

Silkstone Parish Newsletter



Autumn 2024

Issue 103



Who are these
Sensational 6?

Are they amongst us
in Silkstone Parish?

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Why are they
Sensational?

(see page 14)

A Word from the Chair

It has been quite eventful since the last newsletter. Sadly, the summer fair had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the dreadful weather. Sorry to everyone who was disappointed, but for health and safety reasons it would not have been feasible to hold in on the playing field in Silkstone. Thank you to everyone in the various groups who worked towards the day to make it successful. From the Parish Council I would especially like to thank Lesley Gill and Janice both of whom worked tremendously hard for the best part of twelve months to make the event a success, only then to see it cancelled, fingers crossed for next year. We will let you know when a date for 2025 has been made, and location.

The damage to the church wall in Silkstone was a shock to see, thankfully no one was seriously hurt in the accident. My thoughts

go to the family and friends of those whose head stones were damaged and hopefully the Huskar Memorial will not be too bad after the rubble has been removed. I understand the Church has everything well in hand.

Finally, I would like to thank both Lesley Gill and Alan Thompson for their time on the Parish Council, both have decided that sadly it is time for them to step away from the parish council. Both have been major contributors in the past, and will be missed.

Anyone who feels they would like to volunteer to be on the Parish Council, in the first instance please speak to any Parish Councillor or contact Clerk to the Parish Council Richard Bell, on 07947 545504.

Meryl

Chair of the Parish Council

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Editorial

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter

I hope this Newsletter finds you well and that you have enjoyed the Summer sunshine, so far?

It took its time, but eventually the sun did come out – perhaps I should be quoting that well known song ‘*The Sun has got its hat on, hip hip hip hooray!*’? The Sun continues to shine (and is warm when it is out!) – keep going Sun!

This Newsletter includes a pull-out of a Silkstone Parish Walk, courtesy of the Care Group, update from our Twinning village’s organiser, information from Sarah regarding the Penistone Train line, a look back at The Station Pub Silkstone Common, gardening tips from our very own Matt B, and the amazing work of our ‘Sensational 6’!

We have been in touch with the RSPB regarding protection of our Swifts, see article from Sian – Nature Editor.

I echo the Chair’s message about the Silkstone Church wall accident, and the catastrophic damage to a number of

gravestones – which has been very upsetting for the connected families.

I have been chatting with a number of people in Silkstone and Silkstone Common, and have asked what they would like to see in the Silkstone Parish Newsletter. The main topic of interest is ‘*what is going on in our villages and in Barnsley centre*’. So, we have updated and added information to our ‘Local Organisations’ at the back of the Newsletter, and I have selected some events in Barnsley Town Centre throughout the Newsletter.

Please let me know if there are areas of interest you would like to have included in the Newsletter

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Sue Williams
Editor

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Clues	Answers
Respectful address to a man (3)	
Mix or create trouble (4)	
Traditional Indian musical instrument (5)	
Comedy which ridicules the subject (6)	
With a leg on each side (7)	
Small object orbiting the sun (8)	
Certified or validated by a legal authority (9)	
Treated condescendingly (10)	
The feeling of hopelessness or extreme urgency (11)	
Pretended to be someone else (12)	

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Silkstone – St Florent Twinning Association

Efforts are continuing to make plans for the Twinning Visit which is to take place in July 2025. Our French friends are co-ordinating matters at their end and exact dates and numbers are yet to be determined. If the visit is to take place it is essential on our part to have sufficient hosts to accommodate the visitors who hope to come. We appreciate that people may be nervous of having strangers stay in their homes, let alone strangers who speak a foreign language, I know that we approached our first hosting experience with great trepidation but found the whole thing to be positive and enjoyable. We have made many good friends, taken part in numerous twinning excursions whilst hosting and have had two fabulous holidays in the Vendee.



Since the last newsletter was circulated a very successful wine & cheese afternoon was held in the garden of Patrick & Linda in Silkstone Common. It was open to all persons interested in twinning activities and newcomers were welcomed. We intend

to have more get togethers to socialise and spread the word, details will be circulated on the community facebook page, please come and join us and get any questions you have about twinning answered.



Please feel free to contact me or any twinning group member if you have any queries about the organisation. The Parish Council have always been supportive of the group and were instrumental in its formation in 1991. Two of our members share their twinning experiences below.

