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Our visit to the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 14th November 2012

At 6.00 am on Wednesday 14th November our extremely excited school orchestra met at school to board the coaches that were taking them to London to perform in the Schools' Prom in the Royal Albert Hall!

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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to your parish newsletter for the winter of 2012. We hope that you enjoy reading it; we had an excellent response to the autumn newsletter particularly the article on the Bonny Bunch. The loss of this pub is still felt keenly by many of you and I enjoyed the emails you sent me with your memories. I received a fascinating email from Margaret Moran whose family the Tattershalls both built and owned the pub. She remembers visiting her mother's family at the pub as a small child in the 1960's and has memorabilia from this time which she has inherited. I have passed Margaret's email to our local history group, I am sure that they will be interested in taking this further. If anyone would like to contact Margaret she has kindly said that you can email her on jmoransmdva@btinternet.com.

I also received lovely feedback on the article about Tony and June Fieldsend,

their efforts in keeping Cone Lane tidy are much appreciated and I have been asked to say another thank you and please keep up the good work. In my article I likened Tony to Bill Bryson, I recently read a Bill Bryson article which said that litter is such a problem in Britain that we should all set an example and start litter picking in our areas. So Tony has set the trend so let's join him and keep our villages tidy.

Our Local Celebrity in this edition is Andy Horsfield, many of you will know Andy and his family as they are Silkstone born and bred. Andy has a keen interest in local history and sport; he has an incredible collection of old photographs and post cards of Silkstone and has promised he will provide some interesting historic articles for future editions.

Trudy Ritchie from the C.A.R.E Group contacted me to include a thank you

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So what is Christmas all about?

Christmas is an important occasion in the year because it's a time when we get together with family and friends. The celebration of Christmas is the most popular religious based public festival in the world and we start preparing for it months in advance. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ, although no-one knows the day when he was actually born. The practice of celebrating the 25th day of December as Christ's birthday originates from the 4th century and the choice of this particular day was influenced by pagan festivals held at that time. During the 6th century, the tradition of the twelve day holy festival was established, starting on the Christmas Day and ending on the morning of the Epiphany(6th of January). The popularity of Christmas grew until the Reformation, a time of widespread religious upheaval that caused many Christians to stop celebrating Christmas because it included so many pagan customs. Christmas festivities didn't become that important again until the 19th century, when Charles Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol and St Nicholas was

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message for Colin Bower. Colin has recently resigned from the group as his Heritage Silkstone work is taking up so much of his time. The C.A.R.E Group will miss him and wish him all the best for the future.

I must also congratulate Julie and Mark who celebrate 20 years of being at the Station Pub in December, well done; it's unusual in this financial climate to have such long standing licensees. I hope that you have a fantastic celebration and here's to the next 20 years!

It's that time of the year and Christmas is looming around the corner, I must admit to groaning inwardly when I first saw the Christmas decorations in the shops. It does seem to come round quicker each year, this Christmas will be a special one for my family as my Dad is well on the road to recovery and will be celebrating Christmas with us. Thank you to everyone who has kindly sent me their good wishes and special thanks to the congregation at the church for praying for him.

I hope you all have a good Christmas and please look at the events page so that you don't miss any of the festive treats on offer.

Best wishes

Diane

Information needed for a local steam enthusiast

Roger Green from Silkstone Common is a keen local steam railway enthusiast. His latest model railway project is to build a model railway based on the Silkstone Common Railway Station at the turn of the 19th Century. Roger's layout will cover the area from the crossroads and the railway bridge over Cone Lane to Black Horse Farm and will show the Waggonway with the steam engines which powered the wagons up the slopes on both sides of the hill. Roger is making a plea for old drawings and photographs of this area of the village, particularly where the old station building is. Also any drawings of the Station Inn and the Bonny Bunch. Roger intends that the lay out when completed will be portable so that it can be displayed. If you can help Roger if you could contact the editor Diane Brown or email Roger direct on m.green@btinternet.com

Congratulations to Silkstone Common J&I School

On Nov 25th the Sunday Times reviewed school performance over a three year period from 2009 to 2011. **Silkstone Common J&I School ranked 41st out of the top 300 State Primary Schools in the UK.**

Well done to the children, staff and parents who have worked so hard to achieve this fantastic result.

Silkstone CARE Group – Thank you Colin!

