

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

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The Spring Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011 and I know it's a bit late but a Happy New year to you all! Isn't it nice now that Spring is coming and the days are getting longer? The daffodils and crocuses are replacing the snowdrops and already there are plenty of spring lambs. It's surprising what a bit of sunshine can do so here's hoping the cold weather does not return.

I was speaking to a local resident the other day and she says when her newsletter is delivered she puts the kettle on and sits at the kitchen table with her drink to read it. We hope that you will take the time to read it and hopefully will find something of interest within its pages. The Newsletter Team have decided to include an events page so that you can all see when and where local events are taking place. If you are involved in any local events and you want them including please contact me.

In this issue we have two local celebrity interviews, one with Derrick Parker ex-Barnsley Footballer and the other with Simon Moor our Vicar. Some of you will have heard the sad news that Simon is leaving the parish. I contacted him as soon as I heard to ensure I could interview him before he left. I found out that he does not leave till July so plenty of time for us to say our goodbyes to someone who has made a difference to our parish. Because of his efforts the church is now open to many local groups not all religious and in this way the church has become more accessible to all. He is a very compassionate and kind man and I have heard many of you speak of his kindness particularly when struggling to come to terms with bereavement.

Some of you will have heard the tragic news that a local family, The Deightons who have had success in the folk singing world lost their daughter on Christmas Eve. A local resident Chrissie Yates has written a touching piece on this for us. I have known Chrissie since she and her husband Nick came to live in Silkstone in 1985. She is currently Assistant Principal at Minsthorpe Community College in South Elmsall near Pontefract. As a teacher she is passionate about ensuring that our youth are encouraged to learn and fulfil their individual potential. To this end she was a parent governor at Silkstone School for 5 years from 1992-97, after which she was a governor at Penistone Grammar School.

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I hope you all managed to see the January edition of Country File where Silkstone and Silkstone Common were featured. The Penistone Line was on the programme and I can echo Julia Bradbury's sentiment that the countryside between Silkstone Common and Huddersfield is breathtaking. I can recommend this journey and just sit and watch the countryside go by, it's a very relaxing thing to do. So leave the car at home and have a day out plus you will be supporting your local train line. The music train was also featured on the programme, this happens once a month and if you like jazz music and a pint then it's worth trying it.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and if you want anything including please contact me.

Take care and warmest regards

Diane

Old Silkstone Brass Band.

Old Silkstone Brass Band are slowly progressing and have managed to get a few more players, but unfortunately have had to withdraw from competing in this year's Yorkshire Region Area contest at Queens Hall, Bradford on 6th March due to shortage of players, cornet players being the biggest problem.

The Yorkshire Region Area contest is an annual contest which is used to grade Brass Bands into the sections they have to compete. There are five sections, The Championship, First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections. Currently Old Silkstone Band is graded in Championship Section Band.

The band have attended the Yorkshire Area contest every year since 1961 starting in the Fourth Section, this year would have been seen the band celebrating 50 years continuous attendance at the Yorkshire Region Area contest. During the last 10 years the band have made great achievements winning promotion up through the grades and attained Championship Status, competing alongside such bands as Grimethorpe Colliery, Brighouse and Rastrick, and Black Dyke Mills.

As already stated in the winter issue this year the band is celebrating 150 years in existence and to celebrate the band is to play a series of themed concerts in Silkstone Lodge starting on Friday 1st April with "A night at the Movies" so please come along and help celebrate this occasion.

The dates of the other concerts for your diaries are Friday 1st July, Friday 16th September and Sunday 18th December. Today the band is totally self sufficient and relies heavily on donations, concert work and various events in order to survive. One of the events that we promote is the annual Silkstone March and Hymn Contest which has in the past attracted up to 20 Brass

Bands from around the North to the event and a large number of spectators into the village for what is becoming one of the best known events of this type.