Liz Waterlow

We really enjoyed our twinning experience. We have had two young guests to stay for 4 days in 2014 and again in 2017 and enjoyed having them. We are not fluent French speakers by even the tiniest amount and our guests were not English speaking but this just made us all get more creative in the way we communicated.



The French girls were very excited to meet the Lapin (rabbits) in our garden and take part in a water fight with our son. The young French visitors had regular contact with the French Youth Workers who ensured their wellbeing throughout the visit. The young people were extremely polite and interested in all that took place.

We enjoyed taking the French youngsters to our junior school where they were able to look in the classrooms, attend games Afternoon and met some teachers. We attended the Church and a coach trip to York Minster with them. We also dined out meeting other French visitors and hosts from the Parish.

It is a great way to share cultures and form new friendships.

Wendy, Howard & Daniel Clemmet.

Ian and I came to Silkstone Common in 2003 not knowing anyone. Ian had visited France every year since he was 19 and loved to speak French. We saw the advert for the Twinning Group asking for hosts and decided to have a go as it was something we could do together.

We were thrown in at the deep end with a couple who said they could not speak English. We became friends with them and a couple of years later were welcomed to stay with them on the subsequent visit to St Florent. Jannine liked to cook and taught me some local recipes during our visit there.



Over the years we have taken part in twinning visits both as hosts and visitors. We have been lucky enough to host a number of other guests including a teenage boy over the years. Our visitors have been delighted by the simplest of activities – visiting the local pub for a pint; seeing the dry stone walls; sheep wandering across the moors in addition to the more organised trips that take place during an exchange visit.

The visits to St Florent were good fun and educational - the highlight each time was the Puy de Fou, a spectacular show on French history with 3000 actors & animals! A tour of their public gardens showed us fruit trees planted for the community to enjoy because of this fruit trees have been planted in The Orchard in memory of my

late husband and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy the fruit in the years to come.



Above all we soon became part of the Twinning Group in Silkstone Common getting to know lots of people and making good friends that have continued over and above the twinning visits. We have had great nights in our garden & others when we formed small 'splinter' groups to entertain the French visitors in the evenings. This was never an onerous task as daytime events were organised for the whole group and everyone 'mucked in' in the evenings.

Jenny Garside

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Matt B's Gardening tips

I was reminded recently of a great word, 'Fall', which perfectly sums up this time of year in such a beautiful way. Oranges, yellows and reds celebrate this great seasonal transition. Fall, ok, Autumn, whilst being beautiful is not the signal to 'put the garden to bed', there is so much our gardens can give us and we can give them over the coming months. It might look like our gardens are sleeping, but underground plants slowly build, connecting with the soil and its inhabitants, especially new plants.

Let's return to plants and planting from the last issue. September to next March are some of the best months to plant. If you noted those gaps in your garden from last time, propagated some plants or chose from a magazine, it's time to get them in the ground. If you are still to purchase then a few tips; 1. Buy perennials small, in P9 pots. It's cheaper, they establish better and are very sustainable. 2; Buy peat free and locally grown, a little more expensive but you get a plant with a low carbon footprint and acclimated to local conditions. 3; Plant trees & shrubs bare root (Nov – March). Cheaper and establish more easily than potted.

So, take the tips on plant choice from the last issue, plant densely and fill your borders, avoiding planting when the ground is frozen or waterlogged.

Autumn into winter is also a great time for pruning most, but not all, woody plants.

Check the Royal Horticultural Society website for advice. Many plants respond well to winter pruning, particularly if they need a 'renovation' prune, having become unwieldy. Pruning in winter increases vigour, meaning strong healthy growth come spring, often to the gardener's advantage, if done right and with follow up. We will discuss pruning more another time, but for now identify and research your plants to see if they would benefit from pruning once dormant.

A key and overlooked element of Autumn is that of local flora and fauna. It is wonderful to see butterflies, bees & birds during the warmer months, but as we head into Autumn keep them in mind too. Humans have a clinical obsession with tidiness, often extending to our gardens. Not always a bad thing, but often destructive to those creatures I mentioned. Let's take an



Elephant Hawk Moth, laying eggs during summer, followed by huge caterpillars which need a nice comfy spot to overwinter.

Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar (Credit; Richard Hill)

Elephant Hawk Moth adult



Your burgeoning border seems ideal with food in late summer, and as plants fade provides hollow tubes and leaf litter for winter homes. Until we 'put the garden to bed' ensuring next year's delightful winged spectacles are now on the way to the local authority tip. So, perhaps leave that border, those lovely little homes so next year we have more Elephant Hawk Moths, or all manner of other beneficial and beautiful species.

The key here is to consider the whole lifecycle of creatures, whether they need food, a home or a place for their young to develop. Each stage is critical and whilst gardens often provide a great source of food and homes in spring and summer, autumn and winter is just as crucial.



Beauty in decline, The Hepworth, Wakefield

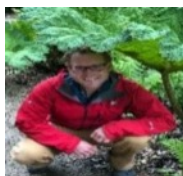
On top of this, leaving your garden gives another feel to your space, it's not just flopping stems and broken twigs, there is beauty in decline. Frosted seedheads, spider webs with dew drops, robins perched on bare branches all keep you engaged with your garden throughout the year, winter blues....I don't think so! So, save some space, leave those borders alone, and as next year's growth starts in spring you can start to slowly cut back, once nature's cycle is complete.

A couple of exceptions, where it is a good idea to cut back your borders now. 1; If you are fighting a specific disease, which can overwinter in fallen foliage. 2; You are adding new plants! Though leave some space untouched if you can.

If you really can't see the beauty in decline, the next best thing is a 'chop and drop' mulch. What it says on the tin, prune your plants, chop into small pieces and drop back on the bed, free fertiliser and the chance to help some of those lovely creatures.

Cheers,

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Additional Reading

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/pruning/rhs-pruning-groups>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2024/07/elephant-hawk-moths/>



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Protect our Swifts, defend their nests

Over the last few weeks, the vast majority of Swifts have left on their long-haul flight to Africa. Many of us have enjoyed their stay, and a huge thank you to everyone who reported their sightings of nesting Swifts using the Swift Mapper App.

This year, the app hit the fantastic milestone of 100,000 records in the UK. This provides us with a much better understanding of Swifts and how to help them. But there's more to do.

The sad fact is that for every ten Swifts zooming across our rooftops in 1995, there were only about three by 2022. One of the problems facing Swifts in the UK is a lack of suitable nest sites to raise their chicks and build their strength before migration.

But there's hope. We've been working with other Swift experts to try and help Swifts find new homes, such as '**Swift bricks**'. Snug and watertight, these special bricks have a space inside for Swifts to build nests and safely raise their chicks. Thousands of them have already been installed across the UK, providing crucial new nesting sites for Swifts, and other birds like House Sparrows which are also in serious decline.



Dr Guy Anderson, one of our migratory species specialists here at the RSPB, said: *'I'm deeply concerned about how many Swifts have been lost. The thought of a future where the curved wings and joyous calls of Swifts no longer fill our skies on summer evenings doesn't bear thinking about. Protecting species like these is at the heart of what we do, and as success stories like Red Kites and Bitterns have shown us, even the most endangered birds can – and will – be brought back from the brink. So now's the time for you to take action'.*

Your donation could help protect safe havens for Swifts and other vulnerable birds, in greatest need of our conservation efforts.

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Sian Duncan – Nature Editor

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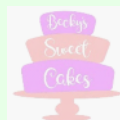
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‘The Sensational Six’

The fantastic fund raisers for Barnsley Hospital (NHS Charities)



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In November 2022, Beryl received The Proud of Barnsley Award for fundraising and was recently honoured by the

then prime minister, Rishi Sunak with the Points of Light Award.

2023 was an incredibly special year, which marked 75 years of the NHS and as part of the celebration Beryl was invited to London to represent Barnsley Hospital Charity. NHS Charities Together arranged a photo session at the Rankin Studio, and portraits of NHS staff, patients, volunteers, and supporters were exhibited at the Saatchi Gallery. Beryl did a brief but very important interview with the BBC to promote our NHS.

Beryl says *‘the awards are lovely and that they are for everyone involved, the Sensational Six, friends and family who without them we could not raise the money that we do.’*

They have helped to raise £1m for **‘Tiny Hearts’**, the premature baby unit which has been completely refurbished with the latest and best equipment. They recently completed a 3-year fundraising effort of £300k for **‘Make a Memory’** to transform a ward for the elderly and make it into a homely, calm, and relaxing environment which supports older patients particularly those living with dementia and Alzheimer’s. The next envisaged project will be to support cancer care but as yet no decision has been taken due to the complexity of the services provided. It will likely be the most expensive project to date, and they are looking for ways to boost fundraising. With this in mind, Beryl has challenged herself to being more creative than normal

and introduced a few Halloween characters to the existing Easter and Christmas novelties.

