

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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The next newsletter

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A word from the Chair

This is the first time I have written one of these for some time. The changes we have all experienced this year we would have thought are unbelievable and two years ago if reality had been a film plot, we'd have commented after the film, it was a little far-fetched!

We have all spent much more time at home, but some things never change. The Parish Council has received increased reports of dog fouling throughout the parish. To those who are taking extra walks with their pets can I ask you to please clear up after your pet and either dispose of the dog poop at home or in the numerous bins around the parish.

There has also been a rise in vandalism and anti-social behaviour, and I ask if you see anyone misbehaving please, please, please report it either to a member of the Parish Council or preferable the police. Non urgent contact is telephone number 101, for an emergency call 999

It would be remiss of me not to thank the army of volunteers, Huskars Helping Hands lead by Steve Fletcher and Richard Leech, who during the lockdown months did their absolute best to try to ensure no-one went without. A heartfelt thanks from everyone in the parish.

It is with great personal sadness I must report the passing of a great friend of the Parish Council and a pillar of our community Tony Fieldsend. Tony had the fortitude to stay at many Parish Council meetings and only became less regular in attendance when his wife

June became ill and he stayed home looking after and supporting her until she died. He then had his own battle with ill health a battle he recently lost. Besides seeing Tony at the Parish Council meetings, my memories include his knowledge and help when encouraging neighbourhood watch schemes in the parish, his knowledge of the parish and last but not least his regular litter picks up and down Cone Lane when he and June walked up and down there most days to their allotment in Silkstone.

In this addition of the newsletter there is a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (page 2). The Parish Annual Report (page 9) is a report of the highlights of the 2019/20 financial year. There is the usual yummy recipe (page 6) from Chef Damian and our garden hints (page 14) from Emma Horsfield. Both Damian and Emma are very busy people give their time freely to contribute to the newsletter and I would like to thank them for their continuous efforts.

Finally in this bit from me, if you have a lockdown story you would like to share, please either contact me on 01226 790509 or email me on meryl.liddell@btinternet.com and it will be published in the next newsletter. The next edition will follow closely on the heels of this one, making sure we all know what is happening in the parish over the Christmas period.

Take care everyone stay safe and well

Meryl

Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

In the Spring newsletter, I wrote about the steering group we had set up to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish. Unfortunately, covid-19 has intervened to slow our progress! However, the steering group met 'virtually' in June to try and get us back on track.

You'll remember that the idea of NDPs is that they give local people a greater say in planning decisions that affect their area. NDPs can identify where development should take place, set out local design principles so that buildings respond positively to local character, and protect important facilities, historic buildings, the natural environment, and open spaces. However, it cannot contradict the planning policies set by national government or by Barnsley Council.

To give this some focus, the steering group has agreed a draft Vision for the parish up to 2033:

"To maintain the character of the villages by ensuring that any development is sensitive to the existing built and natural environment but recognises the need to support 21st century living in a sustainable way."

The steering group has also developed eight draft Objectives, providing themes for a range of NDP policies:

1. To support the development of housing provision to meet local needs that is in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.
2. To support the protection and improvement of community leisure, sports and recreation facilities.
3. To protect, enhance and develop the Parish's biodiversity, natural assets and amenity areas, including the Trans Pennine Trail, the green belt, green open spaces, open farmland, and community allotments.
4. To protect and enhance the Parish's built industrial and residential heritage and history.
5. To preserve and improve accessibility and connections to the Trans Pennine Trail, the Wagonway, local beckside, local footpaths and bridle paths.
6. To support the development of a sustainable local economy, with particular emphasis on maximising local tourism assets.
7. To better manage local traffic to reduce highway congestion and increase road safety
8. To support better access to local public transport networks

The steering group is continuing its work to produce an Issues and Options

paper. This will set out what policies Barnsley Council has included in the local plan and other documents, affecting development of the whole borough. It will also set out how we might use the NDP to complement those documents with policies at the neighbourhood level. It will set out the options that the steering group has looked at and ask local people for their views.

We want to do public consultation on the Issues and Options paper as soon as the covid-19 restrictions are fully lifted. It seems unlikely this will be before the Autumn. In the meantime, the steering group is keen to hear your ideas on what policies we might include under each of the draft objectives in the paper, or your views on specific issues or problems that need attention. It would help if these comments took account of the draft Vision and Objectives, but the steering group would welcome any views you have.

