Welcome to the latest issue of The Hart. We hope that there is something in it for everyone and that you find it both useful and informative. Christmas is almost upon us and I hope that you will take advantage of the many events and activities that will taking place in and around Harthill with Woodall in the coming months. After a summer of high achievement for the Parish there is still a lot to look forward to. We always welcome any feedback or new ideas so please get in touch with either myself or Caroline, our Parish Clerk, if there is anything you'd like to raise. Contact details are on page 6.

Ian Lloyd, Parish Council Chairman

OUR PARISH REMEMBERS

Poppies for Remembrance Day 11th November to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1.

With much help from Harthill Primary School children, village organisations, the community of Harthill with Woodall and beyond, thousands of poppies were made. The Well Dressing group created a river of poppies and a wreath using the poppies Harthill School children made for a display at the Well. The church sewing group created two nets of poppies, one hung in church and the other at the War Memorial.

The church looked lovely for Remembrance Day, with beautiful poppy wreaths and flower displays.

A big thank you to all those who made the poppies, and to those who helped to make these beautiful displays for our village.

On the 10th of November during the afternoon we had a display of past Christmas Well Dressings which hung in the church. It gave the village an opportunity to see them once again. There was a display from Harthill Memories Society and a short history of the men from Harthill and Woodall who fought in WW1. Refreshments were served, and we held a raffle for the British Legion which raised £118. It was a very successful afternoon and enjoyed by all. Our past Christmas Well Dressings go out into the community at Christmas to schools, the library, doctor’s surgeries, Bassetlaw Hospital and nursing homes.

The award was presented to Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. Ian Lloyd at the Yorkshire In Bloom awards ceremony in York on 11th September. Cllr. Lloyd said, “This is a fantastic achievement for Harthill with Woodall. Last year, we missed out on Gold by one point so to make it over the line this time is very rewarding. It has been very much a team effort and thanks go to our wonderful volunteers, sponsors and community groups, to our Parish Clerk, Caroline Havenhand, for co-ordinating our efforts so expertly and to Rotherham MBC who gave us excellent support. We are delighted with the result and will always strive to keep the Parish looking its best.”

In addition to the main award, the Parish also received a discretionary Gold Small Communities Award. This reflects the fantastic work done by our 30+ community groups, many of whom sponsored our efforts or provided hands-on help. Special thanks go to Harthill Leisure Centre, Rotherham Sailing Club & Model Yacht Club, Harthill School, Harthill Workbench, and Tea Day, all of whom played a tremendous part in meeting, and clearly impressing, the judges on Judging Day.

The Yib judges’ citation reads:-

“This tight knit community is fully behind In Bloom and all elements across the two villages are working to create and sustain a Parish to be proud of. There are lots of groups for all ages, to participate in village life and support In Bloom in various ways. Local school children are actively encouraged to get involved with traditional skills such as the Well Dressing events each year. They have helped with environmental projects such as wildflower meadow, making bird boxes, and learning about gardening and growing in their own school garden, supported by staff and in Bloom members. Regular village events bring the whole community together, the annual Carnival, open gardens, village show, plus others across the year to support fund raising for In Bloom and other causes within the village. The “Workbench” scheme creates a space to encourage older members of the community to get together to support one another and exchange skills such as carpentry, creating items for sale and home use, at low cost. Again, the In Bloom team are tapping into this new resource.”
The final phase of the refurbishment of Harthill Village Hall was completed in September when a total transformation of the toilet block was undertaken. In addition, a Hearing Loop system and a Public Address system have been installed as well as further insulation fitted. The toilet block insulation has added new safety, disability and environmental features and has provided much needed baby changing facilities. The above work was made possible thanks to a grant of £32,000 from The Veolia Environmental Trust and an £8,000 contribution from the Parish Council.

The hall is used by hundreds of people each year and is home to around 20 local groups and organisations, including Toddler Group, Tea Day and the WI. The hall also receives many private bookings for events such as weddings and birthday parties.

Chairman of Harthill Village Hall Ltd. Brian Shutt said, “We are delighted to have finally completed the refurbishment project which has been undertaken in 4 stages over 8 years. The hall is the hub of the village and we are always keen to add new activities to an already lively schedule. Modernising the building has been a vital part of our plans, so we are very grateful to The Veolia Environmental Trust and the Parish Council for the tremendous support we have received to help us realise our ambitions. We also wish to thank Foers Contracts Ltd. for their excellent standard of work during the recent final phase of the refurbishment.”