The costliest item for a novelty is the **Chocolate Orange** that sits inside, and they are reaching out to local people for donations. The landlord of the Red Lion pub (Silkstone) has kindly offered to accept these donations on Beryl's behalf, and they can be dropped off during opening hours.

The novelties can usually be purchased at The Charity Hub at Barnsley Hospital, The Red Lion and The Wagon & Horses. All novelties contain either a chocolate orange or a cream egg and sell for between £3 and £5.

Beryl would like to thank all those who sell the novelties, as their support is essential.

So next time you are shopping why not pop a chocolate orange into your basket and drop it into the Red Lion!



Many thanks for your support.

Information given by Beryl

Local Walks - CARE

The parish CARE group are working hard to make a series of walks available for anyone interested in walking in the beautiful countryside around us. We intend to include a walk in each of the next few editions of the Parish Newsletter. This edition's walk is a pleasant stroll starting at the stocks in Silkstone and following the historic waggonway.

You can pull out the walk from the centre pages (17-20) or if you prefer, use a digital version on your phone. The digital version includes pictures of highlights, some text about the highlights and directions on screen and / or spoken.

If you want the digital version, you can find it at <https://tinyurl.com/Low-mill-walk> . The full list of walks is at <https://www.komoot.com/user/silkstoneparishwalks> – where we are a partner with Komoot. If you use Komoot, they include a free map of the larger local area when you sign up to a free account. Please remember to follow Silkstone Parish Walks on Komoot – it helps by giving an idea of how much the Komoot app is being used. Any comments/ feedback, email us at silkstoneparishwalks@gmail.com

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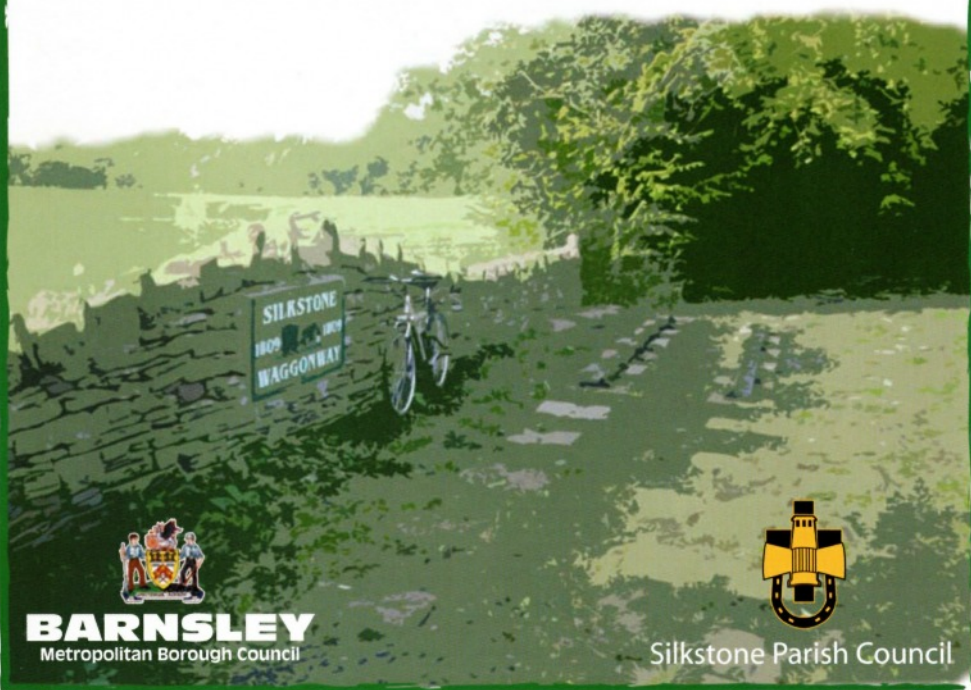
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- A. Start and Finish at the Bells Bar & Kitchen. From the village stocks next to the Bells Bar & Kitchen turn left, follow the bridleway to Pot House Bridge.
- B. Continue along the bridleway which formed the line of the Silkstone Waggonway to where it crosses Barnsley Road at Pot House Bridge.
- C. Crossing Barnsley Road continuing along the Waggonway.
- D. On the left a waggon pass-bye and approximately 800 metres along the Waggonway there is a colliery spoil heap called 'Pop'Pits on the left.
- E. Follow the track after crossing the bridge and passing the waterworks on your right, the entrance to Low Mill Farm is 400m from here.
- F. Proceed further along the Waggonway to a small wood, turn sharp left here, along the footpath on the edge of the wood for about 150 metres.
- G. Turn left and continue along the bridleway.
- H. This bridleway meets the road from Cawthorne to Silkstone.
- I. Cross Norcroft Bridge and carry on towards the church, through the village on the High Street to the Bells Bar & Kitchen.