If you have anything you want to say about this work, or if you just want to receive updates about the work of the steering group, please let us know by emailing npsc19@gmail.com

Ian Turner
Chair Silkstone Parish NDP Steering Group

Mindless Vandalism

I was saddened and shocked when this piece of vandalism was reported to me by the Clerk of the Parish Council.

This is what is left of the hop-scotch board that has formed a play area on the land in front of the war memorial. It has been a place where old has met new, with children of today enjoying playing a game that their grandparents and great grandparents enjoyed playing. A popular place for children to play in a safe environment near the children's play area for several years, so you will understand my dismay when I received this photo.

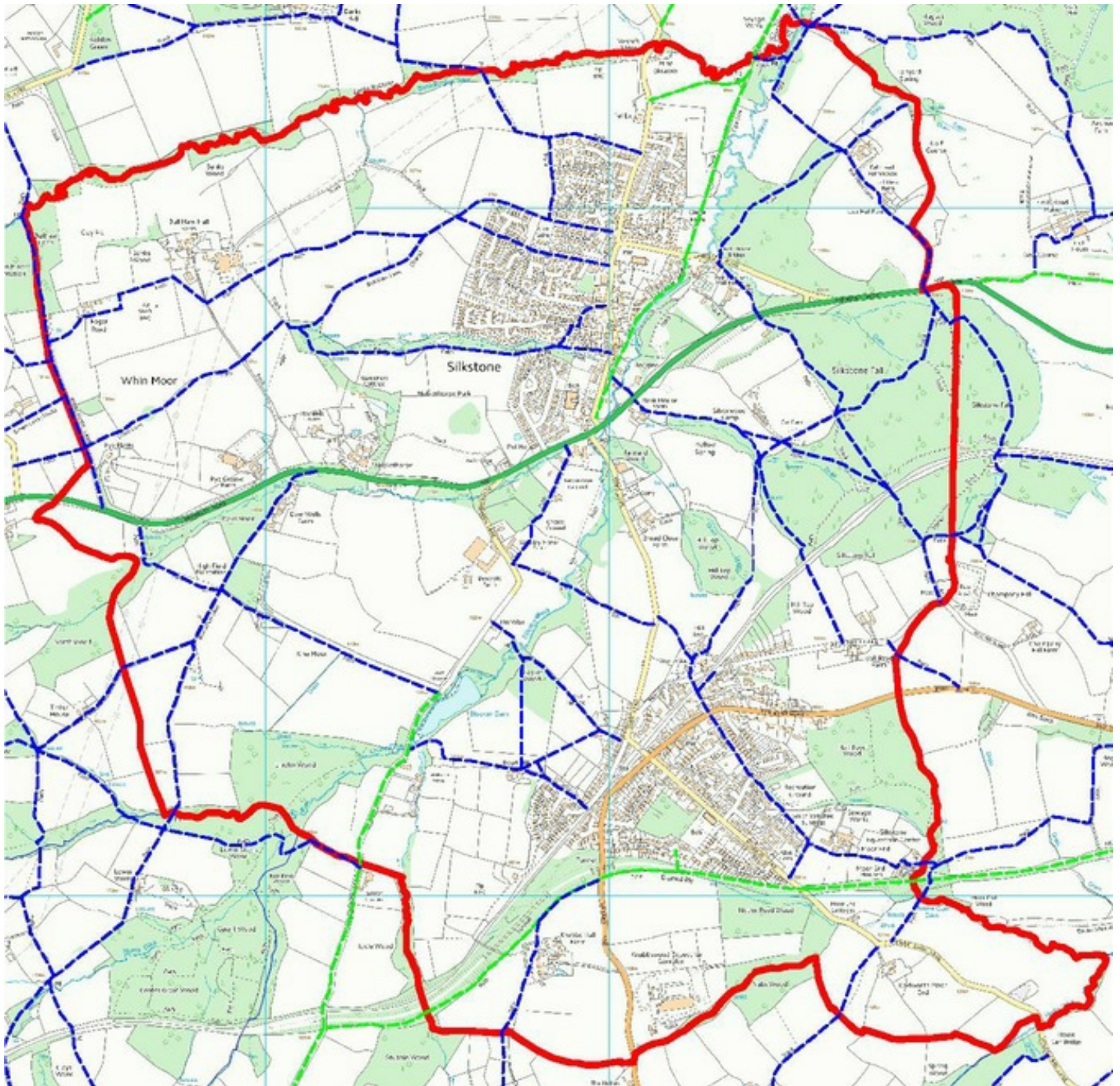
This one piece of mindless vandalism has not only created an eyesore of what was once a popular parish amenity in the centre of Silkstone, it also shows a lack of respect for what this area of the parish represents.

