

# Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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## The next newsletter

The deadline for information is Friday 1st November as we aim to distribute the newsletter the last week in November.

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## A word from the Chair

Welcome to your autumn newsletter. It seems no time since we were looking forward to summer and here we are getting ready for winter. Chef Damien's recipe on page 5 is an ideal chutney to prepare now, ready for Christmas, which is just around the corner. We held the summer fair (page 2) the weather wasn't as kind to us this year, but it did bring the community together as an event for all.

Looking forward, the Parish Council is hoping to get enough parishioners together to develop and deliver the Neighbourhood Plan, if you are interested there is a meeting at the Pavilion Silkstone Playing Field on Monday 23 September at 6:30pm when a representative for Kirkwells Town & Planning Consultancy will be there to advise the best way forward, please come along. This is something that the Parish Council can support but needs to be led by the community.

Finally, I must address the usual issue of dog walkers, please pick up your dog's business and either take it home with you to dispose of or put it in one of the many litter bins provided.

The next time I speak to you Christmas will be almost upon us, Wonderfully Made in Yorkshire (page 4) will have taken place at Silkstone Church and we will all be looking forward to and preparing for Christmas.

**Meryl Liddell**

**Chair Silkstone Parish Council**

## More Vandalism

It is with a heavy heart I must report again more vandalism in Orchard Wood, when challenged the youths were not only abusive at the time but, also behaved threateningly later in the day causing the incident to be reported to the police.

Orchard Wood is owned by the Parish Council and maintained by both the Parish Council and volunteers across the parish. When youths decide to dig holes in the woods and create mounds to turn the woods into an unofficial off-road track for bikes, this makes the area unsafe for many of the parishioners who wish to use the wood for relaxation and nature watching.

Please report any youths you see damaging any part of the woods as the holes and mounds can make the trees and general growth in the woods unsafe. Sadly, vandalism is not just evident in Orchard Wood in the Parish, if you see any anti-social behaviour, but feel unable to challenge the individuals yourself, please call the Parish Council on 07947545504.

**Thank you**

**Meryl Liddell, Chair Silkstone Parish Council**

## Silkstone Summer Fair – A Big Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who turned out to attend the summer fair this year, despite the weather!

It all came together on Saturday 31 August, after lots of hard work by all the various stall holders. A group of volunteers got to the playing field about 10am and this is where my "thanks" start. Thank you to all those who turned up early, worked hard getting the tents and bouncy castle up, stayed all day making sure everything remained safe, stayed late to put everything back in the right places and last but not least did a litter pick around the playing field. So here comes another thank you, there was hardly any litter to pick, so thank you to everyone who took their litter home with them, it was really appreciated.

The raffle went down a storm again and at time of writing this I am still trying to get everyone's raffle prizes to them. I would like to thank everyone who donated a prize for this year's raffle, as you can see, we had to use emergency measures at one point to keep the prizes dry!!

I have not had all the final figures in for the day yet but will let everyone know how much we have been able to donate to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. There will be a presentation event to which the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and

all stall holders on the day will be invited.

There are many things I will remember of the day, the community spirit, the 20 minutes deluge of rain, when everyone seemed to disappear and to be honest I thought everyone had gone home.....wouldn't have blamed them if they had, but the rain stopped and miraculously everyone re-appeared. Thank you for staying and supporting the fair.

After the rain, the Maria Penrose School of Dance performed, thank you all for still dancing for us, I know several of you went home with soggy bottoms! Old Silkstone Band played for a second time in the sunshine (the first time they played it was cut short by the rain). Another favourite memory for me of the day is the sun shining warmly on my back, listening to the band play, it felt like a real quintessential British summer afternoon and I felt proud to be part of it!

Finally, I would like to thank all the stallholders who supported us on the day and donated part of their takings to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, the Parish Councillors for the work and preparation they put in advance to make the day a success, particularly Richard Bell the Parish Council Clerk, who without going into detail went above and beyond.

Thanks also to the Scouts and Brownies who did a sterling job selling burgers, hot dogs, bacon butties and drinks under difficult circumstances and the ladies in the pavilion who plied everyone with tea, coffee and yummy cakes!