General Information

Distance - 2 ¼ miles. Some sections can have wet, muddy or uneven ground and weather conditions can vary. Choose appropriate footwear and clothing.

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Acknowledgements R. Moore for the original route text.



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Additional Information

- A-B. The bridleway follows the route of the old Silkstone Waggonway. This is one of the oldest plate ways in the country, built in 1809, to transport the coal mined in the valley down to the Canal Basin at Barnsley Bridge, Cawthorne. The stone sleeper blocks drilled to locate and position the iron rails can best be seen between the stocks and Barnsley Road.
- C. After crossing Barnsley Road see the reconstructed Waggon pass-bye with replica iron rails and a wall plaque. The Waggonway was a single track and at convenient places pass-byes to allow passage of the full and empty wagons.
- D. The spoil heap on the left of the Waggonway indicates the site of Joseph Popplewell and Partners Colliery known locally as 'Pop Pits' worked first in the early 1800s after the Waggonway was built.
- E. Low Mill Farm about 400 metres further along the Waggonway is the site and remains of an iron furnace which was in use in the early 1800s. The ore mined from bell pits on the hillside above, was fed into the top of the furnace along with coke. The bellows for the air blast were worked by a mill wheel driven by water from Silkstone Beck stored in holding ponds in the valley.
- F. The small wood was originally a holding pond for a 17th Century iron furnace at Barnby, it is rich in wild flowers such as Bluebell, Red Campion and in ditches Ramsons.
- G. The bridleway was once a very important road used by pack horses carrying charcoal to Barnby Furnace and as a route down the valley before the Waggonway was built.
- J. Cross the road opposite the entrance to the church. Near the boundary wall there is a large rectangular pointed monument. This is the memorial to the 26 children who lost their lives in the Huskar Pit disaster in July 1838. These children were buried in the graveyard in separate coffins in seven graves. Note the children's ages.

The Church of all Saints was built on the remains of an old Saxon Church. Building commenced about 1150 and was completed in 1495. It is built of York stone with an internal oak roof. During the Commonwealth under Cromwell, the wall paintings in the church were whitewashed over and horses stabled in the church.

Further Information If you have any comments on this walk, encounter any difficulties en route, or would like information on other walks in the Barnsley area including the Trans Pennine Trail then please contact The Rights of Way Team Tel:01226 773555 or email:publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk



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The feeling of hopelessness or extreme urgency (11)												
Pretended to be someone else (12)												

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Dates are:

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November 14th & 28th

December 12th

A Rose by any other name...

When is a church not a church? Over the last few weeks there has been much speculation in the media that the Church of England are ditching the word Church. As I looked deeper into this it was evident that the media have the wrong end of the stick on this one. There certainly are new churches that have sprung up in the last few years, which don't use the traditional labels or align themselves to a particular saint.

We at Silkstone go for the blanket cover of 'All Saints'...perhaps our forebears a thousand years ago were keeping their options open and betting on every horse! (That was a joke, by the way, before anyone sends a stinging letter to the Editor...clearly I'm no saint!)

I'm all for more churches springing up whatever label or name they choose as long as Jesus is at the centre. So just to assure everyone, we won't be dropping the name Church at Silkstone.

It's worth reflecting on what is a church. It's not firstly the building, however much we love it and care for it, and I do. The church is the people. All baptised Christians are part of the church.

In the bible it speaks of *'living stones being built into a spiritual house.'* The church should always be a 'building site' adding people to it's congregation. Why not come and take your place in the life of the church? It will be lovely to see you and I'll attempt to keep my sermons short!

