

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

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Chairman's letter

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Rural Action Yorkshire

I mentioned in the last newsletter some of the changes taking place as Yorkshire Rural Community Council had evolved into Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY). Sally Rawlings, the Chief Executive, has seen RAY through some turbulent times due to changes in (and loss of) many funding streams. The fact that RAY still exists is a tribute to her tenacity and determination during this period. Sally has now chosen to leave RAY to pursue her career elsewhere but I'm sure all the people from the parish who have benefited from being involved with RAY over the last few years would like to wish her the very best in her new job. Also, we would like to send good wishes to Bill Cross who takes over as interim Chief Exec as from 1st March.

Clarifying Legislation

We now have more detail about the new 'Power of Well-being' that was extended to Parish Councils in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. This will be a 'power of first resort' allowing the Council to carry out many of their existing functions and other functions for which there has previously not been a specific power. There are a number of criteria we must meet in order to use the power:

1. The Clerk must hold the latest Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). Our clerk is currently working towards this qualification so we should meet this one.
2. Have a minimum of two thirds of council vacancies filled at the last ordinary election. We had all the places filled at the last election and although we have had to co-opt two councillors since, we still meet this criterion.
3. Have 80% of councillors trained in using the power. This training will become available during the year so, hopefully, we will meet this criteria.
4. Publish a statement of intent as to community engagement. This is what we do anyway so we'll just have to formalise it in a statement!

It seems to me Parish Councils and Councillors are being subject to more and more legislation, which is disproportionate to the amount of work a council can actually do.

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Point to highlight here

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The Editor of the newsletter is Colin Bower.

Views expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors not necessarily the views and policies of the Parish Council.

If you have news items for the next issue or want to update details for your organisation please contact him on 01226 790 416 or

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Anyone with Internet access and would like to know more about this act can find it at: <http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/publications/1150270>.

Silkstone War Memorial

So far, the Council have not been able to secure all the funding to complete the improvement of this site in one go. The project can be broken down into smaller units so if anyone is interested in sponsoring any part of the project, such as a bench, and having a dedication made, please get in touch with the clerk or any Parish Councillor.

Derek Liddell
Chair

New Year—New (Old) Logo

From January 2009 the Parish Council will be reverting back to the Parish Council logo which was designed by a pupil at Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School in 1978 on all its correspondence and notices.



The logo depicts a cross to represent the church, a miner's lamp to indicate the mining heritage of the villages and a horseshoe to symbolise horse

Liberty !?!

As the government tries to collect more and more information about us perhaps it is time to revisit the idea of liberty?

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

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Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826)

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Silkstone Waggonway 2009.

Events are being prepared by the Roggins Local History Group to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Silkstone Waggonway, which carried goods up from the Barnby Basin on the Barnsley Canal to Silkstone and Silkstone Common, and carried coal and coke down to the Basin for onward shipment to markets in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

The events will include guided walks along the route and talks and exhibitions to coincide with the Two Villages Festival on the weekend of 4th July and during the previous week. The Roggins Local History Group are also preparing a Waggonway Resources CD of the history of the waggonway through previously published articles and documentary evidence from local archives.

If anyone has photographs or other documents, or even artefacts which they would be willing to loan or provide copies to the group please contact Colin Bower on 790416.

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War Memorial landscaping scheme grant applications

The Parish Council have now applied to WREN, Awards for All, the War Memorials Trust and the Community Support Fund.

The big grant applications to WREN and Awards for All have been turned down and so the Parish Council is now investigating alternative funding sources. The lack of confirmed grant funds means that the project may be delayed. A planning application has been submitted and has been granted.

Silkstone Common Recreation Ground

A questionnaire was issued to every household in Silkstone Common asking for feedback on what facilities residents would like to see on the Silkstone Common Recreation Ground.

The conclusion following the analysis of the questionnaires is to leave the recreation ground as an open space and to improve the existing facilities rather than installing new facilities on the open space.

The Parish council have issued a summary of the findings to Barnsley MBC who are the trustees of the recreation ground and will be discussing with them how to fund the improvements to the existing facilities.

No suitable land for additional allotments site

At their meeting in January 2009 the Parish Council concluded that *“unfortunately following a diligent search no suitable land has been identified for an additional allotment site in the Parish”*.

We shall continue to look for any opportunity to acquire land for allotments as we have a serious shortage (a long waiting list).

Parish council grants to community groups

During this financial year (2008-2009) the Parish Council awarded grant aid to the following local community groups.

