



# Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

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## A word from the Chair

Welcome to the 2018 Spring Newsletter. As always we have tried to keep it reasonably light and informative, letting everyone know as much as possible about what is going on around the parish. We are always looking for new contributors, so if you feel like putting pen to paper, or nowadays, fingers to keypad then please send your item through to me on [meryl.liddell@btinternet.com](mailto:meryl.liddell@btinternet.com).

In the last newsletter I asked that after the success of the summer fair if people wanted a charity dinner, organised by the parish council with any monies raised going to a nominated project within the parish. There were very few responses so either it's not of interest to the community or it was missed in all the excitement of the Christmas festivities, I will include the link again within this article and if there is still no interest, the idea will be dropped. The questionnaire is very short only two questions here's the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZN28VLP>. If you don't have access to the Internet, no problem give me a call on 01226 790509 (just leave a message if I'm not at home) telling me if you think the dinner is a good idea and what project you would like the parish council to support. It could be one you know is already in progress or a new one you think would be a good idea.

Since the last newsletter a lot has happened, we have co-opted a new Parish Councillor; Alan Thompson has already hit the ground running, welcome and thank you Alan. There has been the disturbing news, from BMBC about the changes to their local plan, this is an on going situation and will continued to be monitored as closely as possible by the Parish Council.

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## Huskar Pit Disaster — Can you help?

### The tragic loss of 26 lives

July 4<sup>th</sup> this year marks the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Huskar mining disaster that took the lives of 26 children aged between 7 and 17 working underground in Huskar Pit.

Silkstone Parish Council, Silkstone Common Methodist Chapel, All Saints Church Silkstone, the 2 Primary schools and local interest groups are joining together to commemorate this tragic loss and are planning a number of events and activities whilst establishing gardens as memorials to the lost souls and their families.

Over a 5 day period, starting with a memorial service near the Huskar mine in Silkstone Common on 4th July and at All Saints in Silkstone through to concluding with a reception and Service at All Saints on Sunday 8th July (Continued on [page 2](#))



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there will be exhibitions and displays at each Church, drama and poetry writing in the schools, along with a Victorian sports day at Silkstone Common School.

Music and Choirs will feature at both Churches and there will be remembrance boards and flowers for each of the lost children displayed at All Saints.

As lasting tributes 3 gardens are being planned ... a Victorian flower garden in Silkstone Common Primary, a Labyrinth garden is Silkstone Primary and one in the grounds of All Saints that will feature vegetables grown at the times of the disaster. In addition a walking trail will be signposted from Huskar mine to Silkstone village.

So much to do.... gardens to be built, drama and music to be rehearsed,

presentations to be prepared to cover the history and life in Victorian 1830's and so much more.

A working group across our Community has come together and is busy producing a programme of events and planning activities. There is lot's to do, volunteers needed to help with the preparations and on the days and fundraising so we can ensure we mark the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the best way possible.

Updates on the Commemoration will be made over the coming weeks through Parish notice boards, Parish Council website, information sheets at the 2 schools and village outlets and The Chronicle.

If you want more information or to consider volunteering please contact Rev Maureen Browell on 01226 492294 Or Alan Thompson on 07870 191873.



### **This Is Not a Flower Festival It's A Large Display of Flowers to Commemorate the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Huskar Pit Disaster 4 July 1838**

The Church of All Saints and St James the Greater Silkstone with the Greater Silkstone with Stainborough are to commemorate the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Huskar Pit Disaster which occurred in a day hole in Knabbs wood Silkstone Common, with the loss of 26 children, boys and girls aged between 7 -17 years, who were drowned when a freak storm forced the nearby stream to break its banks forcing water to enter the day hole entrance.



A large flower display depicting the tragedy will be assembled in the North Aisle of the church, and flowers arranged for the 4 July 2018. The cost of each individual arrangement will take in proportionate cost of construction, oasis, shrubs, flowers, candles etc.

**We are seeking potential sponsors for the arrangements; we hope it may be of interest to you?**

Previous similar events have been of great interest and were viewed by over 2000 visitors on each occasion. I will be your contact and I will produce and coordinate the display, which will be arranged by Worsbrough and District Flower Club, who are members of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

### **Actors Needed!**

**Are you a budding actor, or would like to get involved in a special community event?**

We need a number of adults and children to take part in two scenes, inspired by the Huskar Pit disaster and to be performed as part of the Huskar 180 Commemoration on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July along the Heritage Trail.



Rehearsals will begin after Easter and will involve one evening a week; the children in the early part of the evening, the adults later. The rehearsal night and venue are yet to be decided.

