



Silkstone Parish Roundup

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Chair Report - Silkstone Parish Council Review of 2023

Looking back over the past year the Parish Council have been involved in several events.

Earlier in the year on behalf of the Parish Council, Richard Leech, Julia and Alan Thompson set up the Warm Welcome held in the Husker Rooms, to enable people to get together and keep them warm over winter, and have a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a natter. Due to demand this has now become a permanent fixture. It has made a difference to people in the village, especially those who spend a lot of time on their own. Everyone from both Silkstone and Silkstone Common are welcome. Dates are in the newsletter.

The Summer Fayre which was held at Silkstone Common Recreation Ground in June this year was a great success. Next year's details below.

Silkstone Parish Council held a raffle at the Summer Fayre which raised £216. This was split equally between Silkstone Luncheon Club and Silkstone Common Good Companions.

In June we had a lighting of the Beacon on Beacon Hill for the Coronation of the New King. It was good to see so many people and thank you to Old Silkstone Band for providing the music.

On a slightly more serious note, on the 27th October we gave a Press Release for

the Neighbourhood Development plan, Barnsley Chronicle published a good article on the NDP. Thank you to all those who voted..

Ian Turner who was fundamental in the process has written a more in-depth article in the Newsletter.

Whilst it may seem a while away, it won't be long before the Christmas Tree's will be put up in the two villages, they may even be up when you get this Newsletter.

Events for 2024 for your Calendar Next Year

On 6th June 2024 the Parish Council will be commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D Day and the Invasion of Normandy. There will be a lighting of the Beacon, on Beacon Hill in the evening. More information to follow next year.

The Parish Council have agreed to hold another Summer Fayre next year on Saturday the 15th June 2024, it will be held at Silkstone Recreation Ground, behind Asda. There will be a reminder of this in the spring.

Although it is a bit early, the Parish Council wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lesley Gill
Chair
Silkstone Parish Council

Editorial

Welcome to the Winter/Christmas edition of the Silkstone Parish Roundup.

I remember we did have an ‘Indian Summer’ in September for a few days and then the temperature dropped and now we are in soggy foggy season!

In this Winter Edition we have continued with our ‘What’s on in Barnsley’, which had positive feedback from our Autumn Edition. Canon Keith has shared poignant and presently relevant reflections, the Roggins History group have given us insight into the Bramah Family and Andy Horsefield has captured the history of the Silkstone garage and shop – all very fascinating. Councillor Alan Thompson has shared important information about support from Age Concern, and their involvement in the Warm Welcome coffee/tea mornings at the Huskar Rooms, Silkstone.

We have a new regular feature which will tickle your brain cells, introducing ‘Addergrams’ by Mick Jennings – go on, have a go!

We have captured a number of the Scarecrows, on the Scarecrow Trail in Silkstone (28 October to 4 November) before the rain set in. Good luck to all who have entered – all very creative, and spooky!

Due to this being the Winter Edition I asked, on the Community FaceBook page, if folk would share their

Winter/Christmassy photos. To my delight I was sent over 30 photos. We have scattered as many photos as possible around this Winter edition for you to see. The quality of photography is impressive, thank you to all who shared their photos.

Finally, Winter, and the Christmas Holidays, can be a difficult time for many. So let’s all keep an eye out for our neighbours.

Keep warm and dry, and all the very best for the coming year, 2024!

Sue Williams
Editor



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Silkstone Warm Welcome

Warm welcome, warm drinks, warm friendship

November Tuesday 14th and 28th

December Tuesday 12th and 19th

January Tuesday 9th and 23rd

February Tuesday 6th and 20th

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



Scarecrow Maria Penrose



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Bailey's Cheese Cake

Ingredients

Base

- 8oz/227gms Digestive biscuits
- 1oz/28gms Sugar
- 4oz/111gms Butter or Margarine

Topping

- Half a pint carton of Extra Thick Double Cream
- 1 large tub of Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 1 teacup of Icing Sugar
- 6 tablespoons of Baileys
- Flake to decorate

