

The Hart

Harthill with Woodall Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest issue of The Hart

This magazine is put together by Harthill with Woodall Parish Council to share local news, updates, community events, and activities. We hope you enjoy reading it and find it both useful and informative.

We have received communication regarding the planning request for battery storage on Hard Lane from RMBC - Relevant extracts of this are on page 4. As for the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal, the Council expects to hear about another consultation event soon – we were told to look out for more news as autumn approaches.

Since our last newsletter, Harthill Carnival has taken place – and what a fantastic day it was! Huge thanks go to everyone who helped make it such a success. You'll find a lovely centre spread on pages 6-7 with some highlights of the day. The Carnival Society has also pulled it off once again, arranging a special visit to Harthill by Santa. Details of how to see him are on page 12.

There are plenty more events lined up for autumn and into Christmas, so read on to see what you might enjoy getting involved with. The Make, Grow and Show event takes place on 14th September – it's a great chance to meet people, get creative, and share your talents.

We're also really pleased to see 11-a-side football making a return to Harthill. The pitch is coming together nicely, and games are due to start in October. For safety reasons, the cableway will be tied up during home matches, as it's so close to the pitch. This will only be while games are on, and Council feels it's important that Spens Field works well for all age groups.

Finally, The Hart is put together by the Parish Council Clerk. We always love hearing from you – whether it's feedback, ideas, or articles you'd like to share. Please get in touch with me or with Caroline, our Parish Clerk, if there's anything you'd like to raise. You'll find Parish Council contact details on page 8.



Joy Pattison
Parish Council
Chairman

Sunday Football Returns to Harthill

In August 2024, Harthill Football Club was founded – giving the village its first football team in more than 15 years. The original plan was to play our home matches on Spens Field but, despite our best efforts, the short timescale made it an impossible task.

We completed the 2024/25 season playing at Barlborough, but it never quite felt like home. After finishing 9th in the Rotherham Sunday 2nd Division and securing our place, we set our sights on promotion for the 2025/26 campaign.

With an extra 12 months' preparation, multiple meetings with the Parish Council, plenty of fundraising (including golf days and carnival stalls), and lots of hard work,

we now have both the authorisation and the funds to begin restoration and maintenance on Spens Field. The works are expected to continue until the end of September, with our first home game back on Harthill turf scheduled for early October. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages (Harthill FC) for updates, fixtures, and results.

A few special thank-yous are in order:

- Callum Hurt, our founder and Chairman, who oversees day-to-day operations
- Darren Hoggard, who gives up his Sundays to manage the team
- The Blue Bell, for sponsoring our kit and hosting us every week – rain or shine
- Cllr. Joy Pattison and the Parish Council, for their ongoing support and guidance
- Joe Colton, for providing fantastic drone shots of the pitch
- Jamie from Yorkshire Pitch Services, our groundsman, who is carrying out the restoration

If you'd like to come and support the village football team, please keep an eye on our social media for fixture announcements and results.

Finally, thank you to the village for your ongoing support.
Up the Til! Harthill FC



Harthill FC 2024-25

The Hart

Make, Grow & Show Event Sunday, 14th September 2025

Open to Exhibitors from
10 - 11:30am



FREE Admission,
donations welcome!

Open to the Public from
2-4pm

HDGA
HARTHILL & DISTRICT
GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Light refreshments &
raffle

Harthill Village Hall, S26 7YL



Make, Grow & Show - Sunday 14th September

After a long, hot, and dry summer, we're now looking forward to autumn just around the corner. One of the most loved village events in September is our annual Make, Grow & Show event, taking place in the Village Hall on Sunday 14th September — and we'd love for you to join us!

You'll find information on Facebook, the HDGA website, and on posters around the village. Entry forms will also be available on the day, so it's easy to get involved. There are plenty of activities to choose from, with categories listed on the show schedule (also available on Facebook).

So come on, allotment holders, bakers, artists, and crafters — this is your chance to show what you can do!

For the bakers in particular, Section 5 - Home Bakes - includes a special challenge: enter your best attempt at the **VE Day Condensed Milk Cake**. The recipe is printed below if you'd like to give it a try.