We are particularly looking for a boy and girl who look about 7 or 8 years old to play Sarah and Tommy Newton and a man and woman with acting ability to play Thomas and Ann Newton

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact me on 791458; text on 07941 235 899 or email on [lebretonsylvia@yahoo.com](mailto:lebretonsylvia@yahoo.com)

*Thank you. Sylvia Le Breton*

### **Any funds raised during the viewing:**

It is our intention to support Kimbilio's work within the Democratic Republic of Congo, of street children. Boys and girls, who have often travelled thousands of miles, often to find work in horrendous conditions, an example being the mining of cobalt and lithium.

**Hoping this may be of interest to you.**

*Jim Travis B.E.M.  
01226 791033*



### Damian's Gin & Tonic Cheesecake

At the moment gin is very fashionable and after visiting numerous gin festivals, over the summer, decided to flavour my own at home. I've now made raspberry, rhubarb, blackberry, lemon and elderberry. All totally different and very refreshing. I therefore want to incorporate gin into my cooking and baking. We have tried gin and tonic cupcakes, and now wanted to try a cheesecake. Hope you like this recipe and give it a go at home.

#### Ingredients

- 120g melted unsalted butter
- 200g Digestive biscuits
- 500g cream cheese
- 30g icing sugar
- 50ml gin
- Zest from whole lime, juice from half the lime
- 110g white chocolate pieces
- 300ml double or whipping cream

#### For the topping

- 160g lemon curd
- 2 tbsp gin
- Lime slices used to decorate



#### Method

Grease an 8" cake tin and line it with grease proof paper/parchment.

Bash the biscuits until they are like breadcrumbs (use a rolling pin and a plastic bag), combine with the melted butter and then tip into the cake tin. Press and firm down and then chill.

Using a large mixing bowl, beat together the cream cheese, icing sugar, lime zest and juice and the gin. Use an electric whisk if you have one.

Melt down the chocolate in a bowl, sat over a simmering pan of water. Stir all the time and don't let the water touch the bowl or go into the chocolate, as this will spoil the texture of the chocolate. Once melted and smooth, allow it to cool a little and then stir it into the cheesecake mix.

Whip the cream until its floppy and thick and then combine this into the cheesecake mix. Tip this onto the biscuit base, level off and then chill it down. Overnight is best, to get a firm set texture.

When the cheese cake is set up, remove from the cake tin and sit it on a cake stand. Combine the lemon curd with the gin and spoon or pipe over the cheesecake and then arrange the lime slices.

*Damian*

### Silkstone CARE/Silkstone in Bloom (SiB) Work Programme April 2018 - September 2018

CARE is committed to two sessions on the Station gardens and two in Jays Wood this year so these must be carried out. The other items are regular work and requests that have been received during 2018 from the PC or individuals.

For more information contact Bill Barkworth on [BillBarkworth@aol.com](mailto:BillBarkworth@aol.com) or 01226 790112

Date	Task	Meet	Leader
Tues. 10 <sup>th</sup> April	CARE/SiB - Litter picking – Silkstone (10am – 12noon) + Silkstone Common (2pm- 4pm)	Hillside - 10am, Station car park 2pm	Bill Barkworth
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup> April	SiB Silkstone – tidying Hillside, Bernards Place, & Chestnuts	Hillside - 10am	Trudy Ritchie/Bill Barkworth
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> May	CARE – Orchard Wood, Silkstone Common – maintenance /litter picking	Woodland View – 10am	Bill Barkworth
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SiB Silkstone Common – tidying planters, planting.	Station car park – 10am	Janet Barrett/Bill Barkworth
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> July	CARE - Conroyd Wood Phase 1 footpath - This will be an all day session – sandwiches etc provided – involving the Beavers/Scouts.	Huskar Rooms = 10am	Bill Barkworth
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> July	CARE /SiB – litter picking – Silkstone (10am – 12noon) + Silkstone Common (2pm – 4pm)	Hillside - 10am, Station car park 2pm	Bill Barkworth
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> August	SiB Silkstone – tidying Hillside, Bernards Place, & Chestnuts	Hillside - 10am	Trudy Ritchie/ Bill Barkworth
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	CARE/SiB - Station Gardens, Silkstone Common – Litter picking/ tidying	Station car park 10am	Janet Barrett/Bill Barkworth
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>CARE AGM</b>	<b>Methodist Chapel – Silkstone Common – 7.30pm</b>	<b>Bill Barkworth</b>
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CARE/SiB Silkstone – Hillside, Bernards Place, Chestnuts – tidying/gardening	Hillside – 10am	Trudy Ritchie/ Bill Barkworth

## New Trees planted at the Huskar Community Rooms



*Local Beavers, their parents and CARE volunteers after planting 40 new trees.*

As part of National Tree Week Silkstone CARE Group with the local Silkstone Beaver Group planted around 40 new trees, including four large fruit trees, in what is to be the new picnic area adjacent to the Huskar Community Rooms on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

This was part of the Parish Council's bigger plans for rejuvenating and maintaining Conroyd Wood and the surrounding area and was in part funded by grants from The Tree Council, the Postcode Local Trust and Silkstone CARE Group.