Method

1. Line a 10 inch diameter, 1.5 inch deep flan dish with foil so that the ends are available to lift the finished cheese cake out of the dish. OR use a loose bottomed cake tin.
2. Place the digestive biscuits in a sandwich bag and crush with a rolling pin OR place in a blender to crush.
3. Melt the butter in a pan, remove from heat and stir in sugar and biscuit crumbs.
4. Press into the bottom of the flan dish. Place in fridge.
5. Whip the double cream until it stands in firm peaks. Put in fridge.
6. In a second bowl soften the Philadelphia with a fork and sieve in the icing sugar. Cream until combined.
7. Fold in the Baileys.
8. Gradually fold the cream into the cheese mixture.
9. Spread on biscuit base.
10. Before opening the flake crush, then unwrap one end and sprinkle round the edge of the cheese cake to decorate.
11. Place back in fridge for 2 to 3 hours.

Alison Marsh



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The Bramah Family of Stainborough



One of the parish of Silkstone's best known sons was the prolific inventor Joseph Bramah. Born on 13th April 1749 to Stainborough farmer Joseph Bramma and his wife Mary, Joseph junior was originally destined to work on his father's farm.

After moving to London Joseph changed the spelling of his surname from Bramma to Bramah as he felt this was more suitable now that he was mixing with the upper classes of society.

Between the ages of 6 to 12 Joseph attended Silkstone Town School and then left to work on his father's farm on Stainborough Lane. When he was 16 Joseph badly injured his ankle which left him with a permanent disability and unable to continue farm work.

Joseph became skilled at wood work, designing and making musical instruments. Befriended by the local blacksmith he helped Joseph make his own tools. Joseph was then apprenticed to Mr Allott the village carpenter. The economic situation in the north of England was poor and in spite of his damaged leg Joseph made his way to London to seek work.

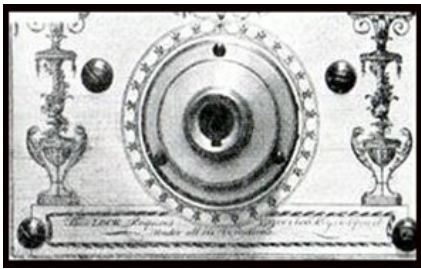
Joseph Bramah found employment with a Mr Allen installing water closets that were designed to a patent obtained by Alexander Cumming in 1775.

Joseph found that they had a tendency to freeze in cold weather. Although it was Allen who improved the design by replacing the usual slide valve with a hinged flap that sealed the bottom of the bowl, it was Bramah who obtained his very first patent for the flap valve in 1778 and began to manufacture it.

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After that he set up business on his own in a small way making water closets. He made further improvements, with the addition of a water cock, which lead to his second patent in 1783. The design was a success and Bramah's original water closets are still working in Osborne House, Queen Victoria's home on the Isle of Wight.

In 1783 Joseph Bramah married Mary Lawton and they went on to have a daughter and four sons. The couple lived in Piccadilly then moved to Pimlico. His son Timothy eventually joined the business which then became J. Bramah and Son



1784 Bramah Lock (Patent No.1430)

Joseph Bramah was a prolific inventor and secured a total of 18 patents for his designs between 1778 and 1812.

He is probably best known for his unpickable lock. The Tumbler Lock - which consists of the use of moveable obstructing plates, which can only be moved by the correctly-designed key.

This kind of Lock was revived and greatly improved, by a Mr Barron in 1774, and it was shortly after much study and many experiments that Bramah contrived a

more simple, secure and serviceable lock, which he patented in 1784.

As his lock became more in demand he invented a mechanised method of production. A notice hung in Bramah's shop window offering a 200 guineas reward to anyone who could pick the lock. The reward remained unclaimed for 67 years when at the Great Exhibition of 1851 an American took 51 hours over 16 days to unpick the lock.



1795 Bramah Hydraulic Press (Patent no.2045)

The most important of all his inventions was the hydraulic press patented in 1795. Bramah's hydraulic press had many industrial applications and still does today. This device was capable of exerting pressure to several thousand tons, for the purpose of shaping of iron and steel. The press offered the first practical application of hydraulic principles to manufacturers and builders, increasing production capabilities ten-fold.

