

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

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Hello, nearly Spring!

The dark rainy and snowy days are nearly behind us. Although I am seeing lots of lovely Snow Drops and new shoots throughout the Parish; thanks for sending the photo Tracey (page 2) and capturing this.

Keep thinking to yourselves, nearly Spring!

This issue of our Roundup includes our now regular brain teaser from Mick, a warning about the dreaded Asian Hornet from Steve, Home Security advice from Janice, impressive data from the CARE group from Susan, scents we remember from our Holidays, and historical information about the famous Police Houses in Silkstone and Silkstone Common from Andy.

Also, great news about the 2024 Summer Fayre from Lesley, Parish Council Chair. *(Continued on page 2)*

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My 'What's On' information has needed to be slimmed down. I hope you all have an opportunity to look at what Barnsley has to offer in the next months.

I am looking forward to a new quarterly article starting in June from Matt, about Gardening and Garden Design.

If you have something you would like to contribute to the Roundup or have some photos from within the Parish you would like to share, please send them to me.

Thank you.

Enjoy the Roundup, and let me know what you think.

Take care

Sue Williams

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Silkstone Pre-School Easter Activities

We are running a holiday club during the Easter holidays. This is for Primary as well as Pre-school children.

It runs from:

**25th to 28th of March 8 am to 4pm and
2nd to 5th of April 8am to 4pm**

We do lots of fun activities Easter/ Spring crafts, baking, walks in the village, Easter egg hunts and egg and spoon races.

If people would like to have their children attend they can contact us by email

silkstonepreschoolpg@gmail.com or on
01226 792294 for more information.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Silkstone
Pre-School**



Chair's Report

By the time you read this Christmas will be well and truly over. But before we put it in the past I must say that the people involved in organising the Warm Welcome pulled out all the stops before Christmas to ensure that residents in Silkstone and Silkstone Common had a Christmas Party that everyone enjoyed.



What is really good is that everyone, at the end, rolled up their sleeves to tidy up!



On a totally different subject, the Events Committee will soon be working hard as Silkstone Parish Council are holding another ***Summer Fayre***, after the great success of last year's Summer Fayre at Silkstone Common.

This time the Fayre will be held at Silkstone Recreation Ground (behind the Asda garage) **date for your diary – Saturday 15th June 2024**. We hope the weather is as good this year as last year!

If you would like to have a stall, (bringing your own gazebo) please let me know, what you wish to sell and how much space you require.

My email address is:

Lgillsilkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com

Lesley Gill

Chair – Silkstone Parish Council

Walking in Silkstone Parish – a Silkstone CARE group project

For those who don't know, CARE stands for Community Action in the Rural Environment. The CARE group is a team of local people who give their time across both villages keeping the area clean and tidy, planting bulbs, flowers, shrubs and trees, helping conserve nature. CARE is more than this though and we are currently working on a new project about promoting local walks and places of interest and we need your help so read on to find out more...

Silkstone Parish is truly blessed with some beautiful countryside. We have a lot of lovely walks within the parish and lots of interesting things to see along our footpaths. Lots of people already enjoy the walks but helping others enjoy the scenery, history and nature found in the parish is something the CARE group is keen to include in its work. Part of this project is to create a new Silkstone Parish boundary walk similar to those around Thurgoland, Oxspring and other local parishes.

Besides the new boundary walk, this project should help facilitate enjoyment of our beautiful countryside and encourage us to all be a little more healthy.

This fits with a number of Barnsley MBC goals and is also something that schools and community groups might wish to help with or be involved.

So far, CARE has mapped out a boundary walk with step-by-step instructions. We have compiled a list of existing documented walks around the parish so as to preserve the good work of others. We are working towards a plan to make these and other useful resources online and available in paper form at key places in the parish and encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of what is already on our doorstep.

In the next few months, what we want to do and what we would like some help with is...

- Make a list of all the points of interest in the parish. These might be in any form, natural, historical, industrial etc. For example there are many remnants of industry in the area that are near walks that have an interesting history. The aim is to allow anyone enjoying a walk on the path to find a little more.
- Put simple low key way markers around the parish boundary walk (and possibly other parish walks). These would like similar to those marking other local boundary walks,
- Produce leaflets and maps in paper and online that tell everyone about the walks and points of interest. Make these available in cafe's, pubs and businesses in the parish. Involve groups and volunteers in the community in the project

If you want to do the walk before the markers are in place, the boundary walk

map can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/SP-Boundary-Walk-Map> alongside directions from either Silkstone or Silkstone Common at <http://tinyurl.com/SP-Boundary-Walk>.

The email address to get in contact is silkstoneparishwalks@gmail.com

Steve Jones
CARE Group Volunteer

Old Silkstone Band Update

We would like to start by saying we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, even though it seems like such a long time ago now. Our Silkstone Common and Village walkarounds were very enjoyable for us as always, it is so nice to see so many of you come out to talk to us, saying 'Hello' and requesting your favourite Christmas Carol. We also had a fantastic Christmas Concert at the Church and again it was so nice for you all to come along and see us.

After the Christmas period is over, and we get back to rehearsals, we are into the contest season. We take part in a contest in Huddersfield Town Hall, where we compete against all the other bands in our section, and depending on the result, this will then

determine which section we will be in the next year of the banding cycle.

We have been working hard and we have had several old friends of the band return to play with us. We also have welcomed back Norman Law to conduct the band. Norman conducted the band back in the year 2000 and took us through our most successful period, taking us from 2nd section to the Championship section in less than five years, with many accolades along the way. It is wonderful to have him back.

Our Summer diary is starting to fill up with many concerts and contests – keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more details.