Penistone FM played and broadcast throughout the event too, I would like to thank the person or persons, who anonymously paid the fee for Penistone FM to attend the fair. The whole event was finished off with a welly wanging competition, with both the junior and senior trophies being won by a father and son team, well done!!



Opposite are a few photos taken on the day, sorry if I've missed you!

This year all proceeds after everything has been paid for will be donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, who came along and spent the afternoon with us. Here is to the next fair which will be held in Silkstone Common, the date yet to be confirmed.

**Meryl Liddell**  
**Chair Silkstone Parish Council**





*Silkstone CARE - ready to go*



*Penistone Country Market - find them in St John's Community Centre, Penistone, 10-12 every Thursday.*



*Yorkshire Air Ambulance*



*Yummy cakes by ladies from Silkstone Church*



*The Scouts refreshments - ready to go.*

### Six brain teaser questions answers on page 9

- Q1 How many seconds do you have in a year?
- Q2 How many oranges can you put in an empty container?
- Q3 What is at the end of a rainbow?
- Q4 What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?
- Q5 How far can a dog run into the woods?
- Q6 A house has 4 walls. All of the walls are facing south, and a bear is circling the house. What colour is the bear?

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## Wonderfully Made in Yorkshire Craft Fair All Saints & St James Church Silkstone

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – 9pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 8pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

Wood turning, pottery, jewellery, oils  
watercolours, gift cards,  
lots of other products.

Great for interesting Christmas gifts

If traveling from the M1 leave the motorway at J37 follow the signs to Manchester.  
You will see signs for Silkstone within about 1 mile of the junction pointing to the right.

## Damian's citrus red onion marmalade

Here is fantastic accompaniment to make at this time of year. It can be made well in advance and will taste better after it has had a week or so to stand and develop. It is great with cheeses and chicken liver parfait. Make this now, ready for Christmas.

The colour and spices are autumnal, and when you make it, the house will smell fantastic.

### Ingredients:

- 3 red onions, sliced
- 4 table spoons brown muscovado sugar
- Around 4-5 tablespoons red wine or malt vinegar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 table spoon honey
- 1 orange, juiced and zested

### Method:

Slice the onions and soften in a pan with butter. Cook for around 10 minutes, until golden and sticky.

Add the remaining ingredients and simmer until the mixture has become sticky and reduced in volume.

Tip into a clean and sterile old jam jar (boil a kettle and fill the jar with the water, stand for a minute, and then tip out the water. Add the marmalade straight away)

Allow the mixture to cool down in the jar, once cooled add the lid and store in a cool place. The marmalade will last weeks.

I do hope you enjoy my recipes and try them at home. This one develops flavour, over time and so is great made now, ready for over the Autumn and Christmas period.

*Cheers Damian Hunsley*



## Tiny Tots - support and help

Hello, my name is Mina and together with Jacqui I run Tiny Tot's Toddler group on a Friday morning at the Huskar Rooms behind Silkstone garage. We start about 9.15am and finish at 11.15am.

The group was set up in 2016 with the view to support local parents & carers giving them somewhere to go with their children where they can socialise with other like minded people.

I used to find toddler groups a bit intimidating so our aim is to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

We provide toys and every week we do a focused activity (which you are free to join in if you wish). Activities range from drawing, decorating biscuits, making snow globes and themed activities. We have story time, ball time and song time.

Tea and coffee for the adults and a snack and drink for the children are included in the price.

We have a small soft play area and an area for babies.

There is a play kitchen, a dolls house, bricks, garage and cars, piano, dressing up box, baby dolls and ride ons.

We have a variety of toys to suit each child and age group which allows them to explore and try new experiences.

I am a mother and a childminder and Jacqui is a foster carer who specialises in working with disabled children so together we have a wealth of experience which we can share.

Sometimes parents and carers are unsure about where to get information and we see the group as a way of everyone sharing their experience and helping one another.

You can find our page on Facebook so if you have any questions please do not be afraid to contact us.