To	Awarded
Old Silkstone Band	500.00
Brownies	200.00
Scouts	200.00
Guides	200.00
Silkstone Luncheon Club	300.00
S Lodge Bowling club	250.00
SC Good Companions	150.00
2 Villages Festival	300.00
Silkstone in Bloom	400.00
Penistone TC Cinema Grant	320.00
Heritage Inspired	250.00
Huskar 170	250.00
People United Against Crime	300.00
Edward Bear	220.00
Chatterbox	200.00
Total awarded	4,040.00

Parish Council Web-site

silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council's website includes links to information about local groups in the villages.

You can also see and download:

- agendas and draft minutes of meetings
- the Parish Plan on the web-site
- other local information

the agendas and draft minutes for Parish Council
If you run a local group and would like your details on the Parish Council's website, please contact the Parish Clerk.

See page 12 for council contact details

The Parish Council were also fortunate to be awarded a grant of £1,500 from SYPTE.

This grant is distributed to local groups for travel in South Yorkshire.

The following groups were awarded the transport grant in 2008/2009.

To	Awarded
Silkstone Luncheon Club	305.00
Silkstone Common Good Companions	180.00
Silkstone Primary School	250.00
Silkstone Common J & I School	250.00
Old Silkstone Band	315.00
Silkstone Brownies	200.00
Total awarded	1,500.00

Grant Aid for 2009/2010

The grant aid application forms for 2009/2010 were distributed to the groups who have applied for grant aid in the past in mid January 09.

The closing date for applications is 20th March 2009.

If you are part of a community group, in Silkstone or Silkstone Common, who have not applied for this grant aid please contact the Parish Clerk for an application form and return it to her the before the deadline. Grant applications will be considered by the Parish Council at their meeting in April 08 and the actual payments will be authorised at the Annual Council meeting on 11th May 09.

Parish Clerk contact details

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An opportunity to improve the roadways of South Yorkshire Buildings?

From *The Guardian* Wednesday 22 October 2003:

There are an estimated 40,000 unadopted roads in England and Wales. But forget the more usual image of private roads in gated communities and rural mansions - the majority of these streets are a legacy of the coal mining industry, and every coal mining area from south Wales to south Derbyshire and the north-east of England is afflicted.

These roads came about at the end of the 19th century, when the land for miners' cottages was carved out of the estates of the coal-owning aristocracy. Many terraced houses were built with minimal infrastructure.

The current recession may offer an opportunity to benefit the residents of this early terraced industrial hamlet by getting work done to install road surfacing through a training scheme for the young unemployed. When legislation came in to require builders to complete roadways up to a specified standard, sufficient to allow local authorities to 'adopt' the roadway and maintain it for evermore, this housing was already built, and so was left behind, and never had its roadways completed. It still remains, with unsurfaced and undrained roadways, repaired in an ad hoc manner by the residents as and when they can.

When this was raised with a Barnsley Councillor some years ago, the response was that the 'stock-broker belt' residents of Silkstone should be able to afford to improve their own roadways. This description of the residents is far from the truth. Although there have been several efforts to co-ordinate all (about 56) residents within a scheme to get the work completed, there has always been some who could not or would not take part, so the initiatives have fallen flat. The clouds of the present recession may have a silver lining for the residents of South Yorkshire Buildings.

P.S. Incidentally the year 2009 is the 150th anniversary of the building of this hamlet, and I have heard that there are plans to commemorate the event. The Roggins Local History Group has done some work on its history, but information in local archives seems to be lacking. If anyone has such info, please contact the Roggins Group (see the back page)



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Silkstone In Bloom

Silkstone in Bloom members are holding an activity day on March 7th, meeting at 10 am at the Station Inn car park, Silkstone Common and at the church on High Street in Silkstone.

The groups will clear planters and carry out planting. Bring gloves, trowels and bags for rubbish. If you don't have any just bring yourselves.

If you miss the day but would like to give a hand in future planting days contact Janet Barrettt on 790994 (Silkstone Common) or Jean Morrison on 790036 (Silkstone)

Husker Disaster Resource CD.

The Roggins Local History Group has produced a Resource CD of accounts and archive documents. The collection includes information about the local geology, the anti-slavery movement in South Yorkshire, the live-styles of the coalmasters and their employees in Silkstone, press reports of the disaster locally and nationally, the enquiry into conditions in mines, including interviews with Silkstone children and adult employees and the coalmaster Clarke himself, reports on the final conclusions of the report and the act of Parliament which was then passed.