We would like to thank you all for your support as always and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Danni
Secretary – Old Silkstone Band

Silkstone Warm Welcome

Warm welcome, warm drinks, warm friendship

April 2nd, 16th, 30th

May 14th, 28th

June 11th, 25th

July 9th, 23rd

10.00am -12.30pm

Huskar Community Rooms

Join us for drinks, biscuits, and a chat. For more information contact: Richard 07966

466507, Julia 07941 527250 or Alan 07870 191873

Help and Support from Age UK Barnsley

Age UK Barnsley provides services, support and help for older people who may be isolated, lonely or find it difficult getting around. You can contact Age UK Barnsley on 01226 776820 or via email on enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk. Their services include the Penistone Ageing Well Together Social Inclusion Project; Affordable Shopping; Handyperson; Gardening; Information and Advice; and day services in the Elizabeth Activity and Care Centre.

Please contact Age UK Barnsley to discuss your needs or concerns in confidence. You can also refer someone who may be unsure about reaching out, just make sure you have their permission to do so.

Age UK Barnsley Social Inclusion Officers join the Warm Welcome Coffee/Tea

Mornings at the **Huskar Rooms, Silkstone** whenever they can. Age UK Barnsley have already been able to provide help directly to people who have attended the **Warm Welcome** mornings.

Some other areas of Social Inclusion support include collecting shopping or prescriptions; dropping in for a drink and a chat; helping with simple tasks around the home; and accompanying someone who is not confident going out on their own.

Please contact **Age UK Barnsley** if you require any further information about the services they provide or need a little extra help.

***James Higginbottom
Communications Manager
Age UK Barnsley***

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Asian Hornet - a real threat to our natural environment.

Vespa velutina, the yellow legged hornet, commonly known as the Asian hornet, is native to Asia and was confirmed for the first time in Lot-et-Garonne in the South West of France in 2004. It was thought to have been imported in a consignment of pottery from China and it quickly established and spread to many regions of France. As of December 2022, Asian hornet is established in Spain, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Jersey. The hornet preys on a wide range of insects including honeybees, *Apis mellifera* and disrupts the ecological role they provide. It has also altered the biodiversity in regions of France where it is present and can be a health risk to those who have allergies to hornet or wasp stings.

In 2016, the Asian hornet was discovered in the UK for the first time, in Tetbury. After 10 days of intensive searching, the nest was found and later destroyed. In subsequent years there have been further sightings with action taken to find and destroy nests. As of January 2023, genetic analysis has shown that there is no evidence for an established population of Asian hornets in the UK and all hornets found have been likely to be from the European population rather than a new incursion from Asia.

Appearance and biology of the Asian hornet

The Asian hornet is smaller than our native hornet, with adult workers measuring from 25mm in length and queens measuring 30mm. The abdomen is mostly black except for the fourth abdominal segment which has a yellow band. It has characteristically yellow legs which accounts for why it is often called the yellow legged hornet and its face is orange with two brownish red compound eyes.



Spring

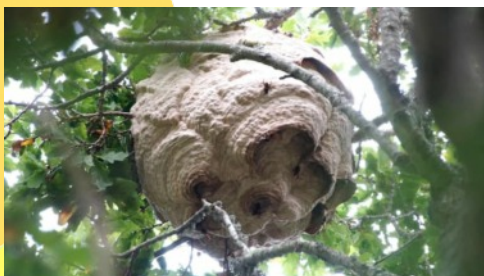
After hibernation in spring, the queen, usually measuring up to 3 cm, will emerge and seek out an appropriate sugary food source in order to build up energy to commence building a small embryonic nest. During construction of the nest, she is alone and vulnerable, but she will rapidly begin laying eggs to produce the future workforce. As the colony and nest size increases, a larger nest is either established around the embryonic nest or they relocate and build elsewhere.

Summer

During the summer, a single colony, on average, produces 6000 individuals in one season. From July onwards, Asian hornet predation on honeybee colonies will begin and increase until the end of November and hornets can be seen hovering outside a hive entrance, waiting for returning foragers. This is the characteristic “hawking” behaviour. When they catch a returning bee, they will take it away and feed off of the protein rich thorax; the brood requires animal proteins which are transformed into flesh pellets and then offered to the larvae.

Autumn

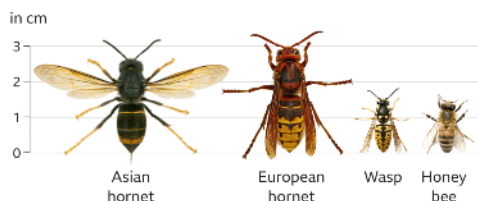
During autumn, the nest's priorities shift from foraging and nest expansion to producing on average 350 potential gynes (queens) and male hornets for mating, however, of these potential queens, only a small amount will successfully mate and make it through winter. After the mating period, the newly fertilised queens will leave the nest and find somewhere suitable to over-winter, while the old queen will die, leaving the nest to dwindle and die off. The following spring, the founding queen will begin building her new colony and the process begins again.



In light of the Asian hornet finding in the UK in September 2016, it is imperative that you make sure you know how to recognise and can distinguish them from our native hornet, *Vespa crabro* – a very helpful poster is available to help you:

Visit <https://www.nonnativespecies.org> to find out more

Where to report sightings



Source: Animal & Plant Health Agency, Getty Images

ABC

If you think you have seen an Asian hornet, please notify the Great British Non Native Species Secretariat (NNSS) immediately. In the first instance sightings should be reported through the free Asian Hornet Watch App, available for Android and iPhone. If you are unsure please contact the Barnsley Bee Keeping Association for help. Please do not attempt to destroy a nest yourself as the hornets could attack and sting en masse if they are threatened.