This year sees us promoting our 10th annual March contest which will be held on Saturday 9th July, if anyone is interested in helping the band organise this event, finding sponsors, funding, raffles, etc. Please get in touch.

We are intending to revive the Junior Band after some problems over the last year and would like to hear from anyone interested in joining, or again helping out. Some instruments are available. Just give us a call.

Whether you can play an instrument or not and would like to offer help in any way, Please feel free to give us a call.

Rehearsal nights are Monday & Thursdays 8.00pm to 10.00. The Band room is located at the top of Silkstone Lodge car park.

Looking forward to seeing you!!!!!!

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Silkstone CARE Group

Letter from Graham Wells Secretary of Silkstone Care Group

I have been secretary to the Silkstone CARE Group for the past fifteen years and am now retiring. I would just like to thank every member of the group (around 25) for all the work, effort and enthusiasm they have put in during this time and congratulate them on the difference they have made to the quality and feel of the area for everyone who lives here and for visitors. With the minimum of fuss and bureaucracy, the Group has worked steadily and regularly to improve the environment in and around Silkstone and Silkstone Common, planting trees and shrubs, tidying and litter picking neglected parts, footpaths, Silkstone Rec., Silkstone Common station, the TPT and Orchard Wood and Meadow and more. The Group recently set up the Silkstone Walk and Heritage trail, restored Orchard Meadow and planted 100 trees at the Chestnuts site in Silkstone. All the members are volunteers, there are no paid officials, many are very busy people and yet they have found the time to make a contribution. Our finance has come mainly from Recycling Credits from the bottle banks at the Red Lion and Station Inn (my thanks to Bob and Mark).

I have enjoyed my time as Group Secretary and found it both rewarding and satisfying. I hope that CARE continues for many years to come.

I would also like to thank the ladies who rescued the Silkstone in Bloom group (many of whom are also CARE members) and congratulate them on the wonderful floral displays they have created in both villages in the last few years. The impact is so uplifting for everyone every day the flowers are in bloom (and I know how much work that requires).

Graham Wells

Silkstone Parish in Bloom

Who are we? - We are a group of like minded volunteers who feel that the visual appearance of the Parish is very important.

What do we do? - With the exception of the new bed at Silkstone Cross and the planters outside the pubs we plant and maintain various tubs and beds in both villages.

As a group we have been working in both Silkstone and Silkstone Common for approximately 16 years. **Are you able to assist us by watering in hot periods or coming along to help generally? If so please contact Janet Barrett (Silkstone Common) 790994 or Jean Morrison (Silkstone) 790036.**

Janet Barrett

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Interview with Simon Moor- Our Vicar

As many of you will know Simon Moor our Vicar leaves this parish in July. Before he leaves us Simon kindly agreed to be interviewed for our newsletter. I called at the vicarage to interview him on a very damp and cold February evening. As I was warmly welcomed into the hall I was met with the most wonderful cooking smells. Whatever was for dinner smelt lovely and made me feel very hungry!

The thing that strikes you about Simon is that he is so ordinary and down to earth; I felt I could talk to him about anything and he would understand. He is not an out of touch dusty academic but a man who enjoys being in the centre of community life. I should imagine that it's a good asset to be ordinary as a vicar because you need to be able to talk to people in order to help them.

Simon sees all aspects of our lives the happy times and the sad. He conducts the baptisms, weddings and funerals. When we lose a loved one it's preferable to have a vicar like Simon who really cares and can empathise with your situation. I have heard many of my friends and neighbours comment on Simon's kindness when they have been in such a sad situation.

Simon loves his job and that is evident when he talks of his work. In fact he does not see his role as a job as he enjoys it so much. Simon will have been our Vicar for exactly 13 years and five days when he leaves us. His next parish will be St. Peter's in Huddersfield which is a very different parish from ours. St Peter's is a town centre church with a very diverse congregation.