Due to popular demand - from both the children and the parents! – Silkstone CARE Group will be organising similar events in the near future so keep an eye on the Parish website and notice

boards for the CARE work programme or contact [BillBarkworth@aol.com](mailto:BillBarkworth@aol.com) or phone 01226 790112 for details.

### What we do

We work closely with our fellow volunteers in Silkstone in Bloom and Silkstone Common in Bloom, Silkstone Parish Council, Barnsley MBC and Northern Rail to manage and maintain the natural assets we have within the Silkstone Parish. This includes looking after three woods – Conroyd Wood in Silkstone, and Orchard Wood and Jays Wood in Silkstone Common – maintaining the Station Gardens in Silkstone Common, the upkeep of public spaces including Hillside, 'Bernard's Place' and The Chestnuts in Silkstone, caring for over 20 planters

and flowerbeds and undertaking regular litter picks across both villages.

We also organise and manage educational environmental projects and have worked with both Silkstone Primary School and Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School and our local Beaver, Scouts and Brownie groups.

### Become a volunteer with CARE

Silkstone CARE Group is a group of volunteers which was established over 30 years ago and who care for their local environment. Anyone and everyone can join us, although children and young people under the age of 16 need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

You can attend when you want for as long as you want. We generally meet two Saturday mornings a month between 10am and 12noon and occasionally do litter picks during the week in both Silkstone and Silkstone Common.

There is no formal membership process or training to go through, although from time to time we offer training in various aspects of woodland maintenance when funding allows.

We provide all the tools and equipment needed, although you can bring your own if you prefer.

*Bill Barkworth*

## Redwing on Cotoneaster

You may remember in the last newsletter our poet birder talked about redwings. Here is a photo of one on a Cotoneaster photographed by Julia Jennings, Silkstone







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## Fed up of Fly Tipping?

We have had a lot of fly tipping lately! You can help stop it!

If you know the person tipping the waste just email [safer@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:safer@barnsley.gov.uk). To report it and them.

If you don't you can use this link to report it [ON-LINE REPORTING](#)

You can also use the council's ["Tell Us About It"](#) service to report a pot hole, damaged pavement, dog fouling, fly tipping, graffiti, flooding or damaged street furniture and lots of other things..

If you or someone you know needs to get rid of a large item, we can remove it for a small charge. All you need to do is apply for a [bulky item collection](#).

## Welcome visitors

By the time you are reading this the winter, hopefully, will be turning to spring. As I write, though, the frost still lies in hollows, prompting me to poems such as this: (part of a longer piece)

*The sky thin ice, blue and brittle.*

*The winter-dead wood:*

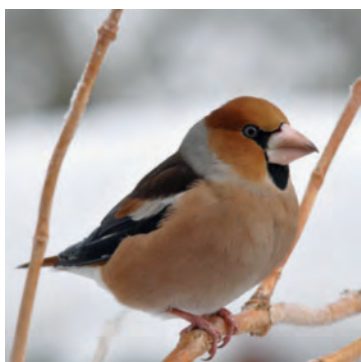
*So many reaching bony fingers*

*Rattling in the grave-cold wind.*

*In the harrowed sun-warmed hollow*

*Of the furrowed field*

*Five hundred Linnets skim and swirl...*



And this winter has seen an unprecedented influx of Hawfinches, with their huge seed-cracking bills, to the UK from the continent; several are still lingering around Stainborough (where they used to breed 20 years ago) and Cannon Hall. With luck, perhaps, some might stay to breed this spring. I was lucky enough to see two twice from my house, and several near Bagger Wood, when the influx first happened.

Now, though, with the quickly lengthening days, the bluebells are pushing through the woodland soil and woodpeckers are hammering out courtship, Herons have returned to their nests and Magpies are building. Signs of spring accelerate and soon the summer visitors will be arriving back from Africa – radio-tracked Cuckoos are being monitored on their long journey north already – listen out for this increasingly rare visitor in May and June – by July the adults will be returning south again!

**Richard Hargreaves**  
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## An appeal from Rev. Maureen



I've registered to take part in the National Three Peaks Challenge in September to raise money for the mental health charity, MIND.



Although I try to keep fit, walking a few miles a day with my dog, the MIND trek up Ben Nevis, Scafell and Snowdon in around 24 hours will require a massive increase in fitness. My training has begun and I'll be taking the challenge with Kathryn Smith and Helen Simms, who both completed a 40-mile trek for MIND last year. As well as the trek we'll be fundraising with a live music evening, a classical music concert and a Ceilidh each including a raffle.