VE Day Condensed Milk Cake

Ingredients

- 3ozs (75g) Margarine (or Butter)
- 8ozs (225g) Self-Raising Flour, OR
- 8ozs (225g) Plain flour with 4 teaspoons Baking Powder
- 3ozs (75g) Raisins or Sultanas
- 1 tablespoon Marmalade
- 6 tablespoons Condensed Milk made up to 1/4 pint (150ml) with water
- 2 eggs, beaten, fresh or dried

Instructions

1. Rub the margarine or butter into the flour and add the baking powder if using.
2. Add the dried fruit and mix to a soft consistency with the marmalade, milk and beaten eggs.
3. Spoon into a greased and/or lined 6" (15cm) cake tin and bake in a moderate oven (180C to 190C/350F to 375F/Gas mark 4 to 5) for 45 minutes.
4. Cool on a wire rack and serve in slices when cold.

Timetable of Events

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| Staging of Exhibits | 10:00 - 11:30am |
| Hall Cleared | 11:30am |
| Judging of Exhibits | 11:30 - 1:30pm |
| Open to Public | 2:00 - 4:00pm |
| Harthill Village Voices & Harthill Handbells | 3:00pm |
| Raffle Draw | 3:30pm |

The Committee would like to thank all Exhibitors for taking part in our show.

Sponsors of the Show

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support.

Other Forthcoming HDGA Events Pumpkin & Prosecco & Wreath Making Workshops



It might feel a little early to start thinking about Christmas, so before then we're excited to host the ever-popular Pumpkin & Prosecco Afternoon on Saturday 25th October 2-4 pm. Come along for a fun session making a flower arrangement inside a pumpkin — all while enjoying a glass of Prosecco!

Looking ahead, our annual Wreath Making Workshop will take place on Saturday 6th December, 10 am - 12 noon. Marcella will be joining us once again to share her tips and advice, helping you create your own beautiful festive wreath.

Tickets for both events will be available soon — keep an eye out for details.

Facebook - Harthill & District Garden Association
Website - harthilldga.wixsite.com/show



Don't forget!
MAKE, GROW & SHOW
takes place on 14th September 2025
Come along and join in!





Hi Folks!

Harthill Morris have just reached the end of a fun and eventful summer performance season, including local appearances at the village VE Day commemorations, Well Dressing, The Blue Bell, Harthill Carnival, and The Beehive, as well as roaming further afield dancing at pubs across the region. We were delighted to be invited to appear at Wath Festival, the Brampton, Doncaster and Buxton Days of Dance, and the Lincoln BIG Morris Festival, as well as being asked to give a presentation for Todwick Historical Society. We were also honoured to be a part of the Thaxted Morris Weekend in Essex, one of the longest-running traditional events in the Morris community.

Don't think we'll be resting on our laurels just because our summer programme has finished! We will be diving headfirst into our practice season. We are looking at introducing some new dances to our repertoire and dusting off some old favourites, so right now is the perfect time for newcomers to get involved and help keep this old village tradition alive.

Practices are on Thursday evenings (11th September onwards) from 7.45 pm in Harthill Village Hall, and if you're interested in getting involved as a dancer or musician, whether you're an experienced Morris performer or have never done it before, get in touch via harthill.bagman@gmail.com or just come along – you'll be made most welcome.

We won't quite be slipping into a winter hibernation though. We'll be hosting some more "Meet the Morris" events during the autumn and winter in the Village Hall, where all are welcome to come, meet the side, and have fun while trying out a traditional Morris dance – keep an eye on our Facebook page and local noticeboards for dates.

Watch out for our usual appearance at Kelham Island Museum's Victorian Christmas Market in Sheffield on 6th-7th December, as well as members of the Harthill Morris Band supporting the Christmas Well Dressing and Carol Services in Harthill's All Hallows Church. Not forgetting, of course, our traditional Boxing Day performances outside the two Harthill pubs: 11 am at The Blue Bell and 12 noon at The Beehive. One of Harthill Morris' first ever performances was outside The Blue Bell on Boxing Day 1976, and the side have danced in Harthill every Boxing Day ever since. As we approach our 50th Anniversary next year, we won't be letting that record slide.

Speaking of our 50th Anniversary, we plan to host a Day of Dance in Sheffield city centre on Saturday 27th June 2026, inviting Morris sides from across the country, as well as holding other village-based events throughout the year to mark the occasion. We'd love for you to join us in celebrating this milestone, so stay tuned to harthillmorris.org.uk, our Facebook page, and local communication channels for more information as it becomes available.