Simon will be sad to leave Silkstone, he has made many good friends here but he is looking forward to the new challenges which his new parish will bring. Simon has achieved a great deal whilst here not only has the congregation swelled to record numbers but he has opened the church up to the people. Simon hopes that this will continue after his departure and will be his lasting legacy here in Silkstone. Before Simon came the church was only open for an hour on Sundays.

Currently the church is open every day and is home to many local activities not all of them religious. The church is now an open, inviting building which can be enjoyed by everyone.

Currently we have another bid in place to secure more funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund to further improve the space within the church for community activities. In his precious spare time Simon enjoys music, cooking, bell ringing and walking. He has just completed a walk of Hadrian's Wall.

He also enjoys socialising and enjoys meeting people in the local pubs and having an occasional pint! Simon says he is very lucky in that in his working life he has had the support of many of his colleagues within the church. He was only 17 when his priest Peter Bowers saw something in the young Simon which made him think Simon would be a good vicar. Eleven years later Simon was ordained into the church and Peter's insight was proved correct. Simon also told me of an old retired parish priest Father Wilf Clayton from his home town of Creswell, Derbyshire, someone whose kindness and support made him a very special person in Simon's life. Simon also mentioned two colleagues who were his training incumbents and helped him on his journey. Each man in their individual ways has helped Simon to be the person he is today. I asked Simon if there were any frustrations or downsides to being a vicar and he gave my question some thought but he could not think of any! Unusual I felt but further proof that Simon enjoys his job.

Simon would like to thank you all for trusting him, he has enjoyed his time in Silkstone. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank him and wish him and his family all the best for the future. I hope our next vicar will be as kind and caring as I think Simon will be a hard act to follow!

Diane

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- **Date:** Tuesdays 29 March, 5 / 12 / 19 April
- **Time:** 18:00 - 19:00
- **Cost:** £2 per session
- **Equipment** (not essential): Your own bat if you have one.

Contacts: Owen Dyson 07950 267678 / Kevin Taylor 07771 940733

Owen Dyson

French phrases (for arguing)

Tu me cherches? Are you looking for trouble?

T'as un problème Got a problem?

C'est à moi que tu parles? Are you talking to me?

Qu'est-ce que tu racontes? What are you talking about?

Tu veux ma photo? What are you looking at?

Thanks to

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/cool>

Silkstone/St. Florent Twinning Association

2011 marks the 20th anniversary of the twinning of the Parish of Silkstone and the village of St. Florent des Bois in the Vendée region of France. To mark this anniversary, the French have invited the parishioners of Silkstone to visit them from 25th - 31 July for a week of festivities. St. Florent is also twinned with towns in Germany, Romania and Canada, and they have been invited to send representatives. There is a separate programme for adults and young people, and it is hoped that the young people will take part in painting a mural to commemorate the 20th anniversary.

Accommodation is with French families and the cost whilst in France will be approximately 160-170 euros which will cover meals outside the home, excursions and local transport. **In addition** there will be the cost of transport between Silkstone and St. Florent.

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Yvonne Dinsdale





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Many parishioners will remember the 'Wonderfully Made' event back in November, where for three days, Silkstone Church was home to local artists and makers. The event was organised by Rachel Poole, a well-known figure in the church diary with her willow courses. Rachel is a member of Pennine Artists, a group of artists spanning the local area and covering arts and crafts ranging from felting over painting, pottery, woodwork, willow weaving and silver smithing to glass. At 'Wonderfully Made', the Pennine Artists occupied the altar space, showcasing their work.

Now, Pennine Artists are back, with some members opening their studios to the public in an event that coincides with Sheffield's established 'Open Up' event, in which three members are also participating. The group has developed a 'trail' which covers all studios, leading from Kexbrough through Silkstone to Bolsterstone, promising an interesting day out and the opportunity to watch artists work, and to purchase work directly from the source. Several members also teach, and the event is an excellent opportunity to find out about courses and one-to-one tuition in the area.