It set the standard for an entire technology. Modern applications of this invention include the car jack, presses for

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baling waste paper and metal, and the hydraulic braking system for vehicles

The hydraulic press is still known as the Bramah Press after its inventor. The hydraulic press is considered to be one of the greatest contributions to the industrial revolution.

Bramah's other inventions included a beer pump, a machine for automatically printing sequentially numbered bank notes, a wood-planing machine, a paper making machine, a machine which makes nibs for quill pens. He also patented the first extrusion process for making lead pipes, machinery for making gun stocks and a machine to aerate water. His last patent was for the prevention of dry rot in timbers.

Whilst supervising one of his hydraulic presses used to uproot trees in Holt

Forrest, Hampshire, Bramah caught a severe cold. He died on December 9th 1814. He was buried in Paddington churchyard but a tablet was erected in Silkstone church to commemorate his life and career.

There are three Bramah graves in Silkstone churchyard. Joseph Bramah's parents along with their eldest son Richard, Mary his wife and two of their children occupy one grave. The second Bramah grave contains the remains of three of Richard and Mary's daughters, who died in adulthood, their son Richard and Mary his wife. The final grave is of Thomas Bramah, the son of Richard Snr. and his wife Mary. Also buried with Thomas is Hannah his wife and Edward their son, who died aged 5.

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18 January 2024 All ages

A Grimethorpe Adventure - Featuring their special guests, Birkwood Primary School (Music)

Grimethorpe Colliery Band is a British institution. National and British Open Champions on numerous occasions, the band's contest successes remain legendary.

26 January 2024

Northern Live All ages (music)

The world's greatest and most authentic touring Live Band Northern Soul Show is coming to Barnsley Civic.

2 February 2024

You're Bard 12+ (comedy theatre)

Shakespeare like never before! Four actors, four shows, endless possibilities. A mad fun Shakespeare.

3 February 2024

Barnsley Zine Fair 14+ or with an adult (Fair with stalls)

Free entry event. In partnership with Barnsley Literary Festival and Pride Barnsley.

11 February 2024

Ed Byrne – Tragedy plus time (Comedian) 14+

Attributed to Mark Twain, humour is defined as *Tragedy Plus Time*. Come and join Ed as he tests that formula by mining the most tragic event in his life for laughs.

17 February 2024

Solve-along-a-murder-she-wrote 16+ (Theatre)

An interactive screening of the classic Murder, She Wrote episode "Sing a Song of Murder"

23 February

Bach Cello Suites All ages (music)

Ensemble 360's cellist, **Gemma Rosefield** presents three of Bach's well-loved and intimate works for unaccompanied cello.

24 February 2024

Motown the Concert All ages (music)

Authentic Motown dance routines, original arrangements, and a talented cast - a full Motown experience.

11 April 2024

Clinton Baptiste: Roller Ghoster! 14+ (comedian)

Solo again, Britain's most celebrated clairvoyant medium psychic from Peter Kay's 'Phoenix Nights' returns with his brand new hilarious one-man stand up show.

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19 April 2024

Introducing Bridge Ensemble All ages
(Music)

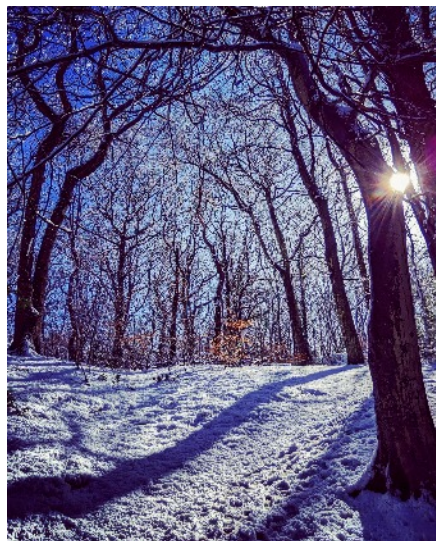
Bridge Ensemble, a wind quintet supported by Music in the Round, championing African music, featuring the beguiling and bluesy 'Summer Music' by Samuel Barber, best known for his 'Adagio for Strings'

2 November 2024

Shaun Ryder

Happy Mondays, and Fridays, and Saturdays, and Sundays 16+ (spoken word tour)

Shaun is touring in support of his new book: Happy Mondays - and Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays. Fans can look forward to a carnival of excess, wild tales, and improbable truths, as they enjoy the talents of a unique rock'n'roll star dubbed Britpop's answer to WB Yeats.