**Mina 07854 020 577**  
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## Autumn at All Saints and St James

The nights are drawing in as September begins and the church enters the season of Creationtide and All Saints Tide. As we celebrate the wonder of creation, we hold our Harvest thanksgiving services and events. We have a Harvest Supper with live music and games on Friday 3rd October from 6.30pm in church and then on Sunday 5th October we hold our harvest festival services – one at 9.15am and then a harvest thanksgiving service with Old Silkstone Band at 6pm (always a popular service!). Our produce this year will be passed on to the Barnsley Churches Drop In Project to be distributed to those in need.

On Saturday 12th October we have our hugely popular Mega Book Sale from 10am – 12 noon. Literally hundreds of books to browse and buy, along with delicious home-made refreshments. If you've never been before, give it a try – you won't be disappointed.

November takes us into All Saints Tide, as we celebrate the patronal festival of our church by holding our annual gift days. The vicar will be at the pavilion on Hood Green from 10am-11am on Saturday 2nd, and then in Silkstone Common Methodist Church from 2pm-3pm to receive donations. The church will be open on Sunday afternoon (3rd) from 2pm – 4pm and at 6pm the annual memorial service will take place when we remember loved ones who have died. Everyone is welcome to this very special service and invited to light a candle in memory of their loved one.



The following week sees the return of the ever popular “Wonderfully Made in Yorkshire” craft event which opens at 5pm on Thursday 7th November and continues until 6pm on Saturday 9th November. Look out for the posters and be sure to visit – we have over 40 stalls showcasing a wide diversity of products, including many newcomers.

Sunday 10th November is Remembrance Sunday and as usual there will be an act of remembrance at 10.45am at the war memorial in Silkstone, accompanied by Old Silkstone Band, and also at the war memorial in Hood Green. All Saints Silkstone will be open after the service for refreshments and viewing of the new exhibition prepared by Heritage Silkstone.

I look forward to welcoming you to some or all of the service and events, and wish you all every blessing for the autumn months and the season of Creationtide.

*God bless,  
Rev. Maureen*

## Creationtide

‘Creationtide’ or the ‘Season of Creation’ is the period in the annual church calendar (from 1st September to 4th October) dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

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## Parish Council Meeting dates for 2019

**All meetings are held on Mondays  
in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion.**

Date	Meeting
07/10/19	PC
04/11/19	PC
02/12/19	PC

## Parish Council website

[www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk](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 deadlines and dates

### Articles, events and adverts

The cut off date for the next newsletter is 8 pm Monday 3rd June 2019. 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

## Homes for Birds

Nine new nest boxes were made and put up around Silkstone Common, care of the CARE Group, this Spring.

Following a series of talks and demonstrations to the very interested and animated children of Silkstone Common Infant & Junior school, three boxes were put up in Orchard Wood, watched by the school. Three more were put up in the Silkstone Common Recreation Grounds and three others attached to houses in the village.

These consisted of six Tit boxes, a Robin box and two Swift nest boxes.

Following the breeding season I inspected each to determine how many had been used, and, success! All the Tit boxes have been used (but wasps were in one - so I didn't disturb them to find out if the wasps had built on top of a nest!)

The Robin box wasn't used, and the Swift boxes remain empty - but all-in-all a very good season and, perhaps, up to sixty extra Blue or Great Tits are around today, because of these boxes.



Following this success, it was decided to make more nest boxes to raise money for the CARE Group at the Summer Fair. This not only benefits the CARE Group, but of course will add further to the number of available nest sites around the village. I'll continue to make to order too. A Tawny Owl box and a Little Owl box are also ready to go up locally.

Also, I'm now volunteering as a Ranger for the National Trust at Stainborough Castle, as their wildlife man - I've got a site for the Tawny Owl box there - so I'm excited at the prospect for the environment locally.

I hope this will inspire some new poetry for the next edition. Watch this space!

*Richard Hardgreaves*

## Please do not park on footpaths

When footpaths are blocked by cars this means people, especially those with pushchairs, wheelchairs or who are blind have to walk into the road to get past. This is far more dangerous than cars having to slow down because the road is narrowed by properly parked cars. Roads in our village are wide enough for you to park on. Many of our footpaths are narrow to start off with!

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### Ever thought of joining Stainborough Rotary Club?