The boxed CD is £10 and is available from Jim Ritchie on 790695 or Colin Bower 790416. The format is Adobe Acrobat supplied on CD.

Money quote

This planet has - or rather had - a problem, which was this: most of the people living on it were unhappy for pretty much of the time. Many solutions were suggested for this problem, but most of these were largely concerned with the movements of small green pieces of paper, which is odd because on the whole it wasn't the small green pieces of paper that were unhappy.

From Douglas Adams: The Hithchikers guide to the galaxy

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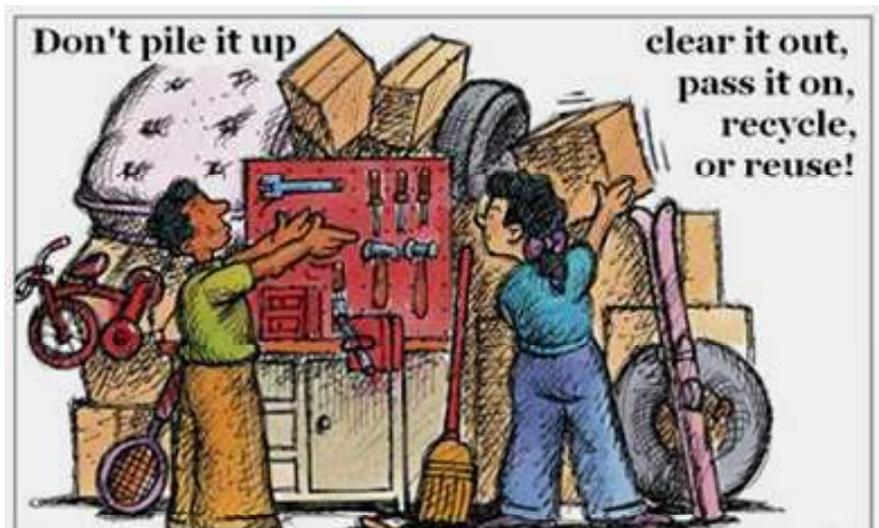
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Grants are awarded twice each year in in Spring and Autumn.

If you are in full-time education/apprenticeship post 18 why not apply for a grant—it is only the price of a stamp and all applications are considered.

Write to the Clerk of the trustees giving your name, address and the course/apprenticeship you are doing.

The Clerk to the Trustees,
Alan Duffin,
107 High Street,
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Silkstone, S75 4LT

The charity fund was set up many years ago in relation to the old Town School, which is the reason for it's name.

Help the fund grow

To enable this to continue into the future funds are obviously needed, so please consider donating or leaving a legacy to this local cause.

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A sculpture to commemorate use of Silverwood Scout Camp by the army.

The camp field was originally an army camp. A sculpture commissioned by the Silkstone Heritage Stones Group has been erected to commemorate the regiments stationed there during the 1914 – 18 war. Transport of Tony Slater's sculpture from Elsecar Heritage Centre was arranged by Silkstone Parish Council, with the help of ex-serviceman Syd Dyson of Silkstone Common. The Parish Council is grateful to the Territorial Army personnel who transported the stone, weighing over 8 tonnes from Elsecar.



Manning the crane which installed it were sappers of the 106 Support Troop of the 106 Field Squadron of the Royal Engineers (Territorial Army). The lift was a delicate one, with need to locate the straps carefully to avoid damage to the four stone figures looking outwards from the battlements of Silkstone Castle, which legend has it, stood on the site in the distant past. The army found it an interesting and challenging exercise, quite out of the ordinary, particularly in the final stage, where the stone had to be placed precisely looking out at the correct angle on its concrete plinth.

Various battalions were stationed at Silverwood between 1914 and 1918 after it was donated for use by the army by Mrs Fullerton, descendant of the Clarkes of Noblethorpe. The battalion was the basic tactical unit of the infantry of the British army in the Great War, at full establishment consisting of about 1,000 men, of whom 30 were officers, with a Battalion Headquarters and four companies of infantrymen.

The 13th and 14th (Service) Battalions of the York and Lancaster Regiments, also known as the 1st and 2nd Barnsley Pals, were formed in Barnsley, the 13th on 17 September and the 14th on 30th November 1914, by the Mayor and Town, first meeting at the Harvey Institute on Eldon Street. The 13th encamped at Silkstone in December 1914, and the 14th shortly afterwards. After training on Cannock Chase, Staffordshire, at Ripon and on Salisbury Plain, in December 1915 they moved to Egypt, then went to France in March 1916, where they suffered heavy casualties up to the end of the war in November 1918. The 15th (Reserve) Battalion was also formed at Silkstone in July 1915 from depot companies of 12th, 13th and 14th Battalions and moved to Cannock Chase in November. In September 1916 after training it converted to the 91st Training Reserve Battalion at Blyth, Northumberland.

