

# Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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### Contacting the Parish Council

You can find all the information you need to contact the Parish Council or individual councillors on Page 9.

### Hold your Parish Council to account!

Come to the Annual Parishioners Meeting 20/04/2020, 7pm and the Annual Council Meeting 11/05/2020, 6:45pm Both meetings will be in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

### CARE Group

The CARE group is finalising its programme for this Spring. Come along and get involved for as little or as much time as you want. Saturday and Tuesday mornings. Socials on a Thursday evening.

Contact: Bill Barkworth 790112 or e-mail [billbarkworth@aol.com](mailto:billbarkworth@aol.com)

## A word from the Chair

Here we are again, welcome to the spring 2020 Parish Newsletter, it seems no time since we were all celebrating Christmas! I hope there is something in it for everyone. There are a couple of highlights for me, who'd have thought our waste is dealt with so efficiently (page 11)? There is also an interesting read about the Hall Royd Colliery that starts on the front page and carries over to the next page.

On page 6 there is an article promoting the events over the weekend of 8th, 9th and 10th May, as it is the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) day. As fewer and fewer of us personally experienced WWII, and the relief the people of the parish must have felt on that very first VE day. I think it is important to keep the memories alive from those times so our young people never forget the hardships of the time. The events during the VE commemorative weekend are designed to be both enjoyable and memorable honouring the people of the time.

Finally, I am always looking for items and articles for the newsletter, so if you have anything you would like to have included, about your community group, school activities or wildlife stories, please contact me via my email address or you can telephone me using the contact details on page 9.

*Meryl Liddell*

*Chair Silkstone Parish Council*

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## Jay's Wood And Hall Royd Colliery

Over the last two or three years or so the Silkstone CARE Group have spent a considerable amount of time in what is now called Jay's Wood which, if you're not familiar with, is along Hall Royd Lane to the north of the village. Hopefully some of you reading this article will have visited the wood and enjoyed the peace and tranquillity that you found there. For those of you who haven't as yet visited spring and hopefully better weather are just around the corner so the next few weeks might be a good time to do it.

Most of you will have heard of the Huskar Pit and the disaster that went along with it but what you may not be quite so familiar with is that Jay's Wood was once the site of another colliery in Silkstone Common, the Hall Royd Colliery which operated from 1861 to 1928. Peace and tranquillity would have been the last thing you would have expected to find back in the days when the colliery was working. It would have been a noisy and dangerous place to be. This article from The Penny Illustrated Paper from 29<sup>th</sup> January 1865 illustrates just how dangerous a place it could be:

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## Old Silkstone Band News

The Spring has seen OSB settle down after Christmas and work towards our first big concert of the year at Penistone Paramount. Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir hosted the concert and invited us to take part as their guests. We played some fantastic pieces from the Salvation Army music library (*Credo, Shine as the Light, Prelude of Lavenham and Amazing Grace*) as well as some truly rousing music such as *Indiana Jones, Blue Rondo a la Turk* and *Dies Irae*. The concert was well-received by all and the band looks forward to performing with Millhouse Green MVC later on in the year.

OSB would like to thank the parish for their generosity once more in supporting the band over Christmas. The monies raised will help the band to continue to provide music for community events and more.

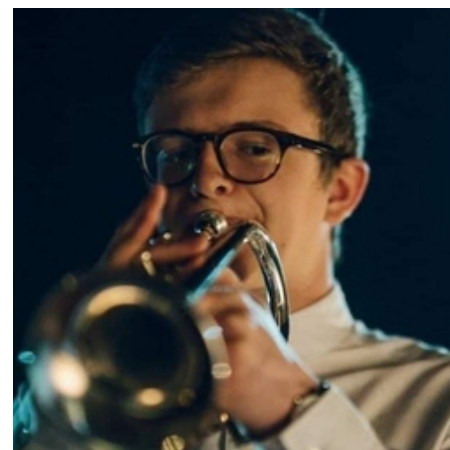
Our biggest news is that after an 18-month period of not having a permanent musical director, we now have masterful George Newbold at the helm. The Band would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our friends for supporting us during the last year and a half: John Hopkinson and Tim Sidwell, as well as Jack Capstaff and Gavin Somerset.