**I need to raise at least £775 and am aiming to reach £1000.**

**You might wonder why a busy vicar, wife and mother would choose to take this challenge?**

My reasons are simple – having had first hand experience of mental health problems myself and my family, and also often supporting people affected by the mental illness of family members, I realise the massive impact mental illness has on individuals. I also realise how difficult it is for people to get help with the NHS.

The NHS is trying to improve the support it offers but Voluntary organisations such as MIND are often the only direct access support available to people in mental health crisis. They all of which depend on voluntary giving and charity fundraising to enable continuation of their vital services. I was lucky to be able to access support when I most needed it but I realise there are huge numbers of people with deteriorating mental health who will rely on organisations like MIND for the help they need.

**Please help me raise as much as possible to help MIND continue offering an lifeline to those suffering from fragile mental health.**

You can make a financial donation through Virgin Money Giving on the following link: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/Maureenbrowell1](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/Maureenbrowell1)

If you are willing to donate a prize for one of our raffles, please contact me directly on 01226 492294 or [maureenbrowell@sky.com](mailto:maureenbrowell@sky.com)

**Thank you so much – watch this space for regular updates!**

**Maureen Browell**

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There has been vandalism on Silkstone Recreation Ground, a car was driven on the grass near the MUGA creating deep gouges in the grass, the pavilion was also vandalised. Dog fouling continues to be a problem, but at least the snow has put off some of the worst offenders!!

On a brighter note, it is almost Easter (it may well have passed when you are reading this!) and spring is just around the corner, keep you eyes open for the various events around the parish, including CARE, work mornings which go such a long way to keeping both villages looking so smart. There is also a big event in July to commemorate the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Huskar pit disaster, lots of help is needed with that, including actors, volunteers in the preparation of the event and lots, lots more.

**Speak to you all next time.**

**Meryl Liddell**



## 150 years of Methodism in Silkstone Common

Prior to 1868 Methodists from Silkstone Common worshiped at the Primitive Methodist Church in Silkstone. At this time the Common was thinly populated, but the opening of new pits and the coming of the railway led to population growth. Services were held in cottages, and public meetings with teas took place in a barn at Hill Top where funds were raised. In September 1868 the foundations of the new Primitive Methodist Chapel were laid in Silkstone Common and in December the Chapel was opened. The building cost £207 11s 2d.

In 1874 the accommodation for young people was found to be inadequate and a Sunday school was built alongside the Chapel. The latter has long since disappeared, but the old chapel was converted into a private house, (the last property on the right hand side of the road leading towards Oxspring and Penistone). The Primitive Methodist plaque, which was over the door of the Chapel, can still be seen.

In 1914 it was decided to build a new Chapel and schoolroom in the centre of the village and fundraising commenced. It was hoped to commence building in 1925 but the cost was found to be too high and the scheme was abandoned. However, in 1930 a New Trust was formed and the foundation stones on the new Chapel were laid in August 1930. A large crowd saw this event as evidence by the fact that a 'sit-down' tea was served to upwards of 300 folks! The closing service at the old Chapel



followed on 12 April 1931 and on 18 April 400 people processed to the opening of the new Chapel, built at a cost of £2,600. It is interesting to note that the plaque over the entrance says simply 'Methodist Church' as the opening was just prior to Methodist Union in 1932. Does this make it the oldest 'Methodist' Church in Britain?

In 1968 when the centenary of the Chapel was celebrated there was a flourishing Sunday School and choir, and services were held each Sunday morning and evening. The Whit Walks and Christmas carol singing in the village brought the Chapel to the village. Over the 50 years since that time there have been many changes. The village has grown in population, though losing many amenities. Many more leisure time attractions and sporting activities mean young people no longer are attracted to Sunday School and working families seem to

have less time for Sunday worship. The congregation though aging, strive to maintain a welcoming place for worship and a warm welcome is offered to all who wish to join them. In the absence of a village hall the Chapel is much in demand as a meeting place for a very wide range of regular activities. We are the home for Mother and Toddler groups, a Sharing Skills group, the Ladies Choir, Old Silkstone Band, over 60's, Good Companions, Martial Arts and Pilates classes.

To Mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations we have planned a concert by Old Silkstone Band on Saturday 23 June and a service followed by tea on Sunday 24 June at 3pm. The preacher will be the Reverend Mick Neal, Superintendent of the Barnsley Methodist Circuit. We hope to see many residents at these events.

*Sandra Blackburn*

## Newsletter Deliverer – Silkstone



Would you like to earn a few extra pounds four times a year? If you would then keep reading.

The opportunity to deliver the Silkstone Parish Newsletter has arisen in **Silkstone** village.

The newsletter is published four times a year and delivered to every home in the parish. You would be responsible for delivering the newsletter in **Silkstone**.