For a full lists of artists taking part, and maps to the relevant studios, please see:

<http://pennineartists.co.uk/exhibition.aspx>

The event is taking place over the first May bank holiday week-end, with studios opening their doors between 11am and 5pm each day (Sat 30th April to Monday 2nd May). The three studios taking part in the larger Sheffield Open Up event will also open the following week-end.

Sabine Little

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Scott Adams

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Chairman's Letter Spring 2011

The Big Society and Localism

So what is the difference between The Big Society and Localism? The Big Society is an idea, a concept if you like, about how something should be. This has become somewhat politicised as one side claims it is an opportunity and the other claims it is a veil for public spending cuts. The Localism Bill is currently going through the house, and "*aims to shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils*". The fact that the Bill is moving through the House without too much alteration suggests it has all party support and will be enacted. I won't try to sum it up, (my notes cover ten pages of A4) but if you're able to access the Internet, the weblink is:

<http://services/parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/localism/documents.html>

There is also a plain English guide at:

<http://www.communications.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1818597.pdf>

If you can't access the Internet and want to know more, please contact the Parish Council and we'll see if we can help.

Finances

The Parish Council is always looking for ways to get the best value for the money we spend. As we are not sure about what services BMBC will be able to provide this year, the council has decided not to fund the hanging baskets but to support more sustainable permanent planting. The debate was somewhat vigorous so any feedback from you, on this subject would be most welcome.

Census

You will hear a lot about the census during March. I hope by the time you read this, it won't be all done and dusted. The point to emphasise is the allocation of what little government funding there will be for the next ten years, will be based on the results of this census. Please complete the form, either by hand or on-line, as accurately as possible to ensure we get our fair share of resources.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Sometimes, I can at least see the point of a crime. Someone stole an old radiator from outside our house during the fitting of a new bathroom. With the price of scrap metal being quite high, it appears to have been too tempting for some low-life to leave it where it was.

However, an even lower life form, not often seen in this area, was the vermin that sprayed offensive graffiti on

the pavilion on Silkstone recreation ground. Fortunately, this can be cleaned off and painted over. But there is a mindless sub-life form that has yet to activate any brain cells and enjoys destroying one of the aspects of the parish that brings pleasure to many people. It seems kicking and stamping spring flowers is something only really hard vandals can do so the daffodils by the footpath between the Red Lion and Manor Park must have put up a real fight to have deserved the beating they received. If you know anything about these incidents please get in touch with the police via the golden line and help humanity evolve to a greater level.

Election - May 2011

Another term of office for this Parish Council is coming to an end and it would give more credence to the new council if we had to stand for election! The last full Parish Council election took place in 1991. Since then we either haven't had enough candidates to fill the seats or just the right number. If you want to help maintain or improve aspects of the parish that are important to you, please contact the Parish Clerk (01226 391343) who will have a number of nomination packs available for any interested person.

Derek Liddell Chairman

Crime Figures

At every Parish Council meeting the crime figures for Silkstone and Silkstone Common are reported. The total crimes in Silkstone during 2010 were 75 (with a third of these involving the Silkstone petrol station) and 31 for Silkstone Common.

The crimes often relate to theft from or damage to a motor vehicle so to reduce your chances of being a victim of vehicle crime, please ensure that your belongings are kept out of sight and remove all valuable items from your car.

The Police have recently introduced a crime mapping facility on their website www.police.uk. Simply enter your postcode to view recorded crimes in your area which are mapped on the street where the incident occurred. The safer neighbourhood team covering Penistone can be contacted on 01226-736387 or e-mail at penistonesnt@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

The Parish Clerk can be contacted on
01226 391343 or
silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk

Silkstone Parish Council Meetings for 2011

The Statutory Annual Parishioners' Meeting (APM) was held in Silkstone in 2010 and so will be held at Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel in 2011

