

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



Issue 83 Spring 2018

Local Elections

In May local elections will be held and all members of the current Parish Council will stand down and then stand to be re-elected.

Would you like to become a parish councillor?

As the first level of local government, you will have an opportunity to work within the parish to help improve the community for all.

Nominations are open from Wednesday 27 March 2019 – 4pm Wednesday 3 April.

For more information, please contact either the Parish Council Clerk, Richard Bell 07947545504 or Chair of the Parish Council, Meryl Liddell 01226 790509

Meryl Liddell

Chair Silkstone Parish Council

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A word from the Chair

Welcome to the 2019 Spring Newsletter. I love this time of year when everything seems to be waking up after the winter 'snooze'. This is the start of a busy year in the parish, starting with the 'Great British Spring Clean' (more details on page 15). This is in addition to the excellent ongoing works carried out by CARE; the latest program of work is on page 3. Everyone is welcome, in fact encouraged, to get involved in these events. These days are not only productive and keep both of the villages looking great, they are great fun and also give you an opportunity to get to know your fellow villagers a bit better.

It is also this time of year that we need to order the hanging baskets that make the villages look so attractive through the summer. As we have the last few years we are again asking businesses and parishioners to sponsor a basket. All previous sponsors will have been contacted individually, but if you would like to sponsor a basket this year and haven't done so before please have a look at page 10 where there is an order form and details on what to do.

In May we see the local elections, this year Parish Councillors are all up for re-election. If you are not sure what a Parish Council is then please turn to page 15 to see a brief history of Parish Councils, who contrary to popular belief are not part of the local church. If you would like to find out more about becoming a parish councillor, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either the clerk or myself.

Finally for this addition we will be holding a summer fair again this year. It will be held on Silkstone Playing Field on 31 August between 12pm - 3pm. If you would like to be involved in any way at all please give me a call on 01226 790509, if I'm not there please leave a message. Alternatively you could email me on Meryl.liddell@btinternet.com

I look forward to hearing from you if you need any more information about anything in this edition of the newsletter. Enjoy!

Graffiti in the Parish

There have recently been a few instances of graffiti around the Parish. Not only is it an eyesore but it costs the Parish Council money to get rid of the graffiti and bring the area back to how it should look. The money spent on materials and the handyman's time, could be much better used on something more productive and of use in the parish. If you see anyone committing an act of either graffiti or vandalism, please call the police and let the Parish Council know. The clerk is Mr Richard Bell, on 07947545504 or Chair of the Parish Council Meryl Liddell on 01226 790509.

Silkstone Parish Council

Silkstone CARE Group News

Award ceremony

Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone in Bloom received their Queens Award for Community Service at the Huskar Community Rooms on Wednesday 16th January.

The award comprised a citation signed by Her Majesty the Queen and a crystal symbol of the award scheme. The Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Andrew Coombe, presented the citation to volunteer members Linda Marsh, Trudy Atkinson, and Stan Monaghan, with the symbol being presented to Phil Evans and Pat Gallamore.

In what was a well-attended event, many current and past volunteers were able to share their experiences, knowledge and history of volunteering with Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone in Bloom throughout its thirty-four-year existence.

Like many, the Lord-Lieutenant told me he was impressed by the durability and commitment of the volunteers and the scale of the work they continue to do to improve the environment of the Parish and the involvement and education of its younger residents.

Some of the highlights included displays of previous projects, photographs, newspaper cuttings and Silkstone memorabilia. I would particularly like to take the opportunity to thank John Hislop, John Bennett, June and Tony Fieldsend and Danny Clarke for their contributions – including Danny's singalong with the Lord-Lieutenant! – as well as the support from Councillors Meryl Liddell and Ron Stier of Silkstone Parish Council.

Also, many thanks to the other volunteers serving refreshments and setting up the room for the presentations – they know who they are!



The framed citation, signed by Her Majesty the Queen, is currently hanging in The Station Inn along with the crystal award and will then transfer to The Bell's later in the summer for all to go and see.

Conroyd Wood, Silkstone – footpath improvements

Phase 1 of the footpath improvements will have started by the time you read this. The project, to improve the circular footpath around Conroyd Wood and help improve access to the Wood and Beck, is funded by the Postcode Local Lottery, Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone Parish Council and will be delivered by Silkstone CARE Group working with Groundwork South Yorkshire.