Wassail!



Jono Millward (Squire & Co-Publicity Officer)
harthillmorris.org.uk

Enquires: harthill.bagman@gmail.com

Facebook: Harthill Morris
(facebook.com/HarthillMorrisDancing)

Hartwheelers

Hartwheelers is the village cycling group. All adults of all abilities on all pedal bikes and electric assisted bikes are welcome!

We meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. And on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday mornings.

We also offer coaching, and skills practise as well as help with bike maintenance and repairs.

New participants are always welcome
Contact Ruth: 07786543408



Defibrillator Training at Harthill Village Hall

Harthill with Woodall Parish Council is delighted to announce that another training session has been booked at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th October at 11 am. The session will be delivered by Yorkshire Ambulance Service and will cover CPR as well. The event is entirely free and the feedback that we had when we last held the event was very positive. Please come along.

Beehive Folk Club



Beehive Folk Club

Harthill Village Hall,
Winney Hill, Harthill, Sheffield S26 7YL



The Beehive Folk Club has been running at Harthill for nearly 40 years and is run by the resident group "New Horizons".

It meets in the Village Hall, generally on the first Friday of the month unless otherwise noted on the club website - www.beehivefolkclub.com

The club attracts some of the best folk artists around as guests, a few of the upcoming ones being listed below:-

- Fri. 5th Sep - Other Roads
- Fri. 3rd Oct - Jez Lowe
- Fri. 7th Nov - Tom McConville Band
- Fri. 5th Dec - The Hunch



For further information please
email: petergarratt1@gmail.com
or visit the website
noted above.



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.



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Update Battery Storage Application

Please see the extracts below of a letter sent out by RMBC to Harthill with Woodall Parish Council on 28th August 2025.

"Application No: RB2025/0240 Amended plans have been received for: Proposed Battery Energy Storage Scheme (BESS) land at Hard Lane, Kiveton Park"

Due to the number of objections received in respect of the proposal, the decision on the application will be made by the Council's Planning Regulatory Board (the Board), and not by the Director of Planning & Regeneration. All written comments received will be considered by the Board."

We now await further details of when this will be held. Until a decision is made comments can still be submitted.



All Hallows Church



Dear Friends,

As the season of harvest surrounds us, we are reminded of the richness of God's creation. The fields, orchards, and gardens all tell a story of His provision. From the smallest seed to the ripest fruit, each part of the cycle is a testimony to His design and care.

This year's Make, Grow and Show on 14th September is a wonderful display of creativity, colour, and flavour. If you enjoy a celebration of the Creator's artistry, this event displays it in abundance. The handmade items and bright blooms speak of God's creativity, while the fruit and vegetables, carefully nurtured to growth, remind us of His nourishment, blessing, and abundance.

Just as the harvest is gathered in through patience and care, so too are our lives enriched when we remain rooted in God's love. The beauty before us today encourages gratitude, joy, and a renewed awareness that all good gifts truly come from above.

Our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service is at 10 am on Sunday 28th September, when we will once again be collecting tins and toiletries for the Cathedral Archer Project, which supports the homeless in Sheffield. Any £1 coins sellotaped to donations will go towards supporting the work of Anna Simms, our missionary friend in Lima, Peru. Donations can be made at the service or left in the church porch.

Blessings

Reverend Gary

The website - www.allhallowsharthill.org is up to date with all services and events.



A Demonstration in Floristry

All Hallows Church, Harthill are delighted to host an evening in Floristry with the celebrated floral designer, Jonathan Moseley. Tickets are still available.



Harthill Tea Day and Social Club



As autumn arrives, we look back on a wonderful summer full of days out, bring-and-buy sales, cake sales, and – of course – the fantastic effort from all our members that made this year's carnival stall such a success.

We're now busy planning our early autumn calendar, with some in-house events and possibly a day out (weather permitting!).

New members are always very welcome. If you'd like a friendly afternoon with the chance to make new friends, catch up with old ones, enjoy a chat, and a tasty tea, why not join us? Just give us a call or pop along – we'd love to see you.