Day	Date	Type	Location
Mon	04-Apr-11	PC	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
Tues	19-Apr-11	APM	Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel
Mon	09-May-11	Annual Council	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
Mon	06-Jun-11	PC	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
Mon	04-Jul-11	PC	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
Mon	05-Sept-11	PC	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
Mon	03-Oct-11	PC	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
Mon	07-Nov-11	PC	Silkstone Sports Pavilion
Mon	05-Dec-11	PC	Silkstone Sports Pavilion

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The 2011 Census is coming

The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on March 27th 2011

The census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are (young, old, married, single). This means decisions, like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focused on accurate, relevant details

Millions of pounds shared out

The Department of Communities and Local Government and the Department of Health allocate money to local and health authorities based on the census data. That's why you need to be counted to make sure that your community is properly represented in the decision-making process.

Your community and family benefit

You need to take complete and return the Census form so that the services and facilities your community / family uses can be identified. These services include schools, hospitals and emergency services, Census statistics help work out the amount of funding allocated to facilities in communities.

2011 Census - Help Tomorrow Take Shape

Allotment Land Search

Silkstone Parish Council has one allotment site in Silkstone with 10 plots which are all full. The waiting list for a plot currently holds 16 residents from Silkstone or Silkstone Common.

The Parish Council over the last few years has tried to find suitable allotment land in the Parish, preferably in Silkstone Common. Barnsley MBC offered a few parcels of land but they were found to be unsuitable for use as allotments. The Parish Clerk wrote to all land owners in Silkstone and Silkstone Common asking if they had any suitable land, only one land owner replied to the letter and this was a negative response! A flyer was distributed to homeowners in South Yorkshire Buildings, one resident contacted the Council and as a result one gentleman from the waiting list was able to enter into a private arrangement for the use of an allotment in Silkstone Common.

The Parish Council carried out a land registry search for a strip of unused allotments at South Yorkshire Buildings but this came back unresolved and no one seems to know who owns the land. It is such a shame that the Parish has allotments that cannot be used because we cannot trace the owners.

We have 16 people eager to bring unused land into productivity so **PLEASE** if you own or know of any suitable allotment land in Silkstone or Silkstone Common please contact the Parish Clerk on 01226-391343 or e-mail silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk.

Karen Canadine

Newsletter publication dates

To help organisers of events know what they can publicise on the event's page we are hoping to follow the following publication schedule in future.

Deadline for articles	Distribution dates
First week of March	Last week of March
First week of June	Last week of June
First week September	Last week of September
First week November	First week of December.

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A Tribute to Kathleen Deighton-Cousins

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Kathleen was 1 of 5 siblings who together with their parents formed the famous Deighton Family Singers. She was the daughter of Dave and Josie Deighton and a sister to Maya, Arthur, Rosalie & Angelina. She was an integral part of the family's rise to fame in the 1980s; such was her talent as a fiddle player and a singer. Her father Dave made her the fiddle she was to play for the rest of her life, before she could barely walk. That fiddle now belongs to Freyja her daughter.

The family at one time have been described as the "sort of Beatles of Silkstone in the folk world". I think of them affectionately as Silkstone's very own "Von Trapp" family. Their biggest success was in the USA in 1988 where they won awards from the American Public Radio Station including Record of the Year. Led by Dave their father, this unique family of 7 toured the world, producing music that was and still is, an eclectic blend of a variety of sounds including folk ballads, blues and good old rock & roll. Their music and performances certainly reached the parts others couldn't reach and if you were a fellow "Silkstoner" you watched and enjoyed their performances with such a sense of personal pride because you felt that they in some way belonged to us all in the village and had indeed, put us on the map.

Therefore many in the village have also now shared their sense of loss. Over 300, probably nearer 400 paid their respects at Silkstone church on 8th January. Honour was paid to Kathleen by her siblings who paid their highest tribute to a much loved sister by doing what they do best and that was to sing for her. Rosalie at one point was joined by Dave Burland who sang one of Kathleen's favourite songs of "Love Me Tender" and Rosalie, famous in her own right, has dedicated songs written for this occasion to her sister on her latest album. Nearly £2,000 has also been collected in Kathleen's name for the Macmillan Nurses Fund.