At a recent meeting of the CARE Group (which carries out environment improvement in the two villages, planting bulbs, hedges, trees and litter picking etc.) the long serving Chairman, Colin Bower, resigned to enable him to concentrate on new work in Silkstone.

The CARE Group members (and we are sure many other villagers who have appreciated the transformation of our natural environment by CARE and Silkstone in Bloom over the years) would all like to express their thanks and appreciation for the work he has done.

His insight, vision and understanding has led to many, many successful projects which have been long lasting and continue to this day thanks to regular maintenance by CARE members. Colin is particularly interested in wild birds and many of the nest boxes you see in our local woods are there because of his dedication.

Colin continues to be a member of the CARE Group and new members are welcome to come along. All it takes is just two hours on a Saturday morning once a month (or even less) to make a big difference and keep the villages as you like to see them. (For details ring Trudy Ritchie on 01226 792218)

If ever there was a candidate to be nominated for an award for Service to the Community, it must surely be Colin and he still continues with his support work as the Chairman and inspiration of the Heritage Silkstone Group based in the new mezzanine heritage resource in Silkstone Church.

Thank you Colin.

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Silkstone Parish Council Forward Plan 2013-2014

Since the Parish Council had such a low response rate to the Parish Poll on the back of the newsletter; they are not able to move forward with a new Parish Plan.

In order to be pro-active however the Parish Council must have an action plan and since the Parish Plan action plan is now out of date the Council have produced a Forward Plan for 2013 - 2014 which outlines their objectives.

If you have any ideas for improvements to the Parish in Silkstone or Silkstone Common please contact the Clerk so that your ideas can be presented to Parish Council and maybe included in the Forward Plan.

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Christmas Number 1's

We all remember waiting to see what the Christmas Number I will be – how good is your memory ?

Which year were these No 1?

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| West Life | I have a Dream |
| Mud | Lonely this Christmas |
| Rolf Harris | Two Little Boys |
| The Beatles | I want to hold your hand |
| Johnny Mathis | When a Child is born |
| Harry Belafonte | Mary's Boy Child |
| Band Aid (Original) | Do they know it's Christmas |
| St Winifred's School Choir | There's no one quite like Grandma |
| Cliff Richard | Mistletoe and Wine |
| Leona Lewis | A moment like this |

& your Bonus question is:

Which group had a Christmas number 1 hit for three consecutive years in the 1990's.

Answers on page 8

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Celebrity Interview with Andy Horsfield

Andy Horsfield and his wife Jane are both "Silkstoners" born and bred and they celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary this year. Many of you will know Andy and Jane as they are actively involved in the community so I hope that you will enjoy this article and from it get to know them a little better. Andy was born in Barnsley General and came home to Silkstone and has never lived anywhere else! His first home as a child was in Pack Horse Green though he moved about within Silkstone firstly to Pack Horse Green, then Highfield Cottages, Manor Park and back to Highfield Cottages where he lived with his Dad who sadly died in 1992. Andy's passion is local social history; he has a huge catalogue of old photographs and post cards. Andy showed me some of them and I was surprised to see seaside type cards saying greetings from Silkstone. Apparently at the start of the 20th century it was customary for people to send postcards to each other just to say I am here safe or see you next week. It was of course before the general use of telephones so this was the usual method of communication. It was also fascinating to read the narratives on the post cards one dated 1905 with a picture of the old vicarage on said arrived safe, scenery wonderful with lots of coal mines! The post cards are also surprisingly stamped with a Silkstone post mark. Andy is always adding to his local history collection and it includes recent photographs which he has taken of old buildings being demolished or refurbished. Any changes to the locality he likes to document so that there is something to remember of how it used to look. He does not have many photographs from the 60's and 70's when photograph development was comparatively expensive, so if any of you have any please contact him. They may be family photographs but have local scenery in the background, they would all be useful. I am going to look through my photographs as I know somewhere that I have some which may be of interest.