So George...who is he? Well, George lives in Sheffield and started playing the cornet aged 9 with the Loxley Silver Band. He quickly moved up through the ranks and moved on to play at Ireland Colliery Chesterfield Band.

After just a few years, George became Principal Cornet during one of Ireland's most successful periods which saw them progress from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> section in our league tables in just 4 years, no easy feat. Aged 15, he moved to Thoresby Colliery Band and then in 2016, George was appointed Principal Cornet once more, aged just 19; he was one of the youngest principal cornet players in the band's history. Now, he is currently Principal Cornet with the Hepworth Band, one of the Yorkshire Regions best bands.

Whilst studying Materials Engineering at Loughborough University, George still remained active with his musical commitments and as a result he was awarded the Loughborough University Music Scholarship in 2016, out of many talented applicants. He also enjoyed playing trumpet with Tuxedo Swing and Nottingham Jazz Orchestra. Whilst at university, he also made the short trip every week to Nottingham to play with the University of Nottingham Brass Band and for his last 2 years at university he became the conductor of the band! He enjoyed many successes as conductor, including, being twice winner of the Yorkshire and Humberside Contest and 2 top 6 finishes at the Unibrass contest, just to name a few.

The band have had approximately 2 months under George's baton so far and are thoroughly enjoying the challenge and reward he is providing.



Want to see and hear some of the wonderful sounds we're producing? Here are some of our upcoming dates for your dairy:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day Service – Silkstone Church

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day Event – Bolton-on-Dearne

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – White Friday Marches

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Slaithwaite Band Club

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Harlow Carr Gardens

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon. Want to keep up to date with everything we do? Why not follow us on twitter @oldsilkstone and Facebook @oldsilkstoneband.

If you'd like to book the band please contact Danni by phone on 07540740703 or via email at

[info@oldsilkstoneband.com](mailto:info@oldsilkstoneband.com)

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### Fatal Colliery Accident

#### Three Men Killed

Last Saturday afternoon an inquest was held at the house of Mr Gaunt, Silkstone Common (*Junction Inn now The Station Inn*) before Mr Taylor (*Coroner*) on the bodies of William Hebblethwaite, aged twenty two years, Thomas Walton aged twenty and William English aged forty-four who were killed the previous day in a shaft being sunk by the proprietors of the Hall Royd Colliery at Silkstone Common. Mr Morton the Government inspector who was present said the accident was the most singular that he

recollected in his experience. Messrs Haynes and Lawton were sinking to what is known as the four-foot bed and the lowering and pulling up is performed by a small engine of about two horse power which was under the management of Hebblethwaite whilst the other two men killed were sinkers. By some means the former got entangled in the head gearing, fell down the pit (*depth about 50 metres*) and was so much injured that he died in about an hour after being brought out of the shaft. The other two men, contrary to rule, got into the 'trunk' which is only made to carry one person and having reached the top some part of the machinery slightly gave way and the 'trunk' having lowered some four or five

yards, it is supposed they clutched at each other to save themselves and were precipitated to the bottom and killed. The death of the three men is purely attributed to recklessness and departure from the rules by those whose safety they were framed. At the conclusion of the evidence the Coroner briefly addresses the jury and they returned a verdict of 'Accidental death'.

If you do manage to visit Jay's Wood sometime in the near future please give a few thoughts to the three men who went to work that particular Friday back in 1865 but never got the chance to return to their homes.

*Phil Evans*



## New homes in Silkstone Common!

During springtime, a possible house move is sometimes on the agenda. This is also the case for our local wildlife who may wish to move house!

In early February, on a calm, sunny, bright morning, it was a pleasure to work with the Silkstone Care Group in Jays Wood, Silkstone Common. The team were carrying out general maintenance, a litter pick and installing bird and bat boxes in the wood along with a superb Owl house! These handmade, purpose built properties make ideal residencies for a range of local species. All the work that the group carry out in the wood is aimed at creating habitat for insects and wildlife using sustainable material from the wood itself.



ensure that we identify species of trees which are good for the area.