If this sounds like something that would interest you and would like more information, please contact Mrs. Karen Cannadine, 40 St Andrews Drive, Darton, Barnsley S75 5LX, Telephone 01226391343 or email [silkstoneclerk@ymail.com](mailto:silkstoneclerk@ymail.com)



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## To the Residents of Silkstone — Award of the British Empire Medal

I have received many cards, letters and numerous telephone messages of congratulations after being awarded the British Empire Medal in the 2018 Queen's New Year's Honours List.

Many thanks to you all for your very kind comments, I have always enjoyed living in Silkstone Common and the Parish and more so to still be actively involved with lots of superb people. I particularly wish to thank my wife Dorothy for her total support, also my great appreciation to the persons who nominated me for an award.

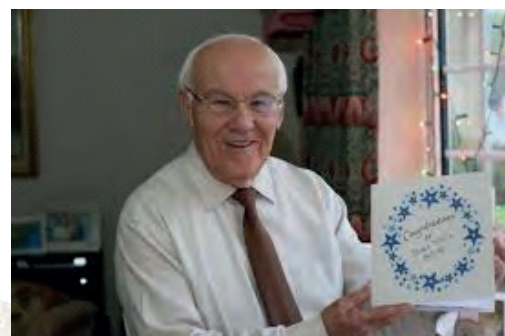
Part of the citation, refers to the enormous restoration of Silkstone church,

1993 – 2012. I considered it a great privilege during this period to work closely with Reverend Simon Moor and a very talented architect Peter Gale Pace, both showed great trust giving me the opportunity to oversee and work with some

superb craftsmen of many trades, stoneworkers, carpenters, joiners, glaziers and lead workers.

The citation covers quite a lot more, but it is with pride, that I share this award with the community and Parish of Silkstone.

*James (Jim)  
Travis B.E.M.  
Churchwarden  
Emeritus.*





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## Contact the Clerk

### Parish Clerk

#### Mrs Karen Canadine

40 St Andrews Drive, Darton, S75 5LX

Tel : 391343 or e-mail

[silkstoneclerk@ymail.com](mailto:silkstoneclerk@ymail.com)

## 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.

## Parish Council Meetings for 2018

Meetings are always on Mondays at 6:45 pm in Silkstone Sports Pavilion

Date	Meeting
09-Apr-18	PC
16-Apr-18	APM
14-May-18	Annual Council
04-Jun-18	PC
02-Jul-18	PC
03-Sep-18	PC
01-Oct-18	PC
05-Nov-18	PC
03-Dec-18	PC

The Statutory Annual Parishioners' Meeting (APM) was held in Silkstone Common in 2017 and so, will be held in Silkstone at the Sports Pavilion in 2018

## Contact details for Ward councillors, MP and MEPs

### Ward Councillors

- **John Wilson:**  
[CllrJohnWilson@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CllrJohnWilson@barnsley.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) or 01226 243497 (Home) or 07772 730878 (mobile)  
<http://johnwilson.yourcouncillor.com>
- **Robert Barnard:**  
[CllrRobertBarnard@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CllrRobertBarnard@barnsley.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) or 01226 382861 (Home) or 07811 430948 (mobile)  
<http://robertbarnard.yourcouncillor.com>
- **Paul Hand-Davis:** [CllrPaulHand-Davis@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CllrPaulHand-Davis@barnsley.gov.uk) Telephone: 01226 770770 (BMBC) or 01226 767968 (Home) or 07814 615497 (mobile)  
<http://paulhanddavis.yourcouncillor.com>

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

### MP

#### Angela Smith

Telephone: 01142-881855

email:

[officeofangelasmithmp@parliament.uk](mailto:officeofangelasmithmp@parliament.uk)

website

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

Post to: The MPs Office, 3 Fox Valley way, Stocksbridge, S36 2AA

### MEPs

We have 6 MEPs representing Yorkshire and the Humber in Europe. They are:

- **Amjad Bashir** Conservative
- **Jane Collins** UKIP
- **Richard Corbett** Labour
- **Mike Hookem** UKIP
- **Timothy Kirkhope** Conservative
- **Linda McAvan** Labour

You can contact any of them. We have given Linda McAvan's details as she is local to our Parish.

Telephone: 01709 875665

Email:

[lindamcavan@lindamcavanmep.org.uk](mailto:lindamcavan@lindamcavanmep.org.uk)

Post to: 79 High Street, Wath-upon-Deane, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S63 7QB

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018. The newsletter will be distributed in the last week in June

#### 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

### Hanging Baskets in Silkstone and Silkstone Common

This year the Parish Council would like to offer businesses or individuals the opportunity to sponsor or dedicate one or more of the baskets. As usual they will be at the centre of Silkstone Common and down the High Street in Silkstone. Each of these special sponsored baskets will have a small plaque with the sponsor's or the person name it's dedicated to on it.