Stainborough Rotary Club is part of the global Rotary network of volunteers, trying to make the world a better place.

Stainborough is a friendly club with both men and women members who support many different types of events and activities throughout the year. Some events are 'just for fun' whilst others raise money for good causes including Race Nights, Quiz Nights, Fashion Shows and Tabletop Sales.

A main fundraiser is 'Santa's Sleigh' held every Christmas outside Tesco in Penistone.

The next 'big' Fundraiser is an Afternoon Tea at Cawthorne Village Hall on Sunday 1st December; building on the success of last year's event this one includes music and entertainment from members of Barnsley Youth Choir of which Stainborough are Silver Sponsors.

Locally, Stainborough Club is very active supporting worthy causes such as Centrepont, Silkstone Scout Camp and Young people's leadership programmes. As an international organisation Rotary helps to provide disaster relief with 'ShelterBox' and works to help eradicate Polio.

The Club meets every Thursday at 7.30 pm (except a 5th Thursday) at The Fairway, Elmhirst Lane, Dodworth, Barnsley S75 4LS.

For further details on the club and its activities please look at <http://rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1791>

Interested in joining or would like to visit then please contact Club Secretary, Ian Whittle on 01484 3153386 or [stainboroughrotary@gmail.com](mailto:stainboroughrotary@gmail.com)

## What a Summer – Old Silkstone Brass Band



Wow, what a fab summer it has been. Firstly on behalf of the band, I would like to take a moment to thank our local community for your support and for helping us to raise funds to keep the band running at full force. We appreciate your generosity more than you can imagine.

Since we last wrote to you, we've been extremely busy, some of our members enjoyed a wonderful trip to Clonakilty to take part in the South of Ireland Championships, we've had the Sing, performed at Harlow Carr Gardens in the midst of their Hungry Caterpillar themed walks, shared music with you at Canon Hall Farm, and serenaded the folk of Wetherby down by the riverside. We even had some fun at the Silkstone Summer Gala, where the weather tried to deter us – but in the end we brought the sunshine and had a lovely afternoon. Not forgetting the preparation and performances at our test piece run out night and The National Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham.

I'll repeat what a summer!

Looking forwards, OSB certainly has a busy autumn too. With a few Oktoberfest events, The Harvest Festival, Brass Factor, RNN Group Graduations & Armistice all within about 5 or 6 weeks of each other. So keep a look out on our Facebook and Twitter feeds as well as our website for more information on where you can come along and join in the fun with us.

On the 15th December, the band will host a Christmas fair between 3pm and 6pm, at Silkstone Methodist Church Hall. Where you will be able to come along, do some Christmas shopping, have a warming cuppa and a slice of cake or maybe a mince pie or two. On the same day – we are hosting a FREE Christmas Singalong concert in the Methodist Church which you are all welcome to attend, mainly for us to say thank you for the year-round support you provide for us. Leaflets and posters to be distributed in due course.

As of yet, we haven't made a final decision about the Christmas visits/ collections – this decision will be made by the band at our upcoming AGM on

29th September. If these do go ahead, the dates would be Silkstone Common 22nd December and Silkstone Village on Boxing Day. So please do keep an eye on our social media feeds and website to ensure you don't miss our announcement on this.

Don't follow us yet? Why not? All information about upcoming events and the general on-goings of the band are all regularly updated on all of them, so for those of you who don't already know our Facebook, Twitter and Website details, the info you need is below.

Facebook: @OldSilkstoneBand

Twitter: @OldSilkstone

Website: oldsilkstoneband.com

Hope to see you all at a concert near you soon!

**Wendy Atkinson**  
**Old Silkstone Band**

## Brain teaser answers

Q1 12. January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> etc.

Q2 One. After that it is not empty

Q3 The letter W

Q4 A teapot.

Q5 The dog can run half way ,into the middle of the wood, then it will be running out of the wood.

Q6 The house is on the North Pole, so the bear is white.