Rev Canon Keith Farrow DL

It's time for fun...

Barnsley Garden Party – Glassworks Barnsley 19 September 11:00 till 16:00 free

Post Cards of Eldon Street – Cooper Gallery, Barnsley 21 September 10:00 till 16:00 free

International Market – Glassworks Barnsley 26 to 29 September 12:00 till 16:00

Remembrance Sunday - Barnsley Town Hall 10 November 10: till 12:00

Barnsley Bright Lights (incl Christmas lights switch on) – Barnsley Town centre/Glassworks . 22 & 23 November from 17:00 onwards free

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Parish Council Meeting dates for Oct 2024-Jan 2025

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 four months are:

Date	Meeting
2024	
7th Oct	PC
4th Nov	PC
2nd Dec	PC
2025	
6th Jan 2025	PC

Contact details for Ward councillors and MP

Ward Councillors

Robert Barnard:

CllrRobertBarnard@barnsley.gov.uk

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Dr Alex Burnett:

Cllralexburnett@barnsley.gov.uk

Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) or 01226 772560 (work)

John Roberts

Email: cllrjohnroberts@barnsley.gov.uk

Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) 01226 774486 (work)

The postal address for all three is the office address: Barnsley MBC, P O Box 634, BARNSELY S70 9GG

MP

MP Dr Marie Tidball

marie.tidball.mp@parliament.uk

<https://www.marietidball.com/>

Newsletter deadlines and dates

Articles, events and adverts

If you:

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

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

The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 25th October 2024.

Our usual deadlines and distribution dates are below:

Deadline for articles

Last week of February

Last week of May

First week of August

Last week of October

Distribution dates

Last week in March

Last week in June

Last week in September

First week in December

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Parish Council website and Facebook page

www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/SilkstoneParishCouncil>

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



Celebrate 200 Years of Train Travel with Penistone Line Partnership!

In 1825, a transformative journey on the Stockton & Darlington Railway (S&DR) revolutionised global trade, travel, and communication. As we approach the 200th anniversary of this historic event, Penistone Line Partnership (PLP) is joining national celebrations across the UK in 2025.

Share Your Stories and Skills!

We invite you to help showcase our region's heritage and culture locally and share events on Railway 200's interactive online map. This unique opportunity allows our community to connect with the rich history of train travel and highlight its ongoing importance. A National Exhibition Train will travel across the UK from June 2025 to June 2026, offering everyone a chance to participate.

Here's how you can get involved:

- **Oral History Content:** Share stories about railway workers & themes from the past.
- **Anniversaries and Events:** Identify upcoming anniversaries ending in 0 or 5 that could be celebrated with Railway 200 events.
- **Railwayana Collectors:** Do you or someone you know have railway memorabilia to feature on the Railway 200 website?
- **Model Railway Enthusiasts:** Host an event for model makers and collectors.
- **Historic Sites and Stories:** Contribute knowledge about graves or memorials linked to railway history.

- **Creative Contributions:** Showcase rail-themed artwork in a local platform gallery.
- **Station History Panels:** Help create heritage panels with local station adopters or the PLP for your station platform.
- **Red Wheel Plaques:** Contribute stories for transport heritage plaques. Learn more from the National Transport Trust <https://www.nationaltransporttrust.org.uk/red-wheels>

Celebrating Rail's Future

This celebration is also about the future of rail travel. The industry can inspire future generations by promoting careers in rail and sharing advancements in technology, innovation, and sustainability. PLP will develop projects with local schools and youth groups. If you are a teacher or youth leader, please get in touch with PLP's Community Rail Officer at penistoneline@gmail.com

Join Us on This Journey

Be part of this extraordinary celebration to honour the past, appreciate the present, and inspire the future of rail travel. For more information or to contribute, contact us at info@penline.co.uk and let's work together to celebrate 200 years of train travel!

Sarah Wells Community Rail Officer
Penistone Line Partnership



Origins of the Station Inn, Silkstone Common

The Station Inn stands at the crossroads in Silkstone Common and is a popular pub with locals and visitors alike. The Silkstone Parish Website notes that it was built in 1853, but recent research has revealed otherwise.

John Gaunt was responsible for building The Station Inn at Silkstone Common – originally called The Junction Inn. It was built before the railway line was opened in 1854 and re-named the Station Inn sometime after.

