

Silkstone Parish Newsletter



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for Silkstone and Silkstone Common*



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The Editor of this Newsletter is Sue Williams. Views expressed in this Newsletter are those of the Contributors and not necessarily the views of the Parish Council.

Silkstone Common Community Hub

Just a quick catch up. Due to the General Election everything has ground to a halt.

The Parish Council is still researching all options to acquire the building when it becomes available.

I would also like to thank all those who took the time and trouble to attend the meeting on Friday 28th May at such short notice and for all the suggestions and volunteers. Thank you

Meryl Liddell Chair Silkstone Parish Council

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Editorial

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Parish Newsletter.

I am writing this on 15 June 2024 and although we have had the soggiest Spring ever, I am keeping everything crossed that rain will stop and sunshine will prevail!

The on-going rain has got us all down, poor farmers and their crops, animal life with soggy nests/homes and of course big puddles on the roads and motorways (not helping with the pot-holes!), and sadly the cancellation of the Silkstone Parish Summer Fayre. What a shame, such hard work had gone into this.

However, being the ever-optimist, I am looking forward to sunny and warm, hopefully very warm, days ahead. Here's to Summer (don't blink you may miss it!!)

This edition has a vast array of very interesting articles and information. As you are aware the Parish Council are being very proactive about saving the Silkstone Common Methodist church, see the Annual Report and Chair's report.

We have information and advice from Alan and the CARE group about the Biodiversity in our villages, and how we can support our wildlife.

I don't know if you got involved in the **Big Garden Bird Watch**, held by the RSPB earlier this year. 610,000 people were involved across the country, counting 9.7 million birds. From the top 10 leader board of birds in the UK House Sparrows, Blue

Tits, Blackbirds, Robins, Magpies and Long tailed Tits have stayed the same as last year's count. However, Great Tits and Wood Pigeons have increased in numbers; but sadly Goldfinches and Starlings have decreased in numbers.

We also have a new regular article from Matt regarding Gardening and Garden Design (Matt has recently been involved in the Chelsea Flower show); and from Julie information about the local WI – it is not just about jam making and sing-alongs at the WI!

Our lovely Canon Keith is keeping us up to date with events and areas of interest – always a good read.

We have information about our French Twinning Visit with people from the Vendee Province. Liz will be keeping us up to date with arrangements for **the** visit in 2025. Liz would love to hear from you if you want to get involved.

We have new information from Barnsley College adult courses, and from the Penistone Food Bank.

All this in one small Newsletter! Thank you to all contributors.

Have a lovely Summer

Sue

Editor

New Chair

In May of this year, I had the honour to be elected as Chair to Silkstone Parish Council again. For those of you that know me, hello again! For those who don't know me I will introduce myself properly in the September edition of the newsletter. It was a difficult decision to cancel the summer fair, but the weather forecast was predicting really bad weather, the Parish Council had to consider

everybody's safety. Public safety must be paramount. We know we have disappointed a lot of people, and I would like to thank all those who worked really hard to make the summer fair work. let's keep our fingers crossed for next year!

Meryl Liddell Chair Silkstone Parish Council

Silkstone – St Florent Twinning Association

Silkstone is Twinned with St Florent des Bois in the Vendee, France. The village of St Florent des Bois is 14 kilometres south of La Roche sur Yon, about 25 km from the Atlantic coast resorts of Les Sables d'Olonne, La Tranche-sur-Mer and L'Aiguillon-sur-Mer and 60 km north of La Rochelle. It is a beautiful area to visit.



The formal twinning agreement between Silkstone Parish Council & The Municipal Council of St Florent des Bois was signed during a visit to the Vendee in 1991. On 2nd May 1992 the agreement was ratified when a delegation from St Florent des Bois came to Silkstone for the first time.



The aim of the Twinning Organisation is to promote friendship and the understanding of each others traditions and ways of life. Friendships have been formed over the years as bi-annual visits have taken place, alternating between Silkstone and St Florent des Bois. Some of our people have been involved in the organisation from its inception, visiting the Vendee and hosting our French friends on their trips here. Others have participated on an ad hoc or one off basis. My husband Ross and I hosted a French couple on the first ever visit here and though we remained in contact exchanging Christmas cards etc

(their son spent 3 months with us whilst he completed an internship towards his engineering degree in 2009) it was not until 2017 that we made a return visit, taking part in the twinning trip to the Vendee.