Steven Bacon

Reporting a sighting

Asian hornet sightings should be reported with a photo using one of the following:

‘Asian Hornet Watch’ app for iPhone and Android

<https://irecord.org.uk/enter-non-native-records>

by email: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk.

Cutler Cafe

All Saints Church, Silkstone, has started to hold the Cutler Cafe on the last Saturday of every month between 10 am to 12 noon.

Heritage Silkstone held the first one in January 2024 and it was a great success!

The cafe is named in honour of Sir Gervase and Lady Magdalen Cutler who are buried in St. James's chapel. The Cutlers were possibly the most eminent couple who have ever lived in Silkstone Parish. Lady Magdalen was a direct descendent of Henry VII and her husband a prominent supporter of Charles I.

The group serve filter coffee, a selection of teas, homemade cakes and Canon Hall farm shop currant teacakes with home-made jam in the Chancel of our ancient parish church. As well as selling tempting drinks and cake there is a wealth of information in Silkstone church concerning the rich history of the parish.

Everyone is very welcome to enjoy sampling our food and drink, meet up with family and friends and to discovering more about village history.

Jane Raistrick

All Saints Church Warden

The Cutler Cafe just before opening Jan 2024





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CARE Looking Back : Looking Forward

In Numbers

Our CARE volunteers continue to be very active in both villages. We had a great 2023 and this year is set to be another busy one. We thought we would provide our update using numbers, we hope you find it interesting.

Looking Back at 2023

Starting with the most amazing statistic - our volunteers carried out over **1000** volunteer hours during 2022/23.

We worked extensively in Orchard Wood in Silkstone Common - **8** new steps constructed, **1** handrail installed, **134** metres of wooden footpath edging, held in place with **140** wooden stakes, ready to hold **36** tons of road shavings (which all had to be moved from where it was dropped by the delivery truck).

Ready for spring we planted over **500** bulbs and we planted on **360** plug plants bringing them on ready for summer bedding. Plus we planted a further **100** mature bedding plants.

We held 4 fundraising events, 2022 Christmas Fayre **£63**, Car Boot Sale **£154**, 2023 Summer Fayre **£330** and 2023 Christmas Fayre **£144** - thank you to

residents who supported our efforts and joined in our games.

Plus our usual regular work sessions and litter picking. Sounds exhausting but all great fun made possible by a relatively small number of volunteers from across both villages.

Looking Forward to 2024

We have been hugely successful with a number of grants, getting us into a great shape to tackle some additional larger projects this year.

We still have funds remaining to complete the footpath in Orchard Wood.

We have received **£700** from Penistone Ward Alliance, this is specifically to refresh the garden area on the right hand side, at the bottom of the hill near the Church in Silkstone. We will be putting down weed matting and refreshing the stones. We want this area to be really impressive as you drive into Silkstone.

We have received **£600** in grants for work on Silkstone Station. This will help finance new planting, bark etc. We will continue to work with the Men in Sheds team and may acquire a further planter.

You may recall that watering plants last year was a challenge, it was for us too. We want to move away from relying on bedding plants for **summer colour** and aim to introduce

more sustainable planting across both villages. We want the balance to be a mix between colourful bedding with flowering shrubs. We were successful in receiving a grant of **£1000** towards new plants for this project. This is a great start for us and we hope that you enjoy the result.

The above together with a huge grant of **£1680** from the Co-op Community Fund (this is a mix of a grant and local shoppers selecting CARE as their preferred Community Group), we are in good shape to have a very positive impact on our villages.

We will be purchasing some new equipment and new high-viz vests - please do stop for a chat when you see our volunteers out and about, it really does mean a lot when we get feedback from local residents.

And of course, you are very welcome to join us, please contact us if you are interested in contributing to our work.

Susan Dunwell
CARE Group Chair

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susanwareham@talktalk.net

Visit a Bird Reserve?

It's easy to get stuck in hibernation made over the winter, but as the days get longer, why not get out and about on a RSPB nature reserve? Spot sea birds returning to the cliffs, say good bye to winter geese and wading birds, and look out for Great Crested Grebes doing their incredible mating dance. Dearne Valley Old Moor is our nearest RSPB reserve, but there are over 170 that you can visit right across the UK. Don't miss out on the events and guided walks coming up at our reserve or simply warm up with a coffee and cake, and enjoy the view.

Contact Dearne Valley – Old Moor
old.moor@rspb.org.uk

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courtesy of the RSPB



Long tailed tit

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A narrow body of water between islands (5)	
Without sound or noise (6)	
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Small, ring-shaped curls of hair (8)	
Putting something back on an inventory (9)	
Moving smoothly and quietly like a snake (10)	
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Silkstone & Silkstone Common

Police Houses Of The Past

Silkstone's first policeman arrived in the village to begin his duties on 1st January 1857. His name was Joseph Stead who had been sworn into the newly formed West Riding Constabulary in December 1856.

Prior to the formation of an organised police force, law and order in rural areas such as Silkstone was administered by the village or parish constable, a person appointed annually by the local judiciary. He had many administrative duties in addition to being responsible for the village stocks and the village lock-up (prison cell), and was expected to punish poachers, drunks, vagabonds, beggars etc. It was also his duty to deliver to Court in Barnsley, any person detained in the village lock-up awaiting trial.

The lock-up was located in Silkstone's first police house – part of Beckside Cottage (near The Ring O' Bells next to the Waggon Road). Built in 1751, this was originally three separate cottages, and the police house was in the house closest to the main road. The prison bars of the lock-up's outside window still exist in the cottage to this day.

Lock-ups generally became obsolete with the formation of the police forces and the construction of police stations with proper cells in the late 19th century. In 1891 the cottages were known as 'Police Row' and in 1901 PC James Morphet became the last

serving policeman to live there when it was known as 'Police Yard'. By 1902 the property was no longer used as the village police house.