The date of 1853 has always been relied upon as being correct but having researched John Gaunt's early life, newspaper reports at the time reveal that pub was actually completed and ready for trading in 1851, not 1853.

On 15th Mar 1849, John Gaunt married his second wife, Mary Barlow, daughter of innkeeper William Barlow. John and his two children from his previous marriage went to live with his new wife and her father at the Six Ringers in Silkstone. That family arrangement still existed by the time of the UK census on 30th Mar 1851. John's occupation is given in census returns as "carpenter", as was his father John Gaunt senior and also his brother Amos Gaunt.

He must have been building The Junction Inn at the time of the census, possibly with the help of his brother Amos, as just over 5 months later on 3rd Sept 1851 he applied for a wine and spirits license at the Brewster Sessions held in Barnsley, where

such licenses for public houses were considered and granted annually by the local magistrates. At that time a pub could sell beer without having to go to the magistrates, but to sell wines and spirits they needed a licence approved by the Courts. The newspaper report notes that John Gaunt's application was one of a number that were adjourned to be considered again in 24th Sept. An article reporting on these re-considered applications noted that out of several cases left for consideration only one new license was granted – and it wasn't that of John Gaunt.

He applied again for a license in both 1852 and 1853. On both occasions he was refused which meant that he must have operated The Junction in the early days as a beerhouse and not a fully licensed public house. William Tattershall, who ran the Bonny Bunch on the opposite side of the road had also had his application refused in 1851, but he was granted a license in 1852. The fact that William Tattershall had a license to sell wines and spirits and was only across the road made it more difficult for John Gaunt to successfully apply as Mr Tattershall regularly opposed Mr Gaunt's applications.

In 1853 when license applications were made, the pub was described as "*very commodious*" (ie comfortable and roomy), and Mr Gaunt was said to be "a very respectable" man. Although he provided

written testimonials from the vicar, Mrs Clarke of Noblethorpe Hall and other *“influential inhabitants”* he was again refused a license.

Following his first application in 1851, John Gaunt was continually refused a license partly due to the big influence of the Temperance Movement, who opposed the sale of all alcohol, and partly due to the local continued objections of Mr Tattershall in the pub opposite. His cause wasn't helped when he was brought in front of the magistrates in Jan 1857 *“for keeping his beerhouse open after 11 o'clock at night”* and fined 9s 6d.

It took 13 years, and seven failed applications, before The Junction finally obtained a license in Sept 1864. By 1861 John Gaunt's father in law, William Barlow was 82 years old and had retired from the Six Ringers to live with his daughter and son-in-law at The Junction. John's daughter from his first marriage, Ann Kay, worked in the pub at the time. She would eventually inherit the pub by the time she married Jonathan Ingerson.

When the permanent change of name from The Junction to The Station happened is not clear as it was known by both names in the early 1860s.

John Gaunt's daughter, Ann Ingerson died in 1877 aged 38. Her husband, Jonathan Ingerson, re-married the following year and remained

as landlord in The Station until he retired in 1887 when the premises were put up for auction. The advert in press described the sale as a *“valuable freehold and fully-licensed public house, cottage, butcher's shop and garden”*, with a slaughter-house and stables for four horses. “The House, which is in excellent repair, contains large Tap Room, Commercial Room, Bar-parlour and kitchen; large Club-room, convertible into and used as two bedrooms, two other bedrooms and three large cellars. Besides a Well, the Ingbirchworth (ie mains) water is laid on to the Premises. The Garden affords a ready means of enlarging the House or erecting Shops or other Buildings”.

The pub was sold to Brook & Co of Cubley, Penistone who then sold it to The Barnsley Brewery Co for £3,000 in August 1920. That sale included the pub, cottage, garden and adjoining slaughter-house.

The picture below shows the pub after it had been purchased by the Barnsley Brewery Co in 1920.



The picture below is from the 1940s. The cottage at the top of the steps was still occupied as recently as the early 1960s becoming part of the pub later that decade.



If anyone has any photographs etc of The Station (old or recent) please get in touch – my details are at the back of the newsletter.

Andy Horsfield

rogginshistorygroup@gmail.com



Silkstone Parish Council are looking for volunteers to be part of the Huskar Rooms Management Committee.

Particularly those with leadership experience and/or anyone with financial skills.

Being part of the committee is interesting and rewarding, knowing you are helping keep one of the main community centres in the parish vibrant.