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Academy Theatre 2024

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The Take 2 Centre 311 Sheffield Road
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19 January 2023

The Roy Orbison Experience (music tribute act)

Oliver Harris, backed by four superb musician, they capture the dynamic of Roy's songbook.

9 February 2024

Ed Sheeran's Songbook (music tribute)

Jack Bowater to present an amazing night of Ed Sheeran magic.

17 February 2024

MJ the Legacy (music tribute act)

CJ, world know tribute act of MJ, celebrates the music and career of the undisputed 'king of pop', including his dancers.

29 February to 2 March 2024

Kes (theatre production)

Kes is the story of Billy's heart. How it came to beat and how it came to break.

12 May 2024

Creedence Clearwater Revival (music)

The UK #1 Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute Show brings you 'The Green River Tour' in 2024, taking you back to 1969 and the heady days of Woodstock.

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16 May 2024

It's only Make-Believe (music tribute band)

The UK's only tribute band to Suzi Quatro and CHILD

An evening which recreates the time that put the Glam to this magnificent decade!

Elsecar Heritage Centre

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elsecarheritagecentre@barnsley.gov.uk

Thursday 23 November 2023 - Saturday 30 December 2023

Earl's Tipis at Elsecar Heritage Centre

Enjoy open fires, your favourite beers, lagers and spirits all in one place! Live music will be on every Friday and Saturday from 8pm onwards.



Cannon Hall



01226 772002

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2-24 December 2023 - weekends only at Bark House, Cannon Hall Farm

The Santa Apprentice @ Cannon Hall Farm

For the third year running Cannon Hall Farm have teamed up with ***Talegate Theatre Productions and the Copycat Party Company*** for an event that is guaranteed to leave the whole family feeling full to the brim with Christmas spirit!

Thursday 23 November & Wednesday 6 December

Festive Wreath Making at Cannon Hall

In the beautifully decorated Ballroom learn how to make your own festive wreath from scratch with the traditional Moss ring method.

Saturday 2 December - Sunday 17 December

A Very Victorian Christmas at Cannon Hall

Children join in with Cannon Hall's Victorian nursery maid to hear Christmas story and play with traditional Victorian toys before sitting down with Santa to share your wish list for Christmas Day and receive special gifts.

Saturday 2 December – Sunday 3 December 2023

A Christmas Carol With Chris Cade at Cannon Hall

Master storyteller Chris Cade will reignite your love of Christmas in the beautiful setting of the Cannon Hall Ballroom.

Come and meet miserable Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts that assist his

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redemption. Some audience participation is available for those willing to take a hat and a role.

Suitable for all ages.

Barnsley Christmas Market

7-10 December 2023

Where families can come and experience festive fun in the heart of the town centre.

Experience Barnsley Museum

September 2023 to 6 April 2024



The Magic of Middle-earth is a new exhibition at Experience Barnsley Museum. A celebration of the fantasy world brought to life by J.R.R. Tolkien, and the generations of writers, artists, musicians, film makers, environmentalists and game designers it has influenced.

Lamproom Theatre

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www.barnsleylamproom.com

28 January 2024

If I could turn back time - The Cher Songbook

This exciting new show literally turns back time and revisits the amazing career and back catalogue of Cher; the Goddess of Pop.

25 January 2024

Auld before my time – Paul Riley

BAFTA-award-winning actor/comedian Paul Riley heads to The Peoples' Theatre, bringing an evening of fun, laughter and memories of his 30-year TV career and an opportunity for the audience to ask anything they've ever wanted about the iconic **Still Game!**



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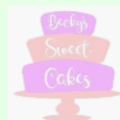
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Introducing Addergrams

Printed Opposite is a new kind of word puzzle called an Addergram. My wife and I created this new puzzle after I retired in June this year and have offered them to the Silkstone Parish Newsletter to help keep our grey matter active.

An Addergram is a chain of words, with clues, where each answer is an anagram of the previous word plus one new letter. You can do the words in any order, so if you're stuck on a word it often helps to work backwards. The clues, plus the letters in the previous and next words, should help you to figure out each answer. The solution is printed later in the newsletter.