The origins of the Yorks and Lancs go back to 1756 when the 65th and 84th Regiments of Foot were formed. In 1881 they were amalgamated to form the York and Lancaster Regiment, which served on the active list until 1968.

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Put these dates in your diary!

Spring MoonWatch 28 March – 5 April
Autumn MoonWatch 24 October – 1 November
Schools MoonWatch 19 – 29 November

Why these weeks?

The Moon goes through its cycle of phases every month, so why are these weeks so special? The answer is these weeks are those during the year when the Moon will be best placed for observation from the UK.

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This has two important consequences:

1. The higher the Moon is in the sky, the better the 'seeing'. When objects are low in the sky, our turbulent atmosphere causes the image as seen through a telescope to ripple and blur.
2. The Moon stays observable for longer in the evening. So you can really study all those fascinating mountains, craters and 'seas'!

Want to find out more about Astronomy?

Why not come along to one of the many events held by Sheffield Astronomical Society at their base in the Mayfield Environmental Education Centre, David Lane, Fulwood, Sheffield S10 4PH on most 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Doors open at 19:15 and the talks start at 19:45. This is one of the few 'dark sky areas' in South Yorkshire. Visit the Society's website for more information.

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Old Silkstone 'B' Band go "down under"

It was with a touch of sadness that Old Silkstone B Band bade farewell to their President due to impending retirement next month.

...unrivalled help and support.

John & Maggie Espin of the Ring O' Bells in Silkstone, "have given the band unrivalled help and support throughout their six years tenure as band President and will be sorely missed," said Mr Jeff Pickering, the band's Chairman.

Members gathered to present John & Maggie with a 'memento' stand banner together with jackets bearing the band logo for them to take with them when they emigrate to Australia. (they might be needed as it's been a cool 40°C out there recently!)



"We are proud to have been part of such an organisation and participating in its development." John commented,

"We have particularly enjoyed seeing the new starters and watching their progress, it's good to see young and old learning together, they make it fun to learn and have a unique family atmosphere which is something we should all support.

...lots of fun....

We've also had lots of fun helping and fundraising and will continue to support them any way we can, we will never forget the band."

John & Maggie will be living in the area for a short time prior to joining their family in Australia and have already confirmed they intend to be 'on duty as usual' at the barbeque, the band's main fund raising event at this year's Silkstone March Contest in July.

The band wishes John & Maggie a long and happy retirement and extend their grateful thanks for all their help and support.

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Earth Hour

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The WWF want a billion people around the world to sign up and join in to show that you care about people, wildlife and the planet, and that you want the world's leaders to take action to tackle climate change.

Some 681 cities from 75 countries have already signed up. In addition, a great number of iconic landmarks will be plunged into darkness, including Nelson's Column, the Forth Bridge, the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, the Eiffel Tower, Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Table Mountain in Cape Town and Sydney Opera House. The London Eye, too, will be dimmed for the hour.

This is part of the WWF's campaign to convince governments to agree effective action on climate change. December's UN climate summit in Copenhagen could be our last chance to get international agreements to prevent massive climate change and the chaos that will ensue. So we need to ensure they know we care.

You can register with the WWF on www.org.uk/earthhour as an individual, organisation, school or business. Once registered, you will receive information on what you can do to become more involved in WWF's Earth Hour, including useful resources and tips.

Be creative in the dark!

As well as switching off your lights, there are many ways you can get involved. Why not host a candlelit dinner party? The WWF have menu suggestions, top party tips and fundraising ideas.

Share your ideas

The WWF would like you to let them know what you're planning for WWF's Earth Hour. You can tell your friends, and inspire the world with your Earth Hour photos and videos. There are Earth Hour communities on the main social sites on the web: [Flickr](#), YouTube, [Facebook](#), Twitter.

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Twinning News: Silkstone/St. Florent Twinning Association.

A visit is planned for visitors from St Florent Des Bois from July 31st to August 6th. The group so far comprises 30 people including about 5 children. This offers a valuable opportunity to meet and get to know a French family from our twinned village, and especially beneficial to your children. Preliminary plans have been made for activities to show the French visitors some of the local attractions, involve them in activities with Parish clubs and societies, and see a little of more distant Yorkshire.