The cost of sponsoring a basket will be £80, if you would like to take advantage of this offer please complete the slip below and return to the Parish Clerk (Silkstone Parish Council 40 St Andrews Drive, Darton, Barnsley S75 5LX) with payment or email [silkstoneclerk@ymail.com](mailto:silkstoneclerk@ymail.com) for bank transfer details.

#### Hanging Baskets Summer 2018

Name of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name, telephone number and e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Wording for plaque

*Plaques will have space for wording such as 'Sponsored by A. Company' or 'Dedicated to'*

Preferred location (please circle): **Silkstone / Silkstone Common**

By completing this form you consent to Silkstone Parish Council using your contact details to contact you regarding Hanging Basket Sponsorship for this and future years. Your information will not be passed on to any third parties without your consent.

Please enclose payment of £80 with this slip (cheques to be made payable to Silkstone Parish Council alternatively for direct bank transfers please contact the Clerk for bank details)

**Thank you for supporting your Parish Council.**

### Neighbourhood Watch Launch Event

#### Summary of Event

The event seeks to promote interest in; establishing new Neighbourhood Watches, developing existing watches, to offer general advice on crime prevention to members of the public; in line with the re-establishment of Neighbourhood policing in Barnsley.

It will also be an opportunity to promote subscription to 'SYP Alerts', which works in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch in providing current information/ alerts to the public.

All members of the public who are interested in: supporting their local community, working with the Neighbourhood Watch network or volunteering are welcome.

**When:** - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 12pm to 8pm

**Where:** - Barnsley Town Hall, reception room

#### Enquiries:

PC 2378 Ross Greenwood

[Ross.Greenwood@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Ross.Greenwood@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)  
07557255031

For full details please see Silkstone Parish Website and Facebook page





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**ADULT CLASSES**  
**COMPETITIONS** **SHOWS** *Summer Dance Camp*  
**EXAMINATIONS**  
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 Tel: 07966 445679 Email: maria@mariaopenrose.co.uk

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 email [gvs@whitbyfishmonger.co.uk](mailto:gvs@whitbyfishmonger.co.uk)  
 call Glenn or Lynne  
 07837994337

You can find Glenn at  
**The Red Lion Pub**  
 On Silkstone High Street  
 Every Thursday  
 10 am - 4 pm



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*"Quality fish & seafood from Whitby"*

## Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

### Give your child the start they deserve!

Our focus is on providing high quality care and education through fun filled and enjoyable activities, in a safe and secure environment.

We also actively promote healthy lifestyles, including nutrition and exercise. As well as our own secure outdoor play area, we have direct access and use of the Silkstone Primary School grounds and hall.

All our care and education is carried out by highly qualified and motivated staff, within the EYFS framework. 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 7:30 am – 6.00 pm For more information about available sessions, contact us on 01226 792294.

Old Town School, High Street, Silkstone, Barnsley, S75 4LR.

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



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A traditional village pub  
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WHATEVER YOUR REASON TO STOP BY AND SEE US, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU AND YOU CAN BE ASSURED WE WILL LOOK AFTER YOU.

The Red Lion, 69 High Street, Silkstone,  
 Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 4JR Tel: 01226 790455

## Alan Thompson... brief overview

My name is Alan Thompson, married to Julia and we have lived in Silkstone since September 2015 along with our Airedale Barney. Our son Stephen and family live in Surrey and our daughter Suzanne and family live in Sussex

I was born and reared in Huddersfield and have spent my working life in IT sales and in 2000 that took me down to London to head up sales teams in an expanding business operating across the UK. We spent 10 years in Hertfordshire followed by 5 years in Kent before escaping back to Yorkshire and giving up "paid employment" (not a fan of the word retirement!!)

Whilst in the South East volunteering in Community activities became a busy part of our lives in Homelessness at Whitechapel Mission and then as members of a small group establishing Deal Foodbank in Kent

We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful village and meet so many warm, honest and welcoming folk.

Whilst living in the South East I served as a Trustee at both Whitechapel and Deal Foodbank so I could help and support directly the work they did. I wanted to become a member of the Parish Council in order to be able to similar here. Part of my focus has been in fundraising, so I hope that will be of use to the Parish, as well being active hands on volunteer at both

We both love being out walking in the area and our Barney thinks its paradise!!! I love Sport, keeping fit and have started photography again since coming to Silkstone. Julia is passionate about Messy Church at All Saints and has spends time with Rev Maureen in both Primary Schools

I look forward to serving the Parish...