After retiring we decided to do something a little different to add to our weekly zoom quizzes with friends and we kept it going by publishing free daily puzzles. I've always found anagrams fascinating. We came up with the idea to create chains of words by adding one new letter at a time, combining these with clues to each word. As it's all about adding letters and forming anagrams, we called the puzzles Addergrams.

My coding skills are rusty but I decided to have a go at building an online game, with a new puzzle each day and all the old puzzles available. Friends tell us they like to do the daily Addergram over a cup of tea or coffee – they take a little less time than a crossword and a little longer than Wordle. It's just a bit of fun really, there is

no software download needed, no account or login, no personal data captured, no cookies stored (so no annoying requests or adverts). Just a retired couple from Silkstone having fun publishing daily puzzles. The online game can help by checking your letters or words as you enter them, turn off checking to get the higher scores.

The free online version can be found at addergrams.com and it works on mobile devices as well as PC or MAC – any device which can browse the internet.

Instructions are given the first time you access the site and the online game can provide letter and word checking as well as sharing with friends on social media.

Printed on the next page is one example, but feel free to visit addergrams.com to get new daily puzzles or work back through the history. See if you can do them all. Could this be the new daily puzzle craze?

Mick Jennings



*Red Lion
Scarecrow*

Clues *Answers*

Cease to exist, as a game piece might (3)

Make revisions to a document or manuscript (4)

Attempted or put to the test (5)

Give instructions or guide (6)

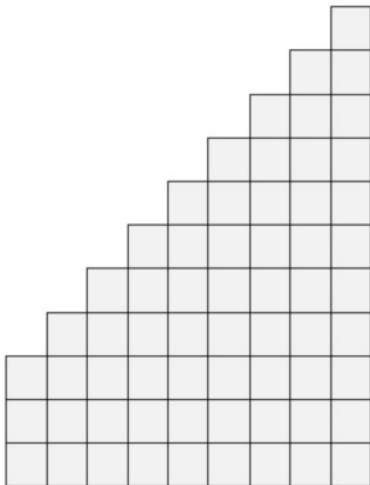
Repeated aloud from memory, like a poem (7)

Feeble and worn due to age or neglect (8)

The essential part of a sentence that conveys the action or state (9)

Decrease in value over time, as with assets or currency (10)

Administer drugs in advance of an operation (11)



Each word is an anagram of the previous word plus one extra letter. Use the clues together with the letters from the previous and next answers to solve each word.

There is no software to download or install, you don't need an account, no adverts are shown and no personal data is collected or stored. Addigrams is a fun daily word puzzle created by a retired Silkstone resident.

Play Addergrams online and your result can be shared on social media if you wish.

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Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update

As you know, a Steering Group has been working on the NDP since Autumn 2019. The NDP is a policy document to guide planning decisions in the Parish. Following all of the steering group's work to produce the NDP, the final stage in the process was a referendum of all residents of Silkstone and Silkstone Common on whether or not the NDP should be adopted as planning policy.

The referendum was held on 19th October and, as you probably know by now, residents voted "yes" to adopt the NDP. Although the "yes" vote is pleasing in itself, the 556 "yes" votes out of 613 shows how engaged residents are with the work the steering group has been doing. 613 votes represents a 24.9% "turnout", which I'm told is quite high for this sort of ballot.

Now that residents have agreed to adopt the NDP, its policies will be taken into account by Barnsley Council when it considers planning applications in Silkstone and Silkstone Common. These policies aim to protect the local environment, wildlife and access to the countryside, green spaces and important historical buildings. Policies also cover transport issues and the local economy. There are no plans for housing developments in the Parish, but, where small sites might come up for development, the NDP includes policies

covering how any new building fits in with the surrounding area. You'll find the NDP on the website at www.silkstoneplan.co.uk or just Google "silkstone plan".

So, thanks again to Parish residents for contributing to work on the NDP and for coming out to vote. Thanks are also due to all members of the Steering Group who have helped with the work on the NDP, and Louise Kirkup and colleagues at Kirkwells for their support. Hopefully, the Parish will be better for the work we have done!

