

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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Notices

Appeal:

Missing All Saints Silkstone - Grey Tables

3 of the 6ft long Grey tables appear to have gone astray.

Have you borrowed them, or know of someone else who has borrowed them? Could you check whether or not they still have them?

They have been missing for a number of weeks (months).

Please contact Reverend Maureen (Tel: 492294) or Claud Bills (Tel: 790599)

WW1 – An appeal for information

Jane & David Raistrick and Margaret Bower have been researching the 120 men who served during WW1, the 15 men of Silkstone Common and Silkstone who gave their lives and the four soldiers who received the Military Medal (MM) for bravery. Jane, David and Margaret, would like to talk to any relatives of the men who went off to war, those who didn't come back and those who received the MM. Please contact Jane Raistrick on oldtimer11@btinternet.com

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A word from the Chair

The highlight of the summer this year has had to be the memorial to the 26 children who died 180 years ago in the Huskar Pit Disaster. The enormous amount of time and effort that went into arranging the five days of events is a tribute to the memory of the children and their families.

This summer also saw the threat of the building of houses in what was clearly an inappropriate site. There were also rumblings from a large house builder suggesting that the parish would benefit from the building of 200 houses on greenbelt land. Although, this latest threat has for the moment diminished, there is still the need to be vigilant. I would like to thank the three people who have already expressed an interest in being involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan, but to realistically develop a plan together we need at least another five people who are

prepared to give a lot of time and commitment to make the plan work. We will also need lots of people to help make sure that everyone has an opportunity to have their say.

Finally, we live in strange times. Both villages have seen an increase in crime over the last twelve months. I would ask everyone to stay aware of your community. If you see anything that appears to be 'odd' it most likely is. Please report what you have seen on the police information line 101 and leave a message. The police use this line to gather intelligence, they can use later. The next newsletter will be the last before Christmas, so if you have any plans to hold a community event let me know and I will do my best to publicise it for you.

Meryl Liddell

Chair Silkstone Parish Council

Silkstone Poppy Organisers

As Silkstone Poppy Organisers we would like to thank everyone for your support over the last few years. We are Vicky Martin and Jo Thompson; we took over the role as Poppy Organisers in 2016 from Vicky's family. In 2017 we raised an amazing £3031.06. This is a wonderful amount for two small villages and was nearly double the previous years. We know without your support we couldn't have reached this total.

This year marks the 100th anniversary and we hope with your help and orders we can beat this target. There are new items to mark the centenary (two examples shown) that can also be ordered by calling 07947 499259 (Vicky) anytime. So once again, We Thank You.

Vicky Martin and Jo Thompson



Silkstone Common School Garden

'If the PTA can raise some money, would you design and organise the building of a school garden?' What a fantastic opportunity I thought. Encouraging children to work with nature while learning important gardening skills along the way. I said *'yes!'*

My son attends Silkstone Common School and I'm a garden designer working on projects from individual borders, intimate courtyards to large country gardens. More importantly for the PTA was my work with Silkstone Preschool. Their bare playground had been transformed into a joyful productive garden. Here young children work with me on a weekly basis to keep the space growing, watch the wildlife and enjoy eating the produce along the way. The PTA hoped this success could be replicated at Silkstone Common School.

As the early stages of planning progressed it was evident how enthusiastic the school community was for the project. A suitable site was identified, and I created plans for the garden, which could be extended to include a wildlife area. It included raised beds and most importantly a polytunnel to be used as an outdoor learning area in all weathers. With the design completed the PTA was provided with the budget estimate. We



were relying on fund raising for the whole project. The PTA did amazing work at organising fun events including a virtual pet show and a fashion evening in addition to the traditional Christmas and Summer Fayres. Parents, friends of the school and local businesses dug deep into their pockets to help. We finally had a budget while still funding other projects within school. The fund raising would be enough if all the labour for the project was voluntary and some materials could be donated. This was going to be an interesting few months.

Mr Tabbner the Headmaster dug the first ground to level the site in June 17.

He was a regular volunteer at our Saturday 'dig days.' His enthusiasm for the project was infectious, helping us through the difficult winter months. I take my hat off to the volunteers, who helped, to dig soil, bag soil and move soil at times it seemed endless. We had lots of Dads, Nanas and children, providing help. Even a cook came along, frying up bacon sandwiches and making mugs of tea. The polytunnel went up during the winter and was a good place to get out of the rain and snow on our volunteer days. The turning point came when the wooden raised beds, made by one of the Dad's who is also a joiner were heaved into position suddenly you could visualize a garden. But could we get the garden club up and digging by June? It was going to be tough.