*Alan Thompson*

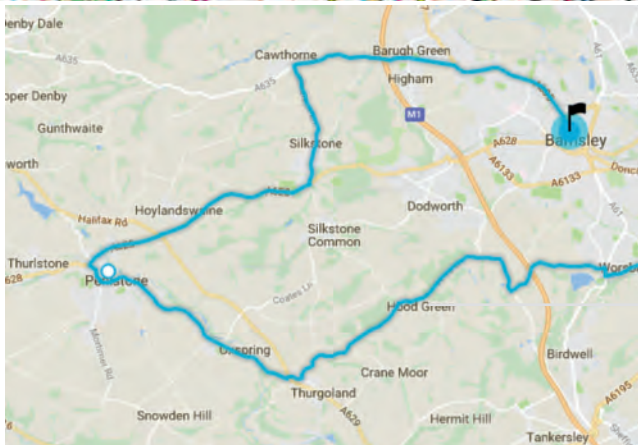


## The Tour De Yorkshire is coming...

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May the cycling spectacular, which is the Tour de Yorkshire, will be passing through Silkstone.

With over 130 riders from a record number of team entries and support vehicles it will be an amazing opportunity to witness this International event as the race passes through the village before it continues on to Penistone, **so what do you need to know about the event?**

### The Route:



### Key Information:

- The race will be leaving Barnsley Town Centre between 1.30pm and 2pm and is expected to reach the Silkstone area within 15mins of starting.
- The route will be subject to a legal temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) to close the roads on a rolling closure – Police Outriders will enforce this and should arrive between 20 and 45mins in advance of the race.
- The legal order will also feature a prohibition of parking order for the entire race route, which means **no** on-street parking will be permitted– 1 hour prior to race arrival – we have kept this period as short as possible to minimise disruption, however **all residents and businesses** will be required to move vehicles to an alternate location during this period.
- BMBC enforcement teams and South Yorkshire Police will be patrolling the route throughout the day to ensure compliance of the TTRO.
- All road and parking restrictions will end once the race “bubble” has passed and networks will return to normal.

If you require further information please contact:

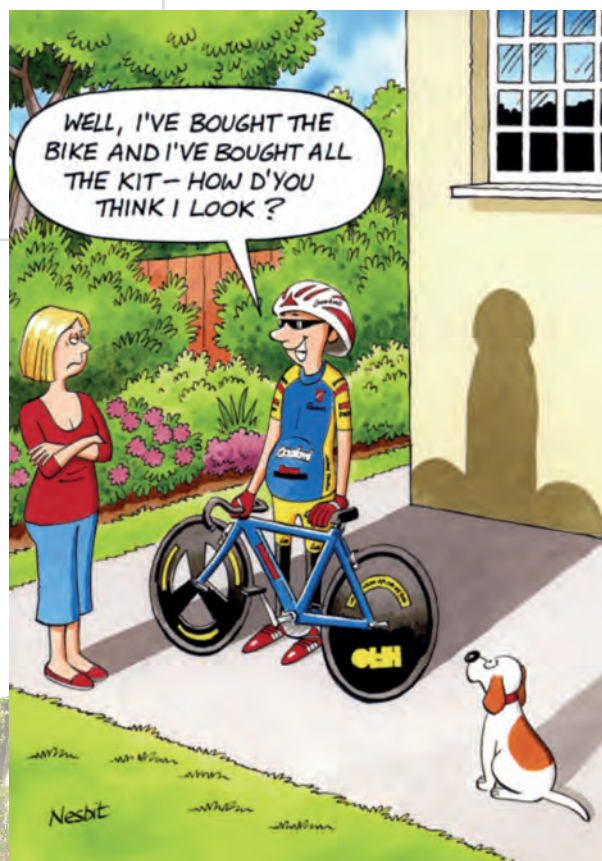
[tourdeyorkshire@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:tourdeyorkshire@barnsley.gov.uk) or visit:

[www.barnsley.gov.uk/tdy](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/tdy)

**Matt Mitchell BMBC**



### Alan with Barney





## 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

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

Babies to 4 year old children welcome.

Please come along and bring along mum, dad or carer to join in the fun. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30 and Friday at 10 am including some school holidays at Silkstone Common Methodist Church. Tea, Coffee, Juice and Biscuits included.

Contact: Tracy 01226 497811

#### Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30.

Secretary: Derek Richards Te: 01226 287226

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 [shining.stars@Barnsley.org](mailto:shining.stars@Barnsley.org)  
phone on 07591630348

### Sports/Activities

#### Silkstone United Football Club

Contact: Andy Horsfield 791929

#### Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 12's Manager Steve Fletcher 07990 805694

Please phone the manager for details.