Groundwork is a national charity which undertakes projects that have a beneficial environmental impact locally. They also specialise in providing support for young people and their progression as active citizens and involves young out-of-work people in their work.

So if you've seen a few young people in hi-viz vests digging and laying a path around the Wood you now know who they are.

Phase 2, when funds allow, will extend the work already done and involve the planting of new trees to replace the ones recently felled as well to add to the diversity of the Wood. Phase 2 is planned for 2020/2021.

New planters in the memorial play area in Silkstone

Thanks to funding from the Co-op Community Fund given to the Silkstone Pre School Playgroup, three planters have been placed adjacent to the memorial play area. They were heaved into position by members of CARE and staff from the Pre School and filled with over 50, 20 litre, bags of compost. Some initial bulbs have been planted in them but longer term the planters will be planted out with fruit and vegetable plants by the children of the Pre School as part of their learning about plants and the environment.



(Pictured above left to right are Ian, Pat, Joanne, and John along with Kathryn Goulding, Manager of the Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup).



New planters at the War memorial

It is hoped with some further funding new planters can be purchased for placement in Silkstone Common.

Tree and bulb planting in the Chestnuts

In December 2018 Silkstone CARE Group helped plant two oak trees commemorating the end of the First World War; one in Orchard Wood in Silkstone Common and one in the Chestnuts in Silkstone. In January this year we followed that up with planting 15 saplings, including three juniper trees, and a large number of daffodil bulbs in the area behind the new oak. When time and funding allows we hope to plant more.

South Yorkshire Community Foundation funding awarded

Thanks to Linda Marsh for successfully submitting an application to the South Yorkshire Community Foundation which resulted in a grant of £599 towards new tools, gloves, hi-viz vests and fuel (for the strimmers). This has come at a very opportune time as many of our existing tools were coming to the end of their useful lives.



Quiz night

A quiz was held on January 23rd at The Station Inn in Silkstone Common which raised a wonderful £142 for Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone in Bloom. Our thanks to Doug Carr for organising the quiz and raffle, to Mark and Julie for hosting the quiz and generously supplying the quizzers with sandwiches on the night and to all the providers of the raffle prizes.

Next Events

- **Saturday 30th March** – tidying and maintenance at Jays Wood, Silkstone Common. Meet at the Wood at 10am.
- **Saturday 13th April** – maintenance of Station Gardens, planters and flowerbeds and litter picking in Silkstone Common – meet Station car park 10am.
- **Saturday 27th April** – maintenance of Hillside, Bernard's Place and the Chestnuts in Silkstone.

All residents are welcome to join us in our sessions, including children if accompanied by a responsible adult. All tools and equipment are supplied.

Contact: Bill Barkworth on 07706 369273 01226 790112 or email me at billbarkworth@aol.com

Bill

Hedgehogs in Spring

Hedgehogs emerge from hibernation through March and April. Hedgehog numbers are continuing to fall so if you can help hedgehogs now is a great time to think about how. Even if you think your garden is hedgehog heaven there may be things you can do to make it even better.

Five tips to prepare your garden for emerging hedgehogs

1. 'Upgrade' a shrub

Whilst it may be tempting to plant low maintenance, evergreen shrubs – these are poor value for hedgehogs as they are not great for insects and don't provide nesting material. Think about replacing them with a UK grown fruit tree, hawthorn or hazel.

2. Liven up a bare patch or a pot

If you have a sunny corner of a bed or a pot to spare, sow some wild flower seeds. The flowers will encourage the insects that hedgehogs love to eat.

3. Fox and cat proof your feeding station

Make the entrance about 12 to 13 cm diameter and put the food as far away from the entrance as you can. A bend or tunnel makes it even better.

A dish of water is helpful. NEVER put out bread or milk.

4. Add a nesting option

Wood piles are great as they are both a potential nesting site AND a food source. Other ideas are:

- a thicket
- leafy hedgerow
- quiet compost heap

5. Think about access

Does every boundary in your garden have a hedgehog highway? A hole 13cm x 13cm is big enough for a hedgehog and small enough to deter larger animals.

