

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 57 Winter 2011



Hello everyone,

Welcome to your winter Newsletter 2011. This is the last one for 2011 and the one which will hopefully ignite the start to a very festive time in our community. Please take a look at our events page to see what is happening and how you can take part. Make a note in your diaries for the Ladies Choir Christmas concert on December 13th at Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel and the Old Silkstone Band Christmas concert at Silkstone Lodge on the 18th, just two of the special events taking place in December.

I hope that you managed to get to the Wonderfully Made Craft Fair at the Church. I went with my sisters and we thoroughly enjoyed it, we were very impressed by the quality of the crafts and how reasonably priced they were. I am afraid I spent quite a lot and had to go to cash machine at the garage afterwards! It was a very enjoyable morning and I shall definitely go to the event next year. We also had the Beer Festival at the Lodge and I was amazed at the crowds who had travelled here by train walking down from Silkstone Common Station to try the numerous beers. I am told that these beer aficionados are called tickers, so called because they have a tick list of all beers and tick them off when sampled. It was very well attended and will be held again next year but in September rather than November.

My celebrity being interviewed for this newsletter is Kathryn Smith music teacher at Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School who is the Classic FM Primary School Music Teacher of the Year! Fabulous news and we are very proud that we have such a talented teacher as Kathryn teaching in our community.

As this is the nearest newsletter to Christmas I asked some of our regular contributors to give me a Christmas Memory. I think that Christmas is a special time and hopefully a happy one. It can be tinged with sadness if you have lost loved ones but I am sure we can all look back to ones which were particularly special. I am very lucky to have had some lovely Christmas's , my parents always made sure that no matter what was happening in their lives that myself and my two sisters enjoyed Christmas. I have tried to do this for my daughter too and hopefully she has good Christmas memories.

I do hope you all have a lovely Christmas and that 2012 is a good one for you all.

Warmest wishes

Diane

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Silkstone Parish Plan

As some of our more established residents will be aware the Parish Council produced a very successful Parish Plan in 2004. The purpose of a Parish plan is to find out from the residents how they would like the villages managed and improved. All aspects of village life are looked at and some of the areas covered are Planning, Recreation, Housing, and Traffic.

The plan is produced by asking the residents their thoughts and opinions and then looking at the results in order to produce a plan to act on the outcomes. The response to the 2004 plan was incredible which shows how much we value our community.

It is now time to start working towards producing the next successful plan and would love to hear from anyone who wishes to get involved. Your involvement can be as much as being on the working party seeing the project through from start to finish to taking part in on line surveys.

Please contact either: Richard Brocklehurst Chair of the Parish Plan Working Party, or the Clerk for more details. We look forward to hearing from you and to the next successful Parish Plan.

Richard Brocklehurst

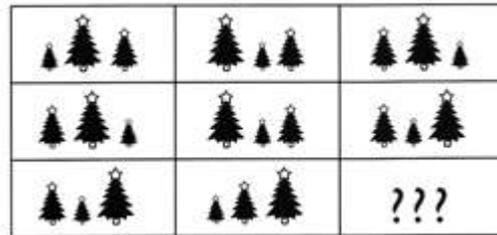
Old Silkstone Band

Old Silkstone Band will be competing in the Butlins' National Mineworkers Open Brass Band Festival on Saturday 21st January 2012.

If anyone would like to to join us for a weekend break and enjoy brass band playing and entertainment, please contact Dave O'Connor on 01226 790669 for details.

Brainteaser

Here are 8 patterns with Xmas trees.



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Which of the four patterns did you choose and why?

Answers on page 13.

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Grant Aid to Local Groups 2011/2012

Silkstone Parish Council has a budget of £4,700 for the 2011/2012 financial year to Grant Aid local groups for specific purchases or transport costs. So far this year the Parish Council has approved £4,085 to support groups in Silkstone and Silkstone Common.

The remainder needs to be allocated by the end of the financial year, so if you are involved in a local group that includes residents of Silkstone or Silkstone Common you are entitled to apply for a grant.

Contact the Parish Clerk on 01226-391343 or e-mail silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk for a grant application form. Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis at the next monthly Parish Council meeting.

