

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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Please note that listed events may still be affected by covid-restrictions. Please contact the relevant organisation for more details.

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Chair's letter - September 2021

Welcome to the Autumn 2021 newsletter, I hope you've had a good summer and enjoyed your staycation.

I think the villages have looked marvellous over the last few months. The hanging baskets have been fabulous and the various flowerbeds around the parish have looked wonderful too.

Thank you to CARE for looking after these flowerbeds, the station platform, and numerous green spaces in both villages. These volunteers work tirelessly planting flowers, pulling weeds, and picking litter for the benefit of us all. If you enjoy a spot of gardening and are looking to do a bit of voluntary work, please contact them.

There have been two areas of concern that have occurred over the last three months.

Firstly, the amount of anti-social behaviour behind the garage has been the worst it's been in the 26 years I have lived in Silkstone. Criminal damage has been done to the fences surrounding the football pitch and to the pavilion. This will cost over £1500 to repair. Coupled with this is a rise in dog fouling, general littering, and evidence of drug abuse around the MUGA. If you see anything untoward, can you please report this to the police on the 101-telephone line.

The second area of concern is the proposed parking restriction on High Street in Silkstone.

The Parish Council have lodged an objection with BMBC and have gained support from our local MP and our Ward Councillors. We have been gathering evidence of traffic flow and speeds on High Street to present to the local authority. Together with all the objections from residents we'll hopefully achieve a solution which works best for all parties.

Although it is a long way away, the Parish Council need to order the Christmas lights. If you are interested, please see the article later in the magazine.

Enjoy the autumn and hopefully we'll have an Indian summer.

Richard Leech

Old Silkstone Band

Dear Parishioners

We hope you are all keeping safe, and you are all well. After another long lockdown period, we finally got the green light to return to rehearsals at the back end of May. It has been full steam ahead to be back in practice to perform at our summer concerts and be ready for the rest of the year – contesting and Christmas.



We have been very fortunate to have been able to play for you at Silkstone Sing this year as well as at Golden Acre Park, Wetherby Band Stand, Lotherton Hall and Brodsworth Hall over the summer period. It was a real pleasure to go and perform with our Musical Director, George Newbould, and play to a live audience, bring music back.

Looking forward the calendar is starting to fill up, especially for the Christmas period. We will be bringing you the dates of our Silkstone Village and Silkstone Common Christmas Carol walk arounds. Please keep an eye on our social media pages.

Thank you again, to all members of the Parish for your ongoing and continued support.

Old Silkstone Band



STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

We are delighted to let you know that we have been shortlisted for an annual award. As you know the CARE group has formally adopted the station platform in Silkstone Common. We were invited to enter the Community Rail annual awards which are designed to recognise all the work and effort put in across the country by volunteers keeping their respective stations neat, tidy and colourful.

Our entry centred around the new pallet planters which we specifically made and filled for our platform, taking account of the little space we have available.



We submitted an entry into the 'small expenditure' category; costs less than £500. We are delighted to have been shortlisted and invited to the annual prize giving later in December when we will learn if we have been successful with our entry.

We will let you know how we got on.

Andrew Wilson

Hackers Trick Victims With Fake Competition Win

An alert from South Yorkshire Police



Social media users in South Yorkshire are being warned to stay alert following recent reports of hacking.

Victims have been tricked into giving away their details or clicking on a dangerous link by cyber criminal posing as friends.

SYP's Cyber Protect Officer Dannielle Lee said: "We all know that social media is a brilliant way to stay in touch with friends. It was particularly important to many of us during lockdown, and now we're able to get out again many of us are using platforms to share photos and updates of our reunion and celebrations.

Unfortunately, cyber criminals are lurking on these sites too. Hackers can access accounts and then pose as someone you trust to trick you into giving away your personal details.

In recent cases, mainly on Facebook, South Yorkshire victims have been told that they have won the Postcode Lottery or a Facebook competition. Their 'friend' has asked for their details and encouraged them to click on a link which is unsafe.

As part of the scam, the hackers are also then able to take over the victim's account and will go on to target their friends too."

If you have been a victim of cyber crime or fraud, report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



Damian's seasonal Butternut Squash, Chickpea and Coconut curry

The season is changing again, and we are now starting to approach Autumn. The leaves will be turning colour very shortly and the trees will be dropping their leaves. Pumpkins will soon be ready for harvesting and then carved into the scary Halloween creations (Jack-o-lanterns). Hopefully this year, kids will once again be able to go door to door, trick or treating.