In 1915, it was already being called 'The Old Police House' and by 1939 Police Row had been re-named Beckside Cottages. The photograph below was taken in 1983 and apart from the dormer windows it remained pretty much unchanged from the early 1900s.



When, after 150 years, the cottage in Police Row became obsolete, a new police house was needed. From 1902 onwards this was based in one of the four cottages next to the bakery on Ben Bank Road in Silkstone Common, which was then known as South Parade and South View. A sign reading 'West Riding Constabulary' was fixed above the front door to identify this cottage as being the Police House. PC EG Larmoth, in 1902, PC Spencer Hill from 1906 to 1920 and PC William Bell from 1920 to 1924 are

recorded as some of the village policemen who lived there. When PC Hill moved there in October 1906, he was photographed standing proudly outside the cottage.



South Parade / View was used as the police house from 1902 to sometime in the late 1920s / early 1930s. From at least 1933 until 1947 it was moved back to Silkstone when PC William Henry Smith lived in the bottom cottage of Eastfield View in Silkstone, which is opposite the modern day entrance to Towngate.

When Penistone Rural District Council built Viewlands in Silkstone Common in 1947, the West Riding Constabulary rented number 8 and for the next 15 years or so this became the new Police House. A police sign was placed on the front of the house, and the first policeman to occupy number 8 was PC Jim Hall who was the village policeman from 1947 to 1954. PC Les Barrell and his family moved there from Kippax in November 1954 and would

remain in the Viewlands until 1963. We don't have a photo of the police house, but the photo below shows the property in the late 1960s.



'Bobby' Barrell, as he was known to all in the village, and family moved into a brand new purpose built Police House at the bottom of Manor Park, Silkstone, in 1963. Similar houses were built in other villages including Stainborough, Cawthorne and Higham. A single storey office was attached to the two storey living accommodation for use by the police officer who would report to the police station at Dodworth.

The office didn't contain a cell and was equipped with a desk with two chairs and storage cupboards for documents etc. There was a separate toilet and sink. Outside a blue police sign on a pole stood in the front garden where it was visible from the main road.

The house was built at the time of the Cold War and the potential threat of nuclear attack was very real. Because of this, it was installed with a nuclear attack warning system and a re-purposed ex World War Two hand driven air raid siren which would have been sounded in the event of

imminent nuclear attack. The early warning system had to be regularly tested by the resident policeman.

The photograph below shows Les Barrell, off duty, with his family outside the front of the house in the mid to late sixties.



“Bobby” Barrell moved to 26 Manor Park in 1973, before retiring from the force in 1975. From 1973 the occupants of the police house were PC Edward Beever and his family who moved from Wilthorpe and lived there until January 1977. The photograph below was taken at the time they lived there and shows the police house as most people who were around at the time will remember it.

The police force agreed to sell the house in the late 1980s and the history of police houses / accommodation in Silkstone and Silkstone Common came to a close.

Beckside Cottage which served as the police house in the village for 150 years has been extended and redeveloped since the 1983 photo was taken but still survives as one of Silkstone’s oldest houses.



The cottage on Ben Bank Road has changed very little since being used as the police house except the fanlight above the front door has been bricked up and the cottage in Eastfield View has changed little since the 1930s. The houses at Viewlands were demolished in 1986 and later replaced by modern housing. The police house at the bottom of Manor Park has been extended and re-developed over the years and now bears little resemblance to the one in the 1970s photograph.

The names of many of the men who lived in these houses have emerged during research for this article and it is intended to share some of their stories in the future. There is much more to share than can be included in this article. If anyone would like any further information or can add anything please email me at

rogginshistorygroup@gmail.com or call in at Heritage Silkstone in the church on a Wednesday between 10.00 and 2.00pm

Andy Horsfield
Heritage Silkstone / Roggins Local History Society



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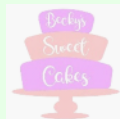
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Memories and Aromas

Have you ever considered the different scents you encounter when you are on holiday?

Mark was always travel obsessed, finding his enjoyment journeying from country to country, exploring cultures and talking to people, which he carries on to this day. After leaving school in the late 80's Mark never looked back, his travels taking him around the World, from Greek Barman in Crete, Soccer player in America and New Zealand, Backpacking around Australia and Asia.

Mark's extraordinary globetrotting adventures come with many a tale, like the time he woke up dazed on a secluded tropical beach (Frasier Island, Australia) the pleasant awakening sensation suddenly turning into horror as he looked up, to finding a pack of wild Dingo's licking the Salt between his toes as though it was some sort of 5-Star Michelin appetiser? In 2006 Mark embarked on another epic trip back to his beloved New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong but this time with his year old Son...what could be more relaxing than exploring with a Toddler!

These life changing adventures especially alongside his little partner in crime, provided the inspiration behind the AromaHoliday World of Scents brand you see today. Believing in the sense of smell being the most evocative of all the senses, to recreate moods, emotions and those special experiences. Holidays are times when we are most relaxed and stress-free, what better way to recreate those feelings than with a beautiful luxury scented home product.

Mark Jordan was determined to create gifts that '*evoked special memories for everyone*', 28 scents later and AromaHoliday is now a much-loved brand that enables travellers to bring back those favourite destinations into their homes.

Thank you Mark for sharing your experiences and obvious love of travelling. Visit Mark at AromaHoliday, Pot House Hamlet, and share some of your travel memories with him.

Sue Williams
Editor

Addergram Solution : 12-Jan-24

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Small, ring-shaped curls of hair (8)	R	I	N	G	L	E	T	S			
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Recipe of the Month

Leek and Potato Soup

This can be made in so many ways: The basic recipe is Vegetarian or Vegan but you can add ham or bacon to it and use non-vegan stocks .