The following groups have benefited from a Parish Council grant this year: Old Silkstone Band, Silkstone Luncheon Club, Silkstone Common Good Companions, Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club, Silkstone Common WI, Silkstone Common Ladies Choir, Silkstone Luncheon Club, Silkstone in Bloom, CARE, Roggins Local History Group, Silkstone Church, Silkstone Common Methodist Church, Silkstone Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Silkstone Guides, Silkstone Brownies and Penistone Paramount Cinema.

Walkers help requested

Silkstone Parish Council own 3 woodland areas in the Parish: The Chestnuts in Silkstone, Conroyd Wood on Cone Lane Silkstone and Orchard Wood in Silkstone Common. The Parish Council have commissioned a consultant to produce a Woodland Management Plan which will be 100% paid for through the English Woodland Grant Scheme from the Forestry Commission.

All 3 areas are open to the public and many of you will use the woods to walk your dogs. It is important that the woods are maintained so that there is no danger to the public from broken steps, fallen trees or branches.

The Parish Council inspect the woods on a regular basis but it is so useful when a resident calls the Clerk to advise that a tree has dropped a large branch that needs removing or that a step is broken.

Thank you to those residents who act as our unofficial woods inspectors. If you are walking in the woods and notice something amiss or can think of anything that may improve the area please call the Parish Clerk on 01226-391343 or e-mail silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk.

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Oil Buying Cooperatives

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The idea is simple. A group of people in the same area join together and order their heating oil collectively. All members pay the same price regardless of the order size. Such a scheme enables a group of people to order heating oil in bulk for individual homes on a single date. Suppliers save money by reducing journeys which enables them to offer a lower price to customers. These co-operative are already operating in some areas and indicative savings are in the region of 10-12% per order.

Oil-buying cooperatives seem to be operating quite successfully in North Yorkshire where access to mains gas is very limited and there is a similar scheme already operating in High Hoyland.

If you would like to know more please request an information pack from Cllr. Robert Barnard. Telephone: (07811) 430948. Email: cllrrobertbarnard@barnsley.gov.uk

Crime figures for the last two months

Silkstone	Sept	Oct
Damage		1
Other crime	2	2
Drive off	1	2
Totals	3	5

Silkstone Common	Sept	Oct
Burglary other		1
Other crime	1	
Totals	1	1

Notes

Burglary other is burglary in anything other than a dwelling eg shed, portacabin, garage, builders lock up.

Damage is any kind of damage other than damage to a motor vehicle (because damage to motor vehicles is recorded seperately).

Other crime is anything which doesn't have a category of its own.



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*Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Lights
Father Christmas came last night
Down the Chimney with the toys,
Woke me up with all his **NOISE!** (shout noise)
Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Lights
Father Christmas came last night*

Why do the stars twinkle?

On a clear, dark night, our eyes can see about 6,000 or so stars in the sky. They seem to twinkle, or change their brightness, all the time. In fact, most of the stars are shining with a steady light. The movement of air (sometimes called turbulence) in the atmosphere of Earth causes the starlight to get slightly bent as it travels from the distant star through the atmosphere down to us on the ground. This means that some of the light reaches us directly and some gets bent slightly away. To our eyes, this makes the star seem to twinkle.

You will notice that stars closer to the horizon appear to twinkle more than other stars. This is because there is a lot more atmosphere between you and a star near the horizon than between you and a star higher in the sky. Go out some night soon and have a look!

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CARE Programme

Community Action Programme for Sept 2011 to March 2012. Turn up to help, meet at the Station Inn at 10 am or contact Colin on colin@i-online.co.uk

- **3rd Dec Orchard Wood/Silkstone Common School:** prune hedge along school boundary one foot away from the fence. Litter pick in that area. Trim hedge in Orchard Meadow, tightly stack cuttings.
- **13th Dec Tuesday evening, in the Station Inn, Silkstone Common:** CARE Christmas faith supper: bring a bit of something to eat and enjoy a get-together.
- **17th Dec Chestnut site replanting,** Silver Birch, Rowan; public footpath behind Red Lion Silkstone litter pick, clearing vegetation from the path to footbridge.
- **21st Jan Litter pick, and pruning on Dove Valley Trail and around Moorend Lane bridge.**
- **4th Feb Orchard Meadow / Woodland View.** Strim wildflower area and prune Woodland View planting strip on Black-Horse side.
- **7th Jan Public Footpath strimming.**
- **18th Feb Open for offers.**
- **3rd Mar Wild flower sowing on rec banking and Conroyd Woodland.** Involves digging out existing vegetation to create a seed bed and sowing of new seed including 22 native wildflower species and 6 species of grass. The supplier is British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

Colin Bower

Winter Weather !

