

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

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Hello everyone,

Welcome to the autumn 2011 Silkstone Parish Newsletter. In this edition we have our usual array of local news and events which we hope you will find interesting. Pupils from Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School did very well in the National Music for Youth Festival at Birmingham. Congratulations to all the children involved including of course their teacher Kathryn Smith for inspiring them to do so well.

Also included is the long awaited celebrity interview with our very own Colin Bower. Colin's activities in improving life in our villages are numerous and long standing, ex Head of Silkstone Common School, recently retired parish councillor, member of the Heritage group, one of the original members of the CARE group and the Chair of the Sports Development Plan, and the list is long as are his achievements. Colin was the editor of the newsletter before me and I am personally very grateful for his help and support in my first year as editor. In October the heritage group is planning an archaeological dig on the Waggon Way so if this interests you and you would like to take part please contact Colin on Colin@i-online.co.uk. We also have exciting news that the Heritage Silkstone Group have been successful in their bid to obtain funding from the Big Lottery for much needed repairs to the fabric of the Church. This is a fantastic result, it is hard work to compile a winning bid but the Heritage Group did, so well done to all those involved.

If you remember for the Summer Newsletter I interviewed Terry Daniel who has been running the Good Companions Club for 50 years. Terry is to be the first person to receive the Freedom of Silkstone Parish and he will receive his award in a ceremony later this year. He and his wife were also invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace on the 19th of July. I caught up with Terry to ask how his day had gone and further details are included in this edition.

I was talking to a lady the other day on Cone Lane and she thanked me for recommending the scenic train journey to Huddersfield in a previous newsletter. She and her husband have now completed this journey a few times. This experience had been on their doorstep for years but had never been tried but they are now enthusiastic Penistone Line Travellers! She has yet to try the monthly party train but she intends to!

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My partner and I went to Manchester via Huddersfield the other day departing from Silkstone Common Railway Station. We had a good day out made more special by the lovely scenery we travelled through.

Talking of travel it's very disappointing to learn that our rural bus subsidies have been cut which has had an adverse affect on our bus services. Not everyone has a car and the reduction in the bus service has affected many of you. There is also the environment to think of and it seems plain daft to reduce public transport when we should be taking the greener options.

In August we had vandalism on one of the bus stops in Silkstone. The large panes of glass in the bus shelter have been repeatedly smashed (three times so far). The first time this happened it was 4.30 am and local residents were woken to the sound of smashing glass and saw 4 young boys running away. The second time was 12.30 am and a resident again saw young boys running away. If you presume that these boys are local then what are they doing being allowed to roam the streets at these times? Vandalism is expensive and in our cash strapped times local councils can do without this unnecessary expense so please be vigilant and report any incidents you see to the authorities.

The next newsletter will be the winter one which will come out in early December. It will then be Christmas!

Christmas seems to come round more quickly these days or is that a sign of getting older! As always please let me have your comments and ideas for articles for your newsletter. My email address is diane.brown56@googlemail.com. Alternatively put a note through my letterbox at 4, Stainmore Close Silkstone.

Best wishes

Diane

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First week of June

First week September

First week November

Distribution dates

Last week of March

Last week of June

Last week of September

First week of December.

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Freda Fieldsend Deputy Head of Silkstone Common Primary School

Freda Fieldsend who taught the infants class at Silkstone Common Junior & Infants School has died aged 82. Freda started teaching at the school in the 1950's and retired in the 1980's as deputy head. As she was at the same school for so long and will have taught so many of the community it's fitting that we pay our respects. I am sure that many of you will have memories of her so would like to know that Freda has passed away.

Update on the vacancy at Silkstone Church

The PCC's of Hoylandswaine and Silkstone have produced a parish profile and an Incumbent profile and forwarded them to the diocese. The vacancy will now be advertised and interested new incumbents will be interviewed by the parish representatives.

The parish representatives for Silkstone are:

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MUGA*Update

Over the last 3 months the Silkstone MUGA group have successfully secured funding for the sum of £43,000, to build a games area on the Parish councils sports ground, behind the petrol station.

During this time the group have been working hard to submit key information required by the funders, such as how the MUGA will be maintained and looked after once it is built. As well as this key meetings have been held with the Councils Youth participation worker Thomas Markham and the Parks department to ensure everything is in place before the contractors are given the all clear to build.

The group have one more meeting set in place and if all goes to plan the MUGA will be up and open to the general public before the end of the year.

If anyone has any questions regarding this project or would like to know more about it please don't hesitate to contact Thomas Markham on 07989180387.

* **MUGA = Multi Use Games Area**

An invitation from Roggins Local History Group

Are you interested in archaeology? Would you like to get some hands-on experience of what happens on Time Team? We can't promise Tony Robinson, and we don't have Time Team, but - even better - we have our own real archaeologists coming into the area in the autumn to carry out a survey of the Silkstone Waggonway, and they are keen to help the public to understand what they do.