Ian Turner
Silkstone Parish NDP Steering Group
Chair



Scarecrow on the High Street

Help and Support from Age Concern this Winter

Age UK provide services, support and help for older people who may be isolated, lonely or have find it difficult getting around. They have a main office in Barnsley (tel 01226 776820) and with **Helen Marley as local (our area) social inclusion officer on 07535 439932**. Their services cover Shopping, Handyman, Gardening, Financial services and Advice, Groups and events. Contact **Helen** to discuss your needs or concerns in complete confidence... you can also refer someone who may be unsure about reaching out... provided you have their permission to do so.

Helen joins the **Warm Welcome** coffee/tea mornings at the Huskar Rooms when she can, and will be at the session on Tuesday November 28th, 10.00 am until 12 noon. She has already been able

to provide help directly to people who have attended the Warm Welcome coffee/tea mornings, where she has covered several areas of need.

Some other areas of Social Inclusion support are collecting shopping or prescriptions, dropping in for a warm drink and chat, doing simple tasks in the house such as clearing snow or fallen leaves, accompanying someone who is not confident going out on their own.

Contact **Helen** (she is not available on Fridays), make sure to leave a message if she does not answer your call... or drop into the Huskar Rooms for a **Warm Welcome** on 28th November. **Helen** is outstanding and totally committed to what she does.

***Cllr Alan Thompson**
**One of the Co-ordinators of the Warm
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CARE Group

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What does ecology mean to us?

'the relationship between living things and their environment' Cambridge Dictionary

Within our villages there are many species of animals, insects and birds which keep our flowers bursting into colour, birds singing, trails accessible and the continuation of our ecosystem.

Have you read the Neighbourhood Development Plan (for our Parish) which identifies the different wild life within our Parish – which is quite amazing.

You could argue that ecology is one of the most essential branches of biology. This helps us understand and protect the environment that is home for all species living on Earth.

'From an ecologist standpoint, nature (as a very complex entity where matter comes into contact) spent a long time developing the stability of Earth's ecosystem. You can definitely look at Earth and nature acting as synonyms here: conditions on Earth have been changing for millions of years, and some of them took a lot of time to look the way they do now. It is our destructive

presence, which can speed up time, or if you wish - to speed up the changes, and often drive them from bad to worse'.
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Therefore the CARE group are not only cutting the grass, planting nice flowers and tidying up small areas which do not belong to anyone.... They are protecting, nurturing and preserving our ecosystem here in Silkstone parish!

Would you like to join them, as a Volunteer, and share your ideas to protect, nurture and preserve our Parish?

Please contact Susan Dunwell on 07973 310925 or email

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The CARE Scarecrow in Queen Elizabeth Gardens

Addergram Solution : 03-Dec-23

Clues Answers

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Silkstone Garage Site

Recently the shop on the site of Silkstone Garage was changed to an Asda however the history of the site will be relatively unknown to the casual shopper or the driver filling up his car. The site has strong links with the early coal mining activities with a pit being located partly on the site and two important buildings standing on and adjacent to the site – The ‘Tommy Shop’ and the Offices belonging to the Pit.

The ‘Tommy Shop’ is shown on a map from 1829 and was owned by The Clarke family from Noblethorpe Hall. They owned significant areas of land in the Parish including most of the local collieries and dwellings in the village. This is where Clarke’s colliers would buy the equipment needed to work the pits as well as the goods and food they needed for their daily life.

The pit offices (still standing as the cottage) shown on a map of 1848 belonged to Cross Pit which was behind the two buildings.



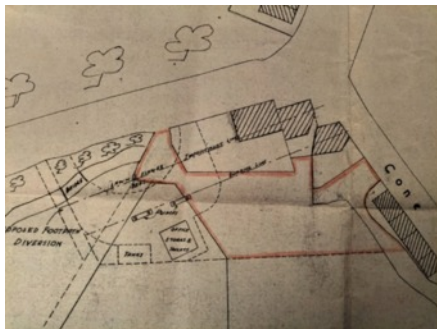
The ‘Tommy Shop’ was next to the road at the front of the site with the Cross Pit Offices adjacent. Behind the ‘Tommy Shop’, on land that would become the garage, was the pit yard belonging to Cross Pit. The Cross Pit was sunk in the 1840s and the waggonway ran past the pit and through a gap between the two buildings on its way to Cawthorne Basin.