Contacts:

Marlene Lockwood on 01909 771432

Or Sue Mason on 01909 772778

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Wednesday 10th September 2025, Starts 7.00pm
Tickets £20.00 each

All Hallows Church, Union Street, Harthill with Woodall, Sheffield S26 7YG

Tickets available online from: allhallowsharthill.org

Tickets available by email from: allhallowsharthill@gmail.com

or by phoning: Janet 07708 399886 or Mairi 07765 286606

All displays created by Jonathan will be raffled off at the end of the show.

Harthill Carnival & Show 2025



This year we were blessed with fantastic weather. The sun shone all day, and you turned out in your numbers once again, making it a truly special community event.



For the second year running, we hosted a Dinner in the Marquee on the Friday evening. The Chef's Counter, led by Chris Hanson and his team, delivered an outstanding three-course dinner to just over 60 guests. Oakland Potato Farm, here in Harthill, kindly supplied the potatoes for the main course. As part of the evening, we welcomed vocalist Damian Farrell, who entertained guests during dinner.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the dinner for supporting this event. We are already planning Friday Night 2026 — so watch this space!



As attention turned to Saturday, the field began to swell with stallholders, entertainers, and attractions all busily setting up for a special day.

As well as a fantastic number of attendees, we have also seen a growing number of stalls year on year. This is really encouraging and shows the level of interest from stallholders. If you are interested in having a stall at Harthill Carnival & Show 2026, please contact us via email: harthillcarnivalstalls@gmail.com.

This year's Carnival Parade theme was "Children's Capital of Culture", for which Rotherham Borough is the inaugural host. It was great to see so many taking part in the parade, as well as the huge number of people who came out to watch and support it.



We would like to say a big thankyou to all those who took part in the parade, to JH Skepper and Son for their continued sponsorship, and to all those who provided vehicle support, without whom we wouldn't be able to do it.

We would also like to say a massive thankyou to Harthill with Woodall Parish Council for kindly allowing us to use Spens Field each year, and for all of the on-going financial and general support they provide us with.

The Main Arena played host to a fantastic interactive Wrestling Show, superb performances from the City of Sheffield Gymnastics Club, and Nadine Martin Dance Academy, as well as the judging and presentation of the Heavy Horse Show.





Across the rest of the show field, there was plenty on offer to do and see with the Kids Zone which housed lots of free activities to be enjoyed, including those provided by the Children's Capital of Culture 2025 team.

The Village Green continues to provide a great place to chill out and listen to live music, as well as to grab a bite to eat and drink. This year welcomed a number of new vendors, all of whom went down exceptionally well. We would like to thank all those who performed on the Village Green stage.

Thanks also go to The Vintage Tractors, Jaguar Car Club, Coopers Tours and Wincantons collection of vehicles for kindly supporting us again this year and showcasing on the field.

We were fortunate enough to be granted a Fly Past by a Lancaster Bomber, and this was expertly captured by Paul Rowland. Unfortunately, the aircraft experienced engine problems and so only completed one out of the three planned fly pasts for us. Fortunately, both Pilot and Aircraft returned to base safely and without further issues.



Harthill Carnival & Show was brought to a close with a sell out Saturday night event with the superb Rhythm Detectives. We would like to thank all those who attended for making it a fantastic family orientated night, enjoyed by all. We are already planning for 2026 and are delighted to announce that we have booked 'Jungle Lion'. Ticket details will be announced in due course, so please keep an eye on our social media channels. If you don't already, please follow us on Facebook (Harthill Carnival Society) or Instagram (@hartcarnival).

We would like to give a huge thank you to Paul Rowland who kindly captured so much of the Carnival & Show through his camera.

A massive thank you to all of you, the community, for coming out and supporting Harthill Carnival & Show once again. Without you the Carnival would not exist, so please continue with your fantastic support, we really do appreciate it.

And finally, none of this would be possible without the superb and tireless efforts from the volunteers who form both the Carnival Society, and also those who lend a helping hand to bring the Carnival together. Your efforts are very much valued and appreciated in keeping this fantastic tradition going long into the future!

If you are interested in joining the society or just offer a helping hand at any point, then please do get in touch via e-mail harthillcarnivalsociety@gmail.com.

Best wishes.
Harthill Carnival Society.





Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 9th September 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

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

The Village Hall, Winney Hill
Harthill, Sheffield, S26 7YL
Contact detail - Telephone - 01709 528823
Email - clerk@harthillwithwoodall-pc.gov.uk

Parish Councillors

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Receipts & Payments Summary 2024/2025

In the last issue of The Hart a summary was published of the Parish Council's income and expenditure. The external assurance review has now been completed without any changes. All financial information can be found on the Parish Council website for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, and for the previous 4 years.

Defibrillator Training at Harthill Village Hall

Just a reminder that Harthill with Woodall Parish Council has arranged for another defibrillator training session at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th October at 11 am. The session will be delivered by Yorkshire Ambulance Service and will cover CPR as well. The event is entirely free and the feedback that we had when we last held the event was very positive. Please come along.

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.



Play Area Update



In the last issue Harthill with Woodall Parish Council announced that it has received £5,000 from South Yorkshire Community Foundation under the Loscar Wind Farm Community Fund towards a new roundabout on Spens Field.

The new roundabout is expected to be installed in early October. Following a site survey by the Play Equipment provider a new model was suggested, which is more suitable for this location.

Below is the new Discus roundabout that has been ordered - this will be laid on grass matt. This has a tilt function making it easy to transfer children that need support. It looks a lot of fun, and we hope that children will enjoy using it.

The Parish Council are now looking at the Teen Area for new seating provision and a climbing net, subject to successful grant funding.

A new picnic bench has been installed next to the Cableway which we hope Parishioners have found useful over the summer. New benches are shortly to be installed on Woodall Lane and Doctor Lane recreational ground.



Wales Ward

Covering Harthill,
Kiveton,
Wales,
Waleswood
and Woodall



*All the Best,
Dominic & Marnie*

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Ward Councillor Update

We are excited to announce the formation of a 'Tenants Group' at the Peregrine Centre! Meetings will be held every last Wednesday of the month, and we warmly invite all council tenants to participate.

I've passed on residents' gratitude for RMBC's improved grass-cutting service this year following positive feedback, let's hope it continues.

A big thankyou also for all the volunteers that have worked with the Parish Council to make our community look so lovely!

As the nights draw in, don't forget about the 'Neighbourhood Watch Group'. It's a great way to stay connected and ensure our community remains safe.

As a Parish we continue to face challenges with utility roadworks. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you notice any inadequate road signs, as this has been an ongoing issue with the recent road closure. Thank you for your support!

Harthill Cricket Club



A brief update.....

Harthill CC have reached the final of the Popkess Cup and will be representing the Bassetlaw League against Calverton from the South Notts League.

- Date: Sunday 7th September.
- Start: 1 pm
- Location: Harthill CC, Thorpe Rd, Harthill, S26 7YF.

Please come down and support the team. The bar will be open and there will also be a Barbecue.

The semi-final was away at Caythorpe and what a game it was.

Caythorpe batted first and were bowled out for 234 in the 39th over.

In Harthill's reply Izuru Jayakody (58) and Linal Fonseka (68) both scored half-centuries as we finished our 40 overs also on 234, but for the loss of 9 wickets.

Hero of the day was Jayden Lynam, who managed a single off the last ball of the innings to tie the scores and give us victory by virtue of losing fewer wickets.

Thanks
Andy



Thank You from the Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who take the time to pick up litter in their spare time or while out walking, it makes a tremendous difference to our village lanes if we can continue to keep them clean and litter free.

The Parish Council also employs a Grounds Maintenance Operative, Alan, to keep the Parish litter free.

Whilst summer is coming to a close the countryside still looks lovely. What a shame it should be spoiled with something we could all do something about. Please take fast food containers, plastic bottles, and cans home with you.

If you see any fly tipping, please report it to RMBC, it is very easy to do this online at:

Street care & cleansing: Report fly-tipping | Instructions - Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

If you are doing D.I.Y there is a nearby dumpsite in our area. It is situated between Todwick and Dinnington, it is near the industrial estate, from Todwick Road, turn onto Common Road. The waste site is at the junction of Common Road and Houghton Road. Opening times are:

1. 1st April to 30th September 10 am to 6.30 pm - last entry 6.15 pm
2. 1st October to 31st March 10 am to 4 pm - last entry 3.45 pm.

We should all take responsibility for the upkeep of the countryside around us.



theWI INSPIRING WOMEN



We're continuing to celebrate our 70th anniversary and have had much fun over the last few weeks.