Andy has been involved with Silkstone United Football Club since it was set up in 1987, he helped set it up and he became the secretary of the club in 1992. There are two football teams, the open age team for the younger end and in which Andy's son Tom plays and the over 35's team made up of the more ancient footballers! Tony Hughes is the manager of the over 35's and he was the builder who helped turn our wreck of a house into a beautiful home. He almost moved in with us because so much needed doing and most Monday mornings he was always struggling with the injuries he had sustained playing football on the previous Saturday. Andy has been very wise and gave up playing whilst at the peak of his physical prowess! Andy is a member of the Management Committee of the Sports Pavilion and helped set it up after the problems in the 1990's. Andy's nickname is "Statto" because of his local punditry and knowledge of football statistics. In 2000 to celebrate 150 years of sport and the opening of the new pavilion Andy had a book published,

History of Silkstone Cricket and Football Club. It's fascinating that one man knows so many facts and figures about the dates and detail of so much local sport. Jane and Andy are also involved in the Rock on the Rec and were part of the small band of people who started the event seven years ago. Whatever you may think of this event it has raised a lot of money for local causes, the proceeds pay to run two football teams and any monies left over are given to local good causes such as the Scouts. Its hard work to organise such an event and its success can depend on the weather. The better the weather the better the event and hence more money raised. Andy is also the treasurer for the local history Roggins group, he spends a lot of time helping with the activities of the group but cannot spend as much time as he would like due to work commitments, he hopes to do more when he eventually retires but with things as they are that might be some time away yet! Andy is also involved with the Huskar Descendants,



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he is related to one of the unfortunate victims of the disaster, Sarah Newton, Sarah was the daughter of his great, great grandmother Anne Newton who married twice, first to a Mr. Newton and then later to a Horsfield when she remarried. I should imagine that it makes such a tragedy more poignant when it involves your own family. Andy's current research topic is the First World War due to his interest in the life of his grandfather Percy Horsfield. He showed me a photograph of Percy resplendent in his gunner uniform complete with spurs, the thing I noticed the most though was Percy's face, he had such a handsome and modern face, if it were not such an obviously old photo I would have thought it an image of today and not of a bygone era. Andy is also researching the history of the names on the War Memorial, each name belonged to a man who had a family and friends and lived a life though sadly a short one. He has already published a booklet about Horace Bramall who was killed when his ship was sunk by a German U boat in 1914. On each Remembrance Sunday the names on the memorial are read out in the ceremony of remembrance and it would be interesting to find out more about these men. I have asked Andy if he would write some local history articles for the newsletter and he has agreed. Andy has got together a book of photocopies of some of his photo collection which he put in the church during the Wonderfully Made Craft Fair. If you missed it I am sure that Andy would let you see it if you contact him on his email address.

I mentioned earlier in the article that Jane and Andy had recently celebrated their Silver Wedding and for you romantics out there this is their story. Andy and Jane have known each other all their lives and went to the same schools. They were not in the same year at school and were just nodding acquaintances. All this changed after a chance conversation in a taxi queue in Barnsley after a night out. Jane's friend was feeling sick and Andy kindly let them in the queue before him so that Jane could get her friend home quicker. They started courting in 1985 and were married in



Andy "Statto" Horsfield

1987 by Reverend Derek Birch at Silkstone Church. Andy showed me a photo of their wedding day and they looked very happy and Jane looked lovely in her bridal gown. Derek Jepson the local chimney sweep unexpectedly turned up to wish the happy couple a happy marriage and 25 years later they remain happily married. The reception was at Silkstone Working Men's Club which is now the Lodge. Jane's dad was on the Committee and her mum worked there. Jane's dad Denis Sanders was one of the founders of the club in the current building and his is one of the names etched on the walls in the club, sadly Denis died this year. The wedding reception was arranged by Jane's parents. It was a really good do and was a bit of a free for all because so many turned up who had not been officially invited! There was no honeymoon as Andy was playing football on the Saturday, instead they returned to their first marital home in South Yorkshire Buildings. I don't know if any of you can remember but there was once a shop in South Yorkshire Buildings which was run for many years by Jane's Auntie Eunice. Jane and Andy have two children Amy who was born in 1991 and Tom 1993, they moved to Towngate in Silkstone in 1992 where they have lived ever since.

As this newsletter will be delivered before Christmas I asked Andy and Jane for any Christmas memories of Silkstone. In their first years of marriage they remember happy times in the houses of older people, everyone seemed to be having parties and asking you in for celebratory drinks. These memories are tinged with sadness as many of these people are no longer with us. Jane in particular remembers Boxing Day which was a ladies day; all the women would get together for a drink and a chat. I should imagine they deserved it after their hard work of the previous day making sure that their families had a good Christmas Day. Silkstone Band would be playing and it was always a happy and memorable time.