The photograph below taken in the early 1930s shows the ‘Tommy Shop’ behind the trees where the garage forecourt is now located.



In 1955/56 the land was transferred from Silkstone Parish Council to the Silkstone Garage Company Limited, who established the first garage on the site. Brothers Raymond and Reggie Dyson were the owners along with Charlie Robinson from Cawthorne who owned Robbie’s Pit on Cawthorne Lane. Reggie ran the small kiosk and Raymond ran the garage. Reggie previously had a small wooden sweet shop at the bottom of the village.

The plan opposite shows the garage as it was originally built in 1956



It's not certain when Reggie Dyson gave up the garage business, but in 1967 plans were unsuccessfully submitted to build a Transport Café on the site.

In November 1970 what was described as 'the derelict filling station premises at Silkstone' were taken over by John Bradley, from Huddersfield, and he established the Silkstone Cross Motor Co Ltd. Bradley spent the next two years building up the business into a reputable dealership and extending the kiosk into a larger shop and in late 1972 they opened their newly constructed modern car showroom on the site having been appointed as main dealers in the area for Peugeot cars.

In 1980 the business was taken over by Dearnside Motors (Barnsley) Limited.

The photograph in the next column was taken by Silkstone Parish Council around 1979. It shows Silkstone Garage as it was at the time with the large Peugeot car showroom in the background.

By 1992 Dearnside Motors had become a Citroen dealership, offering car sales and the shop was now a Spar Supermarket,



the Local Post Office had also moved into the garage.

Around 2000/01 the Spar was changed to a Co-op and a large automated carwash had replaced the car showroom.

The shop was therefore run as a Co-op for around 23 years until October 2023 when it was taken over by Asda and changed to an Asda Express. The photograph below is c/o Silkstone Parish Newsletter Editor Sue Williams, and shows the Co-op signage being removed to be replaced by Asda Express.



Researched and written by Andy Horsfield. This is an edited version of a more detailed research into the site – if anyone would like a copy of the full version, or has any other information or photos, please email me on rogginshistorygroup@gmail.com

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Jesus wept!

I always dread being in a Pub Quiz team and a question about the bible comes up as invariably everyone looks in my direction. As a priest people expect me to know the bible from cover to cover and clearly after studying it for many years I do know quite a bit. There are times, however, when a very obscure difficult question is asked and I am stumped. One of the common questions asked in a bible quiz is, 'What is the shortest sentence in the Bible?' This I can answer with confidence, 'Jesus Wept' John's Gospel chapter 11 verse 35, King James Authorised Version.

This powerful two-word sentence is sometimes best known and used as an expletive. The context of the sentence is when Christ is faced with the death of his friend Lazarus and is stood at the graveside. It shows a very human and understandable response to grief and loss. Here is the minimum of words to describe a maximum sadness.

As I write this article the church is entering the period that we often call the Season of Remembrance. We have the special days in the church calendar of All Saints, when we remember the Saints of past ages. Indeed, Silkstone church is dedicated to All Saints', and we treat it as our Patronal Festival. The day after this we celebrate the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, when we remember all those of the faith who have passed away. At this time it is traditional to hold a

service in church to remember those of our parish who have died in the past year. We did this at All Saints' Silkstone on Sunday 12 November when candles were lit and names of the loved ones lost were read out. It is a time of tears, tears of sadness but also thankfulness for lives we have shared. These special days are followed by Remembrance Sunday, celebrated beyond the boundary of the church as we commit to our annual promise to never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts and war.

As I reflect on the tears of Jesus I am reminded of the wonderful time I spent on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Our first visit was to the site of a church overlooking Jerusalem. Tradition has it that was, at this place, that Jesus looked over the city and wept. There is a beautiful simply designed church called Dominus Flevit, which means, The Lord Wept. An Italian architect, Antonio Barluzzi, created the church. It was fashioned in the shape of a teardrop, to symbolize the tears of Christ. On the corners of the building are what look like bottles, which are representations of Lacrymatory, small bottles, which legend has it are for catching our tears. This is mentioned in Psalm 56 verse 8, '*God collects our tears in his bottle*', the message that God understands and supports us in our times of grief and pain.