'Can we give the garden a Victorian feel? To compliment the Huskar Disaster commemorations.' We were ankle deep in mud when Mr Tabbner asked me that. *'But we have a polytunnel, not very old fashioned'* I replied. As I reflected on those children, I imagined them walking to work on that summers day across wild flower meadow fields. A common sight in Victorian times, a lot rarer these days. Could we grow a traditional meadow?



I imagined it wrapped around the garden, visible from the school entrance and the lane. It would complement the garden, tying in with a productive garden like the Victorian colliers may have cultivated. The meadow could be laid as a flowering turf but we needed extra volunteers to help. Thankfully the grandparents of Silkstone Common school children came to the rescue. They cleared the site, laid the turf and helped to keep it watered. Amazingly it started to flower within two weeks continuing to do so all summer long. This became the starting point for our wildlife area.

Plans were made to set up a school gardening club. A wonderful team of volunteers came together to run the club. We were keen for the pupils to understand food production from seed to harvest, learning horticultural skills along the way. Importantly, we hoped they would gain a deeper understanding of where they fit into the natural world and how they can help to cherish it. For the school it was important their new outdoor space would enhance the school day. Giving pupils the opportunity to learn in an outdoor environment and bringing life to the curriculum.

As spring turned to summer the garden was finally completed. We could invite children in to raise seedlings, transplant plants and enjoy growing vegetables and fruit. The meadow has been a big hit for mini beast hunts and flower identifications. I enrolled the school for the RHS Schools Gardening Campaign, achieving the Level One certificate with another four levels to work towards. The sun shone at the official opening, a special day for us all. The garden club children spoke so enthusiastically about the garden and what it meant to them to be involved. It had evolved to become their Eden.

So is my work here done? Soon...maybe? But first the pumpkins need weighing, the club members would love a tomato tasting session and it must be time for bulb planting. The children also need to design and extend the wildlife area. We are also keen to become self-funding, so a stall at the Christmas fair possibly. As gardeners know, a garden is always developing, surprising you and optimistically pulling you into the next season.

Joanne Charlton
The Creative Gardener



WW1 Silkstone goes to war



At 11.00 on 11th November 1918 the guns finally fell silent, the war was over. Vast areas of France and Flanders lay in ruins; towns, villages and the countryside had been devastated.

18 million people, both military and civilians, had been killed and 23 million wounded. The war had been one of the most deadly conflicts in human history.

120 men from the parish of Silkstone took up arms, 15 of them never to return. These ordinary working men were drawn into a conflict where they performed extra-ordinary deeds in the most appalling conditions. Many came back physically or mentally scarred; for them life would never be the same again.

Four men from Silkstone parish won the Military Medal for bravery in the field but in their own way every man was a hero.

To the 15 fallen men we owe an enormous debt of honour and 100 years later we must still remember them.

The peace was a fragile one because 21 years later Germany once more plunged the world into darkness; on war memorials throughout the country another generation of names would appear.



LEST WE FORGET

Jane & David Raistrick
and Margaret Bower

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Silkstone Sing 2018

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Silkstone Sing this year.



To Old Silkstone Band for their wonderful music at the event, the small band of volunteers who sold the programmes in Silkstone and Silkstone

Common and to everyone who made a donation by purchasing a programme. We hope to be able to make a donation of around £1,000 to the Little Fox's charity that support's families of patients of ward 24 at Barnsley District General Hospital (chemotherapy unit).

Claud Bills

Date for your diary

Friday 14th December at 7.00pm



A Celebration of Christmas Concert with Old Silkstone Band and Local Vocals

Carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine.

Proceeds from the evening will be shared between the Church Restoration Fund and Old Silkstone Band.

Also during the evening a cheque from the 2018 Silkstone Sing will be presented to Little Fox's charity supporting the chemotherapy ward at BDGH.

Old Silkstone Band - The Spraoi (pronounced spree) Waterford Ireland

At the beginning of August, Old Silkstone Band (O.S.B.) had an amazing trip to Waterford in Ireland after being invited to take part in the International Street Arts Festival — The Spraoi (pronounced spree)

The band performed two very different programmes in their concerts over their busy weekend; a Disney themed set where they dressed up as a variety of Disney characters such as Mr Incredible, Captain Hook and Smee, Cruella Devil and The Little Mermaid (Ariel) as well as a more traditional programme of music whilst wearing their usual band uniform.