I should like to thank Jane and Andy for making me welcome in their home and to thank Andy for the interview. I should like to wish Andy and his family all the best for Christmas and I look forward to hearing more about his local history research.

Diane

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For further information on Silkstone Community Centre contact Linda Jackson on 07956 110161



Football in your Community

Silkstone Junior Football Club Formed 2003

We are a Charter Standard Club affiliated to the Local Football Association (Sheffield and Hallamshire FA)

The Junior Football Club operates a Club Constitution. Members of the committee consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and the Child Welfare Officer

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Christmas lights on the church

You're probably aware that we're planning to install new Christmas lights on the tower (funded by the parish council and individual donations) so we decided to have a Celebration of Christmas on Wed 12th December from 7.30pm.

The evening will include music from Old Silkstone Band and All Saints singing group, carol singing, Christmas readings and will conclude with the switching on of the new lights.

We'll be serving festive refreshments, including mulled wine and mince pies. Entrance is £3 but there's no charge for children under 15.

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Christmas at All Saints, Silkstone

Christmas is a special time, especially in the life of the Church. Why not join us at some of our Christmas Celebrations.

- Wednesday 12th December - Christmas Music with Old Silkstone Band at 7.30pm. A selection of music associated with Christmas by our village band.
- Wednesday 19th December - Christingle Service at 6-30pm. Always an enjoyable service, normally ends with children standing in pews rocking to Slade's "Merry Christmas".
- Thursday 20th December - Silkstone School Carol Service at 1.00pm. Join the school children as they celebrate Christmas with traditional Carols and music.
- Thursday 20th December - Carol Singing - 8.00pm. Carols at "The Strafford Arms", Stainborough. Join the music group and singers in traditional carols by a blazing log fire, and enjoy a drink.
- Sunday 23rd December - Carol Service at 6.30pm. Join us at your Parish Church for a Traditional Carol Service with readings.
- Sunday 24th December - Crib Service at 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Join us, with the young people of the villages, for a service around the crib, telling the story of the birth of Baby Jesus.
- Sunday 24th December - Midnight Mass - starting at 11.30pm. Join us for the first Eucharistic service of Christmas Day.
- Monday 25th December - Sung Eucharist - 10.45am. Spend a little time on Christmas morning at our Eucharistic service

Whatever you join us for, we hope that you have an enjoyable and blessed Christmas

Revd Maureen Browell
Claud Bills

Silkstone Primary school PTA upcoming events

Silkstone PTA will be holding their Christmas Fayre at the school on Friday 7 December at 6pm to 7.45pm. There will be an excellent array of stalls and tombolas including bottles and chocolate. Refreshments and entertainment available too.

Also planned is a quiz night for adults on Saturday 2 February from 7.30pm providing pie and peas and licensed bar. It is a great fun evening and is held in the school hall. Tickets are available from the school office from January.

The PTA will also be planning further events in 2013 such as a race night in March and Summer Fayre in June.

ALL WELCOME!

Chairman's letter

It's hard to believe that it's three months since the last newsletter. Then I suggested more community involvement and since we've had a successful CARE litter pick and a couple of great community firework displays. Let us all try and keep the community spirit going through the Festive season.

I think the most re-occurring article in the newsletter that I can remember is about dog fouling on the Recreation Ground. Again this must be commented on. A couple of weeks ago I was talking to the Manager of Silkstone Under 9's football team; he says it takes him 30 minutes before each game to check the football pitch and remove dog waste left by irresponsible owners. One man has been seen regularly, he takes his three dogs up onto the football pitch to exercise them and does not clear up after them. As a dog owner myself, I fail to comprehend why you wouldn't pick up any waste.

BMBC is aware of the problem we have within the Parish and one day this man will be caught and fined.

On a more positive note, 2012 has been a great year with fabulous memories, who'll ever forget The Queen parachuting out of a plane to open the Olympics.

Can I give my thanks to everyone who has helped within the parish this year, the many volunteers who run the sports teams and clubs, and also all the members of CARE and Silkstone in Bloom who make our two villages beautiful places to live. Your Parish councillors work hard on your behalf so

thank you to them. We have too many more volunteers to thank personally but you do make a great difference to the Parish. If you have any skill or talent or some free time think about helping one of the parish groups, there's something for everyone and it's great fun and rewarding.