She will remain in our hearts.

With love from Chrissie Yates.

"Without music life would be a mistake. "

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

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Silkstone United Cricket Club request Umpiring volunteers for Season 2011

Would you like to be involved in local cricket by becoming an umpire for the Cricket Club?

Silkstone United CC currently has 2 Umpire Representatives (to cover 2 teams) but to cover any absences through holidays we would also like to find a willing volunteer to help out occasionally throughout the summer.

Huddersfield Central Cricket League rules state that each club should nominate 1 umpire, per team to officiate at matches throughout the season.

Umpires receive £25 per match, teas are free and we can help with transport by pairing you with either one of our existing umpire representatives. If you need a refresher course to touch up on the laws of the game, these are regularly available.

If you have any cricket experience, would like to get involved or just need more information regarding umpiring duties, please contact Owen Dyson, Chairman, Silkstone United Cricket Club, on 07950 267678

Owen Dyson

Interview with Derrick Parker: Ex-Barnsley Footballer

I did not have far to go to interview Derrick as he only lives next door and we have been neighbours for over 20 years. He is a lovely man and a good neighbour; he keeps our tools in a good state as he is always borrowing them. We still can't fathom out why our hedge cutters were returned with a shorter cable! He is famous in our close for his barbeques; an invitation to a Derrick Parker barbeque is always readily accepted. He is married to Kath and they have two children Steven and Jayne of whom they are both justifiably proud.

Derrick and Kath moved to Silkstone in 1983 living first in Guest lane and then moving to Stainmore Close. He played for Barnsley Football club for three and a half years moving there from Southend FC for a record £60,000 on his 23rd birthday. He was at Barnsley from 1980 to 1983 and scored 35 goals in that time.

Surprisingly he did not move to Barnsley till after he finished playing for the team. He did in fact live in Thorpe Hesley but he came to Silkstone with his football cronies, Ray McHale and Ian Evans for a drink in the Red Lion. He decided then that Silkstone was for him and that he would like to live here. It was at this time that Derrick became friends with Gilly Walker. Many of you will be acquainted with Gilly as he is one of the biggest personalities in our community. In fact Derrick has very fond memories of all the Walker family who welcomed him to Silkstone. In 1983 Derrick was transferred from Barnsley to Oldham Football Club. Kath and Derrick did look at properties in Oldham but they missed Barnsley and it was at this time that they bought their first property here in Silkstone. I asked Derrick for his best memory of playing for Barnsley and he said it was winning against Newcastle, his home town in 1982. He scored the winning goal at precisely 3.20 on September 25th; it was particularly special as his Dad was there to see it and so will always be a special memory for him. In 1988 Derrick stopped playing professional football, he played semi professional for a few years for Northwich Victoria. He retired from football due to the effects of various injuries he had sustained whilst playing. But he could never give up his beloved football entirely and for a few years coached Silkstone Juniors. It was at this time that the new football pitch and changing rooms were opened at the Recreation Ground and we had for the first time the best facilities in that league. Derrick's main connection now to football is commentating on Barnsley matches for Radio Sheffield.

He remains an ardent Barnsley fan and enjoys living in Silkstone; he says he would not like to live anywhere else.

Diane

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Potholes can be more than a nuisance. They can be a danger to cyclists and others. In the UK, there's an average of one road defect for every 110 metres of road. They are the responsibility of the local council (in our case BMBC) or the Highways Agency (for motorways and trunk roads). **But they can only fill a pothole if they know about it. If you want it repaired, you have to report it.**

On www.barnsley.gov.uk there is a web page which tells you what to do if you want to report a pothole on the road or on a footpath.