Silkstone Parish Council cannot physically close the Silkstone Recreation Ground and Car Park, Multi Use Games Area or Woods during snowy or icy weather. However, in the event of snow fall or icy conditions these areas will not be cleared, residents are therefore advised that these areas are entered at their own risk.

Karen Canadine

Quotes of the month

*O, wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?*

Percy Bysshe Shelley

I roamed the countryside searching for answers to things I did not understand.

Leonardo da Vinci

Silkstone Bells

We do not know exactly when Silkstone Church first had bells which rang out over the village. We do know that the original Norman church had a central tower which collapsed and was rebuilt in 1495 and it is possible that there may have been a bell or bells in the previous tower. It is also possible that the earliest Saxon church may have had a single bell to call villagers to service. But we do know that the bells which now ring out over Silkstone have been performing this service for many hundreds of years.

There are 6 bells in Silkstone church tower hung for change ringing. This is a truly English way of ringing bells, quite different from the bell ringing found in Europe where you may have heard the carillons of the Low Countries playing tunes or the atmospheric but unstructured echoes of bells in Rome and other European cities.

Change ringing, as it is called, has spread to English speaking countries, Australia, New Zealand, parts of the USA and Africa but is primarily found in England, with some, but much less frequently in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Not all change ringing is centred in the church, Manchester Town Hall houses a splendid secular ring of 12 bells.

You will have heard a superb example of change ringing on the 12 bells of Westminster Abbey as Kate and William were driven away from their wedding.

In Silkstone the bells have rung for many weddings, those of you reading this may well have been one of the couples who have left the church to their sound. Sunday services, funerals and special events both local and national are also marked by ringing and in the past bells were used as a warning of invasion or danger.

Silkstone bells have been fulfilling these functions for a very long time. The oldest bell, the tenor (or heaviest) was cast sometime between 1510 and 1525. The newest bells are the 2 lightest ones and these were both cast in 1718 so even our youngest ones are nearly 300 years old.

Inevitably with bells that have been ringing for so many hundreds of years repairs have to be made. Only 5 of the 6 bells are now in a fit state to be rung and these will not remain usable unless urgent repairs are done. We are currently ringing the 5 remaining bells for weddings only, all other ringing has ceased while we raise funds for the repairs.

We have collecting boxes in the church, the Ring O Bells and Broad Close Farm Shop if anyone would like to help in keeping this very ancient tradition alive in the village.

Contact Carolyn Charlesworth at carolyncharlesworth@talktalk.net for more information.

Connections between buses and trains at Silkstone Common

Stagecoach has advised that travelling from Silkstone to Huddersfield generally works well. Buses arrive in Silkstone Common at 07 and 37 with a train departing at 11 minutes past. From Huddersfield to Silkstone is not as efficient. Trains arrive at 49 and buses depart at 19 and 49.

There are some variations at peak times with buses and trains, but the above reflects the typical connection. If the buses between Silkstone Common to Silkstone are delayed it disrupts the 10 minute frequency from Dodworth to Barnsley. Even if the whole timetable is moved by 2 minutes it makes the 'to Huddersfield' connection too tight with buses arriving at 09 for a train at 11.

Stagecoach have also looked at Dodworth connections which are better. From Huddersfield trains arrive at 52 and buses depart from Silkstone at 27 and 57.

The answer would appear to be for people to connect at Silkstone Common when heading towards Huddersfield and connect at Dodworth when heading back to Silkstone.



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Capturing family history

Dave Cherry, gave a special evening on Monday 17th Oct at the Station Inn using old cine films, videos and photos that he has transferred to DVD to bring back memories of the old Barnsley Market.

Dave has been interested in cine films and home movies since the 1960's. He never thought that the films he was taking then would create such an interest today. After retiring two years ago he used his audio experience in song writing and electronic work with computers to develop skills in for transferring old cine films, videos and photos to DVDs.