Ingredients

- 1 lb Potatoes
- 1 lb Leeks
- 1 litre of stock
- 1 tbsp Fresh Parsley (chopped)
- 1 tbsp Dijon Mustard
- Black pepper to taste
- Butter/Oil

Optional extras

- Celery (string removed and chopped)
- Onions (finely chopped)
- Garlic (peeled and chopped/smashed)
- Bacon (chopped and fried)
- Cooked Ham (chopped)

Garnish options

- Chopped chives
- Chopped fresh parsley

Method

1. Wash and peel the potatoes, cut into 1 inch/2 cm cubes. Place in a large saucepan.
2. Remove the outer leaves from the leeks, trim the tops, slice lengthways and plunge into cold water to remove any soil/grit from the open end.
3. Chop into 1 cm slices, fry in butter/oil for about 10 minutes until soft. and add to the pan.
4. Add the stock and any remaining ingredients (if using bacon chop and fry first, if ham chop it before adding).
5. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer until the potatoes are tender. Add pepper to taste.
6. If you wish to eat it immediately liquidise it (or use a potato masher to break up the potatoes.) Or wait until cool to liquidise/mash.

Alison Marsh



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What's on in Barnsley

2024's Barnsley town centre events

Whether you are into music, art, food, or heritage, there is something for you in Barnsley town centre in 2024. Get your diaries ready and save these dates:

- Flavours Food Festival – Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 May
- Barnsley Live – Saturday 8 June
- Barnsley's Big Weekend – Friday 12 to Sunday 14 July
- Barnsley Bright Nights – Friday 22 and Saturday 23 November
- Christmas Market – Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 December

The Lamproom Theatre

The Lamproom Theatre are celebrating their 25th Anniversary.



Happy Anniversary Lamproom!

Here are a selection of events happening at the Lamproom until the end of May. You can go on their mailing list if you ring them on 01226-200075 or go onto their website: barnsleylamproom.com

- 28-30 March **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** – daily performances 11:00, 15:00 and 19:00 – Easter Family Fun!

- 5-13 April **Arsenic and Old Lace** 'a timeless classic hit both on Broadway and in the West End' 19:30
- 19 & 20 April **One Night Stand with Musicals** – 'journey into the wonderful world of musicals...A night of pure unadulterated musical theatre magic'. 19:30 (matinee 20 April 14:30)
- 7 to 11 May **Priscilla Queen of the Desert** Musical about two drag queens and a transgender woman who travel the Australian outback making friends and influencing people as they go. 19:15 Music Theatre
- 30 May **High Jinx** Incredible music, magic, illusions and crazy circus thrills. Michael Jordan and supporting cast. 15:00
- 31 May **Simply Dylan** John O'Connell and band delivers a tribute to Bob Dylan. 19:30

Civic Theatre

Here are a selection of events taking place at the Civic Theatre in Barnsley. Give them a call for further information **01226-**

327000, or go on their website **barnsleycivic.co.uk**

- 18 March **Barnsley Wind Bands Spring Concert** - Music 18:30
- 24 March **Finding Chester** – Family 13:30-16:00
- 11 April **Clinton Baptiste: Roller Ghoster** – Comedy 19:30
- 12 April **The Jersey Beats**: Oh what a Nite! – Music 19:30
- 18 April **Austen's Women: Lady Susan** – Theatre 19:30

Spring 2024

- 5 May **The Tortoise and the Hare** – Family/Dance 15:00 & 17:00
- 18 May **An Audience with Arthur Smith** - Comedy 19:30
- 24-25 May Summer Soul Festival – Music 19:30
- 1 June **Happy Place** – Theatre 19:30

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Cannon Hall Farm

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- 23 March to 14 April **Spring Lambs at Cannon Hall Farm**
- 20 & 21 April **Falconry Weekend at Cannon Hall Farm**
- 12 May **Supporters Day: Hosted by Jules Hudson**

Sue Williams
Editor

Insect of the Issue

Hoverflies

There are around 280 species of hoverfly in the UK. Hoverflies are “true” flies, with just two wings. The adults are important pollinators feeding on nectar, while larvae include predators (around 40% of species eat aphids), plant feeders (herbivores) and recyclers (detritivores i.e. they eat dead plants/animals).

They are around May to September – though with global warming this may change. They range in size depending on the species from a few millimetres to 2cm.

Hoverflies get their name from their ability to hover in mid-air. Many hoverflies mimic wasps, honey-bees or bumble-bees with stripes, bands and markings of black and yellow. However, hoverflies do not bite or sting.

Hoverfly hovering behaviour is unlike that of hummingbirds since they do not feed in midair. Hovering in general may be a means of finding a food source; in addition, male hovering is often a territorial display seeking females, while female hovering serves to inspect ovipositing (egg-laying) sites.

Linda Marsh

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What's blocking Yorkshire pipes?

Did you know that 46% of blockages in Yorkshire are caused by wipes! Even flushable wipes block pipes! Yorkshire Water tell us that *'all wipes are unflushable, even biodegradable ones'*. The facts from Yorkshire Water are that if we all flushed just one wipe, there would be 5.7 million of them causing blockages in Yorkshire pipes.

Wipes contain plastic fibres that can build up in your pipes, eventually causing a nasty flood in your garden or even worse your home.

No one wants to see that mucky old wipe again, especially when it has spent some time down the sewers, but it can happen, unless we all make few simple changes and put a stop to blockages.

One of our readers in Silkstone Parish, shared that because one of her neighbours constantly flushed baby wipes down the toilet, the pipes were blocked and it drained towards her garden, it cost her £380 to be

sorted out by Yorkshire Water.