The 'Games Night' was a particular treat! Ladies dressed for the races, and we enjoyed a real giggle as they bet on their favourite folly! It was a photo-finish for the winner, still being disputed by some!

We took part in the Carnival parade again this year and came third. Another great day and we were so proud to be part of such a wonderful community event. Well done to all volunteers at the Carnival Society for, yet again, providing the Village with such a brilliant occasion.

We have enjoyed a trip to the RHS show at Wentworth Woodhouse. It was a great day and brilliant for South Yorkshire to have such a grand setting on the doorstep. Not sure if ladies enjoyed the flowers and plant exhibits or the gin, prosecco and rum stalls the most!

We're looking forward to supporting the Harthill & District Garden Association's annual Make, Grow & Show event on Sunday, 14th September. No doubt some of our ladies will be entering the various classes with their tasty treats!

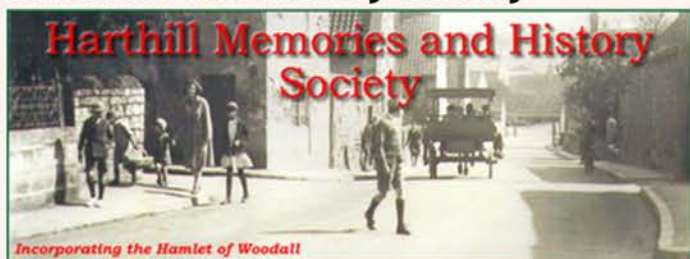
Ladies continue to enjoy coffee in The Blue Bell on a Friday morning at 10:30 am. Anyone is welcome, a chance for a coffee and a natter, members or not!

Do consider joining our WI group, even if you just dip in and out as a visitor. We will always offer friendship, warmth and a good cuppa!

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month and are looking forward to a packed programme this year:

- 16th September - Welbeck Estate School of Cookery. Visitors are welcome to come along for a one-off fee of £8 per person. Please do book your place via harthillwoodallwi@gmail.com or by contacting any of our current WI ladies. Bring your own glass and tipple!
- 21st October - Silent Auction. Harthill Village Hall from 7:15 pm, visitors welcome, £5 per person.
- 18th November - Christmas Crafts. Harthill Village Hall from 7:15 pm, visitors welcome, £5 per person.
- 12th December - WI Christmas Party - members only.
- 20th January - Tales of the Tower with Keith Hanson (ex-Beefeater). Harthill Village Hall from 7:15 pm, visitors welcome, £5 per person.
- 17th February - The History of Hendersons. Harthill Village Hall from 7:15 pm, visitors welcome, £5 per person.
- 17th March - AGM & Quiz. Harthill Village Hall from 7:15 pm, visitors welcome, £5 per person.

Harthill and Woodall Memories and History Society



Harthill with Woodall Memories and History Society are delighted to be hosting the 2025 Local History Exhibition and would like to invite you to join us on Saturday 4th October 2025, in the Harthill Village Hall, Winney Hill, Harthill S26 7YL.

The day will be a great opportunity to see what the area's local history groups are doing to promote an interest in local history with history groups from Clowne, Killamarsh, Kiveton and Wales, Aston cum Aughton, Barlborough, Todwick, Mosborough, Woodsetts, and of course Harthill with Woodall. Doors will be open at 11 am to 4 pm, and admission is free. However, any donations on the day will be appreciated. Refreshments and light snacks will be available, and the building has full access for disabled visitors.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you to our Local History Day.



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It's now been over a year since I was elected as your Member of Parliament for Rother Valley, and I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those in Harthill who I've had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with.

From attending fantastic local events, to visiting the school council at Harthill Primary, to supporting Harthill Active Travel, and hosting two public meetings at the Village Hall, it has been a real privilege to get to know so many residents and learn more about the community.

At our most recent public meeting focused on the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm, it was clear just how concerned many residents in Harthill and Woodall are about this development. My position remains unchanged, and I am opposing the proposal. I will be meeting with representatives from Whitestone in September, ahead of the second round of public consultation. I strongly encourage all residents to participate in the consultation this autumn.

In addition, I know there are ongoing concerns around the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on Hard Lane. Although the planning application was submitted back in February, no decision has been made. I have also opposed this application, given the uncertainty around the scale and impact of potential energy infrastructure in our area. I remain committed to keeping residents informed and involved as developments unfold on both of these matters.