If you know who is responsible for this damage please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 07947545504 or email

silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com. Any information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.



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Place this in the freezer and then whenever you need
some Coriander, peel the foil back and use scissors or a
sharp knife to cut off what you need and put back in the
freezer for next time.

Old Silkstone Band

Dear Parish members,

What a year 2020 has been for us all so far, with many highs and lows, and it is unbelievable that we are already heading on into the Autumn season.

What has Old Silkstone Band been doing in this time?

We had our last full, inside rehearsal on Sunday 15th March. We got notification from Brass Band's England that all band rehearsals across England should stop as the country began finding itself going into lockdown.

In the beginning few months of 2020 we had appointed a brand new Musical Director, George Newbould, and had been working hard on a new programme of music with him ready to perform as guests of Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir at the Penistone Paramount.

Sadly, but rightly so, this concert was cancelled along with many other concerts and engagements through the following months.

This did not stop our team spirit. Zoom meetings were set up every Wednesday and Sunday as a point of contact so that all band members could still get together and have a catch up. Old Silkstone Band, like many other bands, the members become like a family and it is suddenly much more than just playing music. We found that playing music on the Zoom meetings was quite difficult as there were time delays, instead we filled this time with doing quizzes and generally making sure everyone was ok.

Individual playing was encouraged at home and many players uploaded videos of themselves playing to our band members page and messages of encouragement were always given. This encouragement led to several of

our members playing outside on a Thursday at 8pm for the NHS and key workers and this was so lovely to see. A particular member of our band, Tracey Helliwell, works for the NHS. Tracey showed her support and thanks to the NHS and key workers by playing a piece every week which was supported by her workplace and they also shared the videos of her playing. It was a very positive thing to see in such hard times.

At the beginning of July, following the Government guidance, we looked at getting small groups of 6 together to play but these rehearsals had to be outside and had to take careful planning. After doing a couple of these rehearsals the Government changed their guidance again which meant we had to stop, again. This was very difficult for the band, but we have all kept each other going.

Patience prevailed and as of the middle of August we got the green light to start rehearsals again. The band have been getting back in to practice slowly with small groups of 6 and we are hoping over the next few weeks that we can look at increasing our numbers and really start getting back to a more normal rehearsal schedule, Government guidance permitting.

It would be lovely to think we can still do some of the local events such as Armistice and the collections at Christmas as we have really missed being out playing our music for all the residents of Silkstone Common and Silkstone Village.

Take care and Stay Safe

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Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Richard Bell

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Damian's Mango and Pistachio cheesecake

Ingredients

- 500g cream cheese
- 125g sugar
- 250ml whipping cream
- 150g Mango puree/pulp
-the canned type from supermarkets if fine
- 2 sheets of gelatine –
soaked in a little cold water.
- 50g pistachios
- 3/4 packs digestives - crushed up
- 15g melted butter



Method:

Line the flan ring with greaseproof paper and set aside.

Mix the butter and biscuits together, and form a base for the cheesecake.

Beat the sugar and cheese until smooth. A mixing machine will help this process.

Heat the mango puree and add the soaked gelatine, ensure its fully dissolved. Allow it to cool down slightly and then fold the mango mixture into the cheese mixture, whip the cream and fold in next.

Stir in the crushed pistachios

Put the topping onto the biscuit base, level off and chill down.

Decorate with slices of fresh mango and chopped nuts.

Hope you have a go at this variation on a classic vanilla cheesecake. The nuts give a little texture and the mango give the dessert a lovely yellow colour.



Best Wishes Damian Hunsley

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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2020

All meetings are held on the first Monday in the month by Zoom. The Statutory Annual Parishioners' Meeting (APM) was held in Silkstone in 2020 and so will be held in Silkstone Common in 2021.

When the agenda is issued the zoom meeting information is put on the parish council website

Date	Meeting
02/11/2020	PC
07/12/2020	PC

Parish Council website

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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.

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The Twitter account is @SilkstonePC it is used to tweet current events that may be of interest to residents eg meetings, road closures, warnings by the police/BMBC etc.