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

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Local Organisations

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Silkstone Common Good Companions

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bjalmond@hotmail.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 Stuart Moody Chairman 01226 49683 Or Stuart Jubb Secretary & Treasurer 01226 790704

Stainbrough Rotary are the local Rotary covering the Parish.

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

stainboroughrotary@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Wake, Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator

janicewake@btinternet.com

07540957639

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Currently closed for worship. Open for community use.

Silkstone - St Florent Twinning Organisation

Contact Elizabeth Waterlow
email liz.waterlow@hotmail.co.uk
tel 07986264481

Tuesday Group

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

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

Everyone is welcome.

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

Silkstone/Silkstone Common Village News and Community Group

Facebook community group for locals

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/860075201163623>

New Swaine WI

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

Contact:

Newswainewi@outlook.com or

Julie Dyson (Secretary) on 07791379767

Silkstone Bell Ringers

We welcome visiting bands and can arrange ringing for weddings and other special occasions. Would you be interested in learning to ring or are you experienced and willing to help

Contact: Mrs J Jennings 01226790080
juliajennings27@gmail.com

Local Organisations

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United FC

DJ Walker 07730 039599

Yorkshire Regional Talent Centre

Under 6's – U 16's Contact Steve Fletcher
07990 805694

Silkstone United Cricket Club

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07462 877416

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Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : [Silkstone UTD C.C.](https://www.facebook.com/SilkstoneUTDCC)

Twitter : @SilkstoneCC

Silkstone Common Sports & Recreation Association

Secretary - Michael Winder

Tel - 07719392775

snappylad@outlook.com

Rising Sun Martial Arts

Karate / Kickboxing Thursday
6:00pm - 7:00pm (Children & Adults)

Silkstone Common Methodist Church Hall,
Ben Bank Road, S75 4PA

Chief Instructor: Master M.T. Middleton

Tel: 07904 700786

Web: www.risingsunmartialarts.co.uk

Barnsley BSAC Divers

Meets every Tuesday 7:30 onwards in the
Boardroom at the Metrodome.

Contact: Dave on 07783 291955 or visit the
website

www.barnsleybsacdivers.co.uk

Pilates, Power Pilates and Yoga

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Tuesdays

Pilates 5.20-6.20 pm & 6.25-7.25 pm

Yoga Flow 7.30-8.30 pm

Thursdays

Power Pilates 7.15-8.15 pm

Contact (to book) Tracy (Fitness for all)
07398 238691

Music

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

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

Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group

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

Find out more 
<http://www.facebook.com/srrmusicgroup>

Contact: srrmusicgroup@gmail.com
Tracy 07905 421015

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

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

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

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

All queries and membership to the Group Scout Leader

rob.flewitt@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

Childminders

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

Schools

Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

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

Contact: Mr Simon Tabbner 790471

Visit

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

Silkstone Primary School

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

Contact: Ms Sally Adams 790333

Visit <http://silkstoneprimary.com/>

Are your group's details correct?

If not please let the Editor know. sue@8highstreet.co.uk

Local Organisations

Environment & Local History

Silkstone CARE Group

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

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Karen Gorman 07788 185502

kgorman963@btinternet.com

Linda Marsh 07792321829

lmxx.13@gmail.com

Roggins Local History Group (Silkstone)

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

Contact: Andy Horsfield

email rogginshistorygroup@gmail.com

01226 791929

Heritage Silkstone

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

Website address

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

Contact:

Jane Raistrick, secretary, 01484 868254

Churches - The Benefice of West Barnsley

All Saints' and St James the Greater

Silkstone with Stainborough 9.15 am 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. Messy Church 4th Sunday in the month 4-6pm.

St John the Evangelist, Hoylandswaine

11.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays

St John the Baptist, Dodworth

9.15am 1st and 3rd Sundays. Holy Communion Service every Thursday 9.30am followed by a Coffee Morning

All Saints' Cawthorne

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

Benefice website:

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

Vicar: Rev Canon Keith Farrow DL

The Vicarage, 12 High Street

Silkstone, S75 4JN

Telephone: 01226 492294

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

Mrs Loraine Wills

Email

beneficewestbarnsley@hotmail.com

Mob: 07973 381131

For Baptism enquiries contact the Benefice Baptism Coordinator:

Mrs Lynn Wilkinson