At this moment in world history and events we are faced with the conflicts in Ukraine and Israel and Gaza. It is hard to

Winter 2023

describe or comprehend the level of suffering and at times our response is expressed in tears, and we weep.

Our Christmas preparations will probably be well under way. At the heart of the Christmas story is the gift of the Christ Child who was to know the vulnerabilities of facing violence, pain and tears as he grew up. The angels hailed his birth with the hope of peace and perhaps this year we will sing the Carol, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear. Verse 3 says:

*But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
Oh hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!*

With best wishes and prayers at this season.

Canon Keith
Vicar of West Barnsley



Christmas Services Benefice of West Barnsley 2023

All Saints' Church, Silkstone

Friday December 15th 7pm Christmas Concert Silkstone Brass Band and Local Vocals Choir

Friday December 22 6.30pm Carols and Lessons

Christmas Eve 4 pm – Children's Nativity

Christmas Service 10am

All Saints' Church, Cawthorne

Friday December 15th 7pm The Spirit of Christmas Carol Service

23 December 4pm Christingle Service

Christmas Eve – 11.30pm Midnight Mass

St John The Evangelist Church, Hoylandswaine

Christmas Eve – Carols by Candlelight 6pm

Joint Benefice Service 11am – Sunday 31st December.

St John the Baptist Church, Dodworth

Sunday 10 December 6pm Carol Service with Dodworth Colliery WM Brass Band.

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Parish Council Meeting dates for Jan-May 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 Jan	PC
5 th Feb	PC
4 th Mar	PC
8 th Apr	PC
15 th Apr	Annual Parishoners
13 th May	Annual Council

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

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- 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

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The deadline for the next newsletter is
Friday 1st March 2024.

Our usual deadlines and distribution dates
are below:

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



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Insect of the issue
The Winter Moth



Winter Moth - Operophtera brumata - from the Saxifraga foundation, photograph Ab Baas

Most insects hibernate (or die) during the winter months. Some spiders, gnats and this beautiful moth are active all year round.

Wingspan 22-28 mm.

This is a common species in most of Britain. It occurs, as its English name suggests, from late autumn through to January or February.

The larvae feed on a range of trees and shrubs, as well as moorland species such as heather (Calluna). Sometimes the larvae occur in great numbers, reaching pest status and occasionally completely defoliating small trees.

The females are virtually wingless, and crawl up tree-trunks to await the arrival of males.

Linda Marsh

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- Would you like to influence decisions that affect your community?
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- Meetings normally last around 1-2 hours.

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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

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Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

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Contact: Mr Simon Tabbner 790471

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Roggins Local History Group (Silkstone)

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

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Heritage Silkstone

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Old Silkstone Band

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

Contact - Secretary Danni Brookes 07540
240703

Email oldsilkstoneband@outlook.com

Web site www.oldsilkstoneband.com

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Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse

Green Institute at 7.30. Secretary:

Richard Craven 07895 555113

Email: mgmvc@hotmail.co.uk

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

Local Organisations

Children

Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

Ofsted registered offering Full Day Care, Sessional Care, Wrap around Care for children up to 11 years. Open Mon-Fri 7.30am to 4:30 pm

Email silkstonepreschoolpg@gmail.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

Childminders

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



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

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>
srrmusicgroup@gmail.com

Tracy 07905 421015

Are your group's details correct?

If not please let the Editor know.

sue@8highstreet.co.uk

Local Organisations

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:

Susan Dunwell 07973 310925
susanwareham@talktalk.net

Karen Gorman 07788 185502
kgorman963@btinternet.com

Linda Marsh 07792321829
lmxx.13@gmail.com

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.

Facebook

Silkstone/Silkstone Common Village News and Community Group

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

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 Administrator:

Mrs Loraine Wills
Email beneficewestbarnsley@hotmail.com

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For Baptism enquiries contact the Benefice Baptism Coordinator:

Mrs Lynn Wilkinson
Email: lynnw1308@googlemail.com
Mob: 07876 750983