We have been particularly successful at introducing fruit trees in some areas which are proving very popular with both children and residents alike.

Another team which make a visible difference in our area are the Twiggs Penistone Area Clean, Green and Tidy Team. They carry out a variety of environmental works across Silkstone and Silkstone Common, at times working with the CARE team.

Whilst working with our Twiggs Team and other volunteers in Silkstone, I was interested to hear that we hope to start using a new method of killing weeds without the use of weed killer! This relatively new technology uses hot water to control weeds by delivering water at low pressure consistently at 98 degrees centigrade to kill the root. Over time this will prove to be a much lower cost in controlling weeds, unlike conventional weed killer with little detrimental impact to the environment.

This is the type of development we can be happy with!

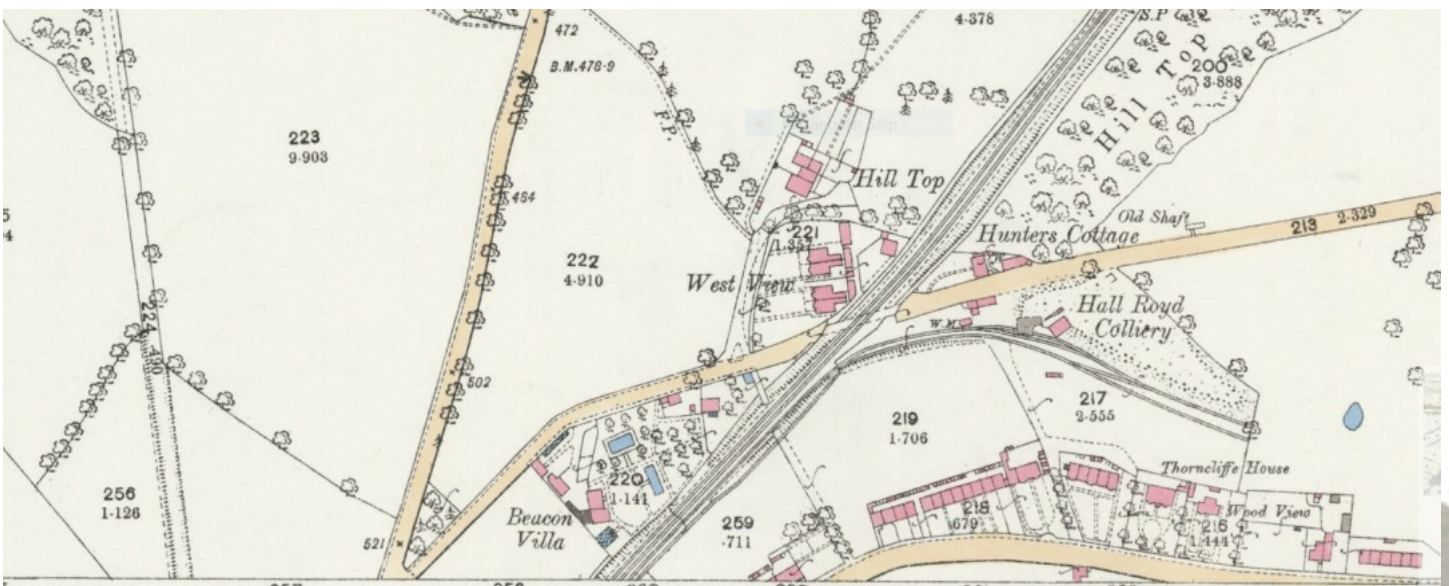
*Councillor John Wilson*



On a wider issue, as local Councillors we are using our share of £250,000 which is being used for a 'blitz' on weeds and a general cleanliness effort across the borough. This is aimed at making a visible difference in our communities.

Another initiative which will have a positive impact on our environment and help to achieve our zero carbon objectives within the council is a programme of tree planting in as many locations as possible. Over the next few years, we will be working with the Parish Council to see this programme grow and develop. It will be very important to

## Old O.S. Map showing Hall Royd Colliery





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## Silkstone Common Christmas Tree

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas goes back in time as far as the Nativity story, when the 'Three Wise Men' gave presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Every year, since 1947, the city of Oslo in Norway gifts a Christmas tree to the people of Britain, as a token of thanks for the support given to them during the Second World War.