Sadly Covid brought a halt to twinning activities in 2020. It had been hoped that our French friends would visit Silkstone this July. That trip has had to be postponed until 2025

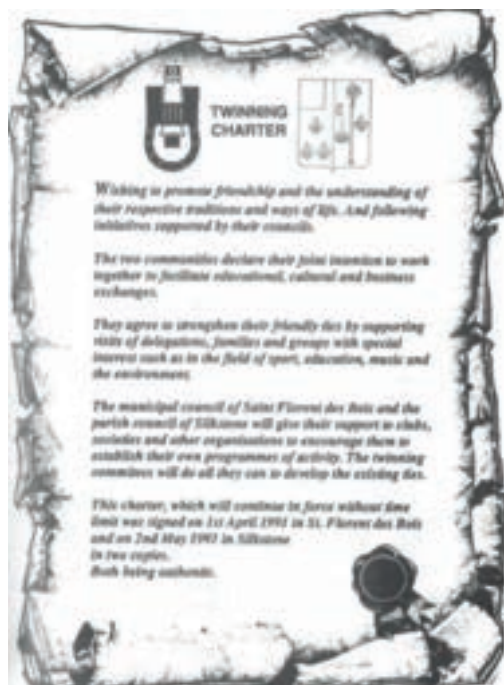
when it is planned that a delegation will come, probably in the second week of July. As during previous visits, a full programme of activities will be arranged for our visitors and any local residents who wish to participate.

It is anticipated the group will number between 24 & 30 and will include about a dozen young people (who are supervised by youth workers). Host families are needed to accommodate our guests and if you have a spare bed/ put you up we ask that you consider taking part by welcoming a French guest into your home. It is an ideal opportunity to develop your language skills (though it is amazing how much you can communicate with very limited French) and make new friends.

Between now and July 2025 we hope to arrange a series of events for anyone interested in finding out more about the Twinning Organisation. The first of these, a cheese and wine afternoon on Sun 2 June- was advertised on the community facebook page. Please look out for other events and come along. We have made good friends in Silkstone Parish as well as the Vendee by participating in twinning & have thoroughly enjoyed the hosting experience and the two twinning trips we have made to the Vendee. Over the next three Silkstone Parish Newsletters we hope to share information about the visits here by our French partners and our trips to the Vendee.

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Chairs Annual Report 2023/2024

I would like to start by thanking all the Parish Councillors for their hard work over the past twelve months and those who have supported me, Debra Smith, Meryl Liddle, Jim Logan, Janice Wake and Derek Liddle, Alan Thompson, Peter Miller and Richard Leech. A thank you for all his hard work over the past year to Richard Bell the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

Parish Councillors are volunteers who give their time freely. There are regular monthly parish council meetings held on the first Monday of the months which they attend. The first 15 minutes are for the Parish to ask questions and have a voice all are welcome.

The Parish Councillors make themselves available to help support events, issues and the more vulnerable of our parishioners they continually try to help improve the lives and environment for everyone living in the parish.

A thank you to Parish Councillors Alan Thomson and Richard Leech for setting up and being the mainstay of the Warm Welcome, (I would be very remis if I didn't also include Alan's wife Julia and Parish Councillor Debra Smith), It is held twice during a month to help provide, tea/biscuits and companionship for the residents who attend. We would also like to thank Age UK who have provided help and support those peopling living in the Parish. The Warm Welcolm has grown over the year, Mums

and youngsters now also attend which all adds to the mix.

I would like to welcome Jim Logan who was officially co-opted on to the Parish Council on the 11 December 2023. He brings a lot of knowledge and experience with him.

Our Ward Councillor's Robert Barnard, John Wilson and Alex Burnet continue to give their support to the Parish Council and the parishioners of Silkstone Parish. They work tirelessly on behalf of the parish and represent the Parish at all levels in Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Thank you for your hard work.

Thank you to David Hughes our internal auditor for you continued contribution. Thank you to Linda Marsh as without her help the Parish Newsletter would never be published. Also a thank you to Sue Williams who has Edited the Parish Newsletter over the past year and updated the Parish Newsletter to the one we have now.

A thank you to Silkstone CARE Group and their volunteers have worked tirelessly over the past year to ensure that the two villages look attractive. They have once again organised the Great British Spring Clean and we can all see the benefits this gave to both Villages.