Newsletter deadlines and dates

Articles, events and adverts

If we are going to put out another newsletter in time for Christmas we will need articles by Friday 13 November.

Our usual deadlines and distribution dates are below:

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

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Chairs Annual Report 2019/2020

I would like to start by thanking all the parish councillors for all their hard work over the past twelve months. Parish councillors are volunteers who give their time freely. There are regular monthly parish council meetings held on the first Monday of the month. The Parish Councillors make themselves available to help support events, issues and the more vulnerable of our parishioners, in short they continually try to help improve the lives and environment for everyone living in the parish. There are currently two vacancies on the parish council, please contact either me or the Clerk if you feel this is something you might be interested in doing.

I would like to welcome Peter Millar who was officially co-opted on the Parish Council in May last year and has quickly become an integral member of the team.

I would also like to take a moment to welcome Richard Bell as the Parish Council's Silkstone Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Many of you may remember that Richard was at one time a parish councillor. Richard resigned from the Parish Council to enable him to become the Parish Clerk, carrying out the role voluntarily for twelve months. He then applied for and was successful in gaining the role as a salaried position. Since then he has worked tirelessly to make sure that all actions the Parish Councillors take are both legal and demonstrate best value for the Parish taxpayers. He has looked at many of the processes we carry out and streamlined them to help the parish council run more efficiently and in the long run save money. Thank you, Richard, for all the hard work and commitment you have shown the Parish Council.

I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for all their hard work, particularly the Vice Chair Richard Leech, who has continually helped and supported me over the last twelve

months. Councillors Debra Smith, Ron Stier, Alan Thompson Peter Millar, and Derek Liddell who have all worked tirelessly supporting the Parish Council whilst also doing their best to help and support the community.

Our Ward Councillors Robert Barnard, John Wilson and Paul Hand-Davies continue to support the Parish Council and the parishioners of Silkstone parish. All have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Parish, representing us at the highest levels at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Thank you all for your hard work.

Thank you to David Hughes, our internal auditor for your continued contribution. I would like to give heartfelt thanks to Linda Marsh, without her help the Parish Newsletter would never be published. Carl Brown continues to undertake work with the Parish Council and our parish newsletter deliverers Laura Hill and Tom Taylor. I would also like to thank Stuart Walton, for the superb work he has completed around the parish. Finally, I would also like to thank our colleagues at BMBC for the help and support they have given to the Parish Council over the last twelve months.

The Silkstone CARE group and Silkstone in Bloom have worked tirelessly throughout the parish again this year, their ongoing work program across the

Parish is one of the main reasons the two villages look as attractive as they do. The ongoing projects in Conryod Wood, Orchard Wood and Jay's Wood are just a few areas within the parish that have benefited from the group's work special thanks for organising the Great British Spring Clean within the parish too.

Hanging baskets are again individually sponsored, with interest continuing to grow this year there was a total of 34 baskets across the parish, 19 in Silkstone and 15 in Silkstone Common. Thank to everyone who has sponsored

a basket and contributed to the character of both the villages.

The Parish Council continues to support our community groups offering grants of up to £400. This year, the take up for grants has been a little disappointing with only just under £1500 being given to various community groups across the parish. I would like to take this opportunity to remind community groups across the parish, the grant funding is there to help, so please apply for it when you are arranging events or projects.

The Parish Council has several allotments all of which are currently rented out to allotment holders, who spend many happy hours on their plots. This year two of the largest plots were handed back to the parish council. The decision was taken to split these plots making a further two extra allotments. Needless to say, both of these new plots were quickly snapped up!

The Huskar Rooms continue to go from strength to strength, the group who manages the rooms are proud of the successes they have celebrated over the last twelve months. The rooms boast a wide range of activities including yoga, craft, a dance school, scouts, brownies and many more. It is also a successful venue for birthday parties, hog roasts, BBQs to mention a few of the activities

Silkstone Luncheon Club continues to meet. This group goes largely unsung but are a vital in helping our older residents avoid social exclusion. They run a minibus around the parish picking up residents and take them to the luncheon club where they have a lovely meal provided by Mark and Julie at the Station Inn Silkstone Common.

The Good Companions meet monthly and have a wide and varied agenda throughout the year including days out, musical sing a longs, and a number of guest speakers throughout the year. I know that new members are always

made very welcome. If you would like to give it a try all contact details can be found in the parish newsletter.