There will be opportunities for people to get involved with basic archaeology training and survey work sometime in the autumn (October/November) period, hopefully in half-term week. The dates are yet to be confirmed, and children are invited. If you would like to be involved, please let Colin@i-online.co.uk know or ring 01226 790416. There will be information on the web (Roggins and EPIP websites).

It's part of a project to identify archaeology at risk, and we believe the waggonway fits into that category of heritage. It has been damaged on at least 3 occasions in the last few years, mainly by contractors who had not been warned about how special it is. But on a positive note, let me know if you have a yearning to trowel into our heritage. The funding for the work is provided by East Peak Innovation Partnership through the Roggins Local History Group.

Colin Bower

Crime figures for the last quarter

Silkstone	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Theft from UMV	2			
Damage to UMV			2	
Burglary Dwelling	1	1		
Burglary other	2			
Damage				2
Other crime	4		4	
Drive off	1	1		
Non crime recordable	1			
Totals	11	2	6	2

Silkstone Common	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Burglary dwelling		2		
Other crime		1		1
Totals		3		1



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Terry Daniel goes to Buckingham Palace

In the Summer Newsletter we told you of the great honour bestowed upon our very own Terry Daniel. Terry has been helping to run the Good Companions Group for 50 years and in recognition of his services to the community he will be the first honorary freeman of Silkstone Parish Council. As recognition for his selfless service he was also invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on July the 19th.

Terry says that he and his wife Deanna had a lovely day though the weather was not brilliant. Terry did not actually speak to the Queen but he was only two paces away from her. He also saw the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Edward, Duchess of Wessex and Princess Anne. He also saw someone he had not seen for fifty years, a naval air pilot who did his training at the RAF station where Terry was stationed. They had a good chat and this chance meeting added to the enjoyment of the day.

The Good Companions are currently on their summer break but normal service resumes on the 7th of September ending the year on the 7th of December with the 50th anniversary celebrations at Silkstone Lodge from 12.30 pm to 4.00pm.



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As the Good Companions is a totally voluntary body any extra funds are welcome. Any contributions can be given to the Newsletter Editor Diane Brown at 4, Stainmore Close Silkstone or the President of the Good Companions, Margaret Brayshaw at 29, Cone Lane Silkstone Common.

Silkstone In Bloom

Silkstone In Bloom would like to thank everyone involved in making the two villages look very colourful over the last year whether by working, planting or donations of cash and supply of plants gratefully accepted. We also appreciate the help of people who litter pick regularly while out walking and the support at the summer Cream Tea.

More sustainable planting has taken place which will mature shortly and help the year round look of the villages.

We were sorry to lose Jean and Graham due to them leaving the area so we are always looking for volunteers, as and when, to help planting and weeding. If you feel you could help please contact Janet 790994 or Elaine 790674 for Silkstone Common or Keith 791412 or Trudy 792218 for Silkstone.

We would also like to thank the parish council for their continued support and the handyman for work carried out. **If anyone would like to 'adopt' a bed please let us know.**

Two lovely gnomes seem to have arrived in Silkstone Common and are gradually touring the flower beds, possibly looking for somewhere to stay over the winter months! So if you can home these two recent newcomers please let us know!

Janet and Elaine

Gardening jokes

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Gardening requires a lot of water - most of it in the form of perspiration.

A toddler who was found chewing on a slug. After the initial surge of disgust the parent said, "Well . . . *What does it taste like?*" "Worms," was the reply.

Grass is just a flower bed in waiting.

New gardeners learn by by trowel and error.

The best way to garden is to put on a wide brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig.

Wonderfully Made 2011

Following the success from last year, 'Wonderfully Made' is returning to All Saints Church in November. Although the finishing touches are still being put to the final artist line-up, The date – 2nd – 5th of November – is firmly in the diary.

"The event was such a success last year, and I am very happy about the many visitors we have had from the community, and the amount of money we have managed to raise for the church", says Rachel Poole, organiser and familiar face in the area. "Last year, the artists' contribution from their sales, and the takings from the tea and cake stall raised £1,800 for the church, and we hope to do the same this year."

With a combination of high quality gift ideas, a vibrant schedule of workshops, and local musical entertainment, the event is fast becoming known as the perfect way to shop for locally handmade, unique Christmas presents, art work, and 'little somethings'. As last year, there will be fine art, glassware, willow work, textiles, woodwork, and jewellery, all housed in All Saints Church.

Timings

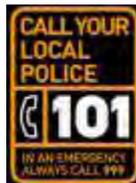
Wed 2nd Nov Private preview evening
Thursday 3rd Nov 10am – 8pm
Friday 4th Nov 10am – 8 pm
Saturday 5th 10am-5pm

Visit www.penninearts.co.uk for details of workshops.

Sabine Little and Patrick Smith

101 – A new non-emergency number for South Yorkshire

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In November, SYP will adopt 101 as the Force-wide single non-emergency number, replacing 0114 2202020, which will be gradually phased out. All forces in England and Wales will be using 101 as their non-emergency number by early 2012, as mandated by the Home Office.