So a tip from Yorkshire Water is make some room in your bathroom for a bin, or ditch the wipes completely and use a flannel with cleanser – it is better for your pores and your pipes!

Yorkshire water state:

'We've committed £180 million to improve our storm overflows and are working with partners to look at how we do this....'

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so Bin it, don't block it!

Thanks

Sue Williams Editor



16 of the many species of Hoverfly

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Neighbourhood Watch

As I go to write this, I see from my earlier articles that crimes have taken place again in our Parish recently similar to before; males in masks, though this time entering a property with the intent to steal with the owners present. Shocking to say the least.

Thankfully crime overall is low in our Parish, but when something such as this happens, it sends shockwaves through our community. Yet I have seen there is still a reluctance to report some crimes that have happened. I can only repeat again that this is worth doing! Police resources are stretched, so they will focus deployment where there is the greatest need. So, no crimes reported, no attendance or increased Police presence in the area.

Reporting also helps build up intelligence that the Police can use to capture and help build evidence against perpetrators. The more crimes found proven against a person will lead to longer prison sentences, keeping our streets safer for longer.

Last year, I set up a Silkstone Parish Community Safety WhatsApp group. Only a handful of parishioners joined. For this to be truly successful, we need more to join as it relies wholly on the sharing of information.

I don't always see the village Facebook page updates quickly, so there can be a delay in getting information from there.



The more people we have in the group, the more information we will get, and it will be cascaded around our Parish quicker. I can also share with local Neighbourhood Watch groups and vice versa. Forewarned can be forearmed!

I know this network of communication works, so please consider joining by texting me on the number below your preferred name to be added to the group. None of your contact details will be shared with a third party.

Our local police repeatedly advise us to report anything suspicious. This link takes you to the different ways you can report a crime:

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/> or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or anonymously by online form.

Councillor Janice Wake
NHW Area Coordinator
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Parish Council Meeting dates for May-Aug 2024

PC meetings are advertised in both village notice boards and on the website. They are held on the first Monday in the month in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

Dates for the next five months are:

Date	Meeting
8 th Apr	PC
15 th Apr	Annual Parishoners
13 th May	Annual Council
3 rd Jun	PC
1 st July	PC

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councillors and MP

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MP

MP Miriam Cates

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Newsletter deadlines and dates

Articles, events and adverts

If you:

- have a news item for the next issue
- want to update details for your organisation,
- advertise or amend an existing advert

please email Sue on sue@8highstreet.co.uk

The deadline for the next newsletter is Monday 27th May 2024.

Our usual deadlines and distribution dates are below:

Deadline for articles	Distribution dates
Last week of February	Last week in March
Last week of May	Last week in June
First week of August	Last week in September
Last week of October	First week in December

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Parish Council website and Facebook page

www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/SilkstoneParishCouncil>

If you are a local society or business you can ask to be listed and described on the website with a link to your own website if you have one. You can find all publicly available documents on the website. If you do not have internet access and would like to view anything from our paper files please contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk is also the contact for the Facebook page

Silkstone Common Good Companions Lose Their Founder Member, Terry Daniels, at the Start of 2024

Members of Silkstone Common Good Companions were saddened to hear of the death of their founder member, Terry Daniels 89, in January 2024. Terry had been poorly for a while and was not able to make recent meetings but he still took an active interest in what the group were doing in his absence. Members will really miss both Terry and his wife Deanna, who is also not able to attend now because of illness.

Terry was the founder and Secretary of the group from its inception in December 1961 until he stepped down in 2021. Thankfully, he was able to join us in December 2021 when we celebrated 60 years of Good Companions with a party and a presentation. He was also awarded the first Honorary Freedom of the Parish of Silkstone in 2011 for his service to our group and the local community.

As a young man Terry worked for the welfare department of The West Riding of Yorkshire, and they tasked him with setting up the group in Silkstone as the church parishioners felt they needed something to combat loneliness for senior citizens. Terry was the driving force behind a long serving committee which helped run the group and along with his wife Deanna, arranged speakers, trips and entertainment for the members on a fortnightly basis in the rooms

behind the Methodist church in Silkstone Common.

At its height the group had 70 members but unfortunately numbers have now dwindled down to around only 18 regular attendees. Despite this the group still meet and enjoy activities fortnightly on a Wednesday from 2-4pm. In the Autumn session we were treated to a visit from the U3A Ukelele band, a very helpful and informative advice session on how to avoid being scammed, a chair exercise and games meeting, as well as a visit from members of Cawthorne band who entertained us with a selection of Christmas music and stories to get us in the mood for our superb Christmas lunch at The Station Inn. In the new year local musician, Kevin Kitchen, who was a brilliant entertainer, and as always members could not resist the urge to get up and dance! Future plans include a summer seaside trip, a talk by Penistone's Jim Morton who has walked the coast of mainland Britain to raise money for the Gurkhas, a horse race event and a visit from a Support Dogs' group.

Terry was a quiet, modest man who was a stalwart member of our club. We are unlikely to see the likes of such long-term dedication again. He volunteered and gave his time and expertise to help make sure that people in our community had

friendship and companionship as they got older.

We would love to have more new members to keep our club going for many years to come. If you know of a neighbour or have a relative who would benefit from joining us, please pass on our details or contact us (details at the end of the Newsletter).

Recently retired people, or anyone with a Wednesday afternoon to spare, will be most welcome to come along. It would be such a pity for all of Terry's hard work and devotion be wasted.

Thank you

Bev Almond.

Chair Silkstone Good Companions.

New Swaine WI

There's no WI in Silkstone/Silkstone Common, but there is one in Hoylandswaine. More in the next issue.