I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Richard Leech

SKILLS REGISTER

Are you a building surveyor, architect, computer expert, tree surgeon, planner or of any profession that may be of help to the Parish Council?

The idea is to create a Skills Register of individuals in the Parish who would be willing to assist the Parish Council with expert advice for free.

At the moment the assistance of a solicitor and a building surveyor would be very useful.

If the answer is Yes and you would like to help your community please contact the Parish Clerk on 01226-391343 or silkstoneclerk@ymail.com

Answers to Christmas Number 1's on page 3

West Life	I have a Dream	1999
Mud	Lonely this Christmas	1974
Rolf Harris	Two Little Boys	1969
The Beatles	I want to hold your hand	1963
Johnny Mathis	When a Child is born	1976
Harry Belafonte	Mary's Boy Child	1957
Band Aid (Original)	Do they know it's Christmas	1984
St Winifred's School Choir	There's no one quite like Grandma	1980
Cliff Richard	Mistletoe and Wine	1988
Leona Lewis	A moment like this	2006

Bonus question:

The Spice Girls had number 1 hits in 1996, 1997 & 1998

1996 2 Become 1

1997 Too much

1998 Goodbye

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transformed into Father Christmas, changing the spirit of Christmas into what we recognise today. Dickens book had an extremely powerful influence on undermining opposition to Christmas. Dickens used Scrooge to symbolise the idea that those who don't celebrate Christmas are uncharitable and mean spirited. Central to the Dickens Christmas celebration was a lavish family dinner. In Dickens's day the meat of choice on Christmas Day was a goose but these days we usually have turkey. Hence the old rhyme that many of you will have heard of,

*Christmas is coming, the goose are getting fat
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Thurs night is pool night new players required for the winter league.

Coming soon: Sunday night quiz plus play your cards right.

We take many of our Christmas rituals for granted for example the Christmas tree. Bringing an evergreen tree into the house was a long standing German tradition made popular here after the German Prince Albert married Queen Victoria. The tradition of gifts seems to have started with the gifts brought to Jesus by the three wise men but the Santa Claus story is a recent invention and has only happened in the last 100 years or so. Christmas cards were introduced in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole, an English businessman and patron of art, who printed 1,000 cards and sold them as a means to simplify the sending of Christmas greetings. Many of us decorate our front doors with a wreath, the Christmas wreath symbolises the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter. It is formed in a circle to signify eternity and usually hung on the front door to encourage happiness and good fortune in the New Year. Other traditions at Christmas include the use of mistletoe and holly, mistletoe is a symbol of peace and joy and in ancient Britain, the Druids regarded it as sacred. The unholy and pagan associations with mistletoe and let's not forget the kissing, caused the church to ban its use and substitute holly instead. The needle like leaf points represented the crown of thorns Jesus wore when crucified and the red berries symbolise the blood he shed.

There are numerous traditions associated with Christmas and each of you will have your own family traditions and rituals whether it's what time to open your presents, have your lunch or watch the Queen's speech. Our Christmas Day timings is dependent on my sister's working pattern at the Northern General Hospital. As soon as she can she joins us, her family are already at my house waiting patiently for the festivities to begin. It's a lovely day and nice for our parents to see all the family together. Next Christmas Mum and Dad will be great grandparents so we will have an extra little person at the table next year! Christmas is a time for families and it can also be a sad time for those who have lost loved ones. We always have a toast and a remembrance for those sadly who are no longer with us but live on in our hearts and minds.

Silkstone Parish Council wishes you all the happiest of Christmas's and New Years and we leave you with a little Christmas poem whose sentiments echo the festive feelings.

*Christmas is full of shiny things
That sparkle, gleam and glow;
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,
And yet, deep down, we know..
That Christmas has its special gifts,
But our year-round joy depends On the cherished people in our
lives,
Our family and our friends.*

Diane

Heritage Silkstone

The conservation programme - the east window is currently nearing completion in Joe Burton's workshops in York. The Bretton Monument is now completed.