Use 101 to call the police on a non-emergency matter from any phone anywhere in the country. The call will cost 15 pence regardless of how long it is or what sort of phone you use.

This number is not included in 'inclusive call packages' by phone providers at the moment but may be in future. Even so for the vast majority of people this 15p flat rate charge will be a lot less than their current number for contacting the police in non-emergency situations.

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Silkstone's well-loved community church wins lottery support

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded a confirmed grant of just over £175,000 for a much needed programme of restoration and education activities at the Grade I listed All Saints Church in Silkstone.

The project will be run by Barnsley based volunteers, namely Heritage Silkstone (HS) with the All Saints Church Silkstone Parochial Church Council (PCC), and will enable works to be carried out to the church's magnificent interiors. These include the marble monument to Sir Thomas Wentworth and twenty 19th century leaded windows (some of which are stained glass with one containing shields dating from the 14th and 15th centuries).

A popular and much valued parish church with over 1,400 visitors a year, All Saints will also use the HLF grant to create a new education space to be called the Bramah Gallery. Once complete, it will enable the church to offer greatly improved facilities for volunteer involvement, education activities and interpretation of the building's history for its visitors. The Bramah Gallery will serve as a true heritage hub not only for church members, school children and local residents but also for the wider community of Yorkshire and beyond.

Fiona Spiers, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund for Yorkshire and the Humber, said: *"Barnsley is one of our priority areas for funding in the region, and this project illustrates just how rich the area's heritage is. All Saints Church is very well used and we are delighted to be able to fund conservation works for its significant heritage assets, while opening up its history to the local community around it."*

Situated in Silkstone, a former rural mining community in Barnsley, All Saints Church dates back to the 12th century. Extensively rebuilt in 1495 and partially rebuilt in 1857, it reveals much about the village's social and industrial past through its plaques, monuments and graves. In particular, a white marble sarcophagus monument to Sir Thomas Wentworth (commander of the forces of King Charles I in Ireland) on which lie the effigies of Wentworth (died 1675) and his wife Grace (died 1698) is considered to be a good example of a knight in armour. It is thought that the sculptor was either Jasper Latham (who was employed at one time as a Master Mason under Sir Christopher Wren and also worked on St Paul's Cathedral) or Claudius Rene.

Other notable interior features include plaques commemorating local engineer Joseph Bramah (1748-1814; a new window commemorating the 170th anniversary of the Husker Pit Disaster, when 26

children drowned in the local Husker mine; and a memorial to notable glassmaker Abigail Scott (1600s).

On hearing of the HLF award, the Revd Simon Moor said the news was *"Brilliant"* and he expressed thankfulness that: *"1200 years of history in Silkstone from the Saxons onward, its high points and low points, will be recorded and remembered – encouraged and sustained by the Heritage Lottery Fund."*

Colin Bower, Secretary of Heritage Silkstone said: *"We're all thrilled that HLF will enable us to achieve what we could only have imagined in our wildest dreams. The enchanting Wentworth monument and the church windows of All Saints' Silkstone will be safeguarded, with the Bramah Gallery bringing exciting opportunities to observe the church interior and the surrounding heritage from new perspectives, by providing much needed space for workers and visitors."*

Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported 30,000 projects, allocating £4.5 billion across the UK, including £351 million in Yorkshire & the Humber alone. Website: www.hlf.org.uk. To date, HLF has made 132 awards in Barnsley amounting to just over £20.2 million

Further information, image, and interview requests: HLF Press Office, Vicky Wilford, Communications Manager on 0207 591 6046 or email vickyw@hlf.org.uk or Heritage Silkstone, Donald Sisson, 01226 791130

Door 2 Door

This is a Door 2 Door bus service for people who are elderly or have limited mobility. To register and find out more about their services call Barnsley Dial-a-ride and Community Transport on 01226 730073.

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They arrange to pick you up and take you home afterwards. The cost varies depending on distance and whether it is for one person or a group. You need to book in advance. If you use a wheelchair or scooter tell them which sort to check that it will fit on the bus.

There will be a special 'late night' shopping service on Wed 7th December picking up around 4pm and returning around 7:45pm.

Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School – Our Fabulous Day in Birmingham!

On Monday the 4th of July two coaches left our school at 7.00 am with our orchestra and supporters to travel to Birmingham to take part in the National Music for Youth Festival where we had been invited to perform in the Symphony Hall. We were all very excited, but rather nervous too, as we left the village!

When we arrived we were ushered through to our very own dressing room where we tuned our instruments ready for our performance. The time seemed to fly by and all of a sudden it was time for our performance and we were silently following an organiser backstage. Waiting there we could hear the group before us finishing their performance and so with a few last minute reminders spoken to the children we were soon walking out onto the stageAnd it was huge! The children gave a super performance of their pieces to the audience and music adjudicators and finished to rapturous applause!