They assess the severity and the risk it poses to road users using factors such as: size and depth of the pothole, speed and volume of traffic and position of the pothole on the road or footpath. Then they decide whether it needs an urgent repair or whether it will be considered for repair in a programme of other works

As well as a description of the defect, they need information about:

- street name, area and locality
- any other relevant information that may help locate the affected area
- your name and contact number
- date defect first noticed

You can report any damage to the highway by phone 01226 773555 (24 hours), email roads@barnsley.gov.uk, through the website (go to www.barnsley.gov.uk and type potholes into the search box) or by writing to them at, Highways, Engineering and Waste, PO Box 601, Westgate, Barnsley, S70 9FA You can also find links to legislation and information relating to roads and footpaths on the road maintenance web-page.

If you're not sure who the relevant Local Authority is use the website www.fillthathole.org.uk. They contact the right people to get the roads repaired. If you have an iPhone, you can download the new FillThatHole app and report potholes from the kerbside.

Linda Marsh



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Silkstone Pharmacy

Healthy Lifestyle services

Is your heart healthy? Free Blood Pressure check available

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**3 High Street, Silkstone
Barnsley**



LadiesWhoLatte

This is a networking opportunity for ladies/women running their own businesses (or hoping to do so) in this area. They meet on the second Thursday each month at Tankersley Manor, half a mile from junction 36 M1. Postcode S75 3DQ.

They meet for coffee and networking at 10:00, have an update, then a presentation about something interesting and then more networking.

If you are interested contact Kay on arbonsmile@myarbonne.co.uk. Let's face it - there's very little to lose and lots of fabulous contacts to be made.

LadiesWhoLatte - Because there's no point being fabulous on your own.

Kay Jepson

First aid pre-NCB, pre 1946?

Does anyone know of First Aid provision pre-NCB (National Coal Board)?

The National Coal Mining Museum is supporting a project to gather information about the facilities provided for first aid pre-1946.

If you have any information please contact Colin Bower colin@i-online.co.uk, 790416



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Westfield Park Equestrian Centre, Knabbs Lane, Silkstone Common, S75 4RD

www.thechilllodge.co.uk

Heritage Silkstone News

'Silkstone Reflects on its Church Heritage' is the title of a joint project between Silkstone All Saints' Parochial Church Council and Heritage Silkstone for conservation of the church windows and the Wentworth Monument in the South Chapel, and a public heritage space planned on the first floor in the church tower. Supported by East Peak Innovation Partnership, we are hopeful that the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund will be successful, and would like to thank everyone, individuals, schools, BMBC departments, Silkstone Parish Council and other organisations, who have offered expressions of support for the second and final round of the application.

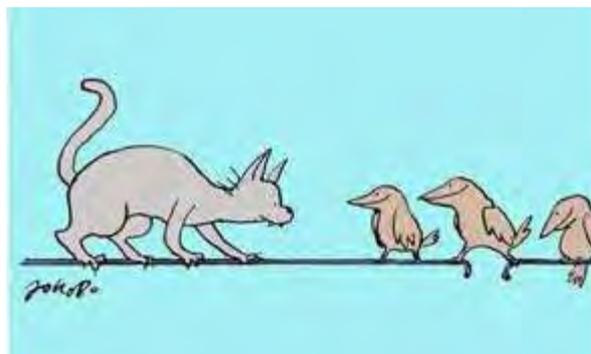
At a meeting in March members heard about foundlings, abandoned infants, who were a common feature of life in eighteenth century London, and were allocated to 'wet nurses' around the country; the talk originated from the accidental discovery of a Silkstone burial record. Children were taken into care of the 'Foundling Hospital' then brought to Yorkshire to Hemsworth to the charity's representative 'the Rev Mr Trant 'the headmaster of Holgate Grammar school, who placed them with the nurses, some in Silkstone. After returning to the 'out hospital' at Ackworth around the age of 5 the foundlings were given some education then apprenticed around the age of 10 until they were 21 or 24 years old! Some came to Silkstone - mainly to farmers.