This year we held the second Silkstone Parish Summer Fair, on Silkstone Playing Field. I am sad to say the weather was not kind to use and the day was very dull and overcast. This did not deter the community; I would like to thank all those who attended and helped to make the day a good one. After all bills had been paid and the donations collected, the Parish Council sent £564.54 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, the named charity for the event. Thank you again to all who contributed, another example what the great community we live in came together.

This year also saw the start of the Sheffield NHS Foundation Trust helicopter landing on Silkstone Playing Field due to the closure of Penny Pie Park, where the helicopter has landed for many years. The service is called Embrace Transport Service. Their aim is to transfer children from Yorkshire and the Humber while providing the same high standards of care that they would receive in a specialist hospital. The helicopter at Silkstone picks up personnel and emergency supplies. It has been agreed that the helicopter will only land in daylight and on weekdays. The Parish Council initially agreed there would be a twelve-month trial. There have been three or four landings and all feedback seems to be positive to date. I hope we will be able to continue the partnership in years to come.

A big thank you to Silkstone Common Football Club, who have fundraised the money to purchase portable goalposts and floodlights, what a great improvement to Silkstone Playing Field.

Sadly, due to lack of players, Silkstone United U15's football team folded. Any outstanding monies were donated to Silkstone Parish Council to be 'ring fenced' for the purposes of promoting, encouraging, and supporting sporting activities in the Parish community. If you feel you qualify please contact the parish council.

The development of the Neighbourhood Plan has moved forward this year. A Neighbourhood Planning Committee has been formed and is Chaired by a Parishioner. Consultants Kirkwells – The Planning People have been commissioned to help the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Group to write and develop the Neighbourhood Plan. Unfortunately, due to the COVID – 19 pandemic, plans have stalled at the moment, but as soon as we are able, we will work to completing the plan. As I have previously stated the importance of the neighbourhood plan cannot be over emphasised, as it will help to ensure the two villages in the parish develops in a way, we as residents want to see.

Thank you all for the support you have shown the Parish Council over the last twelve months. Looking forward, the next year will hold many new challenges for the Parish Council especially as we all try to understand the new 'normal' as we move forward from these unprecedented times. Please be assured the Parish Council will continue to work hard to ensure the best outcomes for Silkstone Parish.

Meryl Liddell, Chair, Silkstone Parish Council

Silkstone Parish Council Accounts 2019/2020

Receipts 2019/2020	Amount £
Precept	£73365.00
Council Tax support grant	£4,635.00
Allotments	£562.00
Grants	£2,850.00
Advertising	£742.50
Pavilion & Recreation ground	£2,110.00
Hanging basket sponsors	£2,320.00
Huskar Community Rooms	£10,092.95
Summer Fair	£359.54
Total	97,036.99

Payments	2019/2020
Administration	£8,216.75
Employees	£7,604.48
Silkstone Recreation Ground & Pavilion	£23,114.50
Woods & Allotments	£3,277.51
Villages Maintenance	£8,916.00
Grants to local groups	£1,447.75
Conference & Training	£547.00
Miscellaneous	£25.00
Huskar Community Rooms	£0.00
Loan Repayments	£313,488.36
War Memorial Refurbishment	£0.00
Trim Trail	£1,027.66
Professional fees	£0.00
Summer Fair	£759.54
Neighbourhood Planning	£2,458.02
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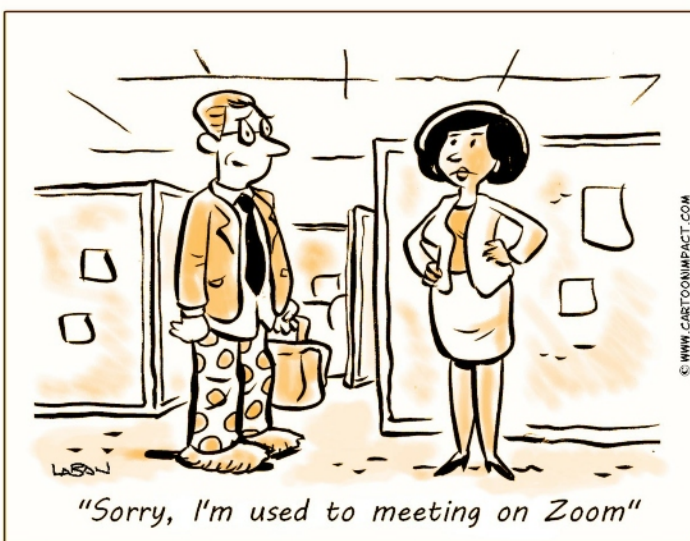
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CARE - Autumn update

Firstly, on behalf of all CARE members I would like to put on record our appreciation and thanks to Bill Barkworth for all his support and help as Chairperson for CARE – Bill has stood down as he concentrates on his work commitments.