From www.hedgehogstreet.org

Linda Marsh

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Silkstone Heritage Group

In September it will be 80 years since the start of WW2. Following on from our research and displays covering Somme 100 and 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice we would like to investigate life in Silkstone and Silkstone Common during WW2.

We are interested in hearing about men and women from the villages who served in the armed forces. Fred Walshaw, John Senior and Frank Basford are named on our war memorial. Flying Officer Arthur Heeley is buried in the church yard and David Williams, Royal Navy, is remembered on the Shoemith family grave.

We would also like to hear from anyone who has any information on the Home Guard women who served in the Land Army and evacuees who attended both village schools.

If anyone can help us with family stories, photographs and information about the two villages during WW2 please contact Jane Raistrick on 01484 868254 or
email: oldtimer11@btinternet.com

Jane Raistrick Silkstone Heritage Group.

Silkstone Common Good Companions

Silkstone Common Good Companions meet fortnightly in the Silkstone Common Methodist Church schoolroom on Wednesday afternoons between 2pm – 4pm. We are a non-religious, non-political group taking into account the many opinions there would be. We meet for friendship, entertainment and support. Because some of our members are in their 90's, most in their 80's we seem at times to be an unofficial Social Services! We are always available to help if our members are ill or housebound. All members know that help is available should we need it.

We are very well organised with an elected Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Entertainments Organiser and a very hard working committee!! We have guest speakers and entertainers at most of our meetings, the dates for this year are:-

March

- 27th - Musical Memories – Clarinettist plays and sings

April

- 10th - Armchair Aerobics – keep fit
- 24th – Michael Duncombe – Musical memories of the 1950's and 1960's

May

- 8th – Bring & buy to help funds
- 22nd – The Stringalongs Ukulele Group – lots of fun

June

- 5th – Optician – care of the eyes
- 9th – Strawberry Fayre

July

- 3rd – Day trip to St Annes

Summer break for holidays

September

- 4th – Games afternoon
- 18th – half day trip, still to be arranged

October

- 2nd – Kevin Kitchen entertains
- 16th – Harvest Thanksgiving
- 30th – Demonstration of gift wrapping

November

- 13th – Pie and peas
- 27th – Silkstone Common School Orchestra

December

- 11th – Christmas lunch at the Station Inn Silkstone Common.

The Good Companions was formed in 1961, so in two years' time we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary! We still have one founder member, Terry Daniel, who was in his 20's when he set the group up. Now in his eighties and a great grandfather he is still at the helm.....quite an achievement!

Financially we are sound. We have rent to pay for the room, and expenses for the entertainers, but we are mostly self-funded and with the support of a grant from Silkstone Parish Council, (greatly appreciated, thank you) and also donations from other sources, hopefully our future is assured but new members are always welcome. If you would like more information about joining the group please contact either Margaret Brayshaw on 01226 790196 or Terry Daniel on 01226 386755

Margaret Brayshaw Chairperson

Age UK Barnsley

Volunteers needed!



Do you have a bit of spare time to have a cuppa and a chat with a neighbour who may find getting out of the house a struggle? If so, have you thought about becoming a volunteer befriender?

Age UK Barnsley is looking for volunteers who can spend an hour or so each week befriending a lonely or isolated older person in Silkstone or Silkstone Common. This is part of the Social Inclusion Project which is funded by Penistone Area Council. The Social Inclusion Project helps people who are lonely or isolated and would like to start socialising. We often work with people who are unable to leave the house, be that because of health reasons or because they have lost confidence. Our volunteers can make a real difference to the lives of people like this through befriending. Could you help an older person out in your community?

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in or know more about, we would love to hear from you! You can contact us on 01226 776820 or email us at

penistone@ageukbarnsley.org.uk You can also view more about the work of Age UK Barnsley on our website www.ageuk.org.uk/barnsley

Ellen Hall

A message from Ian Askey, Chair of Old Silkstone Band

Dear Parish Members,

At a time when all we seem to hear is bad news, it gives me great pleasure in announcing Old Silkstone's recent success at the Yorkshire Brass Band Championships 2019. Held in Huddersfield Town Hall on the 2nd March, the band achieved 2nd place in the 1st section, the highest placed result ever recorded in the band's 158 years history!