## Silkstone CARE Group News

### Beacon Close, Silkstone Common

Working with permission of the landowners, Berneslai Homes, Susan and Gill of the Silkstone CARE Group have been working over a number of weeks to spruce up the area around Beacon Court. The CARE Group provided four new planters, compost and a number of plants and shrubs making it a beautiful and peaceful little oasis for the residents and others to enjoy. Ongoing work will include more planting in the borders around the Close.



### Restoring The Waggonyway

In July Silkstone CARE Group along with one of our longstanding members and Chair of the Roggins Local History Group, Jim Ritchie, approached the Parish Council with a plan to restore a stretch of Silkstone Waggonyway which had fallen into disrepair. The Parish Council not only agreed with the plans but actively sought funding which was successfully provided by the Penistone Ward Alliance. The restoration was successfully carried out at the end of August with the help of Groundwork - Barnsley, and overseen by Silkstone CARE Group volunteers. This restoration ensures this former horse drawn railway, originally built in 1809 to convey coal to the canal basin at



Barnby, Cawthorne can be enjoyed for years to come.

### Towngate Flowerbed

We have also started a rejuvenation of the large stone flowerbed on the junction of Towngate and High Street in Silkstone with Silkstone with CARE Group members Karen, Ian and Keith weeding and planting a number of new shrubs and herbs. We will maintain it and plant further shrubs throughout the coming year.

The idea is to plant more herbs and establish a small communal herb garden for residents to pick for their own culinary use as they pass by.

### The Cross – Flowerbed Competition

Work has also started on rejuvenation of the large flowerbed at The Cross. We have planted a number of temporary shrubs and plants in the bed to keep it respectable over the autumn and winter period.

In the next issue of the magazine we will be launching a competition to come up with a masterplan for the Cross area and the flowerbed, still incorporating the coal wagon, to ensure we are making the best creative use of what is an important and highly visible 'gateway' and open space for the Parish.

Councillor John Wilson has generously agreed to provide a prize for the design winner.

### Silkstone Summer Fair

The Group also had a stall at the August Silkstone Summer Fair where our plant sales, tombola, bird box and bird food sale, and guess the contents of the sweet jar helped raise over £200 of much needed funds. We also co-hosted a book stall with cookery, garden and wildlife books which raised money for Barnsley Hospice. Many thanks to all who purchased items and made donations - they will go directly to improving the environment of both our villages – and to the volunteers who gave their Saturday up to help.



## Next Events

- **Saturday 5th October** – Jays Wood in Silkstone Common – birch tree thinning, hedge maintenance and bramble cutting – meet Jays Wood at 10am.
- **Tuesday 8th October** – The Cross, Silkstone, and surrounding area – general maintenance and tidying – meet at the Cross at 9.30am.
- **Saturday 19th October** – Silkstone – Hillside, Bernard's Place & Chestnuts – tidying planters, flowerbeds etc. – meet Hillside (opposite the Bells restaurant) at 10am.
- **Tuesday 22nd October** – Litter picking. Silkstone in the morning – meet at Hillside at 10am. Silkstone Common in the afternoon – meet at the Station Gardens at 10am.

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**Bill Barkworth**



## Get the Firelighters Ready, and the Corkscrew!

As we near the end of the warm months of summer, we can sit back and reflect on lazy afternoons spent sipping chilled Rose and crisp White Wines, enjoying light meals of Seafood and fresh salads. Summer is many peoples favourite season, but Autumn brings its own culinary delights to tempt the taste buds and has a real identity in the food and drink business.

Our best-selling white wine by far is our Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, however during the Summer here at the Bells we discovered a large increase in people choosing our drier Pinot Grigio Rose instead of the sweeter Zinfandel or more traditional white wines. The Pinot Rose is delicate and slightly floral but incredibly refreshing with a very low acidity and paired very well with our Sea Bass and Chicken Dishes.

The chefs have enjoyed the Summer as well with some experimental specials.

We have seen Lobster, Sea Trout, Cod Loin and Thai style Crab Cakes to name but a few, and they also had a chance to showcase their talents during our two Wine Pairing evenings which were both a tremendous success and which we will be hosting again.