He tries to capture special moments of family history before it is too late. Many people and organisations have old cine films, videos and photos that are in danger of being lost. To restore these moments in time of social and family history Dave developed skills in transferring old cine films, videos and photos to DVD's so that these 'time capsules' can be preserved for future generations. As a result of his skill in this area he was asked to do work for the new film and sound archive that will be a central part of the new museum in Barnsley **Experience Barnsley** which will be situated on the ground floor in the town hall and opens in July 2012.

Dave now runs a business copying films of social historical importance as well as private transfers of home cine films and DVD's, to preserve them for the future. The work is very intensive and time consuming but Dave enjoys the pleasure it brings to people.

If you have any old cine films, videos or that you'd like preserving on DVD you can contact Dave at **DAVE-JA-VIEW**, 4 Beacon Close, Silkstone Common, BARNSELY, S75 4PY or by email on davecherry1205@gmail.com, Tel 01226 872594 or mobile 07766920159



War Memorial & Land under new management

The Silkstone War Memorial and surrounding land is now under the management of Silkstone Parish Council. This follows the successful negotiation of a 125 year lease of the land to the Parish Council from Barnsley MBC. The Parish Council have started improvement works to the area with a new york stone frontage to the memorial and ramp access onto the congregation area.

Over the next year or so it is hoped to upgrade the tarmac surface and install new seating as well as improving the grassed area.

If you notice any problems with the memorial or surrounding area please contact the Parish Clerk on 01226-391343 or silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk

Parish Council Meetings for 2011/2012

All meetings are on Mondays in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and include a public question time at 6.45pm for 15 minutes. If you would like to attend a Council meeting but do not have transport, please contact the Parish Clerk who will arrange transport.

Date	Meeting
05 Dec 11	PC
09-Jan-12	PC
06-Feb-12	PC
05-Mar-12	PC
02-Apr-12	PC
16-Apr-12	APM
14-May-12	Annual Council Meeting
11-Jun-12	PC
02-Jul-12	PC
03-Sep-12	PC
01-Oct-12	PC
12-Nov-12	PC
03-Dec-12	PC

The Statutory Annual Parishioners' Meeting (APM) was held in Silkstone Common in 2011 and so will be held at Silkstone in the Sports Pavilion in 2012.

Allotment Land Needed

Silkstone Parish Council now has 18 people on the waiting list for an allotment in the Parish. The Council has only one allotment site in Silkstone with 10 plots and the turnover of tenants is very slow. Anyone on the list can expect to wait a number of years before a plot is available.

The Parish Council have tried to procure additional allotment land in the Parish over a number of years but every attempt has failed. Barnsley MBC agreed to offer the Parish allotment land in Silkstone Common but the only land they could offer was on a slope or subject to flooding which is obviously unsuitable for allotment use. Letters were sent to every land owner in the Parish but no positive responses were received. The land surrounding the Mission rooms was considered but then the building and land was sold. The Parish Council contacted land registry to find out the owner of a group of vacant allotment gardens on South Yorkshire Buildings but that came to nothing.

The Parish Council are running out of ideas. If anyone reading this article is aware of any land which is suitable for allotment use please do contact the Clerk on 01226-391343 or e-mail silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk to discuss.

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Chairman's Letter - Winter 2011

MUGA

After many years of fundraising and patient persistence, the young people of the parish can be very proud of the Multi-Use Games Area now available on Silkstone recreation ground. It was their idea and their tenacity that enabled this project to reach completion. Now I hope they enjoy using it, keeping it tidy and generally looking after their asset.

War Memorial

The first phase of the work on the war memorial site is now complete. The step has been repaired and there is now disabled access to the memorial along with drop kerbs to the congregation area from the pavement. The War memorial site is now the full responsibility of the Parish Council as a result of negotiating a lease with Barnsley MBC. This should help the Parish Council access funds to do more work on the site such as relaying the tarmac and adding extra seating.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to everyone who attended the service this year. The turnout for the service was excellent. There was noticeably more younger people this year, probably because of the publicity given to international events and an increased awareness of the real price of freedom.

Crime/AntiSocial Behavior

The parish doesn't suffer from a great deal of crime and anti-social behavior but it still manifests itself at certain times and places. Dog fouling is still a problem and there is continuing vandalism in the woods next to Silkstone Recreation ground. Everyone can help reduce these problems by reporting them to the Parish Council or to Penistone SNT on 736387.