Led by John Hopkinson, who started his conducting career with Old Silkstone around 30 years ago, the band played a performance that was very highly regarded by both adjudicators and only bettered by Hatfield & Askern band from Doncaster.



Both bands will now represent Yorkshire at the National Brass Band Championships in September held at Cheltenham Racecourse. This will be the band's 3rd appearance at the finals in the last 5 years, previously representing Yorkshire in the 2nd section. A massive accomplishment made during a time of major disruption for the band!

Being evicted in 2016 from the band room we built in 1980, on a site used from the 60's we found ourselves without a permanent base and this led to player numbers dwindling as well as incurring considerable costs on legal fees as we fought to protect our lease. The challenges to continue were great but with hard work and determination we have secured a future.

Now rehearsing in the Methodist Chapel in Silkstone Common we have recruited several members to swell the ranks. Players travel from as far afield as North Leeds, South Sheffield, Derbyshire to rehearse twice a week with two gents flying in from Southern Ireland to play at several contests/concerts throughout the year! Such commitment and dedication, all at the members own cost, just to ensure music making continues in our parish.

When I joined the junior band, back in 1970, 95% of members had/or lived within the parish. It was a much different kind of banding than experienced today, but we still try to fulfil the same village engagements now as we did

then. You can hear us at the Sing or on parade on Armistice Day. Unfortunately, we had to take the hard decision not to do village collections around Christmas time 2018 due to players having family commitments and the distance they had to travel. This was a major fund-raising event for us as well as a couple of 'very social' days that I, for one, really missed!

We had decided, prior to our recent contest success, to collect around the parishes both to aide us financially and to let you know we are still here, as people often ask. This fund-raising event will now be used to help us represent you and Yorkshire at Cheltenham. We will be doing an 'envelope drop' to every house in the parish over the weekend of 29/30th June and collecting them on the 14th July before playing at Silkstone Sing.

I hope you will support us in raising the much-needed funds required to keep the band going from strength to strength and I hope we can entertain you soon at one of our many concerts in and around the parish.

Follow us on Facebook @OldSilkstoneBand to see all our forthcoming engagements and fund raisers.

Ian Askey



Spicy Indian lamb curry with cream and almonds

Hi readers, hope you have had a great Christmas and are now looking forward to spring time and the warmer weather.

Here is a simple dish, that is very tasty and can be cooked ahead of time. The dish is best cooked gently and slowly. The meat will melt into your mouth. Serve with rice and naan bread, and a large spoonful of mango chutney.



Serves 8

- 6 garlic cloves peeled
- 7 cm lump of ginger peeled and grated
- 200g flaked almonds
- 1.5 kg diced lamb shoulder
- 2 finely chopped onions
- 1 tsp ground cardamom
- 7 crushed cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 500ml double cream
- Handfull of chopped coriander



Method

Blend down the garlic, ginger, almonds with 200ml water, into a smooth paste. Set aside for later.

In a large pan brown off the meat and remove from the pan. Add the onions to the pan and fry off for 2 minutes. Then add the spices and cook for another minute.

Now add the meat back to the pan, add the cream and 200ml of water and then bring it to the boil, cover with a lid and allow it to simmer gently on a low light for 1 hour.

Keep checking the pan to ensure its not sticking or burning, add more water if you need to, 20 minutes before the end add the garlic/nutty paste you made earlier and add chopped coriander.

Serve with rice and naan breads

Enjoy, Damian Hensley

Supporting those impoverished and neglected

Our area is known and recognised for its generosity and supporting people in poverty and suffering extreme injustice.

Sunday 12th May through to Saturday 19th marks the annual Christian Aid Week and for over 60 years Great Britain and Ireland and marks over 60 years of raising funds and hands-on help for the world's poorest and oppressed. Each of us has a chance to help by giving a few pence through to pounds... whatever amount every penny has a real affect.

This year the focus is on helping mums in childbirth in Sierra Leone...a country still reeling from the outbreaks of Ebola... where every day 10 women die in childbirth. It's a shocking figure that need not be and we can help.

We will be passing our donation envelopes in the week from 12th May... please see if you can help and give. We also need volunteers to deliver envelopes. **Please contact Rosemary Bradbury on 01226 765796 if you want more information or get involved in the programme.**

Alan Thompson



Brain teasers

1. Why can't a man living in Scotland be buried in England?
2. What has an eye but cannot see?
3. What starts with t and ends with t and only has t inside?
4. What goes up as rain comes down?
5. How many legs does a butterfly have if you call its antennae legs?