The Association is holding a fund-raising event on Thursday 23 April 2009 at Silkstone Lodge. The evening will start with a concert by Silkstone Band, followed by a Quiz. Tickets will be available price £5.

Please put this date in your diaries and come along with friends and neighbours to support this event, the proceeds from which will go towards paying for venue hire during the French visit. Details of the visit will be available on the night for those who are interested in being involved with hosting, or taking part in the various excursions and events taking place throughout the week. If you cannot attend, but would be interested in more details of the arrangements for hosting a French family or in the week's activities please contact Yvonne Dinsdale on tel 790583.

Tickets will be available from members of the Twinning Association following their next meeting on 19 March in the Mission Room, off Ben Bank Road, Silkstone Common, at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting when details of the visit will be available.

How does a cat get its own way?
With friendly purrsuasion

What do cats like for breakfast?
Mice krispies

What is a cat's way of keeping law and order?
Claw enforcement



Parish Council Meetings for 2009

The Statutory Annual Parishioners' Meeting (APM) was held in Silkstone in 2008

and so will be held at the Mission Rooms, Silkstone Common in 2009

The Parish Council has a new website address which is silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Date	Meeting	Location
06-Apr	PC	Mission Rooms, Silkstone Common
20-Apr	APM	Mission Rooms, Silkstone Common
11-May	Annual Council	Silkstone Primary School
01-Jun	PC	Mission Rooms, Silkstone Common
06-Jul	PC	Silkstone Primary School
07-Sep	PC	Mission Rooms, Silkstone Common
05-Oct	PC	Silkstone Primary School
02-Nov	PC	Mission Rooms, Silkstone Common
07-Dec	PC	Silkstone Primary School

Parish Councillors

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Richard Brocklehurst	25 Lady royd Silkstone Common, S75 4SF	794280	brockandsykes@hotmail.co.uk
Jonathan Charlesworth	Broad Close Farm, Cone Lane Silkstone, S75 4LY	790900	jxcharl@aol.com
Mrs Pat Gallamore	38 Towngate Silkstone, S75 4SW	791716	None.
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Ron Stier	5 Beech Avenue Silkstone Common, S75 4RH	790074	None

Clerk

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The Parish Councils new website includes links to information about local groups in the villages. If you run a local group and would like your details on the Parish Council's website, please contact the Parish Clerk.

2,403 Patients rescued and counting

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance relies solely on the generosity of individuals and organisations to raise the £7,200 needed each day to keep both air ambulances and highly trained crew in the air. That's the equivalent of £2.6 million every single year! Over 2,403 patients have been flown to relevant treatment centres across the Yorkshire region; many of these have been life-saving missions. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is a rapid response emergency service that covers over four million acres of Yorkshire's vast landscape, including remote, rural and densely populated areas as well as major motorways and road networks. It can transport patients to the appropriate treatment centre for their injuries - being able to do this can make the difference between life and death for many patients. In 2007 a second helicopter was bought by the charity, which has helped develop the Yorkshire Air Ambulance into one of the UK's most sophisticated emergency service providing state of the art emergency treatment for the Yorkshire area.



It's your call

You can help raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance by recycling your unwanted mobile phones. It is easy to recycle your mobile phone, iPhone or BlackBerry, simply place it in an envelope and send it freepost to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Freepost London 16281, London, WC1N 3BR - No stamps needed! Each recycled phone has a value, however some newer models are worth much more. For example, a Nokia 6230i is worth £15 to the charity.



You can also recycle your textiles - for more information on your nearest textile bank and how to recycle for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance visit www.bagitup.org.uk. For more information about the Air Ambulance, see www.yaa.org.uk or call 01422 280122



National Butchers week 16th-21st March 2009

According to the Independent (15 January 2009) there are fewer independent butchers around now – numbers have fallen from 21,000 some 25 years ago, to about 6,000 today.

To help those who are left this week aims to encourage consumers to consider the local butcher as their first port of call for all of their meat purchases and to use the butcher's in-depth knowledge on everything from cooking times, to menu suggestions.

Our local Butcher (Broad Close Farm Shop) is involved in this event. On Wed 18th, Thurs 19th and Friday 20th from 2 pm you can visit their animals and see Andy demonstrate his butchery and on Sat 21st at 2 pm there is a sausage making demonstration followed by the new sausage taste-off.

So if you've even thought "what I would really like a sausage to taste of (or be made of) is" make your suggestion to the Farm shop between now and the 21st March. You could see it on sale if it voted the favourite!