Grants Given this year were:

Care	£247.75
Silkstone Good Companions	£500
Yorks Air Ambulance	£500

Care £266.24

Last year the Hanging Baskets which are individually sponsored looked wonderful throughout the villages.

The Parish Council own 13 Allotments which are currently rented out to Allotment Holders. The demand for Allotments is still high and any vacant plots are taken up quickly as soon as they become vacant.

The Husker Rooms are well used and offer a wide range of activities, Yoga, Pilates, a dance school, scouts, brownies and a good number more. It is also a venue for birthday parties, these are a just a few events which are provided. There are two vacancies to help run the Husker Rooms and if you are interested please speak to Richard Leech or Richard Bell.

Silkstone Luncheon Club still meet regularly every Monday and are a lifeline in helping our older residents meet up with others. They meet at the Station Inn, Silkstone Common, if you need a lift to the pub they run a minibus around the parish. They have a good mix of people from both villages, and they have a meal provided by Mark and Julie who run the pub.

The Good Companions meet every other Wednesday at the Methodist Church in Silkstone Common, They have a variety of events throughout the year, days out, a number of guest speakers, details of these are found in the Parish Newsletter.

Last year I organised the Summer Fayre held in Silkstone Common with help from Sue Williams and Janice Wake. On the day

Parish Councillors came to help, Richard Leech, Sue Williams, Richard Bell and Janice Wake

Our thanks go to the Scouts for providing food and drinks in spite of the hot weather. Thank you to the Maria Penrose dancers who put on a wonderful display of their dancing skills. Thank you also to Old Silkstone Band for entertaining us with their music.

The Parish Council held a raffle and the money raised from the raffle was £218 with the proceeds being split between Silkstone Common Good Companions and Silkstone Luncheon Club.

It was a lovely sunny day and well attended. I would like to thank all the stall holders and the people who attended to help make it such a success.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan after a number of years was finally agreed and signed off by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Thank you to all those who worked on it for such a long time, a lot of time and effort was given to bring the NDP to a conclusion. Our thanks go to Ian Turner, Alan Thompson, Debra Smith, Meryl Liddell, Derek Liddell, Janice Wake, Sue Williams, Helen Willows, Paula McDonald, Jill Hayler and Louise Kirkup. This will help the two villages in the parish develop in a way that residents want to see.

We have a new challenge this year in that the Parish Council would like to purchase the Methodist Church, if it is feasible. There is a lot of work to be undertaken, the main one being the securing of funding to raise

money for the purchase and repair work within the building and undertake refurbishment of the building. We will need people to help us achieve this goal. If the Parish Council were to acquire the building it would become a Community Hub for all residents and with activities for everyone.

We look forward to our next year and all that it brings.

Lesley Gill

Biodiversity in crisis?

Biodiversity is the term adopted to describe our natural living world and in line with Councils across the country the Parish Council recently established a Biodiversity Policy. The policy aims to protect, enhance and develop our natural environment as leading wildlife/environmental organisations evidence serious issues with the state of wildlife, plant and tree species across the UK.

The National Trust, RSPB, Wildlife Trusts, The Woodland Trust and others all point to loss and decline in wildlife numbers and species to alarming extents.

A recent Webinar from Yorkshire Local Councils Association reinforced this state with loss of habitat, use of pesticides, changes with climate/weather patterns, litter/plastic pollution being some of the standout reasons.

Our recently adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan gives some safeguards around, for example, the protection of our green spaces along with building standards that are environmentally focused.

So can we as residents have an effect on the well being of the nature around us?..... A few suggestions from the organisations above include:

- Adopt “no Mow May” (could be June and July!!) and leave lawns and verges to grow and provide food and habitat for insects and birds
- Plant a row of Wildlife seeds in gardens that attract Pollinators, vital for plant and tree well-being and growth. Particularly for bee population under threat from various sources. Alternatively plant “bee friendly” flowers in borders and planters
- Reduce tree, shrub and hedge trimming levels to increase safe habitats for birds
- Avoid/reduce single use plastics whenever possible
- Avoid using pesticides

In themselves not big actions.... But added up can have marked effects on protecting and enhancing our local Biodiversity