Answers on page 10

Maria Penrose
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Or do you just fancy knitting something different? Do you know someone who used to knit and would like to start knitting again?

Penistone Knitting group is looking for more knitters to join us. We are knitting baby blankets, hats, jackets etc for premature babies. We have patterns to suit all skill levels.

Do you know someone old who might like to get involved?
Penistone knitting group has teamed up with Age UK Barnsley, as part of their Social Inclusion Project, to help get old people more involved with others. We can provide knitting needles, wool and patterns to help them get started.

Contact us via

Facebook –Penistone Knitting Group

Or call Sheryll on 07587057220

Or call Ellen Hall, Age UK Barnsley 01226 776820 or email her on penistone@ageukbarnsley.org.uk



Linda Marsh

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

Facebook and Twitter

Silkstone PC has two Facebook pages. One labelled "Community" is mainly used for announcements about PC Business or official events the PC has been notified about. The other labelled "Friends" can be used by anyone in the Parish to post notices about upcoming events. If any local organisations have a Facebook page that they would like to be linked please contact Meryl Liddell.

The Twitter account is @SilkstonePC it is used to tweet current events that may be of interest to residents eg meetings, road closures, warnings by the police/BMBC etc.

Newsletter contacts and content

The Editor of this newsletter is Meryl Liddell. Views expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors not necessarily the views and policies of the Parish Council. If you:

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

please email Meryl on
meryl.liddell@btinternet.com

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

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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2019

All meetings to be held on Mondays in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

The Statutory Annual Parishioners' Meeting (APM) was held in Silkstone in 2018 and so will be held in Silkstone Common at the Methodist Church in 2019.

Date	Meeting
01/04/19	PC
15/04/19	Annual Parishioners Mtg
13/05/19	Annual Council Mtg
03/06/19	PC
01/07/19	PC
02/09/19	PC
07/10/19	PC
04/11/19	PC
02/12/19	PC

Two Arabic proverbs and their British equivalent

A One hand cannot clap

UK It takes two to tango

A Too many captains sink the ship

UK Too many cooks spoil the broth



Brain teaser answers

1. Because if he's living, he can't be dead!
2. A needle
3. A teapot
4. An umbrella
5. A butterfly has six legs. Calling its antennae legs doesn't make them legs.

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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 Mr Richard Bell, 8 The Meadows, Silkstone Common, S75 4SG with payment or email silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com for bank transfer details.

Hanging Baskets Summer 2019

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**'

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Thank you for supporting your Parish Council.



Spring Gardening with Emma Horsfield



It's fantastic to see that spring is on its way and the long days of winter are nearly over. Spring is a very exciting and busy time in the garden. It starts when the *Galanthus Elwesii*, (better known as the snowdrop) pop up.

These are best bought in pots in springtime, as buying as a bulb in the preceding autumn does not always guarantee a good show. When bought in a pot one can see how many flower heads there are.

Crocus are another early riser in spring time, and these can be planted as bulbs in autumn or bought as sprouting plants in spring time.



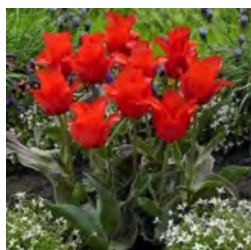
Hyacinthoides non-scripta, our English Bluebell, is an old favourite too. *Muscari*, the Grape Hyacinth, is less well known but gives a fantastic show of bright blue. *Muscari* also looks fabulous mixed with some greenery for an indoor spring basket, especially as a Mothering Sunday present.

Muscari, when planted in the garden, is easy to grow and spreads quite freely. It also has a slight perfume. After these earlier spring bulbs the *Narcissus* (daffodils) and Tulip pop up.



There are so many different varieties of *Narcissus*, however one of my favourites is the shorter daffodil 'Tete a Tete' which will tolerate lots of wind and snow and still stand upright.