Learn An Ancient Craft! Dry Stone Walling Courses Nabs Wood, Silkstone Common

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Spring 2009

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: Mr Simon Barber 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

Community Learning Programme

A wide range of courses and events —more being offered all the time. Contact Esther Parnham, via the PGS main switchboard 01226 762114 or by mobile: 07985 725634 or by email e.parnham2@barnsley.org

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Morning service and Eucharist 9:15am 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday, 10:45am 2nd and 4th Sunday. Evening Service 6:45pm 1st and 3rd Sunday

Contact Rev Simon A. Moor 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 12-00 noon

Contact for Methodist Church bookings Tel: 790461.

General

Silkstone Common Good Companions

Provides companionship, entertainment and recreation for the senior citizens of the village. Meets fortnightly on Wednesdays 2-4pm. New members are very welcome

Annual subscription £1, refreshments 30p

Varied programme including theatre trips, visits, entertainments, Helpers welcome

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.

Meets second Friday each month at 7:15pm Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s

Meets every Monday at 12 o'clock in Silkstone Lodge.
New members always welcome. Please call **791670**

Children

Chatterbox Club

For parents, carers, babies and toddlers. We meet every Thursday 10:15am-11:45am at Silkstone Common Methodist Church Hall. Coffee, Juice and Toast. £1.50 per toddler and 75p for babies under 6 months

Contact Laura: 01226 790975

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 Group

The playgroup meets at the Mission Room, Silkstone Common, Monday mornings 10am-12 noon. Open all year except Bank Holidays. Under 4s and their parents/carers welcome.

£1 includes refreshments.

Contacts

Dawn tel. 790402

Alison tel 790973

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 7:30pm-9pm Wednesdays

Brownies: girls 7-10 yrs

Scout Hut Thursday's 6:15-7:45

Tel: Maxine Barrett 01226 790158

Childminders

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

0800 345340

National Childbirth Trust

NCT Coffee Morning Monday 9.30-11.30 The Bluebell

Contact: Joanne McDonald 01226-792728

NCT Bumps and Babies Group 10.00-12.00 Silkstone Pavilion

Contact Joanne McDonald 01226-792728

Music

Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common Methodist Church 7:45pm

Contact: Mrs B Herbert 790167

Old Silkstone Band

Meets twice a week, Monday and Wednesday

Contact: Mick Fieldsend 762522

"Old Silkstone 'B' Band"

Contact: Karin Brentnall tel 01226 791982 or
Wayne Bostwick tel 01226 248539

Training Band (complete beginners) rehearsal every Monday 6:00-6:30pm,

'B' Band rehearsal every Monday 6:30-8:00pm

Venue: Silkstone Pavilion

Dodworth Male Voice Choir

Meets Gilroyd Social Club, Thursday nights 7:30pm

Contact: Alf Jubb, 31 Hall Royd Walk, 790817

Silkstone Bell Ringers

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

Contact: Caroline Charlesworth

Music Makers

Pre-schoolers' Music Group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month in the Tower Room at Silkstone Church.

Informal sessions including instruments, rhymes, songs & stories. All welcome with parents/carers.

Please call Caroline 790910 or Tracey 790055

for more information.

Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group

Babies to 5 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 11 am until 12 noon 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

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United Football Club

Contact: Andy Horsfield 791929

Silkstone United Junior Football Club

U 16s (Year 11) - 2 players needed

tel. Mark Pearson 766777

U 15s (Year 10) - 2 players needed

tel. Alan French 07816 076396

U 13s (Year 8) - **tel.** Shane Jackson 390769

U 12s (Year 7) - **tel.** Stephen Tate 792877

U 11s (Year 6) - **tel.** John Ward 295458

U 10s (year 5)- **tel.** Steve High 07970 249411

Silkstone United (Junior) Cricket Club

Headquarters: The Ring O Bells

Coaching for 7-11, U11 & U13,

Monday's from 6pm, May - Aug

Winter nets at Kingstone Sports Centre in January.

For details **contact:** Secretary Owen Dyson, 790956.

Crown Green Bowling

Secretary David Harris on Barnsley 790051

Taekwon-do

Silkstone Primary School Thurs 6-8pm, age 8 and over, come and join us. For further information

Please **contact** 07854-799564 or 07940-354373 for details

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.

Contact: Graham Wells 790732

Roggins Local History Group

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

Contact: Jim Ritchie 790695

Drystone Walling

<http://hadriansdsw.blogspot.com/>

www.southyorkshiredswa.org.uk

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 391343 or silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk if you wish to add your group to this list or amend any details