Finance Director Ian Lloyd added, “It’s been a long haul and it’s great that we have finally made it to completion. Finding funding for projects such as this is becoming increasingly difficult, so we’ve been very fortunate to have received such excellent support. We very much hope that we have produced a village hall that Harthill and the surrounding area can be proud of.”

The completion of the hall refurbishment is very timely as Brian Shutt is about to step down as Chair of HVH Ltd. The entire project has been started and completed during Brian’s tenure as Chair and during this period the village hall has been transformed from a tired and lacklustre building into the modern, vibrant, self-sustaining venue it is today. We are delighted that Brian is remaining as part of the team and would like to thank him for his leadership, commitment and tireless efforts over recent years. With our new Chair, Peter Owers, we intend to carry on the good work. Welcome to Peter, and on to the next challenge.

HARTHILL & DISTRICT GARDEN ASSOCIATION

Did somebody just mention Christmas?? It is here on our horizon with all the busyness, fun and food. So, a good time to look back over a fantastic summer and 2 wonderful events, each affected in some way by the amazing warm weather.

The Garden Trail in June was so good, weather great, lots of visitors, tons of cakes eaten and all our usual cake sales, art exhibit, flower festival all in the chapel and the splendid wedding festival made and held in the church. A warm and friendly village get together. A great big thank you to all the villagers who were so hospitable to open their gardens and entertain all the visitors.

The second event was our main one of the year - our Fruit Flower and Vegetable Show held as usual in mid-September. After the long summer of hot weather when all lawns were brown and banana trees flourished, we wondered if there would be anything to be exhibited at all. We reckoned without the intrepid determined spirit of gardeners and far from empty benches we had loads of fabulous, colourful blooms, beautifully presented vegetables, great cakes, pies, jams, chutneys, needlework and knitting. The flower arrangements were more than we had ever had and illustrated the skill and imagination of many of the village organisations’ members. What a very talented lot!

We even had a giant marrow which challenged the exhibitors’ physical abilities to get it in and made the table it was on sag in the middle. It even made a somewhat bumpy seat for a 3-year-old’s photo opportunity!

School again did us proud with the imaginations of the children fired up to create the gardens in a tray, cupcakes, funny animals and flowers. Some also exhibited vegetables they had grown – exhibitors for the future we hope!

Once again, we need to thank everyone, and there were so many, who worked with us and supported this event. We are so grateful to all of you. A very heartfelt thank you from me and Mike to our hard-working committee who have been so especially great this year with total commitment and input to ensure all our events are as good that they can be. You are simply the best!

Well, next up is the HDGA sponsored ‘Christmas Flowers’ to be held in the Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 1st December (see poster for details). This is a magical event and has grown greatly since it was started just a few years ago. The chance to make your own Christmas wreath for the front door or make the circle into a table decoration is great fun.

There is a limit on how many people can be accommodated but there are still a few tickets left so get in touch with Marcella and Maryon whose details are on the poster to reserve a place for an event that really kick-starts Christmas.

It is rapidly coming up to the time we pore over the seed catalogues and plan next year’s gardening, whilst sitting in the warm and using the imagination. We hope that next year is a great one for gardening and showing the Parish at its best so Happy Gardening for 2019 and have a great Christmas.

Jenny Shimwell, Show Secretary

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday Dec. 1st 10-12 Harthill Village Hall

Adults £7. Children under 16. £4

(includes 10” oasis ring) (refreshments / raffle)

Phone: Marcella 770102
or Maryon 773105

Doors open 9.30am

Proceeds to: Harthill Church and Harthill School Gardening Club
GOOD NEIGHBOURS IN ROTHERHAM

We all know that Christmas, New Year and other general festive times can be hectic. Times traditionally set aside for a family get together can, however, be especially lonely times for many people, especially the elderly. Many local people do it already, but I want to urge more Rotherham people to be a good neighbour and watch out for the older people who are neighbours. Just think what a difference we could make if each of us stopped and took time to check on someone’s wellbeing?

And it applies to businesses as well. Some go the extra mile with e.g. home deliveries from local shops or just being aware when someone ‘does not seem quite right’ today and taking a helpful interest without appearing nosey. There are also opportunities to point people in the direction of such as the Rotherham Friendship Lunches or similar which can help alleviate loneliness by rebuilding a circle of friends maybe after a partner has died or old friends have moved away.