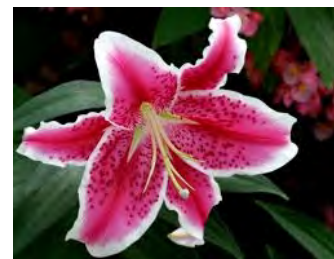
My favourite Tulip is the little dwarf variety Red Riding Hood, which has striped leaves giving a beautiful contrast against the bright red flower heads. This dwarf variety of tulip is not crushed by wind or snow.



If you buy bulbs in pots in spring they can be sat on the window ledge in the kitchen if you fancy them inside for a splash of colour. You can then put the bulbs back in the garden to flower again next year. Make sure you plant the daffodils about 25cm down to avoid disturbance when planting summer bedding.

Whilst admiring the spring bulbs that are in the garden giving an array of colour, one needs to think about planting bulbs for summer flowering. There are many different types of summer flowering perennial bulbs, corms and tubers that can be put in now and will flower in the summer coming back every year. Popular perennial bulbs are *Paeonia*, which have wonderful large rose-like flower heads, *Astilbe* in all sorts of colours, *Anemone*, *Agapanthus*, and *Iris*; the list is endless.

I am very fond of Lilies which flower year after year, they come in all shapes and sizes with most being perfumed. They make great cut flowers as well as providing garden colour. My favourite Lilly is 'Star Gazer' which has huge very strongly perfumed flower heads of white with pink stripes, which I am sure will go down very well with a glass of champagne on the lawn!



Other popular summer tubers and corms are *Begonias*. Care is needed as they need protection in the winter. However, this care is rewarded as they give wonderful continuous flowering throughout the summer, and are ideal for tubs and baskets. Another favourite is *Dahlia* which tends to come in the late summer and prolongs the colour splash! So time to get organised and work out a plan to fill in some of those gaps in the garden with bulb colour!

Reminders for Spring

- Plant hardy perennials for summer colour
- Spring feed, top dress or mulch shrubs and trees
- Prune shrubs to shape to encourage flowering
- Sow some vegetables outside
- Treat the lawn with mosskiller and top dress with feed and weed
- Prune roses if not already done so
- Sow seeds for summer bedding and veggies
- Keep feeding the birds!

Horsfields Nursery, Pot House Hamlet, Silkstone

info@horsfieldsnursery.co.uk

Mikaell Lamber Photography

If you are looking for gifts this Christmas we are offering portrait photography sessions

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Girlguiding Come and Join the Fun!

Girlguiding is the UK's largest girl only youth organisation, which operates to build and develop girls physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Girlguides take on adventurous activities such as climbing, canoeing, orienteering and much more, whilst also broadening their ideas, and values by getting involved in community outreach, awareness of global issues.

The movement is made up of Rainbows (aged 5 - 7 years), Brownies (7 - 10 years), Guides (aged 10 - 14 years) and Senior section (14+). At the moment Silkstone only has a Brownie unit which meets on Thursday evenings. It is a very busy, active group, where the girls do a variety of activities. Programmes are planned to provide self growth and development, to be aware and contribute to the community around us, and also to give an insight into global issues. These are done in a fun and engaging way, and usually build around a badge.

Over the years, our Brownies have gone away on residentials to activity centres, trying out activities such as abseiling, raft building, fire building and outdoor cooking, team problem solving activities and much more. They have been part of the community by litter picking, Christmas Carol singing to the elderly in the village, helping at the Summer BBQ when French members of the twinning society's visited and being part of the annual Remembrance service and parade.

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They have taken part in night walks, sang around campfires, arts, crafts, building and cooking.

Due to a lack of volunteers we don't have a Rainbow unit or a Guide unit to allow natural progression through the units. As a volunteer myself, I have gained enormously from leading Brownies. It is a very fun and rewarding job, requires no previous qualifications or experience. If you think it may be something you are interested in please be assured you can help in whatever capacity your time allows of you. All training will be provided. However! Please be aware! You might actually love it as you get a lot more back than you can ever give. For more information please contact me on t.hinchliffe@googlemail.com or Clare on sanderson_clare@hotmail.com.