Councillor Alan Thompson

Silkstone Parish Council – Accounts

2023/2024

Amount	Receipts 2023/2024
Precept (Council Tax)	£76,800.00
Council Tax support grant	£4,708.00
Allotments	£723.80
Grants	£642.00
Advertising	£840.00
Pavilion & Recreation Ground	£3,887.00
Hanging Basket sponsors	£4,518.00
Huskar Community Rooms	£10,080.35
Donations & Miscellaneous	£1135.04
Total	£103,334.19
Payments 2023/2024	
Administration, Insurance & Newsletter	£10,927.95
Employees	£26,443.28
Silkstone Recreation Ground & Pavilion	£23,911.06
Woods & Allotments	£814.86
Villages Maintenance, Christmas Lights & Hanging Baskets	£10,451.58
Grants to local groups	£1,729.99
Training	£1,025.65
Loan Repayments	£13,488.36
Professional fees	£416.67
Villages Events	£1,979.37
Neighbourhood Planning	£962.69
Miscellaneous	£35.00
Total Payments	£92,186.46
Carried Forward	£11147.73

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Then, in July, experience live brass bands, Barnsley Pride and a full day of sporting activities as Barnsley's Big Weekend returns.

On Saturday 13 July, the popular 'Brassed On!' Festival returns with an extensive mix of big names to be announced soon.

There's something for everyone as Saturday also brings with it 'Barnsley's Pride celebrations', taking place in Mandela Gardens.

The fun then continues on Sunday with 'What's Your Move' – a special day of health-focused activities designed to get Barnsley moving.

Find out more at [visitbarnsley.com](https://www.visitbarnsley.com).

See you there!

Visit Barnsley Team

Penistone Food Buddies

If you are struggling to put food on your table and in need of help, Penistone Food Buddies give out weekend food bags every Friday. We are a non-referral, independent food bank based in St John the Baptist Church in Penistone town centre.

If you feel you are in need and live in Penistone East or West, Penistone Food Buddies can help. Register in the first instance at St John the Baptist Church, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, S36 6AR on a Friday between 11.30am-12.30pm, bringing photo ID and proof of address.

Alternatively you can email: penistonefoodbuddies@gmail.com or see our [Facebook page](#) for further details.

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Addergram Puzzle Date : 04-Jun-24

Clues Answers

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Spanish priest, informally (5)

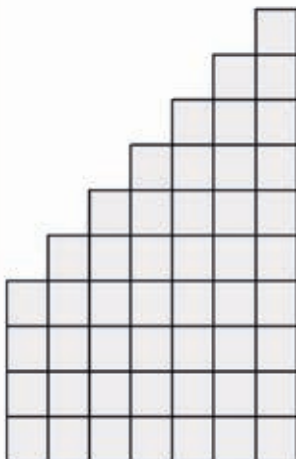
Extend over a large area (6)

Reached for the stars (7)

Humorously exaggerated imitations (8)

Turned into a gas, as water heated to its boiling point (9)

To express one's objection or dissent (10)



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INSPIRING WOMEN

New Swaine WI are a lovely group of ladies of varying ages who meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.15pm, usually in Hoylandswaine Village Hall. Contrary to popular belief, it's **not** all about jam making and singing Jerusalem, although we have members who can make jam if you want to give it a try! We have a fabulous number of events lined up for the next 12 months, as you can see from the programme below.

In recent months we have had a very inspiring talk on the Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (whose cancer cells live on today and are used in medical research). Barnsley Fostering Services gave us a great insight into their work and we've had an interesting quiz followed by cheese and wine.

Alongside our monthly meetings, we've had brunch with Amy Garcia of Look North,

visited the Wetherby Quilting Show and had a tour of the Town Hall with the Mayor of Barnsley even showing us his parlour!

We also have regular creative sessions, in March we created a spring door wreath, in April we did a fresh flower arrangement and an interesting art project in May!

Coming up in June we are having a forensics talk.

We are always open to new members. If you'd like to know more or come and see what we are about, please contact:

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Gardening with MattB

The garden is a fascinating place in which you are linked to nature, plants and people.

The last few years have shown how much we need this connection, whether the garden is ours, borrowed or visited. I am sure all of us are fortunate enough to connect to a space we call our garden, whether indoor, outdoor or as part of our community, if not, get involved!

Here we will explore gardens, their connections and relationships and how we, as gardeners, can use and learn about these to enjoy our gardens to their fullest.