This summer has brought many long, hot, and beautiful days and I hope you've all had the chance to get outside and enjoy everything Harthill has to offer. The village has looked especially stunning in the summer sun.

It's been great to see so many people returning to the reservoir since the Canal and River Trust completed their works. Whether you've been sailing, fishing, or simply enjoying the views, the reservoir is once again a lively and much-loved part of our community. Yorkshire Outdoor Swimmers have been holding open-water swimming sessions every Saturday at 2 pm. and will commence again once water levels recover. I am still plucking up the courage to take a dip myself.

I look forward to seeing many of you around the village soon. If you need to get in contact with me about an issue, please email jake.richards.mp@parliament.uk or ring the constituency office on 01909 384605.



HARTHILL
LEISURE CENTRE

At the side of Car Park, Spens Field, Harthill

Harthill Leisure Centre: Looking to the Future

Harthill Leisure Centre continues to be a hub of activity and creativity for the village. Our bowling green remains popular with regular players, and the on-site Workbench facility continues to attract members keen to craft and create. Both enjoy strong memberships, reflecting the Centre's role as a welcoming space for everyone.

The tennis court, currently used for 5-a-side football, netball, and tennis, has seen significantly reduced usage in recent years, as many players have chosen the larger, modern facilities at nearby Kiveton and Clowne. After careful consideration, the Council has decided to close the court and explore new ways to repurpose the space.

This is part of wider Council decisions on play and recreational provision in Harthill. There has been strong demand for a Multi-Use Games Facility (MUGA), and potential locations and funding are being explored as part of these changes. The recent return of 11-a-side football to Harthill will also form part of the overall recreational facilities available on and around Spens Field, ensuring the village continues to offer a variety of sporting opportunities.

Rather than seeing the closure of the tennis court as a loss, we view it as an exciting opportunity to create a space that better serves the community – and to bring fresh energy to the charity itself. Two of our trustees, Neill Radford and Lesley Ellam, have decided to step aside now to allow for new trustees with fresh ideas. We are immensely grateful for their dedication, hard work, and commitment over the years, and we hope their example will inspire others to get involved.

This presents a great chance to attract new trustees to help shape the future of Harthill Leisure Centre. It's not a complicated role – we are looking for individuals who have the time, enthusiasm, and interest in helping the Centre succeed and continue to thrive as a hub for the community. Please contact our clerk, Caroline Havenhand, if you would like more information.

We look forward to sharing updates as plans for the tennis court area progress and to welcoming new trustees and community members who are excited to get involved and make a difference.

The closure date has not yet been fixed, and Lesley and Neill have kindly agreed to continue until the new charity is in place.

The kitchen and meeting room are still available, ideal for small meetings to take place whilst enjoying a cuppa. For details and bookings contact Neill 07971081318 or Lesley 07890410778.

Sailing Club Back in Action



There's been lots of action at Harthill Reservoir since the reservoir opened again in May. Sailing has started again with a variety of race events and people coming along to have a go at sailing for the first time. Anyone interested is welcome to visit the club to find out more and how to get started.



Sailing is on Sundays from 10.00 am and Thursday evenings from 6.30 pm plus Monday evenings during the summer.

Other activities at the club have also begun with the Model Yachting Section and the Open Water Swimmers.

However, visitors to the reservoir recently will have seen that the water level has dropped significantly which is not surprising given the exceptionally dry spring and summer we've had. The low water level is proving to be very challenging. Sailing is able to continue for the time being but, sadly, open water swimming has been cancelled until such time as water levels rise.

On a more positive note, after meeting with prospective organisers, the club are confident of being able to offer paddleboarding and kayaking with regular sessions every week. Trained instructors and a safety team will be on hand to manage the activities. The club hopes to be able to announce details in the very near future.

Contact website details: rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk,
rotherhammodelyachtclub.weebly.com/
yorkshireoutdoorswimmers.com.



Christmas Santa's Grotto



We are delighted to announce that the Santa's Grotto will be back again this year. On Saturday 13th & 20th December at the Old Cobblers Shop on Union Street.

Booking details will be announced in due course via our social media channels, so if you don't already, please follow us on Facebook (Harthill Carnival Society) or Instagram (@hartcarnival)