To find out what they are about you can contact them at
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Silkstone Cubs, Beavers, Scouts and Explorer Scout's experiences over the last 12 months

We are a thriving and popular Scouting group, who also focus on Community involvement, and are actively promoting female membership – Rob Flewitt the Group Lead Volunteer

Silkstone Beavers have taken part in various activities throughout last year in and around Silkstone and Silkstone Common.

Going on walks on TPT trails through village, helping do community activities by way of clean up beauty spots, participating at local events, Summer Fayre, Christingle, Remembrance day. Doing some fundraising for local charities (shoe box appeal).

Going camping during summer (in a thunder storm!) but soldiering on and enjoying experience at Silverwood campsite. All this whilst enjoying use of the Huskar Rooms for our Beaver sessions.

Denise Scott – Beavers Section Lead

Silkstone Sparrowhawk Cub pack has had an eclectic mix of activities over the past year. We celebrated the Chinese New Year, we visited Think Forensic, in Skelmanthorpe, where we all became budding forensic detectives for the evening. We hiked along the Waggon way in the dark and hiked to Penistone and ended up at the 'chippy' in the lighter months. We have cooked on fires and made dens at Silverwood.

We celebrated the King's Coronation by re-learning our promise and making crowns and bunting and flags.



Our end of term celebration was held at the Metrodome in Barnsley. We joined forces with the Scouts and everyone, parents and helpers included, had an amazing fun evening.

Since September 2023, we have had a games evening, had an evening of learning about disability awareness and a fabulous evening celebrating our Cubs hobbies and interests.

Remembrance Sunday is a very poignant occasion for Scout groups all around the world. I was very proud of all our Scout Group and our supporters for coming together in respect.

We were very happy that Canon Keith agreed to lead our group Christingle service. We had an educational, entertaining and enjoyable evening and it was lovely to see so many parents and supporters of the group there.

We have several Cubs who, in the next few months will be awarded their Chief Scout Silver award. Well done and congratulations on working so hard to achieve this.

I would also like to thank all our Cubs and Cub Supporters, you always manage to dip your arm into the recycling bin and bring us what we need!

Claire Flewitt – Cubs Section Lead

Silkstone Scouts meet at the Husker Rooms every Monday evening. Currently we have about 22 young people between the ages of 10 and 14 years attending on a regular basis.

We have a strong team of leaders and are helped by two young leaders who are continuing their Scouting journey with us as young adults. We aim to provide a varied range of activities with a focus on teamwork and learning new skills.

A flavour of what we have done over the last few months includes learning outdoor skills (tent pitching, campfire cooking, navigation). This culminated in Scouts planning and walking a 5 miles route to a local campsite before setting up camp and cooking their own food.

We have also represented the Scouts at the Remembrance Day service, completed crafting and cooking activities, and at Christmas we went ice skating and climbing at an indoor climbing wall.

Here's to the next 12 months!

Mark Crofts Scouts Section Lead
Rob Flewitt Group Lead Volunteer
Silkstone Scout Group

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I have been to South Korea!

My name is James
and I am an
**Explorer Scout
and a Young
Leader** at
Silkstone Scouts



and I have been to South Korea!

I applied to attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree in December 2021 and was invited to attend a selection weekend. I found out just before Christmas 2021 that I had been chosen to part of Unit 43, South Yorkshire. I was really excited about this - as it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of this Scouting event, which happens only every 4 years, each time hosted by a different country.

The World Scout Jamboree started in 1920 and in 2023 more than 43,000 Scouts, from 158 countries attended in South Korea, Saemangeum.

The adventure had been planned for years, but it did not go as planned. It wasn't easy: the weather played a major part in the experience. Before I went, there was a monsoon, which led to the campsite being flooded. While at camp, South Korea experienced temperatures in excess of 35c every day and this combination made conditions just right for insects to breed. Many Scouts and leaders were treated for heat related illnesses and bug bites! This was then followed by typhoon Khanun, which brought torrential rain and winds!

Spring 2024

The conditions on site were challenging; The site was flooded with serious drainage issues, I set my tent up on plastic pallets in water, the toilet and showers were not cleaned and had drainage issues. The bins were always full and overflowing, the drinking water supply was affected and food supplies to camp were limited. Access across the site was difficult as it was 8.8km²!

On site, I did have the opportunity to meet Scouts from across the world, trade memorabilia from their country, experience the opening ceremony and take part in one activity – air bag jumping.

After a few difficult days, the UK contingent decided to move us back to Seoul and continue our adventure there. I was disappointed to leave site, however conditions were very difficult.

In Seoul, we had the opportunity to experience Korean hospitality and culture. We had the opportunity to connect to local Korean people, who were friendly and kind to us. Korea generously hosted activities for Scouts; organising tickets for football and baseball games. We saw traditional Korean dance at a cultural centre, watched a dance party in Gwanghwamun square and even took part in Ceilidh dancing, hosted by a Scottish unit.

We visited a local town of Gunsan, the Gunsan Modern history museum, Jinpo Maritime Park, Coex aquarium and Coex Starfield mall. We also had the opportunity to visit the Demilitarized zone (DMZ), the border between South and North Korea.

We experienced all different types of wonderful Korean food. I visited Gyeongbokgung Palace, the Gangnam district, the Blue House, Sarang church, the National Museum of Korea. We went in the Namsan mountain cable car to the Seoul Tower and we even went to Caribbean Bay water-park!

Scouts were able to reunite for the WSJ closing ceremony, which took place at the Seoul World cup stadium. This was followed by an amazing K-Pop concert.

I really did have a memorable adventure. I made lots of friends from all around the world, experienced Korean culture and became much more resilient to life's challenges!