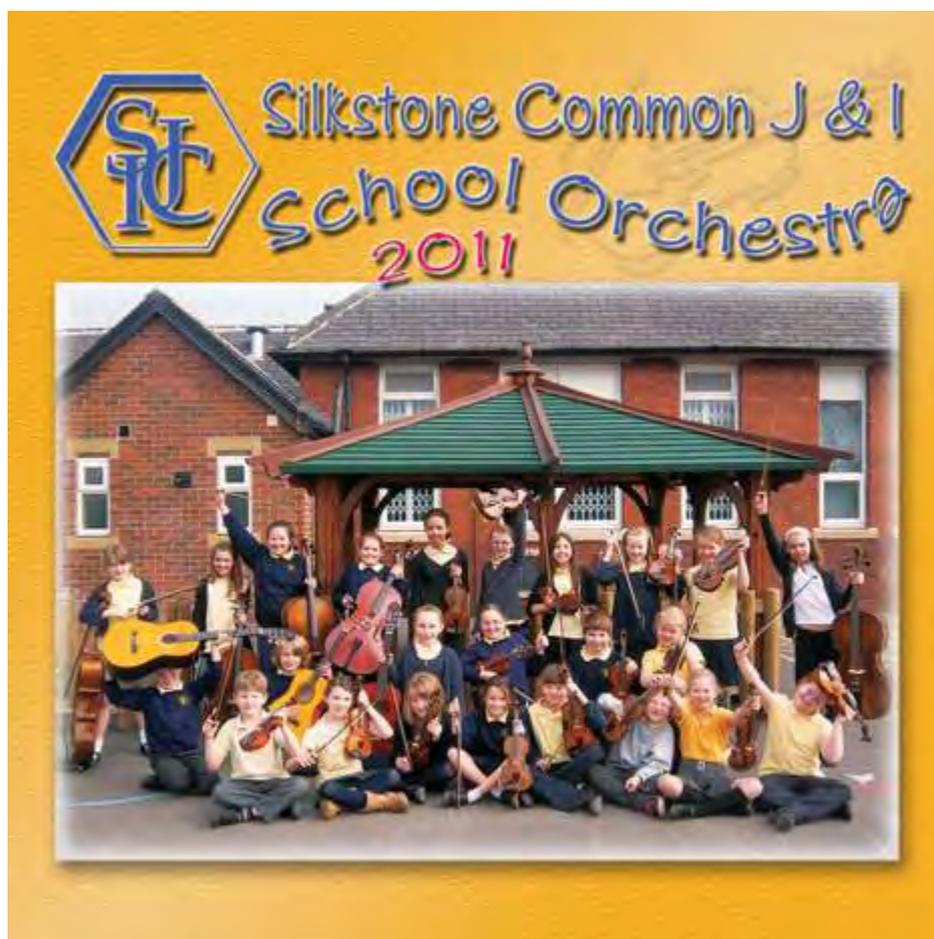
When we left the stage we returned to our dressing room to put the instruments away, so that we could then go into the auditorium to hear the rest of the participants.

We heard many other groups of children play who were from many different parts of the country. All were very good and most enjoyable to listen to. When the final group had performed, the adjudicators gave their feedback to each group. The comments we received were excellent and started with us being told that we should change our name from Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School to Silkstone Rare Junior and Infant School, as the high standard from one school was indeed rare!

We won a special outstanding performance award, which Francesca Lunn received on stage for us. It was a special day for Francesca as it was also her birthday. Our very happy and proud children then spent the afternoon with their families and after lunch listened to more schools playing. Some of our group, Karis Dlambulo, Isobel McGarry, Rosa Wilde, Eleanor Cooke and Francesca all of whom are Grade 3 Standard had been invited to the Birmingham Conservatoire to take part in workshop with the National Children's Youth Orchestra. They had to quickly gobble their lunches to get to the workshop on time!

After a thoroughly enjoyable day our two friendly bus drivers escorted us to back to the coaches and we set off for home. Tired, but so very pleased with ourselves. We arrived back at school for 7.30 pm. What a totally memorable and enjoyable day we had!

Kathryn Smith Music Teacher



Back row from left to right.....

Alice Wilde, Grace Wilson, Niamh Dickinson, Francesca Lunn, Karis Dlambulo, Rosa Wilde, Eleanor Cook, Molly-Anna Brook, Isobel McGarry, Charlotte Robinson

Middle row from left to right.....

Angus Wilson, Alex Fountain, Grace Butterworth, Emily Johnson, James Park, Katie Palmer,

Front Row from left to right.....

