bright and happy New Year full of new opportunities and shared experiences!
New members are always welcome, contact us via harthillwithwoodallwi@gmail.com for details.

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Jake Richards MP

Jake Richards
your MP for Rother Valley

On a recent visit to Harthill, I noticed lots of great community volunteers sweeping away the autumnal leaves and tree branches in the Churchyard, a reminder that winter is on its way, and so too is Christmas and the end of another exciting year as your local MP. As always, it has been a real pleasure to meet and speak with residents in Harthill and Woodall, it really is a beautiful part of the constituency.

I'm working hard to ensure that your voices are represented through my work, hosting a number of events in Harthill since my election. In October, I hosted a coffee morning in the Old School Room, a chance for people to come and talk to me about local and national issues, whilst enjoying a cuppa and biscuits. I know how important it is to be visible in the community and encourage you all to come to future events.

Across the constituency and in Westminster, we gathered for Remembrance Day, honouring those who served and continued to serve our country across the globe. We must never forget those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom in Rother Valley and we must always show our gratitude to our fallen heroes.

The second round of consultation on the Whitestone Solar Farm closed in October and I want to reaffirm my continued opposition to this. I met with developers recently and outlined my concerns in detail, before submitting a formal letter of objection, reiterating the concerns of affected communities. There remains, in my opinion, too much uncertainty around the scale of the project and the impact that the infrastructure would have on the area. I remain committed to providing residents with updates on this.

I hope you are all looking forward to Christmas and the New Year period, it is always such a joyous time even more so now that I get to share it with my daughter. I am aware though, that some may need additional support during this time, if this is the case, please do get in touch, my team and I are always happy to help, no matter the time of year.

I hope everyone in Harthill and Woodall have a wonderful Christmas, and I wish you all a Happy New Year. I look forward to continuing my role as your local representative in 2026.

Harthill Cricket Club

We are now in the off-season at the cricket club but there's still lots of activity down at Thorpe Road.

We have had the square extensively renovated, the hedges cut (thank you Alan Skepper), taken the covers off of the covers(!) and will try and cut the outfield as often as the weather permits.

On the playing front indoor winter nets starts in January (everyone welcome) and we are actively trying to recruit new players for the 2026 season.

As the year draws to a close, I'd like to say a huge thank you to The Beehive for their continued sponsorship of the Cricket Club and to our Groundsmen Alan Page and Gary Wood for the hundreds of hours of work they put in to ensure we have one of the best playing surfaces in the Bassetlaw League.

Merry Christmas!

Harthill Morris

Hi Folks, Harthill Morris have had a jolly year full of fun and frolics, spreading cheer and joy with our music, dance, singing and laughing - lots of laughing.

We started at the Doncaster Day of Dance back in April, then onwards through the Wath Festival, May Day Dance Festival, Thaxted Morris Festival weekend, Harthill Well Dressing, Harthill Carnival, Buxton Weekend Morris Festival, and ending with the Lincoln Big Morris in September. This is all on top of our usual Thursday evenings touring with our 8 pm - 9 pm dancing programme, followed by music and song at local pubs in the region.

We are now busy having fun preparing for our Christmas performances. These include supporting the village renditions of the Sheffield Carols in The Blue Bell on Sunday afternoons, and upstairs at The Beehive on Thursday evenings - these are every Thursday (8.30 pm) and Sunday (2 pm) from Remembrance Sunday up to Christmas, led by legendary Harthill Morris founder Derrek Leigh. The Sheffield Carols pre-date the "traditional" Victorian carols that most folk are familiar with, and over the last 40 years it has become a Harthill tradition to keep these rare and original festive songs alive. Please join us - it is great fun! Song sheets are provided, and you will be singing in chorus alongside a Looney Tunes band and the exuberant, hearty tones of the Harthill Voices.

Though a date is yet to be confirmed, Harthill Morris are planning to dance at the start of one of the Sunday afternoon sessions at The Blue Bell - please monitor our Facebook page for confirmation.

Members of the Harthill Morris Band will be supporting the Well Dressing Christmas Blessing Service on Saturday, 6th December, at 3.15 pm in All Hallows Church, Harthill. The service will follow the same format as in previous years with Harthill School children and Harthill Voices taking part. Hot toddies and mince pies will be served after the service (if you manage to get there before our band members!). Santa will also be calling for those wishing to meet him - bring along any young ones wishing to make their Christmas wishes known.

We kick-start our festive season of performances under the gas lamps at the Kelham Island Victorian Christmas Market. The weekend event is on Saturday, 6th December, 10 am - 6 pm, and Sunday, 7th December, 10 am - 5 pm, at the Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street, Sheffield, S3 8RY. Please note that Harthill Morris will be performing at 1 pm on the Sunday afternoon.

Every Thursday evening through to April we are busy learning new Morris tunes and practising our dance skills. It is great fun, and now is the ideal time for you to step forward and join us to help keep this old Harthill village tradition alive. Our 50th anniversary commences in January next year, and we have a full year of celebrations planned. So we call on you, fellow Harthillians, to join us and help ensure we continue onwards to future landmarks. All are welcome to come on our open nights, every Thursday from 8 pm in the Harthill Village Hall, when you will be warmly welcomed and taught the basics from scratch.

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

We will be up to our usual mischief at the two Harthill public houses on Boxing Day - 11 am at The Blue Bell, and from 12 noon at The Beehive - bringing fun, Morris dancing, traditional singing, festive drinking, and more merry-making and tomfoolery! We will be aiming to repeat the success of last year's carol singing in The Beehive afterwards.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Wassail!!

Darren Nugent harthillmorris.org.uk Facebook: Harthill Morris

A Hartwheelers' Christmas Ride

In the village where the snowflakes dance
The Hartwheelers gather, each with a glance
With Santa hats snug and sleigh bells that jingle
A merry sight as the festive lights twinkle.

Gather your gear, and let's paint the town red
With warmth in our hearts, and joy in our heads
Get your Santa outfits, it's time to unite
For a Hartwheelers Christmas—a magical night!

Wheels rolling smoothly, in a colourful parade
Through the frosty air, joyfully they cascade
With laughter and carols, the evening's delight
Together we ride on this magical night.

Each bike's adorned with ribbons and cheer
As friends and families come from far and near
Elf costumes sparkling, reindeer so bright
The spirit of Christmas is taking to flight.

So jingle your bells and let spirits soar
With every pedal, we're spreading much more
For love and togetherness make the best gift
On this jolly ride, we all find our lift.

Along village streets, where memories blend
A wheel turns with laughter, a heart that won't bend
From the Hartwheelers' crew, as we give you a cheer
Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year!

Chris J Lambley (aka Musketeer* Porthos)

New riders are always welcome:
The Hartwheelers Musketeers
ride and eat cake
every Friday morning at 10:00 am.

Beehive Folk Club - Harthill

Beehive Folk Club
Harthill Village Hall,
Winney Hill, Harthill, Sheffield S26 7YL

The Beehive Folk Club has been running in Harthill for nearly 40 years and currently meets at the Village Hall, Winney Hill, Harthill, Sheffield S26 7YL.

The club usually meets on the first Friday of every month, unless otherwise noted on the website, and is run by the resident group New Horizons.

It attracts some of the best folk artists around as guests, and a few of the upcoming ones are listed below:

Date	Guest / Event
Fri 5th Dec 2025	The Hunch
Fri 9th Jan 2026	Charity Night for Weston Park (New Horizons and others)
Fri 6th Feb 2026	John Watterson ("Fake Thackray")
Fri 6th Mar 2026	TBA
Fri 3rd Apr 2026	Edwina Hayes

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