The Silkstone Reflects project has hit the news in a national church tourism DVD

The Waggonway Archaeology survey for Roggins has been reported in the journal Northern Archaeology Today (See order form for CD copy of report below). It also featured in the South Yorkshire Archaeology Meet at the Showroom Cinema in November. The lead archaeologist and speaker at the report launch Marcus Abbott hit the national news recently for his work on Stonehenge, finding many previously unknown carvings using photogrammetry and laser scanning technology (see section on Training).

We are making progress in other church theme histories: Tales from the Tombs, Gargoyles, Roof Bosses (the boss above is at the west end of the nave), the Rood Screen, Pews, St James Quire are all well under way and some completed. We are now beyond one-third of the way through the project and this report is preparing for the next stage.

Bramah Gallery openings

The Gallery will be open on the 24th November during the Church Bazaar. December openings will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4th / 5th and 11th / 12th and Saturday 8th Dec. We are grateful for recent offers of help with manning the church and would welcome more volunteers.

Silkstone Reflects funded by HLF


The project includes Conservation, Community involvement and Learning. To achieve our aims in the last of these we search our local history under theme headings, and have already collected extensive information; of course it will never be complete, since there will always be **additional** info coming to light.

The process for each theme starts with close examination of the artefacts, for example rood screen, roof bosses, tombs, pews.

The next steps involve searching for published accounts and then original sources in the form of documents in archives, often using digital photography, sometimes consulting experts for their knowledge and considered opinions, and finally assembling the information into accounts of the history of that aspect of the church. The transcribing of information from original documents to create a computer record is an important part. We now have several people who have experience and, might I say, some expertise, and we can provide gentle training. The important resource provided by Heritage Lottery Fund is money, so taking part in this will cost you nothing.





Damp proof membrane being fitted in the base of the monument.



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We would like to boost the numbers of volunteers and welcome new helpers during the winter season. Perhaps something on the targets listed below might attract your attention. Please contact me or Don Sisson if something interests you using the contact details below.

Where we are and what we need to do.

We are behind in the programme in some themes however parts of others have been completed in advance of the timetable. To allow us to catch up work is required on the following:-

- An account of the chancel restoration;
- A guide to our information , the databank and printed materials, etc;
- digitisation of church records (means photography of records brought from archives to church),
- A brief for caring for the conserved church treasures, with guidance from the restorers;
- PowerPoints and Screen Shows on completed themes, where appropriate;
- Add sound to PowerPoints;
- Pews and Chancel: design a pull-up banner: prepare text and images;
- Tales from the Tombs: thematic guided tour leaflets for visitors;
- The Rood Screen: Design a large museum-style display panel
- A publicity leaflet;
- Teaching materials for schools;
- Begin putting together a pictorial Church Guide based on the work done so far.

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The next big projects are:

- Silkstone Mother Church, the wider ancient parish of Silkstone. the Vicars and vicarages;
- The Royal Coat of Arms;
- The Tower and Bells;
- The Wentworth Monument and the Life of a Cavalier;
- Gervais Cutler;
- Abigail Pilmey, glass-maker and the potters of Silkstone;
- Joseph Bramah.

I have not mentioned opportunities for archaeology, photogrammetry (see below), and drama, which are planned but fall outside the timetabled programme.

Training opportunities.

Photogrammetry involves taking many digital photographs of an object e.g. waggonway stones, or in church the Wentworth Monument, from every angle, and using software to create 3-d images. Such images can be used to enhance a website to attract visitors, help learners to understand workings, or keep a record of how things change over time. Training in this technology will be available during the first 2 weeks in December.

Colin, 01226 790416

colin@i-online.co.uk

15 Woodland Rise, Silkstone Common, S75 4RP

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Ticket bookings Dave O'Connor 01226 790669
0776 6442081 or email oconnordavid@sky.com

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Our visit to the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 14th November 2012

Silkstone Common J&I school orchestra

At 6.00 am on Wednesday 14th November our extremely excited school orchestra met at school to board the coaches that were taking them to London to perform in the Schools' Prom in the Royal Albert Hall!



How did this come about?

Back in February 2012 we played in the Music for Youth Regional Festival in Huddersfield. Music for Youth offers young people the opportunity to perform live in music festivals across the UK, celebrating the breadth of music-making by young people both in and out of school. The MFY season is designed to inspire musicians at every level of experience, in a supportive environment. When the orchestra performed in Huddersfield it was given a very positive feedback from the adjudicators.