Also: look out in church and parish council newsletters, and notice-boards and the Chronicle for details of forthcoming meetings: in May there is a guided walk through Silkstone Churchyard, when we shall hear some tales from interesting tombs. In July there will be a guided walk along the waggonway from Pothouse towards Barnby Basin; some challenging questions arise, for which at present we have no answers.

If you are interested send your email address to colin@i-online.co.uk for more info, or call 01226 790416.

Meetings are open to all.

Colin Bower



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 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 791592

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, grafitti, 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

Under 11's (year 6) Steve High tel. 07970249411

Under 12's (year 7) John Ward tel. 07786 525000

Under 13's year 8) Kevin Grimshaw tel. 01226 791613

Under 14's (year 9) Shane Jackson tel. 01226 390769

Under 16's (year 11) Alan French tel. 07816076396

Under 17's (year 12) Mark Pearson tel. 01226 766777

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.barnsleybsacdivers.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 6:45pm 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 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: September see notice boards for details

Silkstone in Bloom

Add floral colour for public enjoyment. Donations gratefully accepted.

Contact: Jean Morrison 790036 (Silkstone) or Janet Barrett 790994 (Silkstone Common)

Hadrian's Drystone Walling

Drystone Walling in South Yorkshire
www.southyorkshiredswa.org.uk

History

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 790685

Heritage Silkstone

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

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.

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 the Ring O'Bells. New members always welcome. Please call **791670**

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, 6:30am-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

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: Linda C Graham - Acting Headteacher 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

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 of your local group on the Local Organisations pages.

Events: March - July 2011

Month	Date	Location	Outline
April Fri 1st	20:00-23:30	Silkstone Lodge	<p>Old Silkstone Band: Opening Concert to celebrate 150 years Theme "A Night at the Movies"</p> <p>Tickets £2.50 available from any member or contact Dave O'Connor 07766442081</p>
April Fri 22	10:30 to 13:30	Broad Close Farm	<p>Cracking Easter Fun on the Farm</p> <p>Good Friday will see the farm play host to an Easter fair for all the family. Sample the quality of the farm reared meat at the BBQ, say hello to the animals in Pet's Corner, or ride a pony and take a tour and don't forget to take part in the many Easter activities available on the day</p>
April Fri 29th	2:00 pm for the fuddle, big screen when it starts	Station Inn, Silkstone Common	<p>Royal Wedding Party</p> <p>Fancy a re-run of the New Years Day fuddle. Why wait another year it's a good excuse for a get together. Wedding on the big screen with fuddle from 2:00pm.</p>
April Sat 30th to Mon 2nd May	11:00am-5:00pm	Various locations	<p>Pennine Artists Open Studios</p> <p>Follow a 'trail' from Kexbrough through Silkstone to Bolsterstone. An opportunity to watch artists work, to purchase work directly from the source and find out about courses and one-to-one tuition in the area.</p>
May	To be fixed	Silkstone Churchyard	<p>Guided walk with tales of interesting tombs - date to be fixed in March see Parish noticeboards for details</p>
July	To be fixed	Silkstone Waggonway	<p>Guided walk from Pothouse Hamlet towards Barmby Basin. Date to be fixed in March see Parish noticeboards for details</p>
July Sun 3rd	5:00pm onwards	Silkstone Recreation Ground	<p>Rock in the Rec - 3rd year</p> <p>Aimed at all ages and tastes. The bands will be diverse with a mixture of local emerging talent to the more established and well known musicians. A choice of refreshments will also be available throughout the evening.</p> <p>Tickets: £5.00 adults / £2.50 under 16s / FREE under 10'S</p>
July Sat 9th	15:00-18:00	Silkstone Village	<p>Old Silkstone Band: 10th Annual March and Hymn Contest</p>
July Mon 25 to Sun 31st	every day	St Florent des Bois	<p>20th anniversary twinning events</p>

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