Butternut squash is in the same family as the pumpkin, and these are also just about ready for harvesting, around this time. I tend to find pumpkins a little too sweet, and so I much prefer to cook with Butternut squash. Remember though guys to save and dry the seeds and they can then be stored overwinter, and then planted next year.



So, if like me you decided to grow these tasty squashes this year, then this is the recipe for you.

Get cooking and I'll see you soon with a Christmas recipe.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp Madras curry paste.
- ½ red chilli, or a pinch of chilli flakes.
- 1 large butternut squash (600g), peeled and chopped into medium size chunks.
- 1 small can of chickpeas- drained.
- 1 red pepper, halved, deseeded and roughly chopped into chunks.
- 1 red onion peeled and diced.
- 400g can reduced-fat coconut milk.
- Pinch salt.
- Small bunch coriander, roughly chopped

Method:

- Heat a large frying pan or wok, with a splash of oil and the go straight in with the red onions.
- Cook for around a minute, then add the red pepper and chilli and cook for a further minute. (You could at this stage add a clove of chopped garlic and a small thumb sized piece of grated ginger -this would add more flavour).
- Now add the squash chunks and cook for another minute.
- Now add the curry paste and coconut milk and a splash of water and allow the curry to simmer.
- Once the squash is tender add the chickpeas and salt and cook until thick and creamy.
- Serve with a scattering of chopped coriander.
- Serve with what ever you like -Naan, rice, chutneys, poppadom's etc

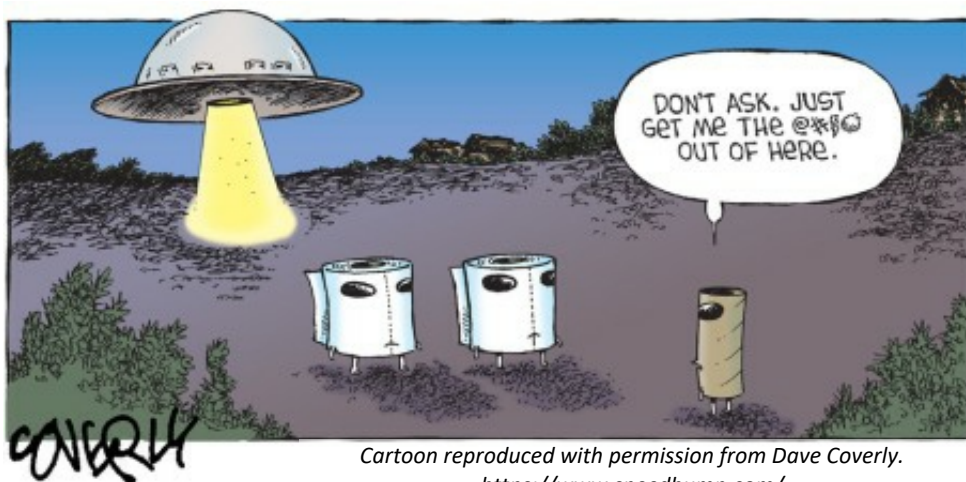


Do you need to hire a room?

There are two venues hiring rooms in our Parish.

Silkstone Common - The Methodist Church hall is available for regular or occasional letting. It is a large room at the back of the Chapel with toilets and a kitchen. There is disabled access. Please contact **Keith Jowett (tel 01226 790461)** for details of availability.

Silkstone – The Huskar Rooms, behind the coop - has two large rooms, a large reception area, fully equipped kitchen, toilets (including disabled toilet) and baby changing facilities. **Look on their Facebook page for more information.**



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Are you in need of a hideaway after the school holidays or maybe you've missed having time with a friend? Either way we have the perfect package for you this September.



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CARE - The year so far

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has helped keep our villages looking colourful over the summer months. The dry weather created a few problems for us, not least keeping up with the watering of the beds and planters etc. Thank you to CARE members and local residents who kept on top of watering.



I'm sure that you will agree that the beds and planters have brought much needed colour to our villages. As we emerge out of lock-downs and start to move around again it's a pleasure to see colourful areas. Thank you to the Parish Council for buying a range of bedding plants for our pleasure. Plus a special thank you to Karen for growing cosmos from seed, these have definitely contributed well, growing particularly tall !



If you haven't already we would certainly recommend a wander through Orchard Wood, we have started the development of a wild flowering meadow, planting plugs plants, sewing seeds etc. This isn't an

instant fix and will take some time to develop. Not least managing the invasive brambles, however, we are committed to its development and look forward to seeing native colours in the future.