Later on in the year, due to the children's high standard of playing, the orchestra was invited to perform in the MFY National Festival which was being held in Birmingham.

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We set off early one morning in July for another wonderful day of music-making. The children again played brilliantly and the adjudicators' comments about how we had performed were excellent. The opening comment from them was 'WOW!' and was followed with some very positive feedback saying that we were, amongst other things; 'immaculately presented, had precise intonation, sensitive phrasing, all the tools that musicians 10 years older than you haven't quite mastered yet, we were bowled over, you exceeded all expectations musically'. **We won the special outstanding performance award for our playing for the second year in a row!**

Music for Youth encourages a festival atmosphere at all its events. There are however stages of progression within the season between the Regional Festival Series, National Festivals and Schools Prom, through a carefully considered selection process. Typically, in any one year, 1900 groups (c. 75,000 young musicians) take part in the Regional Festival series, with up to 400 groups then being invited to perform at the National Festivals in Birmingham and Scotland, and a final 40 groups in the annual Schools' Prom Concerts at London's Royal Albert Hall. With this in mind, you will understand how totally thrilled I was when I heard from MFY in late August that we had been chosen from thousands of children to be part in the 2012 Schools' Prom. What an honour to have been asked!

Ten weeks later, after many rehearsals, we were finally on our way to the Royal Albert Hall! Three coaches left Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School in the early hours. The atmosphere on the coaches (two of which were filled with family and friends of the performers) was full of excitement, apprehension, happiness and pride!

After a few hours of travelling we stopped at Watford Gap Services for a break and it was here that I was telephoned by Radio Sheffield to give a live phone interview with Toby Foster, much to the amusement of our children and the public walking past. Having chatted to Toby about our success as an orchestra, we then continued on the final leg of our journey.

At 11.20 am we arrived opposite one of the most prestigious music venues in the world, the Royal Albert Hall. The children's eyes nearly popped out of their heads at the sight of its grandeur and vastness! After a quick group photo it was time to go in and register our group.

On arrival we were shown to our dressing room (the first time we'd ever had one of those!) Here we were told to tune ready for the collaboration rehearsal that we were going to have with three other groups to practise a piece commissioned by MFY that was written especially for young players who are at the beginning of their musical journey. Tuned and ready, the children then had half an hour to eat their lunch before the rehearsal, whilst I went off to a production meeting.

On my return, at 1.00 pm, we met up with the other schools involved in the collaboration piece and worked hard for an hour. The piece called Jigsaw Jam came together well and

everyone felt comfortable about the evening performance. It was time then to grab some fresh air, so we left the building and the children had a run around in front of the Albert Memorial. Freshly energised, it was soon time for our sound and lighting checks and for our first steps onto the actual stage. The excitement was immense! After another hour of playing whilst all the technical checks were being made, the orchestra could finally put the instruments away and meet up with their own families for a bite to eat and chat about the day so far.

At 5.45 pm the children returned to the stage door in order to change and tune ready for the evening's performance. After a quick interview in our dressing room with Classic FM the concert started. The atmosphere was electric and we couldn't wait to get out onto the stage to perform!

Finally at 7.38 pm it was our turn. We played two pieces written by a composer called Helen Butterworth, who was in the audience, followed by the collaboration pieces. What an amazing experience it was, to stand on that stage and perform to a 6,000 strong audience. It was a truly magical occasion and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us all! The children played exceptionally well and I was so very proud of each and every one of them.

We enjoyed listening to the varied programme in the 2nd half of the concert, which finished with a rousing rendition of



Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March no.2 played by the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra.

Balloons and fireworks then marked the end of what was the best musical experience any of us had ever had!

At 10.30 pm, with instruments in hand, we waved goodbye to London and arrived back at school at 2.30 am. What a tremendously brilliant day!

Kathryn Smith

Local Organisations

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 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 01226 790240

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30.

Secretary: Derek Richards Te: 01226 287226

Web site www.mgmvc.co.uk

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

Visit also our website www.wros.talktalk.net

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

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

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

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

Contact The Rev Maureen Browell 01226 492294

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.

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United Football Club

Contact: Andy Horsfield 791929

Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 9's Manager Steve Fletcher 07990 805694

16's Kevin Grimshaw 07973 918716

17's Shane Jackson 01226 390769

Please phone the relevant manager for details.