Localism

It seems the power of parish councils to support the Big Society through the Localism Bill is being realized by more MP's and ministers. Grant Shapps MP is the latest to "issue a rallying cry to parish councils to safeguard struggling shops and pubs for the benefit of local people". Parish councils will gain more powers next year so it is nice to see the message finally getting through.

Olympics 2012

Anybody interested? The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympics Games (LOCOG) wants to engage with parish and town councils in developing community well-being through the celebration of the Games.

They are proposing two major streams of work for this. One is:

A local leadership initiative

The ability for parish and town councils to be able to purchase official Olympic products and services for their communities.

Why do I feel there will not be a rush for this? Anyway, if anyone is interested please let us know.

Finally

It's that time of year when the sun keeps shining and snow starts falling. Have a very merry Christmas and an even better New year!

Derek Liddell

A Winter Constellation

Orion is one of the most famous and easiest to recognise constellations in the night sky. It is particularly good to observe in the winter months.

Orion is depicted to be hunting Taurus, the bull, assisted by his hunting dogs. One of them, Canis Major, includes for the brightest star in the sky, Sirius, look left and down to find it.

Two of the brightest stars in the evening sky lie at opposite corners of the rectangle: red Betelgeuse at the top left and Rigel at the bottom right.

Orion's Belt is a line of three very prominent stars. Below this other stars form a sword hanging from the belt.

One of these stars is actually a nebula (a cloud of gas and dust with stars forming inside it). You will see it is a bit fuzzy compared to the other stars in the sword.

The Myth

According to the Ancient Greeks Orion was one of the greatest hunters the world has ever seen. There are various versions of his story. In the most common, he was the son of the sea-god Poseidon and Queen Euryale of the Amazons. He inherited his mother's hunting talent and became an excellent hunter. Unfortunately, his ego was his undoing. In response to his boast that he could kill any animal in the world, he was killed by a scorpion.

The Bible

The constellation Orion is referred to three times in The Bible: Job 9:9; Job 38:31; and Amos 5:8.



Exciting news of the archaeological survey of the waggonway

Hopefully by the time you receive your newsletter the preparation for the archaeological survey of the waggonway will be underway. Archive training took place on the 11th of November, archaeology training on the 12th and the start of the archaeological survey on the 29th.

The survey is being carried out by ArcHeritage under a grant provided to Roggins Local History Group by EPIP (East Peak Innovation Partnership) with guidance from EPIP Officer Archaeologist Tegwen Roberts.

ArcHeritage is an archaeology consultancy of York and Sheffield. The purpose is to survey the waggonway from start (Husker Pit) to finish (Barnby Canal Basin) to determine the state of the stone structures (1 aqueduct, 4 bridges, 1 culvert, 1 tunnel, 1 embankment) and the extent of the remaining stone sleeper blocks.

All land-owners should have received information and requests for permission to access their land, and the public should be aware that people with survey equipment and clipboards are engaged in this archaeological survey.

There are no plans at the moment to dig holes; if this is felt necessary further permissions will be requested. We hope to publish the results sometime during 2012. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with Jim Ritchie 790695 or Colin Bower 790416, email colin@i-online.co.uk.

Silkstone Reflects Project

The Silkstone Reflects project is bringing new heritage study facilities into the parish to be located in the church in the form of the Bramah Gallery. Windows and monument conservation is all going ahead and updates on progress will be displayed in the church to keep people informed.

The project is keen to involve our schools, since teaching and study materials will be prepared specifically for them, and they are to be asked to take part shortly.

Everyone is invited to visit to see the work in progress, please keep looking at the church notice board for updates. Every two months the Heritage Silkstone Group meets and is a must for any of you interested in local history. Please contact Colin or Jim contact details as above if you would like to come to the next meeting or to be added to the email list.

Colin Bower



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Diane's Celebrity Interview with Kathryn Smith

Music Teacher at Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School and this year's winner of the Classic FM Primary School Music Teacher award

For those of you who don't know one of our schools has a music teacher who is so talented that she has won the Classic FM Primary School Music Teacher of the Year Award! This is wonderful news not just for Kathryn but for all her pupils past and present who have benefited and who will benefit in the future from Kathryn's teaching skills. In a previous newsletter Kathryn shared with us the day she and her pupils went to Birmingham for the National Youth Music Festival. It was a very enthusiastic and caring piece and I knew from simply reading this that Kathryn had both a love of music and inspiring young children to do the same.