Another thank you to those folk who regularly litter pick across both our villages. You may think that litter is reducing, this is because we have a number of people who take it upon themselves to pick up litter dropped by others. We took part in the Keep Britain Tidy summer litter picks; thank you to local residents for joining in. It was also great to involve the local scout groups, picking litter particularly in Silverwood and its immediate surrounding areas. A great effort by the young people in our community.



Following some vandalism at the back of the co-op the Parish Council planted a row of hedging saplings, these have grown and developed really well. CARE will now take over the management of this hedgerow. It is hoped that it will create nesting opportunities in the spring.



Whilst we don't want to wish away the summer, we do need to start thinking about our autumn and winter priorities. We will be developing a refreshed work programme for the coming months and will share this

when it's ready. Some of our plans will centre around;

- continued development of the wild flower meadow in Orchard Wood;
- the potential to complete the pathway in Controyd Wood (if we get funding);
- cleaning up and development of a memorial bench at the top of Hall Royd Ln/Champany Hill (with the support of the family).
- We also want to develop the area near Vicarage Farm Court (on the left hand side as you leave Pot House Hamlet), we are working with BMBC to obtain the relevant permissions etc. so this one may take a little longer.
- The development and ongoing maintenance of Chestnuts in Silkstone, a fantastic area which we hope to create a blended mix of wildflower orchard, great areas for wildlife and pleasant areas for sitting.



Plus of course the ongoing maintenance of our beds and planters and planting some new bulbs for spring colour.

You may also have seen the development of a rockery area at the entrance to Manor Park, a handful of CARE members developed this personally. As with all types of garden area, this will need continued TLC and development, we will consider how we can future proof this rockery and make it as minimal maintenance as possible.

We receive fantastic feedback (in the main!) from residents when we are out and about, however, we are always grateful for new members to get actively involved. Please get in touch if you are interested and would like to join in.

Susan Wareham

Cllr Millar's Allotment – Part 2

It's been a quick 3 months and much to my surprise most things planted have been a success. A big thanks to all the assistance from the Silkstone allotment experts Janice and Kevin, note Janice (Cllr Wake) has now also joined the parish council. We are also looking at starting an Allotment Association if the other allotment holders see an advantage to this

June – We planted

- Charlotte, Maris Peer and Maris Piper potatoes.
- French Green Beans and Corn
- Pumpkins, Courgettes and Cucumber
- Various types of Tomatoes



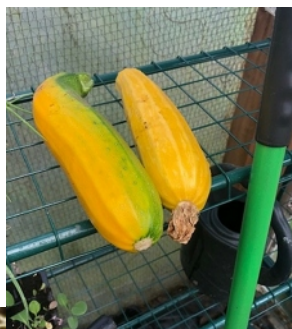
The Parish Council supported the installation of a second tap, this second tap has a metric thread which makes it easier to use new hose adaptors, the tap also allows two connections simultaneously

July

Due to rain and daily watering everything on allotment doing very well especially corn and potatoes.

First courgette harvested, cooked with Chinese five spice.

Janice harvested our blackcurrants and made excellent Jam



Maris Peer potatoes, stronger tastes than Maris Piper. Good all rounder. We have also just harvested the Charlotte potatoes



Janice harvested raspberries for raspberry jam

August

Still doing really well, however an outbreak of potato blight forced us to harvest the Maris Peer potatoes. Maris Piper and Charlotte were not affected by blight. Trimmed back loads of excessive greenery which allowed the tomatoes and cucumber to accelerate.



So in summary a good outcome for the first 4 months, hopefully we will be able to harvest the corn, beans and tomatoes soon. We also have pumpkins for Halloween

To be continued.....

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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2021

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 rest of this year are below

Date	Meeting
4 th Oct	PC
1 st Nov	PC
6 th Dec	PC

Parish Council website

www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

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.

Facebook and Twitter

Silkstone PC has two Facebook pages. One labelled "Community" is mainly used for announcements about PC Business or official events the PC has been notified about. The other labelled "Friends" can be used by anyone in the Parish to post notices about upcoming events. If any local organisations have a Facebook page that they would like to be linked please contact Meryl Liddell.

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

The deadline for the next newsletter is Monday 1st November 2021.

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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Christmas Tree Sponsorship

Following the success of the Christmas Tree Lights in 2020 we will be repeating the displays this year.

I know it's a little early, but we have had to order them - it seems our success with Hanging Baskets and Christmas Lights has led to other villages copying us so we need to get in first!



The mini-Christmas trees will be installed at the locations of the 60 hanging baskets on Ben Bank Road and Knabbs Lane in Silkstone Common and High Street, Barnsley Road and Silkstone Lane in Silkstone.

Hopefully we will also have a large Christmas tree in both the villages.