Archie Cooling, Leila-Bea Bratley, Sophie Tolson, Anna Davis, Phoebe Kent Harriet Robinson, Charlotte Lodge, Jessica Sherburn

Chairman's Letter - Autumn 2011

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)

YLCA is the organization that supports the Parish Council with legal advice, training opportunities, best practice information, model documents and lots of other stuff. There have been a lot of changes within the organization recently. Ian Strong, who served as the Chief Officer for many years has decided to retire and Sheena Spence who took over as Chief Officer earlier this year, will be supported by a new Deputy Chief Officer, Christopher Pilkington. Chris has served as a Parish Councillor and also worked for a number of the Voluntary and Community Support Organizations. I'm sure these changes will continue the exceptional and much envied support all of Yorkshire gets from its county association.

Bogus Callers

There have been a number of incidents recently of bogus sales people knocking on doors selling household items such as tea towels. If you don't know the person knocking at your door either don't answer or if you have a door chain, use it before opening the door.

If you do answer the door, ask for identification before parting with any money and don't believe any hard luck stories about lack of opportunities and unemployment!

Open Public Services White Paper

This White Paper outlines the Governments vision of new democratically accountable local councils helping to ensure that local services delivery is made more accountable to local communities. The plan to devolve powers to local bodies will create a demand for more local (town and parish) councils in unparished areas. The White Paper will not lead to a bill but will lead to 'initiatives' to support the Localism Bill. Hopefully, the coalition will have all of England parished before any change at Westminster changes it's mind!

Localism Bill

The Localism Bill is now in the report stage in the House Of Lords, with little change being made. One amendment may be the inclusion of a code of conduct for councillors. One of the quangos gotten rid of by the coalition is the Standards Board of England and the previous code of conduct went with it. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is pursuing a 'nationally consistent code of conduct' that Parish Council could adopt.



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Benefits

I recently attended a meeting where the issue of benefits was raised in relation to the 'ability' to work test. I found out that, currently, about 30% of those tested were taken off benefits and moved to being unemployed. If you are in this situation please get in touch as we need to gather information regarding the impact of this process. All information will be treated with absolute confidence.

Derek Liddell

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Diane's celebrity Interview with Colin Bower

As promised in the last newsletter I have finally managed to pin Colin down in order to interview him! He is supposed to be retired but there is nothing retiring about Colin as he is always so busy. I wanted to interview him for the Summer Newsletter but he was too busy birding to be interviewed. Colin is an expert birdwatcher and early summer is an important time for all bird watchers. Colin is keen to point out that he is not a local celebrity and he does not want to be seen to be blowing his own trumpet. So this is Colin's interview without any trumpet playing!

Colin and his wife Margaret moved to Woodland Rise in Silkstone Common in 1966. There were the second couple to move into the then new development. Margaret and Colin was not on their own for long and a few years later their first son David was born followed by their second son Philip. At that time Colin was a school teacher at Kendray Primary. His next career move in 1973 was just round the corner from his home as he became the Head Teacher at Silkstone Common Primary. In 1973 Silkstone Common Primary was a West Riding School; it became a Barnsley school in 1974 with the reorganisation of the boundaries. It was at this time that Colin got interested in local community life and through his friendship with Tony Fieldsend he became the chairman for the Scouts and Guides Association in the then brand new Scouts' Hut. Hopefully the current fund raising for the new building will soon replace this one.

In 1978 Colin also became the chair of the Youth Club Management Committee. At this time we had a thriving youth club within Silkstone Primary School and the adjoining Old Town School which is now the nursery building at the front of Silkstone School. As an expert in local history Colin told me that the Old Town School was built in 1725 by local vicar, Reverend Clarkson. Take a look when you next walk past and you will see what an old building it is. The Youth Club was very well attended and highly regarded. Its ethos was to help guide our young people into productive lives. There were a few young people who would cause trouble but the youth leaders had the authority to go out into the streets to speak to them and encourage them to attend and to also therefore receive the necessary guidance. Sadly this all came to an end with the cuts implemented by Margaret Thatcher's Government in the 1980's. These essential services ended as they were judged purely by cost and not their value to people's lives.

Colin has also chaired the Community Action in the Rural Environment Group for 30 years and was chair for the Town Twinning Committee from 1989 to 2008.

Colin says he inherited his belief in community activities from his father. Colin's father was a miner who by retirement had become an over man at Barrow Colliery in Worsbrough. His father was involved in the social side of the miners union and used to organise trips and other social events. This involved hiring coaches and even trains to the seaside. He remembers one trip to Cleethorpes where the train came down the Worsborough mineral line to pick everyone up. As this was not a passenger line there was not a platform for everyone to get on the train so one was made from orange boxes, I can't imagine in today's health and safety minded days that this would be allowed to happen. There were also the works weeks where all the miners and their families would go together to Great Yarmouth. Colin says there were hundreds of people all enjoying a holiday together as a community. For children such as Colin there was always someone to play with and the children would organise their own trips and from these childish adventures he developed a strong sense of independence. As he grew up he used this self sufficiency to go Youth Hostelling and as a teenager he spent a week walking the banks of the River Dart with a rucksack on his back walking from one youth hostel to another. The following year Colin and a group of fellow teenagers hired a yacht on the Norfolk Broads, it was just £21 to hire it for the week. No-one fell overboard apparently except for the entire cutlery! This was thrown overboard by mistake and the boys had to eat with their fingers for the rest of the holiday. One night the wind dropped and as they had no petrol for the outboard motor they had to moor in the reeds. However the river was tidal and they got stuck in the reeds overnight until the tide changed and they could escape. It was at that time that Colin started his lifelong love of bird watching. He spent his last night before call up to do his national service bird watching at Wath Main Ings, which has now become the RSPB Old Moor reserve.