Danni Brookes (band secretary) said; *"I can honestly say the weekend we have just enjoyed was absolutely fantastic. It's great that these strong friendships are built through music as we all had so much fun and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Spraoi. We are already getting ideas down on paper to have the City of Waterford Band come over to Barnsley for a concert or two meaning our next 'YorkshEire' brass band adventure is just on the horizon."*

In return, Kevin Power of the City of Waterford Band shared the words: *"It was an amazing weekend and a very proud moment for me to have my friends from Old Silkstone Band perform in Waterford. My thanks go to the guys and girls who made a dream come true. I can't wait to see them all and perform with them again in October"*

During the weekend, the band also attended an official reception hosted by Metropolitan Mayor of Waterford Councillor Joe Kelly and City of Waterford (C.O.W.) band. It was at this reception that the band presented a series of gifts; a signed, limited edition print of the Mining Memories of South Yorkshire from Silkstone Parish Council and an engraved glass tankard with the Barnsley coat of arms from our Mayor



Cllr. Steve Green. In return the band received: an engraved glass sculpture that had both bands (C.O.W & O.S.B) logos on the front and a stunning book detailing all of the wonderful pieces that are held within Waterford's Museum.

On the Bands Final Day, they presented the City of Waterford Band with an Old Silkstone Band Banner for their 'Wall of Friendships'. We hope this is the start of a long and happy relationship.

The Band is now working hard towards their next BIG event – **OKTOBERFEST**. Our annual knees up and concert packed with fun and games will be on **Friday 12th October at 8pm**. As usual the venue is at the Bluebell Conference Suite at The Fairway and is sure to be a great night – with some of the regular pieces plus a whole host of new music and newly designed games to get involved with – it is sure to be a Blast! Hans Awandering (Alaster Yoxall) will return to compare the evening along with Heidi Boo (Wendy Atkinson) on vocals. So come along, bring your friends and have a great night with us – tickets can be pre booked by calling Danni on 07540 240703.

If you are interested in joining the band, we do have a few vacancies; but we also welcome anyone along who is looking to enjoy playing within a brass band – the more the merrier. There is a mailing list for Newsletters, Ticket Offers and CD sales, if you want to be part of this please send us an email on info@oldsilkstoneband.com or give Danni a call on the above number.

Earlier this year, we also announced our new Patron's Scheme where anyone can support the band on an individual basis, as a couple or even as a business. We are extremely grateful to those who have signed up thus far, as it enabled us to install a soundproofing system to our rehearsal space, for this we'd like to say a massive thank you. We will continue to welcome anyone else who wishes to help the band via our patronage scheme - simply get in touch with us via email for more information.

Wendy, Old Silkstone Band

Events at All Saints Church Silkstone this Autumn/Winter

Book Sale and Coffee morning

Saturday 13th
October 10am to
12noon

Browse through loads of pre-read books and purchase at a fraction of their original cost.

Have a rest and natter whilst having a tea/coffee and some wonderful homemade cakes.

Wonderfully Made in Yorkshire



Thursday 8th November 5pm to 9pm
Friday 9th November 10am to 8pm
Saturday 10th November 10am to 6pm

This special craft fair returns again to All Saints Church, with a wonderful, unique selection of gifts all handmade by some special designers and artisans.

Why not purchase that special gift for Christmas for your family and friends (and yourself).

Entry is free.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 1st
December at 2pm



Why not support your local church, All Saints Silkstone, by visiting the annual Christmas Bazaar. Attractions include, gift stalls, jams and preserves, tombola, books and cards.

Treat yourself to tea, coffee with homemade cakes.

Buy a ticket to win a Christmas cake and a raffle ticket to win some Christmas wine and spirit.

**Bring the younger members to see
Father Christmas.**

Claud Bills

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

So you think you know your potatoes. There are a myriad of varieties, many I have never even heard of before. Would you believe that in our nursery in late January we have a stock of 36 different seed potato varieties? Something to suit everyone. I have two favourites. International Kidney which is planted in March-April time and can be harvested from July – September. It is often known as the Jersey Royal potato, luscious when boiled and served with a little butter, and fresh mint from the garden, or cold with a salad and a little home made chutney. My other favourite is pink fir apple which is a very unusual salad potato with lots of bobbles, pink skin and cream flesh. It has quite a strong flavour, stores very well and looks great on the plate when having friends over for dinner.