Here are some ‘good neighbour’ ideas: Which one will you try?

- **Catch up over a cuppa** Instead of simply popping a seasonal card through the door, why not drop by with a card and a box of biscuits?
- **Young at heart** Older people are often still young at heart. If you have children, why not consider asking your neighbour and the children if they would like to join in with a game of Monopoly or Cluedo?
- **Casserole club?** Next time you are preparing a casserole, add some extra ingredients to stretch the dish and take a portion round to a neighbour. It’s an old-fashioned gesture that many really appreciate. It also helps ensure they get a nutritious meal, especially if there are few other visitors.

- **Lay an extra place at the table** On a similar theme, why not invite a neighbour round to share a meal with you and your family?
- **Shopping can be fun.** But shopping can also be stressful at the best of times, especially at busy seasons and around bank holidays. So, imagine how worrying it might be for an elderly person. Why not suggest that you take a neighbour shopping? It could be as simple as giving a lift in to town, the local shopping centre or helping them find suitable presents for their relatives.

Whilst you are with your neighbour, as a friend, you can potentially help ensure the house is warm enough, there is plenty of food in stock or in warmer months that they are drinking enough fluids. Local authority and health related services are unable to do this. Realistically they never will be - so communities will need to add to their sustainable infrastructures. Hopefully genuine, non-intrusive, neighbourliness will increase. In this I think our Borough has a head start as its already part of its DNA.

David Coldrick is owner of Home Instead Senior Care Rotherham 34 Moorgate Road S60 2AG.

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A BIG THANK YOU FROM TANIMARA

Due to retirement Tanimara will be closing its doors on Friday 21st December after 32 years serving our community. It is with sadness that we close Tanimara but the time is right for us to move on and make way for new beginnings. We are hoping that someone will come along and buy the house and shop and make something of it which will benefit our community – perhaps a tea room? 😊

Before we close at Christmas we will be selling off our shop stock including greetings cards, paper, pens, envelopes, notebooks, paper, card etc. ... **everything must go!!** The current 25% off sale will be increased to 40% off in December and things are selling out fast. In January we will be selling off the shop fittings, printing and office equipment so if anyone is interested in anything before we advertise online please let us know before we close.

We are so pleased that McColls will be opening Harthill Post Office again and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Finally, we would like to extend a big heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all our customers for your support over the years. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve you in our wonderful village of Harthill.

Julie & Tim Johnson

FRY DAYS CONTINUE ON THURSDAYS

The Parish Council has agreed to extend permission for the Fish and Chip Van to sit on Woodall Lane car park between 5.00pm and 8.00pm on a Thursday evening. This is after a successful trial period and will continue for the foreseeable future.

PUB NEWS

Following a successful application by CAMRA which was supported by the Parish Council, The Blue Bell pub on Woodall Lane has now been registered with RMBC as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

**The Beehive** pub on Union St is also an ACV having been registered in 2016.

An Asset of Community Value (ACV) is a building, such as a village pub or a village shop, which contributes to the life of the community. The registration as an ACV means there is a control on how such a building may be sold. Should the owners decide to sell a registered ACV within the 5-year period of registration, they must pause for six months to allow time for a community group to be formed who could bid to purchase the building.

Meanwhile, **The Parish Oven** in Thorpe Salvin (also an ACV) has been reopened after a major refurbishment. The pub has been open since September under the new management of Fine and Country Inns.

As well as serving lovely lunches, there are special days in the restaurant, such as ‘Tapas Tuesdays’ or ‘Steak and Wine Thursdays’, with a regularly changing offering of guest ales, a comprehensive wine list and over two dozen different gins.

More information can be found on the website: www.theparishoven.co.uk
Further strike action by the RMT is planned for all Saturdays during the remainder of 2018.

Services on the Northern network will be affected on the following dates:

- Saturday 24 November 2018
- Saturday 1 December 2018
- Saturday 8 December 2018
- Saturday 15 December 2018
- Saturday 22 December 2018
- Saturday 29 December 2018

It is expected that, on the run up to Christmas, alternative rail routes, as well as buses, trams and roads in South Yorkshire will be busier than usual on the days of the strike as passengers alter their journey plans. As a consequence, journey times are expected to be longer.