Silkstone Junior Football Coaching

Silkstone Junior Football Coaching meet at the SHOOT 5 indoor football pitches in Silkstone Common every Sunday between 10:00am and 11:00am. The session is for 5-7 year olds (Years 1 and 2) and costs £2.50.

Roy Savage (07903147083) and Mike Horsfield (07584072585)

Silkstone United Cricket Club

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Tuesday's 6 - 8 pm for U15, U17, Adults

The Junior Cricket Club: sponsored by The Co-operative Funeralcare,

Contacts:

The Chilli Lodge U11's Kevin Taylor: 07771 940 733

The Potting Shed Bistro U13's Owen Dyson: 07950 267 678

U15's Stephen Chambers 07932 954 519 (Club Secretary)

Barnsley Timber Merchant U17's Darron Walker: 07887 518 980

Website: www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club: now bowling at Shaw Lane

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. Gift packs available.

Contact: Trevor on 07783 291955 or visit the website www.barnsleybsacdivers.co.uk

Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team

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999 in the event of an emergency, if a crime is on-going or if there is danger to life.

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

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

Hadrian's Drystone Walling

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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

Tuesday Club

A social afternoon held 2pm to 4pm weekly in Silkstone Common Methodist Church. Learn new skills and share your skills with others. Bring your knitting, sewing, crochet etc. or just bring yourself along for a relaxing afternoon and maybe make some new friends. We will be pleased to see you. Admission £1.00 including refreshments.

Contact Sue on 01226 791394

Children

Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

Ofsted registered setting offering Full Day Care, Sessional Care and Holiday Club for children age 2 – 7 years. Open from 7.30 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday for 50 weeks of the year. Please phone for further details.

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

Visit us at www.silkstonepreschool.btck.co.uk

Edward Bear Baby & Toddler Group

The playgroup meets at the Methodist Church, Silkstone Common on Monday & Wednesday Mornings 10am to 11.30am £2 per parent/carer includes refreshments children free. Under 4's and their parents/carers welcome

Contact: Emma 790551

29th Barnsley (Silkstone) Scout Group:

Beaver Scouts: Boys and Girls, 6-8 yrs, 18:00-19:15 Wednesdays

Cub Scouts: Boys and Girls, 8-10.5 yrs, 18:30-20:00 Tuesdays

Scouts: Boys and Girls, 10.5-14 yrs 19:30 to 21:00 Mondays

Explorer Scouts: Boys and Girls, 14-18 yrs 20:00 to 22:00 Thursdays

For general enquiries regarding Scout issues please contact Adam Pearson: Group Scout Leader on 07561312050

For all member enquiries or to place your child's name on a waiting list please email: Lisa_denton@hotmail.co.uk

Childminders

For details of registered childminders please ring Families Information Service on: 0800 0345 340.

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 : <http://www.priorycampus.co.uk/rlhg/roggins.php>

Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695

e-mail ritchietj@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

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

<http://www.silkstonereflects.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

Events: October to December 2012

Date	Time	Location	Outline
1st December	10.a.m	Station Inn Car Park	CARE group: meet for litter picking and bulb planting
7th December	18:00-19:45	Silkstone Primary School	Christmas Fayre: stalls and tombolas including bottles and chocolate. Refreshments and entertainment
11th December	19:15	Methodist Church	Ladies Choir Christmas concert
12th December	19:30	Silkstone Church	Christmas Music with Old Silkstone Band
14th December	19:15	Methodist Church	W.I. Christmas Craft Evening with sherry & mince pies
19th December	18:30	Silkstone Church	Christingle Service
20th December	13:00	Silkstone Church	Silkstone School Carol Service at 1.00pm.
20th December	20:00	The Strafford Arms", Stainborough	Carol Singing
23rd December	15:00	Silkstone Church	Crib Service
24th December	15:00 & 17:00	Silkstone Church	Crib Service
24 December	23:30	Silkstone Church	Christmas Midnight Mass
25th December	10:45	Silkstone Church	Sung Eucharist
2nd February	19:30	Silkstone Primary School	Quiz night for adults with pie and peas, m January

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 391343 or silkstoneclerk@ymail.com 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.

Newsletter publication dates

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.

There may be reasons outside our control which cause this to vary, but we expect that to be the exception rather than the rule.

Articles and events cut-off date for the next issue is 8 pm

Friday 8th March 2013