We have also listened to the comments from last year and, the hanging basket sponsorship signs will be removed.

The cost of the lights is high; last year sponsorship subsidised the cost by 42% which was fantastic. However, we recognise that residents have different funds available for sponsorship, so we are suggesting £25 again this year but welcome any contributions to suit your budget.

How to sponsor the lights

If you wish to sponsor the Christmas lights display you can do so by sending payment via BACS (stating your surname as reference)

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Alternatively, by cheque payable to 'Silkstone Parish Council' posted to the Council address please.

If you could email the Clerk on silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com with the greeting, you would like to appear in the Christmas edition of the newsletter and the village noticeboards. Below is an example of the sort of greeting you may wish to send

"Merry Christmas to all our neighbours from the Miggins family" etc.

If you should have any questions, please email, or telephone the Clerk.

Silkstone Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Storing your home grown fruit and veg

The right conditions are crucial for successful storage of any crop, and the produce itself needs to be in perfect condition – no blemishes, or breaks in the skin. Different crops need different storage conditions. You can also freeze many fruit and vegetables.

Though this advice is aimed at crops you've grown yourself. It also works for crops you can buy when there is a glut and they are cheap.

'Root' crops (except potatoes)

Interestingly, these roots are the storage organs of biennial plants and therefore - in the right conditions – they store naturally and easily. Harvest carefully, taking care to avoid skin damage. Remove excess soil, but do not wash or scrub as this may damage the skin. Remove leaves by twisting off close to crown. Place in shallow

crates/boxes separating layers with a slightly damp packing material such as leaf mould, sand, sieved soil, sawdust (from untreated wood only), coir. Keep very cool from 0 - 4°C.

Leeks and Brussels sprouts

Both can normally be left in the ground over winter. However, if extremely bad weather is forecast you can bring a few indoors for immediate use. Dig up entire plants, with roots, and place in a bucket with just enough water to cover the roots. In a cool place they will stay fresh up to a week.

Pumpkins and winter squashes

Pumpkins and squashes need a few weeks of sun towards the end of the growing season to develop a tough skin for storage. Harvest before first frost. Cut with a long stalk, with part of the vine attached – this will protect the

stem from rotting. Stored cool and dry with plenty of air circulation they can last 6 – 9 months. Ideal temp 10 - 15°C.

Freezing

Vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli, peas and beans, leeks can be frozen to help store during a glut. It is best to blanch in boiling water first, and to freeze in manageable quantities. Apples, pears and plums should be stewed first. Strawberries do not freeze well – they go mushy when thawed – but raspberries can be quick frozen individually on trays, before bagging up. Tomatoes are best cooked into a sauce before freezing.

Visit

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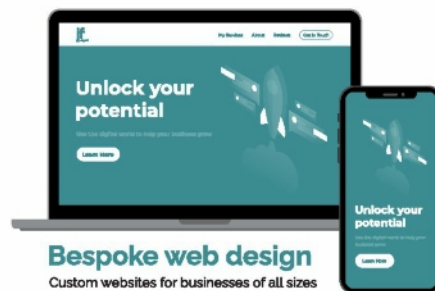
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Local Hedgehogs

It's getting to that time of the year when the local hedgehog population are getting ready for their winter hibernation. Below are some ideas to attract our little spiky friends into the garden and how if you are lucky enough one or more should take up residence in your garden.

What do wild hedgehogs eat?

Hedgehogs are widely recognised as a potent ally in the garden, but what do they actually eat? What makes up a wild hedgehog's diet?

Hedgehogs mainly eat creepy crawlies

Hedgehogs are generalists and feed on a wide range of things. The majority of their diet is made up of invertebrates (or creepy crawlies). We know what they eat from scientific studies that have analysed hedgehog poo or looked in the stomachs of hedgehogs killed on roads.

The most important invertebrates in their diet are **worms, beetles, slugs, caterpillars, earwigs, and millipedes**.

As well as these, they also eat a wide range of other insects. More infrequently, they will take advantage of carrion, frogs, baby rodents, baby birds, birds' eggs and fallen fruit.



Hog eating a frog by Barbara Witowska

When you are putting out food for hedgehogs, you can replicate the hedgehog's natural diet by providing any combination of meat-based dog and cat food, hedgehog food or cat biscuits.

Studies suggest that hedgehogs only use food in gardens as a supplement to

their natural diet and therefore there is no evidence to suggest you are causing them to become dependent on you for food. This means you are free to go on holiday!

The hedgehog's natural diet mainly consists of ground beetles, caterpillars, worms and slugs.

How do you encourage natural hedgehog food in the garden?