Potatoes are usually classified into three groups, first early, second early and main crop. This is the time when they crop. They should be planted after the risk of hard frost has gone. Chitting is required before planting. Chitting is where the seed potatoes are placed into a tray and start to sprout. Chitting speeds up the growth. First earlies are planted March /April and can be harvested June/August. If you do not have much space the first early varieties are preferable. These can be grown in a large pot, but it needs to be at least 30 cm deep.

Second earlies are planted April/May and are harvested from July /September. Nadine falls into this group which is a very popular exhibition variety. It makes wonderful mash too, with a dash of double cream of course!

Main crops take the longest to mature; these are planted in April/May and can be lifted from August to October. They should not be left in the ground too long as they can come across lots of

creepy-crawlies. Lifting is done by carefully forking up the potatoes to the surface. Maris Piper is a main crop and an excellent popular all round potato. I like this one to roast with dripping or pig fat from a hog roast. I have a bucket of pig fat in the freezer from the last pig roast my father cooked for a friend. It is truly delicious and free!

Potatoes can be stored over winter. The best way to store is where air can circulate freely; I find plastic bags encourage disease; therefore wooden stackable trays seem to work the best.

I have been eating quite a lot of potatoes lately. Thanks to a new addition to Pot House Hamlet in the shape of a lovely blue hen hut housing a few different varieties of hens, I can therefore thoroughly recommend sautéed international kidney potatoes with a couple of free range poached eggs for breakfast!

Reminders for Autumn

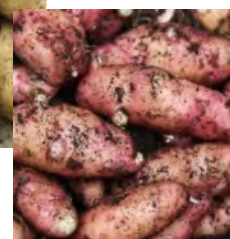
- Plant bulbs for spring colour
- Bring in tender perennials to over winter – or
- Protect any tender plants from frost with fleece
- Give the lawn an autumn food
- Plant bare rooted roses and native whips
- Put nuts out for the birds
- Clear away dead leaves to prevent slugs from hibernating
- Thin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

Emma Horsfield.



International
Kidney

Pink Fir Apple



So what is Scouting?

Scouting or the Scout Movement is a movement that aims to support **young people** in their physical, mental and spiritual development, so they can play constructive roles in society, with a strong focus on the outdoors and survival skills. The movement was formed by Robert Baden-Powell, a lieutenant general in the British Army, who ran the first experimental Camp on Brownsea Island in 1907.

The movement is made up of 4 youth sections, Beavers Scouts (6 to 8 years), Cubs Scouts (8 to 10.5 years), Scouts (10.5 to 14 years) and Explorer Scouts (14 to 17 years). Scouting in the UK is fully co-educational, so boys and girls participate jointly in one programme. Today there are nearly 32 million members in 218 countries or territories and the movement is still growing.

I joined Cubs in January 1986, at the old Scout and Guide hut on the site of the current Community Centre at Silkstone. Before that, I understand that they used to meet in a building within the grounds of the vicarage. I have also been told tales of joint camps between Silkstone Scouts and Guides to Ruthin in North Wales. Maybe there are still people living within the Parish that remembers more about these trips or was an attendee?

When I joined Silkstone Scouts there was only a Cub pack, Scouts started in the summer of 1989; Venture Scouts were formed around 1993. In the early 90's we had to leave the recreation ground as it was closed for safety reasons. We then met on street corners and anywhere we could find for the next few years, until the recreation ground re-opened in 1996.

The Beavers formed in 2008, followed by the Explorers in 2010 and we moved into the Community Centre in September 2015. The group has continued to grow, our membership now is over 60 young people across the three younger sections. With the Silkstone Gorillaz Explorers unit, with approximately 20 members. The

Explorers are a separate entity to the Scout Group, but we have a partnership agreement with them for the use of the Community Centre and our equipment.

The Scout group is run by a dedicated team of approximately 10 adult volunteers, who run weekly meetings and additional activities for each section. Over the past 12 months, the Beavers have taken part in a WW1 soldiers game, made lollipop catapults and paper rockets, completed their photography badge, been on night walks, had a mass water fight and helped Silkstone in Bloom with the planting of trees around the recreation ground. There was also a joint Beaver and Cub camp at Woolley, when Beavers made slime, built dens, tie dyed t-shirts, had a go at shooting, archery and go-karts. They then attended a Beaver fun day, where there was the opportunity to enjoy the numerous activities at Hesley Wood.

There have been numerous group events, including a trip to Gulliver's World, attending the Remembrance Parade, Christingle and St George's Day Services, attending County camp and a summer BBQ, where we welcomed a group of French adults and Children from our twin village in France.