Coming into the blustery Autumn it won't be long until the log burner is lit, and we will see a transition from White to Red as people choose the cosy comforts of deep reds and heavier, warming meals such as Braised Beef Cheek and homely stews. Autumn also brings with it the joys of Game Season, so expect to see some classic game dishes on our new menu including Venison. When the reds come into play, our stunning Argentinean Malbec is a personal favourite, it is full bodied and velvety and intensely deep red, pairing excellently with any red meat



dish. That being said, our customers are spoilt for choice with beautiful Chilean Merlot, Spanish Tempranillo and Italian Primitivo (similar to Zinfandel) varieties to choose from amongst others on our wine list.

So get wrapped up and enjoy the Autumn months, sit back by the fire with a large glass of red and take a breather, because Christmas will be around the corner before you know it!

**Dave Browell**  
**The Bells General Manager**

## Silkstone Scouts

This has been a busy summer for Silkstone Scouts and particularly for one of our Young Leaders, Charlotte Hollingworth, who represented South Yorkshire at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in America. Charlotte spent nearly three weeks with thousands of other Scouts from across the world, taking part in many cultural activities, as well as getting the opportunity to visit Niagara Falls, New York, Washington and along with 4000 other UK Scouts attended a baseball game. Charlotte wants to thank everyone who supported her in raising the funds to attend the jamboree and says, *"It was an amazing experience, where thousands came together as Scouts and left as friends."*

Whilst Charlotte was at the Jamboree, many of the group helped at the Under The Stars festival at Cawthorne. This was the 6th year that Scouts have been involved, running a food stall for the campers and ensuring that the site was kept clean. We received much praise from attendees at the festival, who took their time to tell us how good it was to see the young people doing such a good job and working so hard.



Then the highlight of the summer, was when 14 Scouts and 2 leaders travelled to Saint-Florent-des-Bois in France to take part in their twinning celebrations. The Scouts flew from Liverpool to Nantes, before being transported by



our French hosts to Saint Florent. When we arrived, we were met by Mimi, who worked tirelessly throughout our stay to ensure that we were fed and arranged our accommodation. Instead of previous exchanges, where guests have been hosted by the French families, the Scouts stopped in a hostel, which is part of the town's college.

Before we visited a program had been agreed with activities planned for the young people from Silkstone and a youth group from Saint-Florent. We were also joined by a contingent from Röthenbach, Germany, who were celebrating 30 years of being twinned with Saint-Florent. During our stay the Scouts visited a tree top adventure park, a huge waterpark, participated in an international sports tournament as well as attending the twinning ceremonies where the Scouts were honoured to plant a Yorkshire rose bush in the gardens of the Mayor's house. The exchange provided an

excellent opportunity for the young people to experience French culture and make many international friends. In today's Social Media led society, the young people can maintain their friendships by the click of a button and it is hoped that an exchange can be arranged for the young people of Saint-Florent to come and stay at Silverwood.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Twinning Society, particularly Yvonne Dinsdale and Mimi in France who without them the trip wouldn't have been possible.



All the Scout sections start back this week, with a program of activities for the term up to Christmas. Their next event will be in a few weeks time when we will be going to Alton Towers – camping on the lawn next to the lake, before having a full day's activities in the park.

**Paul Denton**



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## Vacancy - Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

### Applications are invited for the above position.

The Clerk is responsible for all the administration relating to the operations of Silkstone Parish Council. The main duties are the general management of the Council's assets (which includes a sports pavilion and recreation ground with football and cricket facilities, allotment site, war memorial, 3 woodlands, a Multi-Use Games Area, Trim Trail and a car park) providing advice to the Council on a range of issues, updating Parish Council policies and procedures in line with current legislation, responsibility for the Council's finances (day-to-day and year-end), minute taking, and dealing with correspondence.

Applicants will be able to evidence

- An in-depth knowledge of Silkstone Parish
- An understanding of the local community groups within Silkstone Parish
- The ability to manage all aspects of the financial responsibilities of the Parish Council

Applications for this role close 12pm Friday 11 October 2019.

For an application form and full details of the advertised role please contact Cllr Meryl Liddell, Chair Silkstone Parish Council, 15 Black Horse Drive, Silkstone Common, S75 4SD. Tel 01226 790509.