I have not been deterred from Scouting or adventure. I am planning my next journey for this summer; to complete the Explorer Belt Award - a 10-day expedition across Ireland with 50 hours of walking and completing challenges along the way. I'm really looking forward to this, as I am sharing the experience with my brother and our friend. Here is a link to my Facebook Jamboree journey:

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Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s

Meets every Monday at 12 o'clock in the The Station Inn, Silkstone Common. New members always welcome. Please call 01226 791670

Stainbrough Rotary are the local Rotary covering the Parish.

We meet every Thursday at The Fairway Hotel, Dodworth at 7.30 pm. For details contact the Club Secretary , Ian Whittle 01484 3153386 or stainboroughrotary@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Wake, Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator
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07540957639

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Currently closed for worship. Open for community use.
Contact for Hall bookings Elvin Athey tel 01226 791999

Tuesday Group

We meet in the Methodist Chapel, Ben Bank Road, Silkstone Common, every week on Tuesday 2 o'clock - 4.

Some of us enjoy doing crafts, such as sewing & knitting but others love to come for a cuppa, cake and a good old natter.

Everyone is welcome.

Please just turn up or you can contact Mary (07942894029) for more information.

Silkstone/Silkstone Common Village News and Community Group

Facebook community group for locals
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/860075201163623>

New Swaine WI

Meet on 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.15pm in Hoylandswaine Village Hall and at additional times throughout the month.
Contact:

Newswainewi@outlook.com or
Julie Dyson (Secretary) on 07791379767

Are your group's details correct?

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Local Organisations

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Secretary - Michael Winder

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Contact: Dave on 07783 291955 or visit the
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Music

Old Silkstone Band

Rehearsals - Silkstone Common Methodist
Church. Sunday 7pm - 9pm, Wednesday
8pm - 10pm

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Web site www.mgmvc.co.uk

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shiningstars@silkstoneprimary.com

phone on 07591630348

Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group

From babies up to pre-school children are welcome at our friendly group. Please also bring along mum, dad or carer to join in an hour of engaging musical fun, action and rhyme. We meet every Friday during term time at 10am in Silkstone Common Methodist Church. Refreshments for adults and children are provided. Attend just when you like. No booking or commitments.

Find out more

<http://www.facebook.com/srrmusicgroup>



Contact: srrmusicgroup@gmail.com

Tracy 07905 421015

29th Barnsley (Silkstone) Scout Group: Huskar Community Rooms

Monday Scouts 19:00 - 20:30
Aged 10 - 14

Tuesday Cubs 18:30 - 19:30
Aged 8 - 10

Wednesday Beavers 18:30 - 19:30
Aged 6 - 8

All queries and membership to the Group Scout Leader

rob.flewitt@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

Childminders

For details of registered childminders please ring Families Information Service on: 0800 034 5340.

Schools

Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common. Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.

Contact: Mr Simon Tabbner 790471

Visit

<http://www.silkstonecommonji.co.uk/>

Silkstone Primary School

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

Contact: Ms Sally Adams 790333

Visit <http://silkstoneprimary.com/>

Local Organisations

Environment & Local History

Silkstone CARE Group

Caring for and improving our natural environment by planting hedges, trees, shrubs and bulbs, clearing paths, litter-picking plus other activities. Tools available on free loan for environmental projects.

Contact:

Susan Dunwell 07973 310925

susanwareham@talktalk.net

Karen Gorman 07788 185502

kgorman963@btinternet.com

Linda Marsh 07792321829

lmxx.13@gmail.com

Roggins Local History Group (Silkstone)

We collect, preserve and share photographs, stories and memories of Silkstone, Silkstone Common and the surrounding areas

Contact: Andy Horsfield

email rogginshistorygroup@gmail.com

01226 791929

Heritage Silkstone

Local and family history on your doorstep. We meet in Silkstone church every Wednesday between 10am to 2pm. AND **Cutler Cafe** on the last Saturday of every month between 10 am to 12 noon.

Website address

www.heritagesilkstone.co.uk . Facebook page [Heritage Silkstone](#).

Contact:

Paul Davies, chairman, 01226 791474

Jane Raistrick, secretary, 01484 868254

Churches - The Benefice of West Barnsley

All Saints' and St James the Greater Silkstone with Stainborough 9.15 am 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. Messy Church 4th Sunday in the month 4-6pm.

St John the Evangelist, Hoylandswaine 11.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays

St John the Baptist, Dodworth 9.15am 1st and 3rd Sundays. Holy Communion Service every Thursday 9.30am followed by a Coffee Morning

All Saints' Cawthorne 11.00am 1st and 3rd Sunday. Last Tuesday in the month 10.00am Holy Communion service

Benefice website:

<http://www.beneficewestbarnsley.org.uk>

Vicar: Rev Canon Keith Farrow DL
The Vicarage, 12 High Street
Silkstone, S75 4JN

Telephone: 01226 492294

For enquiries about Weddings, funerals and general enquiries please contact the Benefice Administor:

Mrs Loraine Wills

Email

beneficewestbarnsley@hotmail.com

Mob: 07973 381131

For Baptism enquiries contact the Benefice Baptism Coordinator:

Mrs Lynn Wilkinson

Would you like a stall?

Contact Lesley Gill on
lgillsilkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com

Let her know what you want to sell.

You will need to bring your own gazebo



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Summer Fayre

SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2024
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• face painting •
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and much much more!

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CONTACT SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL FOR FURTHER DETAILS SILKSTONEPARISHCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM



The Management Committee of the Huskar Rooms, Silkstone Parish have a volunteer vacancy and are looking for someone with accounting experience to help with the finances.

If you are interested or want further information please contact the Parish Council Clerk via email at Silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com