I am delighted to be taking up the helm and look forward to working with members of the CARE team to continue all the good work. I'm really keen that we learn what residents of our two villages would like to see. We have a refreshed Committee, details below, we have already met (socially distanced of course) and we are keen to develop our Autumn work programme. CARE stands for Community Action in the Rural Environment, this can be as narrow or as wide as we like it to be, so if you see anything which needs improving please get in touch; we would be delighted to consider all inputs and build it into the work programme for the next few months.

I am sure that you will agree that the hanging baskets have been delightful this year. These together with the planters and other planted areas really have looked great over the summer months. My thanks go to members of CARE who have maintained the planters etc during the last few difficult months.

As a result of the covid restrictions we haven't been able to hold our annual fund raising events (cheese and wine party, quiz etc) and therefore our funds are a little lower than normal for this time of year. We will be considering ways to improve this situation one idea is to establish a just giving page – watch this space.

Also during the summer you can't fail to notice that a number of the benches across both villages have been maintained, painted and generally made to look far more welcoming.

Thanks go to the Stuart Walton, the Parish Handyman, CARE members Andrew and Ian, and to the Parish Council for their support.

I'm sure that a number of residents across both villages have experienced a few weeks of WFM (another new acronym - working from home). Or it may be that you have had the opportunity to take walks around our area. If having experienced a different way of living you feel that you would like to get involved with our work, we are always looking out for new volunteers. Please contact any member of the committee and they will be happy to chat through our work. You don't have to bring new ideas, your enthusiasm and desire to get involved is marvellous.

Our children have had a troubled time over the last few months and they are now adapting to a new normal. They too may have enjoyed the benefits of our great villages and the rural environment in which we live. We would like to involve the young people of our villages far greater. What would they like to see/experience in the villages, how could they contribute to bringing the plans to life. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult, we prefer this to be their parent or guardian; we will welcome all young people who want to get involved. Over the next few months we will be developing ideas to get more young (of all ages) involved, whether this be vegetable planting, painting railings or assisting with the planters.

You may be familiar with the Keep Britain Tidy annual community litter picks. We managed to hold the Silkstone Common litter pick just before lockdown and we held the Silkstone litter pick last month, adopting the current rule of six etc. Litter is a problem for both villages, more on the main roads as

motorists/passengers drop litter from their vehicles. We continue to monitor how much litter we collect – let's see over the year if it's reducing? Thank you to all who joined on one of the litter picks, it's great to see residents of all ages getting involved.

And finally, residents who use the station platform in Silkstone Common may have noticed that we have started to spruce up the areas at each side of the steps leading up to the platform. This is part of a wider plan to enhance the station area. We are talking to members of Community Rail about the possibility of formally adopting the station which means we can bring some colour onto the platform (taking account of all health and safety considerations). Something else to keep an eye on!

So please get in touch, it will be great to hear from you:

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Susan Wareham



Form an orderly queue (New) – Movie review by Cllr Millar

During lockdown movies were a good way to assist in passing those days stuck at home! We have decided to add a movie review section to our quarterly newsletter

New Release

The first major movie release since lockdown is Christopher Nolan's (**Batman/Dunkirk**) TENET.

British born writer and director Nolan is famous for his nonlinear, storytelling, he has gone from low-budget independent films to working on some of the biggest blockbusters ever made. He has been making movies since he was 7 years old and one of his biggest trademarks is no CGI (computer generated graphics), Nolan uses traditional special effects techniques which gives a more traditional feel

TENET Rated PG-13 Release Date August 26th, 2020



Armed with only one word, Tenet, and fighting for the survival of the entire world, a Protagonist journeys through a twilight world of international espionage on a mission that will unfold in something beyond real time. Not much to go on however I can guarantee you will not be left disappointed; the movie concentrates around inverted time so many of the scenes were shot with reverse acting and effects rather than just reversing the film

Family Favourite

One of my all-time British film favourites is kind hearts and coronets Directed by Robert Hamner and starring Alec Guinness.