The Cubs have members from 6 different schools. They've done lots of team building, joined with the Scouts for a 'mud camp' in October at Hesley Wood, been on a trip to the National Space Museum, attended the Woolley camp, with Cubs from Barugh and Darton and been to a fun day at Hesley Wood. Visitors to weekly meetings have shown Cubs how to make sock snowmen and let them have a go at fencing. They've learned how to make a fire safely and had lots of fun with nerf and water guns. Scouts went on their annual camp to Norwich in the summer, joining with thousands of other Scouts and Guides for a week of adrenaline filled activities. As well as sleepovers at the Community Centre

we've held 2 back to basic style camps at Hesley Wood and Silverwood. During weekly meetings Scouts have also had a go at fencing, visited Penistone Grammar School for an IT session, lit fires, tied knots, practiced first aid, lots of cooking and held a bonfire night.

The leader team has undertaken 2 major fundraising events over the past 12 months: Under The Stars and Silkstone Common Gala. At both events we cooked food and served hot drinks. These have generated a healthy amount of income for the group and enabled us to buy additional equipment, for example our new big mess tent and box trailers.

I am extremely proud to say that Charlotte Hollingworth, who is currently an Explorer and a Young Leader at Silkstone, has been selected to represent South Yorkshire at the World Jamboree in America next year. This is fantastic for both Charlotte and our group, she is currently fundraising the £4000 needed to go.

To enable Scouting to continue and grow in Silkstone, we need adult volunteers. The group continually runs with a long waiting list of young people wanting to join, but the number of adults available to run meetings and activities limits us. Scouting is a voluntary organisation, but is also a very rewarding and fun experience for those involved. We appreciate that everyone's time is precious and volunteers won't be dropped straight in to running meetings. Helping with Scouting is flexible, you give the time and skills that you have available.

Training is provided for all adults and you don't need to wear a uniform. If anyone is interested in getting involved as an adult volunteer, please contact me on 07867788223 or

paul.denton16@btinternet.com. For enquiries about young people joining the group, please send an email to Hayleya66@gmail.com.

Paul Denton

Huskar Memorial 180 years on

When the idea of commemorating the 180th anniversary of the Huskar Pit Disaster, remembering the 26 girls and boys lost their lives down the pit during a flash flood on 4 July 1838, the formation of a very effective project team with a diverse membership brought the event together. Some of the highlights for me are listed below although it's not possible to list all of the special memories of that week in one short newsletter article.

- 26 Children laying pieces of coal with names of the children at the memorial in Nabs Wood and 26 children placing plaques at the memorial in Silkstone churchyard during simultaneous remembrance services attended by schoolchildren and local people on 4th July
- The appearance of the NUM banner at the Nabs Wood memorial service with its declaration "We must heed the lessons of the past in order to build a brighter future"
- The moving performances and respectful watching of the dramas at Silkstone Common School and the Red Lion car park
- Receiving a poem written by a local woman and listening to a song written by a descendant, both based on the disaster
- Listening to Kate Rusby singing the song she wrote for the occasion
- The full church for the service on Sunday afternoon with Old Silkstone Band playing, attended by many descendants, local people and civic dignitaries.
- Seeing the floral tribute dominating the church and listening to people's comments as they walked through
- Plenty of new learning about Huskar, thanks to the displays in church and talks by author Alan Gallop
- New and re-energised relationships with local schools, organisations and groups, providing a stronger foundation for future collaborations
- Watching the cottage garden, labyrinth and Victorian vegetable plots materialise



Donating £175 each from concert ticket sales to Silkstone School and Silkstone Common School and over £400 collected at the Sunday service to the charity Kimbilio who work with street children in Congo.

- The great turnout and response to the memorial services, concert, lecture and open days, and especially the gathering of descendants and the commemoration service on Sunday afternoon
- Working with such a diverse team of committed individuals, each of whom delivered absolutely what was required, and seeing that all come together in the five day commemoration

As the event grew nearer, the community interest grew with both schools pupils and teachers working hard towards achieving what had been committed. On the Saturday, when a number of activities took place, there was a massive turnout of both local people and visitors. I must confess when I eave-dropped on the passing comments of the visitors and participants alike, and they were all complimentary, it reminded me of how proud I feel to be part of this community.

What's next?