Northern Rail is encouraging passengers to plan ahead using the latest travel information on their website at northernrailway.co.uk/strike. The National Rail Enquiries (NRE) website will also provide live, real-time train information across all operators, and NRE journey planning tools will be updated with Northern’s revised timetables ahead of the strikes.

SYPTE will support passengers affected by the industrial action by providing up to date information via Travel South Yorkshire channels.

Paul Brookes, Deputy Chairman

PS - Diary date: We have now confirmed a date for our Annual Village Quiz, which will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 15th March. More details to follow nearer the time.

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Dear Friends

I’m looking forward to the Christmas tree festival, 11am to 3.30pm on Saturday 8th December, with refreshments and raffle followed by the Well Dressing ceremony at 4pm. I know the church will look splendid.

What is your Christmas tree like? Do you have a real one or is it artificial? Do you have coloured lights or white lights? Do you have a fairy on the top or an angel or a star? Do you put presents around well before or just on Christmas Eve? The Christmas tree is evergreen and reminds me of the everlasting life promised to us by God if we believe and trust. The lights and star which decorate it remind me of the coming of Emmanuel, which means God is with us, and the light and hope he brings.

The presents around the tree remind me that Jesus Christ is a gift of love from God. We remember this in our Nativity from Scratch 4pm Sunday 16th. Children dress up in tea towels and dressing gowns to share the greatest story ever told. Mustn’t forget Thurcroft Brass Band entertain us with Christmas music 7.30pm Saturday 15th December - Tickets £6 from Tanimara. Carols by Candlelight is 4.30pm Sunday 16th. Christmas Eve we have Christingle at 5.30pm and an evening service at 10pm. Christmas Day there is a 10am Service of Celebration. I hope you’ll ‘follow the star’ on top of All Hallows’ tower and sit beneath the bright star lit in the roof beam inside as we reflect together on the true meaning of Christmas.

Blessings, Gary

Reverend Gary Schofield

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Carols by Candlelight - 4.30pm Sunday 16th Dec

Christingle – Christmas Eve 5.30pm

Service of Celebration - Christmas Day 10am
JUDICIAL REVIEW

The hearing for Harthill’s judicial review will now be held at Leeds High Court on 25th January 2019. Originally to be held in London this month, the Judge chose to transfer it to Leeds in order to allow people from the area to attend in support; hence the later date.

Following recent earthquakes that have been increasing in intensity at the Preston New Road site in Lancashire, drilling has frequently had to be stopped there. Similarly, The Netherlands’ fracking industry has now been halted after over 400 homes have been badly structurally damaged as a result of shale gas exploration and extraction. These earthquakes can increase the risk of damage, not only to surface homes and properties, but to the drill casings below ground which can lead to leaks into the surrounding land and local aquifers. It has been demonstrated by Professor Peter Styles that old abandoned mine workings are as vulnerable to seismic events as known geological faults. It is well understood locally that Harthill has mine shafts below the village and it seems this certainly increases the potential for earth, air and water pollution.

The frightening degree of road traffic disruption by HGVs Harthill might expect has also been demonstrated at the Igas Tinker Lane site where all the components of the drilling rig are now on site (see photo).

Monthly HAF meetings will recommence in the New Year for regular updates and ongoing strategy ideas. There will be tea, cakes and a warm welcome to all. Date in January to be announced.

Deborah Gibson, Harthill Against Fracking

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

There are four very old and characterful direction signs in Harthill, such as the one pictured. They are a great feature of the village but have fallen prey to rust and wear and tear in recent years

The Parish Council plans to have the signs refurbished in the New Year. They may disappear for a while, but rest assured they will return, fully restored and in pristine condition.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH 18TH OCTOBER 2018

Once again, an amazing turn out for our Friendship Lunch held at Sir Jack’s Carvery, Bramley on the 18th October. We were delighted once again to welcome old and new friends to the event; over 60 people attended and there were smiles all round, as everyone joined in with singing and dancing. We even had people dancing in the aisles! Paul Anthony certainly did entertain us with his selection of 50’s, 60’s and 70’s hit songs.

One of our guests Mr Ken Morton was introduced to the concept of Friendship Lunches by Sharon Adams at Live Inclusive and attended his first event in October.

Ken told us: “These Friendship Lunches are great – there should be more of them! They’re ideal for people living alone, but also a great opportunity for couples who are looking for affordable social events”

For this reason, the Friendship Lunch Community is definitely growing – we even welcomed two Joan Taylors to the event! What are the chances of that?