Contact details for Ward councillors

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Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) or 01226 243497 (Home) or 07772 730878 (mobile)

Cllr Robert Barnard:

CllrRobertBarnard@barnsley.gov.uk
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Councillor Paul Hand-Davis:

CllrPaulHand-Davis@barnsley.gov.uk Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) or 01226 767968 (Home) or 07814 615497 (mobile)

The postal address for all three is the office address:
Barnsley MBC, P O Box 634, BARNSELY S70 9GG

On September 30th 1955 Colin was called to RAF Cardington to start his posting. He spent most of his national service in Malta as a radar operator/fighter plotter and worked at Luqa Airport. He enjoyed mountaineering and scuba diving, but it was not all fun and games as at that time there were unfortunately a few flying accidents. Many of our planes were old and in Fighter Command there was a death rate of 5%. Colin witnessed an awful accident In February 1956 where a transport plane taking our service men home crashed on take-off killing all on board.

This was the time of the cold war when Russia and the West struggled to impose their own political beliefs. The Second World War had ended but there was still fighting going on around the world. Luqa Airport was used as a base from which the British carried out bombing raids on Egypt during the Suez Crisis. It was an exciting time for our young Colin. One of Colin's national service memories was from a bird watching event that never happened. He had been following the birding exploits of a famous Italian birdwatcher. Colin had read his articles and had made contact and a meeting was arranged to go bird watching together. However the Hungary uprising against Russian occupation started and all leave was cancelled and so was the bird watching, unfortunately for Colin.



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Broad Close Farm, Cone Lane, Silkstone,
Barnsley. S75 4LY Tel no (01226)790900

After Colin had completed his national service he trained as a teacher. In 1996 after 38 years teaching Colin retired. He was at that time the head- teacher of Darton Primary School. Colin enjoyed being a teacher. He was never bored and considers himself lucky to have chosen such a rewarding career.

Recently Colin also retired from being a Councillor for Silkstone Parish Council. I was at the last council meeting in May when he was thanked and applauded by his peers for all his hard work for the community he has served so well. He first became a councillor in 1987 after the fiasco which for some time robbed the community of playing fields and associated leisure facilities. Many will remember seeing those big lorries driving through the village to tip their loads, eventually, after many twists and turns, creating the wonderful facility we now enjoy. Councillor Maureen Berry applied for a grant to build the new pavilion and Colin became the chair of the Sports Development Plan. This proved to be a huge success and now, thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of the volunteer members of the sports clubs, we now have both well regarded cricket and football teams. Colin is sad that although there was an effort to integrate ladies hockey, the topography of the grounds prevented this. However Colin says that there is space for 2 tennis courts which may one day come about.

Colin feels strongly that our young people should lead healthy productive lives and sport can play a vital part in this.

Currently Colin is involved in the Heritage Silkstone Group; this has been a huge success and has been built upon the good work of the Roggins Group headed up by Jim Ritchie. Jointly with the Parochial Church Council, the group has been successful in gaining funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project entitled 'Silkstone Reflects on its Church Heritage', which will conserve windows and the Wentworth Monument in the Church, and provide facilities for the whole community to become involved in finding out about our local history. Due to the efforts of the Silkstone Reflects team, the fabric of the church will be protected for many years to come, and a new space will be created in the church tower for the pursuit of knowledge about the history of our part of South Yorkshire.

Colin says it been wonderful working with so many like-minded people who want to preserve our heritage for the future. I am sure that they all feel the same about him so a sincere thanks to Colin from us all, for all his hard work and dedication to our community. Interview over with no mention of celebrities or trumpet fanfares!

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Silkstone Community Centre Updates

A big thank you to everyone who has made donations through our collection envelopes and buckets. Over £2000 has been collected so far.

If we have missed you or you are interested in helping we have a number of collection buckets around the local villages.

Silkstone – Ring O Bells, garage, Broad close farm
 Silkstone Common – Bakery,
 Cawthorne - Post Office,
 Hoylandswaine – Cricket Club,

The Race Night was a great success raising £1463.22. Well Done Brownies who raised over £500 with their sponsored walk and sing.

Watch out for the teams bag packing at your local supermarkets to raise those much needed funds!