The week will live long in my memory, but just as important are the things we will carry forward from this great

event, including: - the Labyrinth at Silkstone School and the Victorian vegetable garden will continue to be tended and developed by local people and schoolchildren, some of the vegetables being taken into the local schools. Heritage Silkstone are planning to put together a package of information about the Huskar pit disaster as a resource for local schools. Silkstone Primary School has chosen Kimbilio to be its international charity for the 2018/2019 school year and we look forward to developing links with Kimbilio in the church as well as the schools.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved in putting the whole commemoration together no matter how much or little time you were able to give, to those who helped out at the various events and to everyone who attended the events and ensured the commemoration would be remembered for many years to come. It was indeed a very special community occasion.

Reverend Maureen Browell

Huskar Poem

*Us mams n dads of Silkstone
 Are tearin' out our hair,
 We're lookin' for our young 'uns
 But they're no longer there,
 Our Georgie went to work this morn
 I put him up his snap,
 I placed it in his satchel
 'n' made him wear his cap,
 I kissed him on his little cheek
 Just as dawn was breaking,
 I didn't know by afternoon
 How much my heart would be aching,
 Us mams n dads of Silkstone
 Are tearin' out our hair,
 We're lookin' for us young 'uns
 But they're no longer there,
 The storm it brought the thunder
 And then it brought the hail,
 The lightning came, the wind it blew
 A god almighty gale,
 I prayed for mi' little collier lad
 To keep him safe n well,
 I wished he nivver had to go down
 Into that coal-black hell,
 Us mams n dads of Silkstone
 Are tearin' out our hair,
 We're lookin' for us young 'uns
 But they're no longer there,
 They fetched his little body home
 All bloody, bruised n black,
 I've nivver been the same since then
 Just want mi Georgie back,
 Us mams n dads are all the same
 26 kids we lost,
 The price of coal is much too high
 For us to count the cost,
 My heart is filled with aching
 My eyes are full of tears
 As I think of my lovely collier lad
 I've missed for so many years,
 Us mams n dads of Silkstone
 Are tearin' out our hair,
 We're lookin' for us young 'uns
 But they're no longer there!*

I saw the beautiful photos of your remembrance service on the 4th July 2018 and would like to dedicate a poem I wrote to all the families who lost their little ones on that tragic day of 4th July 1838! Some of us won't forget!

I hope all these little souls are at peace now and forever remembered!! Much gratitude & many thanks!

I hope this dedication reaches many hearts as it did for me when I wrote it! X

Mrs Cheryl Childs.



The Path To Peace

August 1918

Earlier in 1918 the French General Ferdinand Foch was appointed Allied Commander-in-Chief, greatly improving Allied co-ordination. Under his leadership the Allies planned the Hundred Days Offensive.

It started with the Battle of Amiens on 8th August 1918. This counter-attack along the Somme proved decisive. Demonstrating they had learned from previous mistakes, the Allies used aerial photography to identify German artillery and compensated for a lack of manpower with guns and tanks. At 4.20am on 8th August the Allies attacked without any preliminary bombardment. That day they advanced 8 miles.

September 1918

The Allies kept up the momentum and unable to fend off their attacks the German Army's morale was shaken and with their discipline breaking down they were ordered to begin falling back to the Hindenburg line on 7th September.

As the Germans retreated in the West, their allies began to crumble. Bulgaria

signed an armistice with the Allies and exited the war. At the end of the month the Allies launched the Meuse-Argonne offensive, stretching German reserves to breaking point and lowering morale even further.

October 1918

The German Government addressed a note to President Wilson on the 6th October requesting the start of peace negotiations. By mid-October the Allies had taken control of almost all of German-occupied France and part of Belgium.

In Germany, the people were starving, disturbances were breaking out everywhere, sailors of the Navy mutinied, and the Emperor was being asked to abdicate. General Ludendorff, Quartermaster General of the Armed Forces was dismissed.

November 1918

By November the British had reached Mons, where in 1914 the first shots of the war had been fired. Following the fall of Trieste, Austria-Hungary concluded an armistice with the Allies on 3rd November.

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Mikaell Lamber Photography

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(Continued from [page 9](#)) Early on the 8th November 2 trains were drawn up on the two spur sections of railway line from Rethondes station, within the

Forest Glade of Compiègne in France.



The Wagon-Lits Company coach No. 2419D was a carriage set up as office HQ to be

used for the first time by Marshal Foch.

The other train contained the German plenipotentiaries. Their first meeting took place at 9am that day in the Marshal's office, with Admiral Wemyss leading the British delegation.

Following further discussions that day and the next and then only by the exchange of notes during the 10th November, the last interview session opened at 2.15am on the 11th November.