Our next event is on the 11th December when we will be celebrating Christmas with a Turkey and Tinsel theme and Susan St Nicholas will be treating us to her repertoire of songs from many popular musicals.

Please book direct with Sir Jacks direct on 01709 530306 – these events are becoming increasingly popular so please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you have problems contacting the venue or need any further information, please call Home Instead on 01709 837170.
It is a real shame that Three Shires clog dancers have had to turn down invitations to dance out with other teams or at different venues due to a lack of either musicians or dancers. However, it has meant that we have lots of time to practice our dances and reprise old favourites in time to dance, along with Harthill Morris at Kelham Island Victorian Christmas Fayre on 1st December.

Harthill Morris Men have invited the ladies to join them on a few of their practice nights and learn some of their dances. And of course, the ladies extended an invitation to them to learn some from the North West tradition.

Come and see the results at the Beehive on Boxing Day!

If you are interested in dancing with us or playing in the band, please get in touch. We meet on Tuesdays in Harthill Village Hall at 7.30pm. (The 3rd Tuesday of the month at Todwick Village Hall).

http://threeshiresclog.org.uk/ Tel: Lesley 01909 770129 or e-mail harthilltrain@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS WELL DRESSING

Opening will be held in Harthill church on Saturday 8th of December at 4pm after the Christmas tree festival.

We will be joined by Harthill school children and Harthill Village Voices who will sing for us. Musicians from Harthill Morris and Three Shires Clog team will play the carols for us.

The Well Dressing will be blessed by Jen Mullis, minister from Harthill Methodist church and Rev. Gary Schofield, priest in charge of Harthill parish church.

Afterwards Father Christmas will give Christmas biscuits to the children and hot toddy and mince pies will be served. Come along and join us there.

New members are made most welcome. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Gunby on 01909 771328 or Anne Lloyd on 01909 773942.

PEREGRIN WAY CENTRE

The Peregrin Way Centre is a tenants and residents association and community group based at Peregrin Way in Harthill.

There are a wide range of activities including bingo, IT, cards and games, gardening and a weekly luncheon group. In addition, the centre also provides a range of support with everyday life and activities including access to laundry facilities, shopping, social outings and trips and holidays.

The centre provides great support and helps people to live as independently as possible, reducing loneliness and isolation and helping to keep people healthy and active. Come and join us for a two-course lunch at the centre and see what’s going on. Our luncheon group is every Thursday at 12.30pm and lunch costs just £3.50 per person.

We will also be organising several low-cost trips and excursions throughout the year.

Christmas Dinner this year is on Monday 10th December at Dinnington Resource Centre at a cost of £8 per person. This includes coach travel, leaving the centre at 11am.

New Year Tea is on Monday 7th January at the centre - £4 per person.

For more information contact Ida Atkin on 01909 773295.

HARTHILL TEA DAY & SOCIAL CLUB

Once again, we have had a very successful year with days out and lots of new members joining the club. We continue to go from strength to strength.

We have been very fortunate to obtain lottery funding which has enabled us to continue with our community transport program which allows members less able to get to us to come along and enjoy a very enjoyable afternoon.

And we were also very privileged to be awarded the Duke of York Community Initiative Award in recognition of our club, so if you would like to join a thriving and energetic club come along and give us a try. We have a good mix of male and female members, so why not give us a try - you might find you enjoy it!

We meet again after the Christmas break on 16th January 2019 in Harthill Village Hall at 3 30.

We would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Ian Lloyd (Chairman).................................773942
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**HARTHILL NETBALL HEADLINES………**

- **Doors open to Younger Players …**
- **Winter Wednesday evening playing/training sessions begin**
- **New League Entered in Worksop …**

Harthill Netball Club continues to GROW. While the club still enjoy playing their 2 teams in the Chesterfield league based in Staveley and Killamarsh on Thursdays, we now also take part in a Worksop league on Monday evenings. This provides more opportunities for our players of all levels of experience to play in games together.

Our normal Wednesday sessions at Harthill Leisure Centre take a short break in December. We then move inside to Clowne Leisure Centre for an 8 'til 9 pm slot during the winter months, so that we can keep a regular training/playing night whatever the weather!

New players please feel free to come and join us and join in!

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**HARTHILL PONDS WALKS**

The Parish Council is working on establishing four walks around Harthill Ponds. A map has been produced which will be installed close to the carpark. This will give details of the different colour coded routes.