Future Events:

Pop Legends Live Thursday 6th Oct at Silkstone Lodge
 Take That + Lady Ga Ga Tribute £15.00 For tickets call Fay on 07921104786 or Contact Silkstone Lodge

Christmas Fayre – Sunday 4th Dec At Broad Close Farm, Silkstone. This will be a fun filled day with christmas stalls, santa, carols, dancing, christmas trail. Mulled wine, chestnuts etc available

We will be approaching local and National businesses for donations and sponsorships in the next few months. Do you have any advice/contacts or suppliers who may be able to donate? However small or large **'Every little helps'!**



Here is a photo of some children who use the hut at the moment - you can see how dilapidated it is and why it needs replacing.

Maria Penrose

Please check out our Facebook page (Silkstone Community Centre)

The Red Lion



69 High Street, Silkstone

Rob and Yvonne offer a warm welcome to all

Small parties catered for:
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Music

Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common Methodist Church 7:30pm

Contact: Sandra Blackburn 791141

Old Silkstone Band

Meets twice a week, Monday and Thursdays

Contact: David O'Connor on 790669 or 07921261804
Stuart O' Connor on 791388 or 07921261804)

Silkstone Bell Ringers

Meet every Monday Silkstone Church 7:30pm-9:00pm

Contact: Carolyn Charlesworth 01226 791595

Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group

Babies to 4 year old children welcome.

Singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, puppets and story time. A music group which helps to develop children's personal, social and emotional development.

Please come along and bring along mum, dad or carer to join in the fun.

We meet every Friday from 10 am until 11 am including some school holidays at Silkstone Common Methodist Church, Ben Bank Road, Silkstone Common. Tea, Coffee, Juice and Biscuits included.

Contact Tracy for further details on 01226 790240

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30. Secretary Melvyn Dyson Tel No 01226 766286.

Web site www.mgmvc.co.uk

White Rose Organ Society

Professional Electronic Organs Concerts and Social Events. Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at Silkstone Lodge, Cone Lane, 7.30pm. All visitors welcome.

Contact. Mr. Frank Wensley, 01226 383513 or see village notices.

Visit also our website www.wros.talktalk.net

Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team

Golden line 01226-736387

Call this number to report Anti Social Behaviour such as fly tipping, littering, graffiti, burnt out cars etc

Police Contact Numbers

01142-202020 for all non emergencies and enquiries
01142-196761 use this number if you have hearing difficulties
0800-555-111 to call crimestoppers and report a crime anonymously
999 in the event of an emergency, if a crime is on-going or if there is danger to life.

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United Football Club

Contact : Andy Horsfield 791929

Silkstone United Junior Football Club

U12's Steve High 07970 24911

U13's Adrian Birkinshaw 07771 635539

U14's Kevin Grimshaw 07973 918716

U15's Shane Jackson 07821 061712

U18's Alan French 07772 126209

Please phone the relevant manager for details.

Silkstone United Cricket Club :

Headquarters: Ring o' Bells, Silkstone

Coaching / Practice night

7-11 / U11 / U13: Mondays 6 - 8 pm

U15's / U17's / Adults: Tuesday's 6 - 8 pm

Contacts: Team Managers

U11's Kevin Taylor 790703 / 07771 940 733

U13's Owen Dyson 790956 / 07950 267 678

U15's & Club Secretary Stephen Chambers 387412 / 07932 954519

U17's & 1st XI Darron Walker 791203 / 07887 518 980

2nd XI Nick Armitage 732186 / 07411 149 039

Website: www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com .

Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club

Secretary David Harris on Barnsley 790051

Barnsley BSAC Divers

Meets every Tuesday 7:30 onwards in the Rigby Bar at the Metrodome. Anyone interested in diving is welcome whether already qualified or wanting to learn. Try Dives can also be booked.

Contact Trevor on 07783 291955 or visit the website www.barnsleybsacd Divers.co.uk

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Morning service and Eucharist 9:15am 1st, 3rd and 5th

Sunday, 10:45am 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Evening Service 6:30 pm 1st and 3rd Sunday

Contact The Vicarage 01226 790232

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Morning Service and LIGHT group (young people)

Sundays at 10-30am

Thursday LIGHT group (5-11 year olds) Alternate Thursdays from 3-45pm to 5-00pm

Sale of "Fairtrade" produce and coffee morning – second Saturday in the month from 10-30am to 12 noon

Contact for Methodist Church bookings Tel: 790461.

Environment/Local interest

Silkstone – St Florent Association

The Parish of Silkstone is twinned with St Florent des Bois in the Vendee in France. Exchange visits are organised along with a variety of social and fund-raising events throughout the year.

Contact: Yvonne Dinsdale 790583

Silkstone Parish CARE Group

Aims to improve the natural environment. Activities include planting hedges, trees, bulbs. Carries out litter-picks. Tools available on loan to volunteer groups. Promotes caring for the environment.

Next meeting: See notice boards for details

Silkstone in Bloom

Add floral colour for public enjoyment. Donations gratefully accepted.

Contact: Janet 790994 or Elaine 790674 for Silkstone Common or Keith 791412 or Trudy 792218 for Silkstone.