After 3 hours of explanation for the final text of the armistice terms, the Germans agreed to sign at 5.10am. The Marshal was the first to sign and at 7am left for Paris with the Armistice.



**Peace was declared at 11am on
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**In aid of the Norcroft Pit Disaster Memorial,
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Tickets, at £5 each,

Can be purchased in advance at either Cawthorne Post Office or Cawthorne Village Store or on the night at the Village Hall before the performance."

Silkstone CARE Group & Silkstone in Bloom is awarded Queens Award for Voluntary Service

Well we've done it again! Close on the heels of being awarded the Duke of York's Community Initiative Award in April this year we've just been awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – regarded as the MBE for voluntary organisations.

This is a fantastic tribute to all the past and present members of Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone in Bloom who devote their free time to maintaining and improving the many flowerbeds, planters, woods, and other public spaces in our two villages.

The last two years has seen us take over the care of the newly named Jays Wood, the development of a new picnic area adjacent to the Huskar Community Rooms – done with the enthusiastic help of the local Beaver Group – over 20 litter picks including Conroyd Beck, the annual planting of almost 400 geraniums and other bedding plants, the placement of 20 bird boxes and nine bat boxes in the woods and, now we have our new lawnmower, cutting grass in some of the main public areas. For 2018 and 2019 there are still more projects in the pipeline, including upgrading the footpath in Conroyd Wood, and, if we can agree it with Northern Rail and Railtrack, the adoption of Silkstone Station allowing us to place and maintain some planters on the station platform and a small garden on the disused platform.

The Award nomination process

We were nominated by the Parish Council and a long-time resident and active member of our community. Following our nomination an Assessor from the Lord Lieutenants office for South Yorkshire, spent a morning in Silkstone and Silkstone Common, firstly meeting with 12 of our volunteers, including current and past members, the Chair of the Parish Council, Meryl Liddell, and Councillors Ron Stier and Richard Leech. We were also lucky enough to be joined by Jim Ritchie of the Roggins Local History Group and a past member of Silkstone CARE Group whose vast and encyclopaedic knowledge of the villages proved invaluable.

After the meeting the Assessor went on a brief tour of both villages. It was clear from her comments throughout the morning she was impressed by how long the Group had been going, the ability to attract new members and the vast array of work we do. Although hopeful about the outcome we didn't really think a small group like ours would win the award. How wrong we were!

To Buckingham Palace

The award allowed us to send two of our longest serving members to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. June and Tony Fieldsend were chosen to be invited and they duly got the Royal Invitation in the post and went down to London on 15th May. June and Tony have been involved with Silkstone

CARE Group for over 30 years and can still be seen picking litter up around the villages, particularly on Cone Lane between Silkstone and Silkstone Common. Tony has also



been involved in many community activities over the years including running the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme, serving on the Police and Community Together committee and being a member of our local Crime and Safety Group in Penistone.

Speaking to June and Tony on their return from London they clearly had a wonderful day. They arrived at the Palace to be guided by a steward through the Hyde Park entrance, away from the main busy entrance, which allowed them the added pleasure of walking through the Palace grounds and passed the Palace lake.



They managed to catch a glimpse of the Queen on her arrival as she walked down the Palace steps before heading to the food tent for – looking at Tony's pictures - a very pleasant buffet of sandwiches, cakes and drinks – no alcohol allowed!

Walking back from the food tent they were stopped by a troop of Beefeaters who formed a guard of honour for the Queen as she walked passed (see left). Not only did they get

a better view of the Queen but also briefly spoke to Prince Edward, the Duke of Wessex, and his wife, Sophie.



The day had closed on a high. June and Tony said it was a great day but a long day – getting an early train from Sheffield and not getting back home until after 11.00pm. Having spoken to many of the members of Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone in Bloom we were all incredibly pleased June and Tony could go and delighted they had a great time. Thanks to both of you for your work and support over the years.

The Award

The actual award comprises an English Crystal statue and a signed certificate from Her Majesty the Queen, which the Group will receive later in the year at a ceremony hosted by South Yorkshire's Lord Lieutenant. When we have a date and venue we will let people know and make a bit of celebration

out of it and invite our supporters and sponsors to join with us for a bit of a do!

Again, many thanks to June and Tony, all the CARE and Silkstone in Bloom volunteers, the other members of our community and the Parish Council who have contributed and supported our work over the last 30 years.