These correspond to the Forestry Commission's criteria of difficulty regarding distance. The sign also gives details of the Countryside Code to encourage responsible use of the walks.

The routes are to be indicated by waymarkers with coloured bands indicating direction. These are to be made by the Workbench group and installed by a group of volunteers.

The project has been financed by South Yorkshire Community Foundation after a successful grant application by the Parish Council.

A walks leaflet will also be available to guide walkers. This will be available at the Village Hall, the Doctor's Surgery, Harthill Craft Butchers and All Hallows Church.

It is hoped that the map and waymarkers will be ready to use as soon as possible.

Carol Leigh, Harthill with Woodall Parish Council

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**YORKSHIRE OUTDOOR SWIMMERS … ARE BACK**

Well it took a lot longer than we anticipated for the blue green algae to disperse from the reservoir. But we are now back in the water and our winter swimming season is in full swing.

It was a bit of a shock to the system as when the algae arrived the water was still over 20°C and by September it had dropped to a mild 15°C. The temperature is dropping fast now, and we will soon be starting our ice miles.

While we couldn’t swim at Harthill many of us took the opportunity to do some swimming tourism, with some heading to the coast as part of their preparations for channel swims and we also put a big YOS team in at the Amphibian event, at the Blue Lagoon, near Pontefract.

Although we couldn’t swim for most of the summer, it gave us a chance to do some lifeguard training. We had 2 full weekend sessions and we now have plenty of qualified open water lifeguards at Harthill. You might think that we are mad doing this sport, but we never take short cuts when it comes to the safety of our swimmers.

We are back swimming every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3, so please pop in for a chat, a brew and a piece of cake.

Jamie Sims
Yorkshire Outdoor Swimmers

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Happy Festive Times From Us All

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Ringing Remembers

**ALL HALLOWS HARTHILL**

ARMISTICE RINGING 2018
11th November 2018
Commemorating 100 years since the end of World War One

- TREBLE … CAROL LEIGH 4 ….. STEVE GREEN
- TENOR …… SYRIL WERN 5 ………. IAN LLOYD
- BASS ……… JESSICA MYERS 6 ……… CLAIRE LLOYD

Conducted by Ian Lloyd along with the bell team and friends.
HARTHILL WORKBENCH

Harthill Workbench has been open for just over 6 months now and we have had a steady stream of members joining us. People have been busy and have made coffee tables, cutting boards, cheese boards, cupboards, shelves, bird boxes, hedgehog houses and even a lounging chair and a large bird table. The wood lathe continues to be worked hard with a few bowls being finished.

We have given a helping hand to the Carnival Society by making them a new door and a completely new cabinet for the electric boxes on Spens field and we have also been avid, and active, supporters of the successful Parish Britain In Bloom efforts this year.

We have received several grants which has allowed us to upgrade some of our power tools and we were very fortunate to be gifted a professional quality planer/thicknesser/spindle moulder. An excellent bit of kit which produces excellent results.

We are open Monday and Wednesday 10am to 2pm and 6pm to 9pm. Friday 10am to 2pm and Saturday and Sunday 2pm to 6pm. Each session costs just £4 which helps us to pay for the heating and lighting. Use of all tools, glue, screws etc are included in that price.

If you are interested more information can be obtained from Dave Tingle, davetingle@me.com or ring 01909 772173, or pop in and see us.

With Christmas approaching we are offering gift certificates for a year’s membership (£36) great value at £3 a month! We also have a number of chopping boards and cheese boards for sale at £18 … or come along and make your own.

Everyone is welcome … it doesn’t matter if you are a total novice or a skilled expert. Tuition is available and free.

Dave Tingle, Secretary, Harthill Workbench

CHRISTMAS VENUE HIRE

Our meeting room is available for your organisation’s pre-Christmas planning meeting, ideal if your group is looking for an economic venue for crafting Christmas decorations or cards you wish to sell for fund raising.

Together with the kitchen the Leisure Centre is a convenient venue if you need an indoor venue for a children’s party – the tennis court is also available for outdoor games.

Need to keep warm as well as fit during the winter? We have slots on the tennis court during the day and evening.

Contact: Lesley 01909 770129 or Steve 07981 578707

HARTHILL LEISURE CENTRE

Crown Green Bowls
Football - Tennis - Netball

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