## Why we need a Neighbourhood Plan

### What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

### What can communities use neighbourhood planning for?

Local communities can choose to:

- set planning policies through a neighbourhood plan that forms part of the development plan used in determining planning applications.
- grant planning permission through Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders for specific development which complies with the order.

Neighbourhood planning is not a legal requirement but a right which communities in England can choose to use.

### What are the benefits?

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the local plan prepared by the local planning authority. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations.

*Meryl Liddell*

## Winter Gardening with Emma Horsfield from Horsfields Nursery, Pot House Hamlet

Often when you buy a house you take on a garden. Usually in the taste of the previous owner, sometimes this can be wonderful; other times at best this can be unsatisfactory. When buying a new house, you can start from scratch, plan carefully and have a colour scheme. The colour scheme in my first garden was white, cream and green. I decided to keep it simple and stick strictly to it for maximum effect.



For our wedding we decided on a colour scheme of cream, greens and whites, very similar to my first garden but I feel they are very effective when planted on mass. Rather than cut flower table arrangements, I used potted indoor house plants to make an arrangement in a watering can. In these arrangements I used white orchids, ivy, ficus, and spathiphyllum (pictured) which all complemented each other well.

Outside in your garden, summer colour is easy for your colour scheme. There are many beautiful white roses, such as Iceberg, Tranquillity, Pearl and Polar Star. White and cream climbing roses look good over an archway such as Filipes Kiftsgate, Wedding Day and Rambling Rector (pictured). One could mix this in with the evergreen clematis Armandii, Jasmine Officinalis, or Trachelospermum Jasminoides, all of which have white perfumed flowers. All summer bedding and hanging basket plants come in myriad of colours so it's very easy to keep within your scheme.



Colours for spring are easy to find too. The large cupped white daffodil Mount Hood is beautiful and very tall about 35cm in height, planted in groups this looks fabulous. Bridal Crown (pictured) is a highly perfumed double flowered daffodil. The small white Narcissus Thalia is good for an exposed windy position too. Tulips come in many different colours; my garden has the creams and white of Purissima and white emperor, both large varieties, 35cm in height. For

windy spots, concerto is good, and about 15cm tall. There are many other spring flowering bulbs too for your colour scheme.

Winter flowering in colours is often thought to be a little harder, however in white there are snowdrops, hellebores, heather, evergreen azalea, Camellia and even rhododendrons which are ideal. The Sarcococca Hookeriana Humilis (pictured) flowers white with perfume at Christmas too. Don't forget berries come in different colours for Autumn, the Sorbus has white or red or yellow berries depending on variety.



So, don't just think of a colour scheme for indoors, why not give it a try in the garden, or start with a few pots filled with matching colour.

*Emma Horsfield*

## Local Organisations

### Music

#### Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common Methodist Church 7:30pm  
Contact: Sandra Blackburn 791141

#### Old Silkstone Band

Rehearsals twice a week - Silkstone Common Methodist Church  
Sundays 7pm - 9pm, Wednesdays 8pm - 10pm  
Contact : David O'Connor 07415781796 or 01226790669

#### Silkstone Bell Ringers

Meet every Monday Silkstone Church 7:30pm-9:00pm  
Contact: Carolyn Charlesworth 01226 791592

#### Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30.  
Secretary: Keith Raynor Tel: 01226 763754  
Web site [www.mgmvc.co.uk](http://www.mgmvc.co.uk)

#### White Rose Organ Society

Professional Electronic Organs Concerts and Social Events. Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at Dodworth working mens' club. 7.30pm. All visitors welcome.  
Contact: David Andrews, Tel: 01709 368976  
Website [www.wros.talktalk.net](http://www.wros.talktalk.net)

### Schools

#### Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common. Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.  
Contact: Mr Simon Tabbner 790471  
Visit <http://www.silkstonecommonji.co.uk/>

#### Silkstone Primary School

Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.  
Contact: Ms Sally Adams 790333  
Visit <http://silkstoneprimaryschool.com/>

#### 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](mailto:shiningstars@silkstoneprimary.com)  
phone on 07591630348

### History

#### Roggins Local History Group (Silkstone) & Silkstone Waggonway Restoration Group

The group exhibits at local history fairs. We can set up small displays and talk to small groups.  
Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695  
e-mail [ritchietj@aol.com](mailto:ritchietj@aol.com)

#### Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Paul Davies, chairman, 01226 791474  
Jane Raistrick, secretary, 01484 868254

### Sports/Activities

#### Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 15's Steve Fletcher 07990-805694  
Under 18's Jon Dale 07971-889436  
Please phone the manager for details.