Hadrian's Drystone Walling

Drystone Walling in South Yorkshire

Website: www.hadriansdrystonewalls.co.uk

History

Roggins Local History Group (Silkstone) & Silkstone Waggonway Restoration Group

The group exhibits at local history fairs. We can set up small displays and talk to small groups.

Website : www.roggins.co.uk

Contact Jim Ritchie 01226-790695

e-mail ritchietj@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Colin Bower 790 416 or colin@i-online.co.uk

Schools

Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common. Educates children 4-11 yrs

Contact : Mr Evans 790471

Silkstone Primary School

Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.

Contact: Mrs P. Skillbeck 790333

Little giants out of school & holiday club

Silkstone Primary School for children aged between 4 and 11 years. Monday to Friday

Phone 0785 4710299

Children

Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup

Ofsted registered and Pre-School Learning Alliance. Accredited setting. Offers term-time sessional care from 2 years onwards. Fully qualified caring staff. Lunch club available. Childcare vouchers accepted.

Contact Kathryn Goulding, Manager on 01226 792294 or email kg@silkstonepreschool.co.uk.

Visit us at www.silkstonepreschool.co.uk

Edward Bear Baby & Toddler Group

The playgroup meets at the Methodist Church, Silkstone Common on Monday & Wednesday Mornings 9am to 11.30am

£2 per parent/carer includes refreshments children free. Under 4's and their parents/carers welcome

Contact: Emma 790551

Silkstone Scouts, Guides and Brownies

Headquarters Silkstone Rec.

Cubs: youngsters 8-11 yrs, 6:30om-8pm Tuesdays

Scouts: boys and girls 10 ½ - 15 ½ yrs 7pm-9pm
Mark Slater: Group Scout Leader 29th Barnsley (Silkstone)
01226 767546 Markj121@hotmail.com

Guides: girls 10-15 yrs **Tel :** Freda Hope 01226 282645

Brownies: girls 7-10 yrs **Tel:** Tracey Hinchliffe 01226 790055

Childminders

For details of registered childminders please ring Childcare Information Service on: 0800 345340

General

Silkstone Common Good Companions

Provides companionship, entertainment and recreation for the senior citizens of the village. Meets fortnightly on Wednesdays 2-4pm in the Methodist Church Hall. New members are very welcome. Varied programme including theatre trips, visits, entertainments, Helpers welcome

Annual subscription £3, refreshments 50p

Contact: Mrs Brayshaw 790196, Terry Daniel 386755

Royal British Legion Silkstone Branch

Meets on the second Friday in each month at 7:30pm
Branch HQ Silkstone Lodge

Contact: J.D. Mathews, 16 Stanhope Avenue Cawthorne

Silkstone Common W.I.

We have a wide variety of events and speakers. New members and visitors always welcome. Meets second Friday each month at 7:15pm Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Contact Christine on 792580 or just come to one of our meetings!

Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s

Meets every Monday at 12 o'clock in the Ring O' Bells. New members always welcome. Please call **791670**

Events: October to December 2011

Month & Date	Time	Location	Outline
Sept Thu 8th, Fri 9th, Sun 11th		Silkstone Church	English Heritage Open days
October 1st	14:00-16:00	Silkstone Common Methodist Church	Annual Gift Day Envelopes will be received
October 2nd	14:00-16:00	Silkstone Church	Annual Gift Day Envelopes will be received
October 2nd	18:30	Silkstone Church	Harvest Festival Songs of praise
October 6th	evening	Silkstone Lodge	Lady GAGA and Take That 2: £15 a ticket Proceeds to new Community Centre in Silkstone
October 17th	21:00	Station Inn, Silkstone Common	Take a trip back in time. Film showing memories of the old Barnsley market.
November 3rd to 5th	3rd 10:00-20:00 4th 10:00-20:00 5th 10:00-17:00	Silkstone Church	Wonderfully Made 2011 Art & Craft show and workshops (see page 6)
November 6th	18:30	Silkstone Church	Memorial Service Light a candle to remember someone
November 11th	19:15	Silkstone Common Methodist Church	The Art of Stained Glass by Tina Green. Talk open to Women's Institute members and visitors. £3 for visitors.
November 19th	14:00	Silkstone Church	Christmas Bazaar
December 4th	11:00-15:00	Broad Close Farm	Christmas Fund raiser Santa, Pony Rides, BBQ and many other activities with monies raised going towards the new Scout building
December 13 th	19:15	Silkstone Common Methodist Church	Silkstone Common Ladies Choir Christmas Concert

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 391343 or silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk if you wish to add your group to the local organisations or amend any details of your local group on the Local Organisations pages.
Please email the editor on diane.brown56@googlemail.com with details of events you want to have on this page.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

A public question time is held between 6.45pm and 7.00pm before the meeting.

Parish Council Meeting dates for the remainder of 2011.

3 Oct 11	Parish Council	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
7 Nov 11	Parish Council	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
5 Dec 11	Parish Council	Silkstone Sports Pavilion