Kathryn has been teaching at Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School for seven years. She has a lifelong passion for music and comes from a family of musicians. Her grandpa taught her to play the violin when she was nine. Unfortunately for Kathryn this was a long process as her grandpa lived so far away. Eventually she had lessons at school with her sister who is now a professional viola player. Kathryn's mum also taught her to play the piano. As well as her love for music Kathryn always wanted to be a primary school teacher. After completing her "A" levels her parents encouraged her to do a B.A Hons in music as opposed to a teaching degree, in case she changed her mind on her career choice. But three years later after getting her degree Kathryn was still committed to being a teacher. She completed another year of study to gain her P.G.C.E and then started a life of teaching primary school children. She loves her job and the job satisfaction she says she gets from teaching children is the reason why she is such an excellent teacher. She described to me the feeling she gets from helping children to develop and gain self esteem. She enjoys both the classroom and extra-curricular music she does with them.

Kathryn found out that she had been nominated for the Classic FM Award on the day the school broke up for October half term. Two parents from pupils in the School's orchestra told her that they had nominated her. She was very flattered that they thought so highly of her to do this but she never thought that she would win! Only days later she got a phone call from Classic FM saying that she had won, she was stunned and so pleased! Kathryn received her award at the Royal Albert Hall and before the presentation she met the Classic FM team to be interviewed and photographed. Have a look at the Classic Fm internet site to see the

photos when they are posted. Kathryn says she did not enjoy this bit as she is camera shy. That evening the concert started at 7pm and Kathryn and her family had a box and were treated like royalty, it was a fabulous evening; the music was superb and was performed by some very talented school children. It was in the second half of the concert that Kathryn had to go on the stage to be given her award by the Rt Hon Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education and Margherita Taylor the host of Smooth Classics on Classic FM. The Royal Albert Hall was packed with people and Kathryn says the memory of this evening will stay with her forever. I asked Kathryn what she wore for such a special occasion. She said that she went shopping but could not find anything suitable. She was worried as she had very little time to shop but luckily for her a friend came to the rescue and loaned her a lovely black evening gown.

Kathryn is still reeling from the shock of receiving the award; these last few days have passed in a whirl wind. She would like to thank her family for their support particularly her two lovely daughters. She would also like to thank all the staff at the school, the parents and the children for all their support and congratulatory cards. Let's all add our congratulations too and say well done Kathryn we are all very proud of you.

Diane Brown

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Christmas Memories

No matter where you live or how old you are, Christmas memories from your childhood have a special glow about them. Perhaps you remember a longed-for gift you finally received, or gave to someone special. Christmas ornaments and decorations, the songs you play and sing, and even when you open your presents all form lasting memories and traditions. Christmas is a special time and below are some Christmas memories from regular contributors to the Parish Newsletter.

1. From Karen Canadine, Silkstone Parish Clerk. Karen is married and has two boys both of whom will be very excited on Christmas Day. It won't be a peaceful day in the Canadine household!

"Mum & Dad always made Christmas feel really exciting and I loved the countdown to Christmas from early December with our nativity scene Advent Calendar. I remember Church at Christmas time decorated with Holly and the advent ring of candles lit each week during December. Perhaps most memorable were my nerves just before the Sunday school nativity play! Father Christmas always delivered our toys into an empty pillowcase that my brother and I left at the end of our beds. I never managed to stay awake long enough to see him but the excitement of finding presents at the end of my bed was great. Mum & Dad would be woken with shouts of "He's been!!!!" very early in the morning. One year he got our presents mixed up which I discovered when my brother woke me up with an opened girlie present. We would run downstairs to see if he had eaten the mince pie and Rudolph had always had a good nibble of his carrot. I wonder now what my children will remember from their Christmas' when they are older. I hope that their memories will be as magical and happy as mine are."