Plants

Let us start with plants, the lifeblood of gardens. Plants green our world, fill it with flowers we cherish and bring a wealth of benefits to gardens.

Despite an often-difficult rep, there are two simple truths about plants; 1. They are tolerant and tough and 2. They like friends.

Plants have accommodated themselves to this world over millennia and adapted to the specific places they inhabit. When they are happy, they spread, how often in the UK's glorious natural landscape do you see bare, open soil? Hardly ever.

A gardener's first rule is therefore simple: just take a little time to find out where a plant likes to live, and plant it accordingly, right plant, right place.

The second key Gardener's, or now Garden Designer's, rule is that plants love friends,

lots of friends. So, where you have soil, plant densely (around 8 per m² for perennials).

There are a few elements to consider for a harmonious group.

Relationships

Think about which plants will be good friends. Consider: how each plant grows, to ensure they won't fight over space; how they reproduce, so they won't seed everywhere or send out long roots. Think about the heights of plants so they won't smother each other and check that they all like the same conditions. Doing this will ensure they form a healthy community. This takes practice and is a never-ending process of experimentation, something to relish and enjoy.

Aesthetics

Think about aesthetics, how these plants relate in a visually pleasing way. You can consider colour, texture, form, height and flowering time. Restraint is key here, choose a few varieties which will give interest all year and plant them in multiples. Again, experimenting with combinations is a must.

Working with these relationships will build a beautiful space with year round interest. The benefits don't stop there: a dense border helps build soil quality, retain moisture, suppress weeds and create biodiversity; you get a stunning array of

plants, attract and help critically important wildlife - and you won't have to crawl about looking for weeds.

With only a little knowledge you can really use plants to your advantage. Now it's summer, it's not great for your water bill to plant swathes of plants. So, for now: look and take note of any areas that are bare, think about what plants might grow well there. You could try planting up a pot with a sample of your ideas, then, if you like it, apply it to the garden.

Finally, get inspired by visiting some of our fantastic local gardens such as the Hepworth at Wakefield, RHS Harlow Carr or York Gate garden. Take note of the plants used and where they are positioned in the garden. Then keep that knowledge for next time, where we can put it into practice.

Enjoy!

Picture 1; Beautiful planting at the National Garden Scheme's Chelsea Show Garden. Capturing a wonderful moment. Think about seasonality of your plants, they will



peak, but look what's next to come into flower, close that gap.

Picture 2; Perennial Meadow at Scampston Walled Garden. A naturally wonderful habitat, not just for people.



Picture 3; Dense dry planting at Beth Chatto's garden. Never irrigated, little maintenance. Plants and position in harmony.



Matt B @matth_gardens



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We look forward to hearing from you..

*Emma, Barnsley
College Marketing and Communications*



Addergram Solution : 04-Jun-24

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We need you what do you know about biodiversity?

In collaboration with the parish council CARE have drafted an action plan which supports the PC policy and hopefully will increase biodiversity in both our wonderful villages.

But what is biodiversity? Basically it's all the different kinds of life found in one area. From birds, bugs, plants, fungi. What we don't know is how to measure what we already have and how our interventions are going to improve things.

Do you know how to measure biodiversity? Please get in touch.

The areas CARE will work on include:

- Leaving some grassed areas uncut for insects
- Increase the number of bird boxes each year
- Develop habitats for bugs
- Maintain and increase the number of whittle fences we have

- Native planting only where practicable, removal of invasive species
- Sustainable planting which takes account of our changing climate
- Carry out regular litter picks, and involvement with Keep Britain Tidy initiatives
- Disposal of our green waste sympathetically
- Limit our use of herbicides

We will review our action plan every year.

If this subject is something of particular interest to you and you want to get involved please get in touch.

Susan Dunwell

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Quote from the RSPB April 2024: 'Turning the tide for nature

The problems faced by birds are many and varied, which means we need to take action in all sorts of areas. From gardening for wildlife to the way we farm and manage our rivers, it all impacts on nature. That's why we work tirelessly to save protect and fight for nature. And when we come together for nature, it works'.

Here, here! Biodiversity will win the day in the Parish.

Sue Williams - Editor

Diary of a Country Parson....

(with acknowledgement and due respect to the famous diary written by Parson Woodforde in the 18th century!)