Everyone remembers hearing some relative of the royal family being 220th in line to the throne and thinking they have no chance well this classic British comedy bases its story on a distant relative doing everything he can to increase his chances of becoming a Duke.

Alec Guinness is outstanding at playing eight heirs in this movie. Great family movie for a wet Saturday or Sunday afternoon

Kind hearts and coronets - Rated PG Release Date September 1948 8/10



A distant poor relative of the Duke D'Ascoyne plots to inherit the title by murdering the eight other heirs who stand ahead of him in the line of succession

Gadget Corner (New) – Cllr Millar



One of the best gadgets I have purchased is a Wi-Fi enabled video doorbell, this device allows the user to see who is at their door via their mobile phone or home assistant (Alexa/Google nest hub). You can view and speak to the person at the door whether you are in the house or not. You can view the camera in the doorbell any time day or night (using infra-red). The video doorbell

will also alert you to any motion at your door whether the doorbell is pressed or not, all video footage is stored in the cloud for a period of time and can be downloaded to be kept forever



The video doorbells help against unwanted callers, security and assist with online deliveries, additionally some brands allow you to link to your neighbour's doorbell allowing the video monitoring of a complete street or share a nuisance caller. Some video doorbells allow provide additional cameras and lights for other external parts of your home all, the cameras can be viewed on your mobile device or home assistant



One of the leading brands in Wi-Fi video doorbells is Amazon Ring (shown above) however there are many other alternatives available, when selecting.

The Amazon Ring retails at about £89 without installation, cheaper alternatives can be around £60 however tend to not offer other cameras and lights etc.

If you require any additional information on the above including help with installation, please contact me.

Peter Millar

Some of the group with most of the bags



Shed and Outbuilding Security Advice

Barnsley is a low crime area, but there are still things that you can do to make sure that you feel safe and that will protect yourself and your property. The tips below are from advice given by the Home Office and South Yorkshire Police.

As winter approaches, the number of shed and outbuilding break-ins can often increase. Items such as lawnmowers, bicycles, golf clubs, fishing tackle and power tools can all be kept insecurely in sheds and these can all be easy pickings for thieves to target. The tips below can help to prevent you from becoming a victim of this crime:

- Install a shed alarm, with a notice displayed to warn thieves that it is not worth the effort of breaking in.
- Make sure the door is securely locked at all times.
- If there is a window, use an old curtain or bubble wrap to allow natural light in, but to deny a clear view of any items that may be on view.
- Ensure all valuable property if possible is clearly marked with a permanent marker, your postcode and house number. Postcoding property makes your belongings very unattractive to a thief by making items easily identifiable and difficult to sell.
- Lock up pedal cycles. Use bike locks and chain them inside to other large items or to the shed.
- Keep a record of the make, model and ID numbers of bicycles and all other equipment and take photographs of unusual items.
- Register your property with <https://www.immobilise.com/>
- Check your household insurance policy to ensure that the value of things stored inside is covered by your contents policy.

Autumn Gardening with Emma Horsfield from Horsfields Nursery, Pot House Hamlet

Well we are certainly living through history! I'm glad to see that most people have taken this opportunity to spend time in the garden. We are very lucky to be able to live where we do in sunny Silkstone. I'm pleased to see hanging baskets and bedding plants are still flowering well, awaiting that first autumn frost. The later it arrives the better. With all the wet weather throughout the summer there was one bedding plant that really shone though and absolutely loved the conditions, that was the Fuchsia. Fuchsia come in all shapes, sizes, and colours! The Fuchsia is native to Central and South America and New Zealand. Some of the upright species are often grown against a wall or as a standard which make wonderful specimens. We have all become very familiar with the hybrids which are commonly used as summer bedding or in hanging baskets during the summer months. However, a few are hardy enough to survive all winter. In our area a few varieties can be grown as a shrub or indeed a hedging plant,

Fuchsia Riccartonii makes a good hedge and is fully hardy even in Penistone!! Mrs Popple is another good hardy variety; and has red sepals and purple petals and is a strong grower with an arching habit.



At the nursery cuttings are taken in early February and we grow over 40 different varieties, which are sold at every stage from a small pack of 20 plants in February to a large 4 litre pot Fuchsia in May or June time, depending on the growing season. We have many of the old favourites including Thalia and Swingtime. My favourite varieties are the double flowers such as Carmel Blue which is upright; I have this in the border in our garden.