#### Silkstone United Cricket Club

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#### Contacts:

**U9** team, Tony Clegg 07967-222820  
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**Website** : [www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com](http://www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com)  
**Facebook** : Silkstone UTD C.C.  
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#### 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.barnsleybsacdivers.co.uk](http://www.barnsleybsacdivers.co.uk)

#### Tai Chi

Silkstone Common Methodist Church  
Wednesdays 10.30am – 12 noon. (Break half way through)  
Cost: £4.50 includes cup of tea and fruit/ biscuit snack  
Call – Elisabeth on 07858940071 or just turn up.  
Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended.

### General

#### Silkstone Common Good Companions

Provides companionship, entertainment and recreation for the senior citizens of the village. Meets fortnightly on Wednesdays 2-4pm in the Methodist Church Hall. New members are very welcome. Varied programme including theatre trips, visits, entertainments, Helpers welcome. Annual subscription £10 including refreshments, except on some special occasions.  
Contact: Terry Daniel Tel : 01226-386755 e-mail  
[terreanna2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terreanna2@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s

Meets every Monday at 12 o'clock in the The Station Inn, Silkstone Common. New members always welcome. Please call 791670

#### Stainbrough Rotary are the local Rotary covering the Parish.

We meet every Thursday at The Fairway Hotel, Dodworth at 7.30 pm. For details contact the Club Secretary, Ian Whittle 01484 3153386 or [stainbroughrotary@gmail.com](mailto:stainbroughrotary@gmail.com)

## Children

### Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

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

Contact: Kathryn Goulding, Manager on 01226 792294 or email [kg@silkstonepreschool.co.uk](mailto:kg@silkstonepreschool.co.uk).

Visit us at [www.silkstonepreschool.co.uk](http://www.silkstonepreschool.co.uk)

### Tiny Tots Toddler Group

Every Friday 9:15-11:15 am at the Huskar Community Rooms.

£2 Admission with discount for multiples

For more details call Mina on: 07854 020 577 or email [minathelwell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:minathelwell@yahoo.co.uk)

### Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group

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



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

Tracy 07905 421015.

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

Beaver Scouts: Boys and Girls, 6-8 yrs, 18:00-19:15 Wednesdays

Cub Scouts: Boys and Girls, 8-10.5 yrs, 18:30-20:00 Tuesdays

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

Explorer Scouts: Boys and Girls, 14-18 yrs 20:00 to 22:00

Thursdays

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

For all member enquiries or to place your child's name on a waiting list please email: [hayleya66@gmail.com](mailto:hayleya66@gmail.com)

### 63rd Barnsley (Silkstone) Brownies: Huskar Community Rooms

Tracey Hinchliffe tel: 01226 790055

### Rainbows!

Girls age 5-7years old!

Meeting on Fridays, term time 6pm - 7:15pm

Email: [barnsleyrainbows63rd@outlook.com](mailto:barnsleyrainbows63rd@outlook.com)

Find Us On Facebook- 63rd Barnsley Silkstone Rainbows

Website: [www.girlguides.org.uk](http://www.girlguides.org.uk)

### Childminders

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

## 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](mailto:billbarkworth@aol.com)

### Silkstone in Bloom

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Donations gratefully accepted.

Contact: Janet (Silkstone Common) 790994 or

Trudy (Silkstone) 792218

### Tuesday Club

A social afternoon held 2pm to 4pm weekly in Silkstone Common Methodist Church. Learn new skills and share your skills with others. Bring your knitting, sewing, crochet etc. or just bring yourself along for a relaxing afternoon and maybe make some new friends. We will be pleased to see you. Admission £1.00 including refreshments.

Contact Sue on 01226 791394

## 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