#### Silkstone United Cricket Club

Sponsors: John Whitmore Electrical Contractor Ltd and Barnsley Timber Merchants

Contacts:

U9 team, Tony Clegg 07967 222820

U11 team, Lee Wilford 07931 298213

U13's team, Mark Oates: 07843 287157

U15's team, James Walker: 07837 515650

SUCC main contact John Whitmore

Club Secretary 07968118340

Website: [www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com](http://www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com)

#### 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](http://www.barnsleybsacd Divers.co.uk)

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

#### Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Don Sissons 01226-791130

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



## 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)

### Edward Bear Baby & Toddler Group

The playgroup meets at the Methodist Church, Silkstone Common on Monday & Wednesday Mornings 10am to 11.30am

£2 per parent/carer includes refreshments children free. Under 4's and their parents/carers welcome

Contact: Emma 790551

### 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)

### 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)

### 63<sup>rd</sup> 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

Adds floral colour and more for public enjoyment.

Donations gratefully accepted.

Contact: Janet (Silkstone Common) 790994 or

Trudy (Silkstone) 792218

## Churches

### All Saints Parish Church

Contact The Rev Maureen Browell 01226 492294

### Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10-30am (Second Sunday in the month at 10-15am at Dodworth Methodist Church). Sale of "Fairtrade" produce and light lunches bi-monthly on 3rd Saturday of the month. Please see notice board outside the church for details.

Contact for Methodist Church bookings Tel: 01226 790461.

## 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

### 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





## Trying to Keep Silkstone Common Green

It's surprising what you can do when the chips are down. One January morning notices went up at Moorend advising us that Barnsley Council planned for fifty houses to be built on a Green Belt meadow in front of our houses. More homes are certainly needed, but the Council's original plan was to build them in Barnsley itself, and in the more urban areas. We've since learned that all Councils have to get their Local Plans approved by the Government and it was a Ministry appointed planning inspector who wasn't happy with this first plan. She told the Council to be 'more positive' about villages like Silkstone Common and find housing sites there.

All of us living here moved to Moorend because of the glorious countryside and the views over the open Green Belt land. We were shocked to learn that it could be built upon, and that we only had until the 12<sup>th</sup> of March to object. We had some experience of 'chipping in' to solve problems, as we'd done just that to share the cost, along with the Council, of tarmacking the pot-holed lane to our houses. We did the same to fund a planning consultant to advise us on the most effective objections to lodge. We got organised, formed a community group, shared jobs out and got door knocking.

Our initial reactions were maybe NIMBYish, but the more we learned the more convinced we were that the Council's original plan was right. It was clear straight away that others in the village weren't keen on seeing our Green Belt

disappear. Many were worried about traffic and the lack of facilities in the village to support another 50 homes, lots worried about the effect on wildlife.

Some people from South Yorkshire buildings joined us and we adopted the name '**Keep Silkstone Common Green**'. A public meeting to share what our planner advised saw around 150 people attending and lots of information about the site and its history emerged. More very good grounds for objecting were suggested. So far around a hundred objections have been lodged, which we feel is a great result.

In the last few days it's emerged that a developer wants to build 150 to 200 new houses on a site on Knabbs Lane, between the Equestrian Centre and the Trans Pennine Trail. Clearly planning is going to become a major issue in the village.

All our meetings have been fun and those of us who've become involved know each other much better as neighbours. And speaking of neighbours, we know a lot more too about the birds, bats and insects that live alongside us. If you'd like to join us, or just be included on our mailing list, please contact one of our joint secretaries, Laura Wetton at [lawetton@gmail.com](mailto:lawetton@gmail.com) or Simon Buckley on [simonthomasbuckley@gmail.com](mailto:simonthomasbuckley@gmail.com).

*John McSweeney for Keep Silkstone Common Green*

## Bin collections - South Yorkshire Buildings Only

	2018				2019			
February	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
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January								

**YOUR  
COLLECTION  
DAY IS  
TUESDAY**  
WEEK 4






# RECYCLING AT HOME

Did you know that up to 63% of  
your bin waste can be recycled?


# EVERYBODY THINK!


 **recycle for Barnsley**

We're already good at recycling here in Barnsley and we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us by sorting through their waste and using their bin correctly. We can all keep doing our bit to reduce the amount going to landfill. To help you, here's a useful guide about what can be recycled in our coloured bins:


 **BLUE BIN**

Cardboard  
Cereal boxes  
Cardboard packaging and egg boxes



 **BROWN BIN**


Food and drink cans | Glass bottles and jars  
Plastic bottles, including bleach, shampoo,  
hand wash and shower gel bottles




 **GREEN BIN**

Small twigs and branches  
Leaves and grass  
Garden furniture



 **PAPER BAG**

Telephone directories  
Junk mail, letters and waste paper  
Newspapers and magazines



## PLEASE NOTE

All bins should be positioned at the kerbside before 6am on collection day. No additional bags of rubbish can be left with grey bins. Additional bags of recycling can be left out with blue and brown bins.



## YOUR COLLECTION DAYS

**TUESDAY**  
WEEK 1

 **Grey Bin Week**

 **Green Bin Week**  
(March - Nov)

 **Brown Bin Week**

 **Blue Bin/White Bag Week**

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