If you have a wedding to celebrate there is the Fuchsia Happy Wedding Day which is trailing, double white and looks wonderful in a basket, Millennium is also a very impressive dark purple flower of trailing habit. Another variety suitable for a hanging basket is Annabel which is a trailing variety with large white flowers that have a small pale pink line running through them. I have a particular love of the variety Annabel as this is the name of my first niece. We do hope to see you at the nursery. Feel free to pop in for a chat.



Stay fit. Stay healthy. Keep gardening!

Reminders for Autumn

- Plant bulbs for spring colour.
- Bring in tender perennials to over winter.
- Or protect any tender plants from frost with fleece.
- Give the lawn an autumn feed.
- Plant bare rooted roses and native whips.
- Put nuts out for the birds.
- Clear away dead leaves to prevent slugs from hibernating.
- Thin out shrubs and prune to shape.
- Tie in climbers to prevent breakage from wind.

Emma Horsfield

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

Rehearsals twice a week - Silkstone Common Methodist Church
Sundays 7pm - 9pm, Wednesdays 8pm - 10pm

Contact : David O'Connor 07415781796 or 01226790669

Silkstone Bell Ringers

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

Contact: Carolyn Charlesworth 01226 791592

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30.

Secretary: Keith Raynor Tel: 01226 763754

Web site www.mgmvc.co.uk

White Rose Organ Society

Professional Electronic Organs Concerts and Social Events. Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at Dodworth working mens' club. 7.30pm. All visitors welcome.

Contact: David Andrews, Tel: 01709 368976

Website www.wros.talktalk.net

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://silkstoneprimaryschool.com/>

Shining Stars Out of School Club

We cater for children aged 4 – 11 years and provide high quality, affordable, reliable and accessible childcare from 7.30am to 9am and from 3.30pm to 6pm during term time.

Contact: email at shiningstars@silkstoneprimary.com
phone on 07591630348

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.

Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695

e-mail ritchietj@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Paul Davies, chairman, 01226 791474

Jane Raistrick, secretary, 01484 868254

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 18's Jon Dale 07971-889436

Please phone the manager for details.

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SUCC main contact Tony Clegg, Club Secretary 07967-222820

Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : Silkstone UTD C.C.

Twitter : @SilkstoneCC

Barnsley BSAC Divers

Meets every Tuesday 7:30 onwards 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: Ann on 07783 291955 or visit the website

www.barnsleybsacddivers.co.uk

Tai Chi

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Wednesdays 10.30am – 12 noon. (Break half way through)

Cost: £4.50 includes cup of tea and fruit/ biscuit snack

Call Elisabeth on 07858940071 or just turn up.

Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended.

Yoga

Huskar community Rooms, Silkstone, Tuesdays 1pm-2:30pm, mixed ability class, £7 booked in advance or £9 drop in.

Call Philip on 07725565984 or email philipcopestake@gmail.com

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: Terry Daniel Tel : 01226-386755 e-mail

terreanna2@yahoo.co.uk

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 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 stainbroughrotary@gmail.com

Children

Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

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

Visit us at www.silkstonepreschool.co.uk

Tiny Tots Toddler Group

Every Friday 9:15-11:15 am at the Huskar Community Rooms.

£2 Admission with discount for multiples

For more details call Mina on: 07854 020 577 or email

minathelwell@yahoo.co.uk

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>
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Tracy 07905 421015.

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

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: hayleya66@gmail.com

63rd Barnsley (Silkstone) Brownies: Huskar Community Rooms

Tracey Hinchliffe tel: 01226 790055

Childminders

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

Environment/Local interest

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: Bill Barkworth 790112 or e-mail billbarkworth@aol.com

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

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Sunday services:

1st Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 9.15am
- Julian Meditation at 4.15pm,
- Evensong at 6.00pm.

2nd Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 11.00am

3rd Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 9.15am,
- Evensong at 6.00pm

4th Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 11.00am,
- Messy church for families at 4.00pm.

5th Sunday

- Joint benefice service - see church noticeboard for venue.

Other events

- Coffee morning every Wednesday from 10.00am - 11.30am.
- Holy Communion every 2nd Wednesday at 7.00pm
- Holy Communion every Thursday at Silkstone Common Methodist Church Huskar Room at 9.00am

For more information, contact Rev. Maureen Browell 01226 492294

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

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

Contact for Hall bookings 01226 790461