

# The Hart

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## COME AND JOIN IN!

**Community Event - Tuesday 27th January 2009**

It's been said recently that there isn't enough to do in Harthill and Woodall. It's also been said that there is rampant apathy in our villages!

Hoping to disprove these statements, the Parish Council is organising a Community Event to be held in Harthill Village Hall on Tuesday 27th January, between 6pm and 9pm.

The basic idea is to have representatives from all of the existing village organisations in the same place at the same time, and then invite Harthill and Woodall residents to come along, find out what they do, and hopefully join one or more of the groups.

The event will be very informal and you can come along at any time between 6pm and 9pm. All ages are welcome although if you are under 16 you will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Free refreshments will be provided including sandwiches and a glass of wine or a soft drink.



**Bell ringing is just one of many activities you can do in Harthill.**

All of the groups involved are seeking new members or volunteers and there is a great deal of variety. Some are sport or activity related while some provide a useful service or make an excellent contribution to the appearance or wellbeing of our villages. We hope you will want to come along and support our groups

and organisations and maybe in the process take up a new hobby or activity.

So if your New Year resolutions have already come and gone, why not make a new one and COME AND JOIN IN!

### ORGANISATIONS SET TO ATTEND

So far, the following organisations have confirmed that they will be attending the Community Event.

All of them are looking to attract new members or volunteers.

- All Hallows Choral and Music Group
- All Hallows Church Bell Ringers
- Angling Club
- Flower Arranging
- Folk Dance Group
- Harthill & District Garden Association
- Harthill Carnival Society
- Harthill Cricket Club
- Well Dressing Group

- Harthill Memories & Local History Society
- Harthill Toddler Group
- Harthill with Woodall in Bloom
- Harthill Youth Club
- Morris Men
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Outdoor Bowls Club
- Over 60s Club
- Three Shires Clog Society
- Women's Institute

If you are part of an existing group that isn't on this list and you wish to attend, please ring Les Wheatley on 01246 434908 or 0777 3782246 before Friday 23 January.

### Form your own group

Nothing in the above list that you fancy? Why not form your own group, come along and see who wants to join you?

In the past, many small organisations have fallen by the wayside for want of an organiser or a couple of extra volunteers. Is there any interest in forming a tennis club? Golf? Chess? Language classes? Computer club?

Start-up funding is available from the Parish Council for any new group that can attract 6 members. Advice on forming and running a group and on other funding opportunities will also be available at the event.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME READY FOR RE-LAUNCH



January 2009 will see the re-launch of the new and updated Harthill-with-Woodall Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Our villages are among the safest and crime free areas in Rotherham but we all have a responsibility to ensure that it remains that way. This is why the scheme is being re-launched.

## So What Does It Mean To Me?

In the past every household was a member of the scheme, but national changes mean that every home must now register. Most schemes make a nominal charge for registration; your scheme will be FREE. Welcome news in today's economic climate, but better still many household insurances will give a DISCOUNT on your premium if you are a member of the scheme.

You will receive a regular newsletter and have access to security and safety equipment, sometimes at no cost, often at substantial discount on shop

prices.

So... WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE?

## What's My Commitment?

OK, that's a fair question. The only thing asked of you is to be a good neighbour.

If you see anything unusual, suspicious or strange or instances of anti-social behaviour you can contact either the police if you think it is urgent, or your local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator in non urgent cases. They will take action on your behalf.

Remember that taking care of each other often means that we can avoid becoming a victim ourselves. Thieves will often return to a 'soft target' area. Let's make our villages hard targets.

## Do I Have To Attend Meetings?

We would love to see you at the meetings but you don't HAVE to attend. Your local coordinator will keep you up to date.

## So How Do I Join?

Every household should receive a registration form in the near future. Simply fill it in and return it or drop it into the registration boxes which will be situated at Harthill School, Harthill Post Office and Clive's the Butchers on the shopping precinct.

If you don't get a form through your door by 24th January you can collect one from the same three locations or contact Alan Newby on 01909 515758 or Jan Poucher on 01909 773097

Alternatively you could visit the Harthill-with-Woodall Neighbourhood Watch display at the Community Event in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th of January between 6pm and 9pm. We would be delighted to see you so please come and talk to us.

## COMING SOON!

- Construction work on the new play area will commence in early February and will be completed by mid March.
- Four new benches, all donated by local residents, will be installed on The Tom Wakefield Way by the end of January.
- The Message Board / Discussion Forum on the Parish Council website should be up and running by the end of February.

## PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council website is now fully up and running. The site includes Parish Council news, latest news and events from around the Parish, details of local organisations and a photo gallery.

We update the site every week and try to keep it as relevant and informative as possible. Please let us know if there is an event you wish to advertise, if you have a group that isn't featured or if you would like to add photographs to the gallery.

Please visit [www.harthillwithwoodallparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.harthillwithwoodallparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## Who are your Parish Councillors?

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