

The Hart

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Harthill with Woodall Parish Council Newsletter

Winter 2012

REFURBISHMENT UNDERWAY

For the past couple of years the Parish Council has been attempting to raise money to refurbish the Village Hall. The Hall is extensively used across the community but is looking a bit old and tired and in need of a spruce up.

We have had some success recently and have secured a grant of £19000 from The Veolia Environmental Trust. This combined with some earmarked Parish Council reserves means that Phase 1 of the refurbishment can commence shortly.

Roof repairs and repointing of exterior brickwork will be undertaken during February and March. We will also be installing a new boiler, re-fitting the kitchen and refurbishing the lounge.

The main hall will remain open during the work but the kitchen and lounge will be closed for around 4 weeks between mid February and mid March.



Harthill Village Hall: in need of a bit of TLC

If anyone has any queries about arrangements during the closure please contact Ian Lloyd on 01909 773942.

Work to secure other funding continues and we are hopeful that further work can be done later this year.

The Good and the Bad

The Parish Council knows that there are people in the Parish who are regularly going out to pick up litter – around the Ponds, along Hard Lane and in other places in Harthill and Woodall.

This is not only very community spirited but also helps to keep the villages looking their best. A very big thank you to all concerned.

On the other side of the coin there seems to be an increase in dog fouling across the Parish. Our handyman Jim Ellam has noticed this particularly on Spens Field and has often had to clear dog mess from sand in the play area.

It isn't Jim's job to pick up dog mess – it is entirely the dog owner's responsibility – but there still seem to be some who think it is OK to let their dog foul a playground and just leave it for others to clean up.

There are heavy fines for this kind of irresponsible behaviour and anyone caught will be reported.

If you witness dog fouling then PLEASE report it.

You can ring Streetpride on 01709 336003 or let a Parish Councillor or the Clerk know. It will only take a couple of prosecutions and it will stop.

2012 Events

Are you having an event of any kind during 2012? The Hart is delivered quarterly to every household in the Parish and is a great place to advertise what is going on.

This year, The Hart will be published during the last week of April, July and November and the deadline for copy will be the 18th of each of these months. Please contact the Clerk if you would like your event to feature.

The Parish Council website advertises community events all year round so please contact the Clerk if you would like some publicity for your group or event.

Harthill Carnival

The Annual Carnival will be on Saturday 14th July.

Once again we are pleased to announce that the Parade will be sponsored by Alan Skepper with cash prizes for the winning entries.

For 2012 the theme will be "Anything Goes". In addition to taking part in the Parade, organisations can take a stall space free of charge to promote their activities or raise funds by running a game, for example Play Your Cards Right or the sale of goods.

Other individuals or organisations can also rent a stall space where they can raise funds for a charity or their own organisation by running a simple game or the sale of goods.

– Rachael Brown 01909 771292

Super-fast Broadband

Digital Region is a groundbreaking project providing South Yorkshire with the best superfast broadband coverage in the UK.

Over the past two years Digital Region Ltd has built a 350 mile fibre optic network across much of South Yorkshire. It is very much hoped that this will be extended to cover Harthill with Woodall and Thorpe Salvin Parishes during 2012-13.

Digital Region has asked the Parish Council for some help in undertaking initial research with local residents about current broadband usage and potential demand for an improved service. There are three questions: -

1) Do you use the Internet and do you currently have a broadband connection at home or at work?

2) Are you happy with your current broadband connection? What broadband speeds are you currently experiencing?

3) Would you be interested in getting an upgraded broadband connection allowing you access to greater broadband speeds?

This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the demand for such a service within the Parish and demand will be a crucial factor in any decisions taken.

If you wish to respond, please send an email addressing the questions above, to Scott Castle at Digital Region – scott.castle@digitalregion.co.uk. Please use the subject line “HARTHILL BROADBAND”.

Who are your Parish Councillors?

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Gardening Association Spring Event

Well, as I write it is white over with frost and freezing outside, just the weather to make you think of spring sunshine and flowers!!

We just wanted you to make a note in your diaries that a Spring Event is being planned jointly by Harthill and District Gardening Association and the ‘Beehive’ to bring together the people with gardening interests for ‘Harthill Gardening World

Live’.

This will be held on Saturday May 12th and will be based on the ‘Beehive’ field in Marquees.

We are hoping to get interactive stands from local botanic artists showcasing their work and how they do it; from the school Gardening Club; from Harthill in Bloom and other organisations.

There will also be a salute to the BBC Gardeners World Live, when we have our own Plant Swap stand, which we hope that

everyone interested in gardening can join in. Of course, refreshments during the day will be available from the Beehive. The Mayor of Rotherham, himself a professional gardener, has promised to look in and support us.

As this goes to press we are in the early stages of planning, so look in future local village publications for more information about this Community Gardening Event.

Jenny and Mike Shimwell, Show Secretaries, Harthill and District Garden Association

Worksop Multiplex Cinema to Open in March 2012

Local residents can look forward to catching the latest blockbusters at the brand new Savoy Cinema on Bridge Street, Worksop as soon as March 2012.

Boasting the very latest in digital projection, 3D technology and Dolby 7.1 surround sound across six screens, the new cinema will provide a state-of-the-art entertainment hub for the local community.

Costing £3 million to build, the multiplex will seat more than 900 people in spacious, stadium seated auditoriums.

The cinema also has wheelchair viewing positions in optimum locations across each of its six screens.

Free parking, including disabled access parking, will be available close to the cinema at both Town Hall and Newgate East car parks for a maximum of four hours.



WIN AN ANNUAL CINEMA PASS & MORE!

To celebrate the launch of the new Savoy Cinema in Worksop, we’re giving readers the chance to enter an exclusive MEGA giveaway. Prizes include cinema passes, film goodies and much, much more. Simply visit www.savoyworksop.co.uk to enter.

Competition closes 23rd March 2012. See website for terms and conditions.

Hire and support your local Village Hall

Available from £9.00 per hour

Suitable for most functions/ meetings

Bar and catering facilities available

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