Tracey Hinchliffe

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

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

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 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.
Website : <http://www.priorycampus.co.uk/rlhg/roggins.php>
Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695
e-mail ritchietj@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Don Sissons 01226-791130
<http://www.silkstonereflects.co.uk>

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

Main Sponsor : Norcroft Electrical Limited.
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Contacts:

U9 team, Tony Clegg 07967-222820
U11 team, Tony Clegg 07967-222820
U13 team, Lee Wilford 07931-298213
U15 team, Duncan Grant 07789-998018
U17 team Phil Mosley 07973-757403
SUCC main contact Tony Clegg, Club Secretary 07967-222820
Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : Silkstone UTD C.C.

Twitter : @SilkstoneCC

Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club: now bowling at Shaw Lane

Secretary: David Harris on Barnsley 790051

Barnsley BSAC Divers

Meets every Tuesday 7:30 onwards in the Boardroom at the Metrodome. Anyone interested in diving is welcome whether already qualified or wanting to learn. Try Dives can also be booked. Gift packs available.
Contact: Ann on 07783 291955 or visit the website www.barnsleybsacd Divers.co.uk

Tai Chi

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

General

Silkstone Common Good Companions

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

Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s

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

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.

Visit us at 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

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

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

Find Us On Facebook- 63rd Barnsley Silkstone Rainbows

Website: 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

Silkstone in Bloom

Adds floral colour and more for public enjoyment.

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

Great British Spring Clean

In support of this National Initiative we will be having a mass litter pick on the dates below everyone welcome. Please come along and join in, get to know your neighbours, do your bit to make our villages clean and have some fun!

Litter picking equipment, bags and high visibility jackets will be made available for loan.

Saturday 23rd March 10.30 - Noon

Silkstone - Chestnuts / War Memorial / Martin Croft / behind Red Lion Pub

Meet in Chestnuts

Sunday 24th March 10.30 - Noon

Silkstone Common Rec / St' Florent Way / Trans Pennine Trail

Meet in Rec

Saturday 6th April 10.30 - Noon

Silkstone Common - Knabbs Lane / Ben Bank Road / Trans Pennine Trail

Meet at Station Inn Car Park

Sunday 7th April 10.30 - Noon

Silkstone - Wagon Way / High Street

Meet in Red Lion car park



We may do repeat events subject to turnout and feedback.

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/>

Silkstone Parish Council

A brief history of Parish Councils

For anyone who isn't sure about the role of a Parish Council in modern life, here is a brief history on the origins and formation of Parish Councils.

This explanation is provided with kind permission of

Lorraine McNeill - Clerk to Sunningdale Parish Council, Berkshire

Parish Council, also known as a Local Council, is a statutory local authority in its own right. It has a wide variety of powers conferred by many statutes (Acts of Law), which it administers within its parish boundary (local authority area).

A common misconception is that today's Parish Council is in some way connected with, or part of, the Church. The confusion arises over the word "parish", but to fully understand this a brief history lesson is required.

The origins of most English parishes date back over 500 years to a time when England was divided into areas known as 'manors' owned by Lords.

The Lord of the Manor had a civil responsibility to maintain his starving tenants through the right of levy (taxation). This was imposed using an assembly system of local administration known as a 'court'.

Over time and as the manor courts' power declined, the influence, wealth and responsibility of the Church increased. Gradually the Lord of the Manor's rights and responsibilities were taken over by the Church, which had recognised rights and obligations of charity to the poor. The obligations were managed in each church's parochial area, which is known as a parish.

These responsibilities were administered through meetings of the inhabitants and were known as Vestries (as they were usually held in the Church Vestry). As the population expanded so did the size of the meetings, so much so that they split into smaller more administratively efficient committees called Select Vestries which in turn each claimed a separate existence.

Unfortunately the Select Vestries using their power of levy known as the Church Rate, rapidly became notorious for being corrupt. As the vestries' origins was in an ecclesiastical institution, considerable damage was done to the old parochial system of authorities.

In the 1800's the Church Rate was abolished, and the poor law administration was withdrawn from the parochial authorities. As society developed new administrative services were created to fulfil the needs of the parish and were assigned to specialised bodies. The organisation of these services proved to be inefficient and complicated. It took Parliament twenty years of legislation and experimentation to resolve the issue.

In 1894 the Local Government Act was passed which created local authorities responsible for the administration of a parish's services as well as the civil functions of the older parochial institutions - the new authorities were known as Parish Councils.

Lorraine McNeill

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Bin collections - Silkstone Common and Silkstone (not including South Yorkshire Buildings)

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