During cold or dry periods, these creepy-crawlies become much scarcer in gardens, so hedgehogs will benefit hugely from a **shallow dish of water** and supplementary feeding at these times.

What should I feed hedgehogs?

Hedgehogs will relish any combination of meat-based wet dog or cat foods, or dry cat/kitten food, as these are high in the protein that they need. Just remember, they will be getting most of their food from insects and worms in the wild, and this food is only supplementary.

Place in a shallow dish and put in a sheltered area of your garden, or a feeding station (see below), around sunset. Splitting food over several sites may reduce aggression at food bowls. Don't forget to offer water bowls too!

Specially made hedgehog foods both in dry and moist kibble varieties exist and can be bought from most local pet and garden stores. Please note that these specialist foods are not regulated or approved, and those resembling pet food with a high meat content are most suitable.

Can you feed hedgehogs bread and milk?

Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant so please **do not give them milk**. Bread is low in energy so fairly worthless to them.

How can I stop cats and foxes eating it all?

Be aware that putting any food out will attract all sorts of wildlife and not just hedgehogs, this includes predators. To avoid the food, you put out being eaten by pets or foxes you could make a feeding station that is difficult for anything larger than a hedgehog to access. You could use a piece of piping or build a shelter out of bricks and paving stones or get some inspiration from a nifty solution by Hedgehog Champions below.



Placing a shallow dish of water at the entrance, and/or a 'brick maze' inside a feeding station should also prevent cats getting to the food, as below.

[Find more tips for keeping cats away here.](#)

Should I Clean my Feeding Station?

Hedgehogs are solitary animals generally. By putting food out, you are more likely to attract several hedgehogs. As they share food from the same feeding station, it's possible that they could spread disease between one another. It could also be a risk that they spread disease to us, so to be extra safe regularly clean your feeding bowls and do not wash them with your own plates and bowls.

Copied from the Hedgehog Street Website

Local Organisations

Music

Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common Methodist Church 7:30pm

Contact: silkstonecommonladieschoir@gmail.com

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/>

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 15's Steve Fletcher 07990-805694

Under 18's Jon Dale 07971-889436

Please phone the manager for details.

Silkstone United Cricket Club

Main Sponsor : Norcroft Electrical Limited.

Associate Sponsors : Barnsley Timber Merchants, John

Whitmore Electrical Contractors, Plascompo Ltd

Contacts:

U9 team, Tony Clegg 07967-222820

U11 team, Tony Clegg 07967-222820

U13 team, Lee Wilford 07931-298213

U15 team, Duncan Grant 07789-998018

U17 team Phil Mosley 07973-757403

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 in the Boardroom 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.

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

Ofsted registered offering Full Day Care, Sessional Care, Wrap around Care, including pickup/drop off service to Silkstone Primary School and Silkstone Common J & I School and Holiday Club, for children up to 11 years. Open from 7.30am to 6 pm, Mon-Fri, 50 weeks of the year.

Contact: Claire Jackson, Manager on 01226 792294 or email cj@silkstonepreschool.co.uk.

Visit us at www.silkstonepreschool.co.uk

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

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.

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.

New group - Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Wake, Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator

janicewake@btinternet.com

07540957639

Environment/Local interest

Silkstone – St Florent Association

The Parish of Silkstone is twinned with St Florent des Bois in the Vendee in France. Exchange visits are organised along with a variety of social and fund-raising events throughout the year.

Contact: Yvonne Dinsdale 790583

Silkstone 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 Wareham 07973 310925

susanwareham@talktalk.net

Karen Gorman 07788 185502

kgorman963@btinternet.com

Andrew Wilson 07990 550091

wilsonlymm1961@btinternet.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

Silkstone Common Sports & Recreation Association

Secretary - David O'Connor 07415781796

scssc1926@gmail.com

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Until a new vicar has been appointed services are held as follows.

First Sunday of the month: 9.30am at St John's Dodworth, 11.00am at All Saints Cawthorne

Second Sunday of the month: 9.30am at All Saints, Silkstone, 11.00am at St John's Hoylandswaine

Third Sunday of the month: 9.30am at St John's Dodworth, 11.00am at All Saints Cawthorne

Fourth Sunday of the month: 9.30am at All Saints, Silkstone, 11.00am at St John's Hoylandswaine

When there are five Sundays in a month, a united service will be held at one of the four churches at 10.30am. See the church noticeboard for details.

For more information, please contact the Benefice Administrator, Mrs Loraine Wills by emailing: beneficewestbarnsley@hotmail.com

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Currently closed for worship. Open for community use. Contact for Hall bookings Keith Jowett 01226 790461