2. From Terry Daniel, Founder of the Good Companions and the first honorary freeman of Silkstone Parish Council.

"The Good Companions organisation was founded in 1961 and the first meeting was on the 6th December and Christmas was drawing close. At this stage no funds had been raised and therefore we had very little money to spend on celebrations. However we did manage to celebrate Christmas on the 20th December, records were played, carols were sung and some members recited poems. This was followed by mince pies and Christmas cake. At the end of our first year, Christmas was entirely different, we had now managed to raise funds and a Christmas dinner was provided for members. Our helpers cooking everything except the turkey which was cooked by the

local bakery. Entertainment was provided along with festive activities. This was the theme for every Christmas until three years ago when doing our own cooking became more difficult for various reasons but members didn't miss out, because they have visited Cawthorne Farm Restaurant for Christmas lunch for the past two years. This year we are going to Silkstone Lodge for our 50th anniversary celebration on the December 7th. Christmas entertainment now takes place at a separate meeting and this year as in the previous two years we will be entertained by the award winning Silkstone Common School Orchestra. This will be followed by Christmas cake and mince pies. For fifty years members have appreciated being able to share a part of Christmas with friends. This is something which we are all proud of and hope to continue"

3. From Diane Brown- Newsletter Editor

"I love Christmas and it's always been a magical time for me. I am very lucky to have a wonderful family and my Mum and Dad always made Christmas a special time for me and my younger sisters. We always had a party Christmas Eve but we had to go to bed when told or Father Christmas would not come. It was so exciting and sure enough when I awoke Father Christmas had been and there was a big sack of



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presents at the bottom of my bed. My sisters and I would eat a selection box and feel too full of chocolate to eat our breakfast. It was a happy time and the telly was always good! The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Specials were so very funny and the Wizard of Oz was always on the telly on Boxing Day. I was always frightened of the wicked witch and her awful green monkeys! These days I enjoy Christmas not because of presents although they are still nice to receive but being together with all those that I love. It's a lovely feeling after I have cooked lunch for my entire family to see everyone so happy. My Dad asleep in the chair with his party hat on askew and my Mum playing games with the grandchildren. Everyone relaxing, enjoying a glass of wine and the company of each other, perfect, I would not want it any other way."

4. From Kathryn Smith- Music Teacher at Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School and this year's winner of the Classic FM Music Teacher of the Year Award.

"Christmas for me is a celebratory time with my two teenage daughters. Enjoying a relaxed time at home with them is what always makes me smile and brings joy to my heart!"

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Wonderfully Made 2011

This was a well supported event and WM 2012 is booked in with the church already. The accounts are not yet completed but overall the event was even more successful than last year. Pennine Artists would like to thank everyone who was involved and are delighted to report that around £2,500-£3,000 will be donated to the church.

Rachel Poole

Brain teaser answers

The first set is the answer because it has all three different sizes of symbols. All of the sets in the puzzle group have three symbol sizes: big, medium and small.



Politically correct terms for cat owners

My cat does not break things, he helps gravity do its job.

My cat is not a ruthless hunter, he is a wildlife control expert.

My cat is not underfoot, he is shepherding me to my next destination (which should always be the food dish).



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 0776 644 2081 or 01226 790669

Stuart O' Connor on 01226 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, 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

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

Sunday Services at 10-30am (Second Sunday in the month at 10-15am at Dodworth Methodist Church)

Sale of "Fairtrade" produce and light lunches bi-monthly on 3rd Saturday of the month. Please see notice board outside the church for details.

Contact for Methodist Church bookings Tel: 01226 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

Adds 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

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Children

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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

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 £10 including refreshments, except on some special occasions.

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: December 2011 to January 2012

Month & Date	Time	Location	Outline
December 2 nd	19	Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel	The arrival of Father Christmas, Refreshments and Carols with Cawthorne Band.
December 3 rd	11:00	Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel	Christmas Craft Fair with refreshments
December 4 th	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 11 th	16:00	Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel	Village Carol Service
December 13 th	19:15	Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel	Silkstone Common Ladies Choir Christmas Concert
December 13 th	evening	Station Inn	CARE Christmas faith supper: bring a bit of something to eat and enjoy a get-together
December 13 th	18:00	Silkstone Church	Christingle Service
December 15 th	20:00	Strafford Arms	Carol Singing by Church Music Group
December 17 th	18:00	Rose and Crown	Carol Singing by Church Music Group
December 18 th	19:30	Silkstone Lodge	Old Silkstone Band Christmas Concert with guests the Southy Green Music Theatre Group
December 24 th	21:30	Silkstone Church	Crib Service
January 1 st	18:30	Silkstone Church	Carol service

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.

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