The Silkstone CARE Group Committee

Chair Bill Barkworth

Vice Chair Linda Marsh

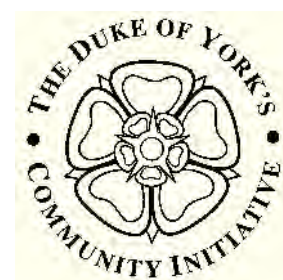
Treasurer Phil Evans

SiB Co-ordinator Janet Barrett

SiB Co-ordinator Trudy Atkinson

(Anybody wishing to join the Group or who just want to occasionally come along you can find our details and work session timetable on the Parish Council website or email billbarkworth@aol.com)

Bill Barkworth



Damian's Cajun Chicken Thighs, with Sweetcorn Salsa

Serves 4.

This is a tasty meal and is best left overnight to marinade and soak up the lovely spices.

The dish is simple to prepare and cook, so not a mammoth task to do after work.

Ingredients

- 8 chicken thighs, or breast if you prefer

The marinade:

- 5 level tsp paprika
- 3 level tsp coriander
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- ½ level tsp salt
- 4 table spoons red wine vinegar
- 4 table spoons olive oil

Salsa

- ½ red onion finely diced
- 3 tomatoes finely diced
- 60g can sweet corn
- ½ teaspoons sugar
- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 tablespoon vinegar

(Combine together and chill until required. This can be done in advance)

Method for the Chicken:

Mix all the marinade ingredients together and fully coat the chicken in it. Leave to stand for at least 1 ½ hours, or overnight.

You can BBQ, grill or griddle the chicken. But you can oven bake for 1hr on 180c if you prefer. Ensure the meat is fully cooked before you serve it.



Serve with the salsa and a spoonful of sour cream. Potato wedges, jacket potato or rice would be ideal to serve with this dish.

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Parish Council Meeting dates for the remainder of 2018.

1 October
5 November
3 December

All meetings to be held at the Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

Parish Council website

<http://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 contacts and content

The Editor of this newsletter is Meryl Liddell. Views expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors not necessarily the views and policies of the Parish Council. If you have a news item for the next issue please email Meryl on meryl.liddell@btinternet.com or phone on 790509

If you want to update details for your organisation, advertise or amend an existing advert please email the parish clerk, Karen Canadine on silkstoneclerk@ymail.com or phone on 391343 .

Newsletter deadlines and dates

Articles, events and adverts

The cut off date for the next newsletter is 8 pm Monday 5th November 2018. The newsletter will be distributed in the last week in November

Our usual deadlines and distribution dates are below:

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

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Contact: Sandra Blackburn 791141

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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

Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group

Babies to 4 year old children welcome.

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Contact: Tracy 01226 497811

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Secretary: Keith Raynor Tel: 01226 763754

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Contact: David Andrews, Tel: 01709 368976

Website www.wros.talktalk.net

Schools

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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

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Contact: Ms Sally Adams 790333

Visit <http://silkstoneprimaryschool.com/>

Shining Stars Out of School Club

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

Contact: email at shining.stars@Barnsley.org
phone on 07591630348

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 12's Manager Steve Fletcher 07990 805694

Under 15's Steve Fletcher 07990-805694

Under 18's Jon Dale 07971-889436

Please phone the manager for details.

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SUCC main contact Tony Clegg, Club Secretary 07967-222820

Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : Silkstone UTD C.C.

Twitter : @SilkstoneCC

Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club: now bowling at Shaw Lane

Secretary: David Harris on Barnsley 790051

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.barnsleybsacd Divers.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.

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.

Website : <http://www.priorycampus.co.uk/rlhg/roggins.php>

Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695

e-mail ritchietj@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Don Sissons 01226-791130

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

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Visit us at www.silkstonepreschool.co.uk

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minathelwell@yahoo.co.uk

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Scouts: Boys and Girls, 10.5-14 yrs 19:30 to 21:00 Mondays

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Thursdays

For general enquiries regarding Scout issues please contact Adam Pearson: Group Scout Leader on 07561312050

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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

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

Silkstone in Bloom

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Contact: Janet (Silkstone Common) 790994 or

Trudy (Silkstone) 792218

Tuesday Club

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Contact Sue on 01226 791394

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Sunday services:

1st Sunday

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

2nd Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 11.00am

3rd Sunday

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

4th Sunday

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

5th Sunday

- Joint benefice service - see church noticeboard for venue.

Other events

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

For more information, contact Rev. Maureen Browell 01226 492294

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

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

Contact for Hall bookings 01226 790461