I'm in a reflective mood as it dawns on me that it is nearly two years since being inducted as the Vicar of West Barnsley. The ceremony of induction has changed little over the past few hundred years, including swearing allegiance to the Sovereign and the Lord Bishop, and taken to the main door, holding the handle, to promise to maintain decent and Godly worship.

It is at this point that the Church Wardens, one of the most ancient offices of the Church of England, hand over the inventory of '*church treasures and ornaments*' and a full set of keys. I was considerably weighed down by the keys for four churches! The Vicar is then taken to toll the bell and alert the parishioners that the new incumbent has arrived to offer them pastoral care, in the ancient words used, '*the cure of souls*'.

Underneath all the pomp and ancient wordery lay the essence of the job – pastoral care. I realise that I am one individual taking my place in a long and ancient line of clergy reaching back nearly a thousand years. The privilege of this is never lost on me.

Recently the gravestone of a past priest in Silkstone was uncovered. His name was Thomas Peigham and he was inducted as vicar in 1677 and without doubt he would have experienced the same ceremony I did. A real sense of history and continuity! On

his gravestone are written the words, '*Ecclesiae Pastoris*' – Church Pastor. It's a worthy thing for a priest to be remembered for. On mine it may say, '*Here lay the remains of Canon Farrow who expired during one of his long sermons. Thanks be to God!*'"

I don't know what Parson Peigham's day to day life was like but for me there are never two days the same. All of us are affected by the speed of communication. Rev Peigham would have thought it fantastical that we would be carrying in our pocket a device that would bring instantaneous communication and the ability to give information about anything from boiling an egg to sending a rocket to the moon! (I'm still at the boiled egg stage so Rev Peigham need not fear).

I must admit to a sense of excitement when I see the little red light flashing on my telephone handset indicating a message. Who knows what it could be?...from a general enquiry about the church service times, a person wanting to find out about their family history, from my wife reminding me that the egg will need to be put in water before I attempt to boil it...or the Church Warden giving feedback on my sermon last Sunday and not to forget, for future reference, the advice to keep quality over quantity in mind.

Whatever the message may be, it indicates a point of contact and communication. A previous advert for telephones had the

catch phrase, 'It's good to talk'. I think it was Churchill who said, 'Jaw jaw is always better than war war'.

I may feel a small insignificant cog in the turning of the great complex machine that life sometimes seems to be. However, through communication and contact in my little part of it, I can make a difference.

Talk to someone today...you never know what a difference you will make. It is good to talk, so don't hesitate.

*Your Vicar,
Canon Keith*

PS ***BRAMBLE UPDATE ALERT** – I'm now going to try and drive them into a sleepy retreat by preaching some of my sermons to them!

Cutler Cafe

The church has started to hold the Cutler Cafe on the last Saturday of every month between 10am to 12 noon. We held the first one in January and it was a great success.

We serve filter coffee, a selection of teas, homemade cakes and Canon Hall farm shop currant teacakes with home made jam in the chancel of our ancient parish



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



church. As well as selling tempting drinks and cake there is a wealth of information in Silkstone church concerning the rich history of the parish.

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

*Jane Raistrick
Churchwarden*

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S75 4SG

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Parish Council Meeting dates for May-Aug 2024

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

Dates for the next five months are:

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

Contact details for Ward councillors and MP

Ward Councillors

Robert Barnard:

CllrRobertBarnard@barnsley.gov.uk

Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) or 01226 382861 (Home) or 07811 430948 (mobile)

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 Miriam Cates

Miriam's Constituency Office: Maria House, 3 Fox Valley Way, Sheffield, S36 2AA

miriam.cates.mp@parliament.uk

<https://www.miriamcates.org.uk/>

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 2nd August 2024.

Our usual deadlines and distribution dates are below:

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

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Parish Council website and Facebook page

www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

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

A tribute to our Fred Walshaw 1917 – 1944 and the Anniversary of the Normandy Landings 6th June 1944

As the country marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings on 6th June 1944 this is the story of one of Silkstone's sons who fought in Normandy but didn't return home.



Fred Walshaw was born in Silkstone on 13th October 1917 the son of Fred and Martha Walshaw. Fred worked as a miner but in August 1937 he joined The Duke

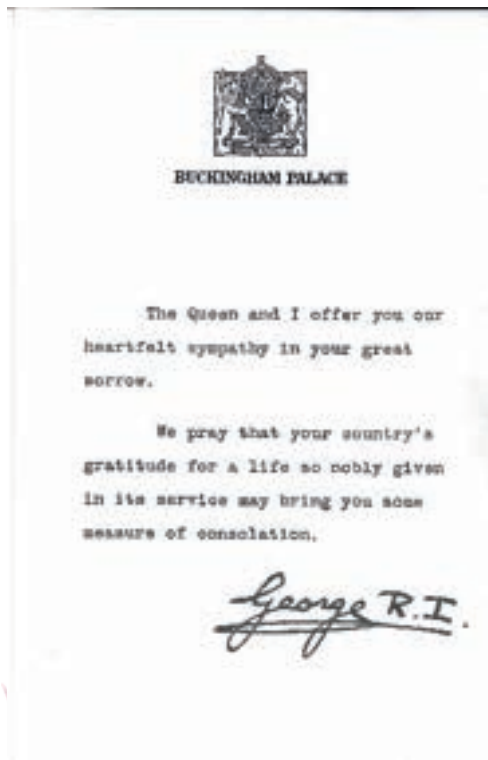
of Wellington's Regiment but the following May he was discharged 'ceasing to fulfil army physical requirements'.

At the start of World War 2 in September 1939 Fred was living at 1 Pack Horse Green with his parents and older brother. All three men were working as miners.

In October 1940 Fred enlisted into the 5th Battalion Coldstream Guards and about the same time married Bertha Hastey. The following year Fred and Bertha had a son. Fred was later promoted to Lance Corporal.

Thanks to the 5th Battalion's war diary it is possible to trace what happened to Fred after they landed on Gold Beach on the

Normandy coast on 25th June 1944. The battalion fought their way inland and on 21st July they were involved in heavy fighting at Frenouville, 5 miles from Caen where Fred was killed in action. Initially buried at Frenouville Fred was eventually re-interred at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery at Banneville-la-Campagne. The epitaph on his headstone reads. *'Only those of loved and lost can understand war's bitter cost'*. Left a young war widow with a young son, Bertha must have been devastated at the loss of Fred.



Last June David and I toured France and Belgium for three weeks visiting many of the 1st and 2nd world war CWGC military cemeteries. Visiting the Normandy beaches we stopped at the Banneville-la-Campagne cemetery to pay our respects to Fred Walshaw and to leave a RBL wooden cross on his grave on behalf of Silkstone village.

We also visited the 2021 British Normandy Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer and found Fred's name on one of the memorial pillars.

As with all the CWGC cemeteries the one where Fred lies is beautifully kept. We were also gratified to realise just how much the French honour and respect our war dead.

With thanks to Sandra and Barbara for images and information about their relative.



*Jane and David Raistrick,
Heritage Silkstone*



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

Provides companionship, entertainment and recreation for people aged 55+ who live locally. Meets fortnightly on Wednesdays 2-4pm in the Methodist Church Hall. New members are very welcome. Varied programme including speakers, trips and entertainers. Younger helpers urgently required. Annual subscription £20. For more information contact Bev Almond on 07502303470 or email 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 01226 791670

Stainbrough Rotary are the local Rotary covering the Parish.

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Wake, Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator
janicewake@btinternet.com
07540957639

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Currently closed for worship. Open for community use.

Contact for Hall bookings Elvin Athey tel 01226 791999

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

Are your group's details correct?

If not please let the Editor know.

sue@8highstreet.co.uk

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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Junior Co-ordinator – Lee Willford 07931
298213 - lee.willford@gmail.com

SUCC Senior / Main Contact – Kevin Taylor
07462 877416

kevin.taylor@plascompo.com

Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : [Silkstone UTD C.C.](#)

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

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

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

Mobile 01226790080

juliajennings27@gmail.com

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/>

Local Organisations

Environment & Local History

Silkstone CARE Group

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

Contact:

Susan Dunwell 07973 310925

susanwareham@talktalk.net

Karen Gorman 07788 185502

kgorman963@btinternet.com

Linda Marsh 07792321829

lmxx.13@gmail.com

Roggins Local History Group (Silkstone)

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

Contact: Andy Horsfield

email rogginshistorygroup@gmail.com

01226 791929

Heritage Silkstone

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

Website address

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

Contact:

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