In December 2019, it was the turn of Silkstone Common Methodist Church to receive their own gift of a Christmas tree with lights, kindly donated by Cliff and Amanda, from KDA Wholesale Ltd (Dodworth). Local Silkstone Common resident Mr David Morris ensured that the tree lights were switched on and off every evening throughout December, in order to light up the village during the Christmas period.

*Paula MacDonald*

## Silkstone Heritage Group

The Silkstone Heritage Group extends a warm welcome to all who may be interested in learning more about the history of Silkstone, Silkstone Common and the surrounding villages. Although it has no religious affiliation, the group's headquarters are in the upper gallery at the west end of Silkstone Parish Church, where there is a considerable resource of documents, photographs, maps and family history information, some of which is not available elsewhere.

The Resource Centre is manned every Wednesday between 10am and 3pm, or, if you wish, contact Jane Raistrick (secretary) email; [oldtimer11@btinternet.com](mailto:oldtimer11@btinternet.com) or Paul Davies (chairman) email; [paul.davies001@btopenworld.com](mailto:paul.davies001@btopenworld.com) with any queries you may have.

You may wish to contact the Heritage Group for help with your family history research, or to learn about the history of your house or the surrounding fields. There is no formal membership or commitment required, and all are welcome. If you wish, you may participate in one or more of the ongoing projects, which include:

- Studies of glass making, pottery and corn milling in Silkstone
- Coal mining and the Huskar Disaster
- The architecture and history of Silkstone Church
- Stainborough Hall, Knabb's Hall and the English Civil War
- Notable Silkstone families through the ages since Saxon times
- Silkstone in the First and Second World Wars.

The group is very grateful to local residents who have kindly lent and donated valuable and unique historical documents in their possession. If you have anything of local historical interest, such as maps, photographs, school or church records or other manuscripts, copies can be made for inclusion in the library.

Do you have a relative or friend who lived in Silkstone Parish and served in the armed forces during the Second World War? Have you any photographs you could share with us to mount on a display board during our VE75 commemoration? If so, please contact Jane Raistrick 01484 868254.

*Jane Raistrick*

## Cat Rescue Silkstone & Silkstone Common



Did you know that Silkstone and Silkstone Common are at the heart of RSPCA Barnsley & District's cat rescue efforts?

RSPCA cat coordinator and trustee, Jackie Siddall, manages a team of local volunteers who all care for the many abandoned and homeless cats and kittens in Barnsley, and the wider area.

"Each year we rescue, rehabilitate and re-home between two and three hundred cats and kittens, all within the homes of our lovely and caring volunteers, in the Barnsley borough alone. Some kittens are very poorly and need a lot of care – most though are healthy and fun from the start. Very young kittens without their mums are especially vulnerable and need round-the-clock feeding and lots of vet care. No-one enjoys doing 2-hour feeds through the night, but the reward of saving tiny baby kittens is worth it."

Whilst volunteers offer their time and space for free, food, litter, vaccinations, neutering and other (sometimes hefty)



vet costs add up to a big bill. The RSPCA is so grateful to the many people who raise funds, give generously and give to designated cat food and litter donation bins at supermarkets. A special thank you is due to Tesco's Penistone and Stairfoot, Morrisons at Barnsley and Cooke's Pet Store for their support.

Last year, inspectors rescued kittens that were found in a box outside a vets, some terrified in a car engine, in a house with a hoard of 24 cats and kittens; hiding behind bins on a cold night; abandoned in a house when someone moved out; feral kittens left starving when Mum was



run over. Each and every one found a new and loving forever home. Some of our kittens travel a long way – even to London, Kent, Dorset and Scotland.



RSPCA Barnsley is always looking for more fosterers – we provide all food, litter and vet costs. Our volunteers provide the love, cuddles and hard work.

If you have any interest, please visit our website at [www.rspca-barnsley.org.uk](http://www.rspca-barnsley.org.uk) or call 07823 550886.

Kitten season will start soon – generally cats breed from spring to late autumn but this is starting to spread now to all year round.

We always have cats, and usually have kittens, desperately looking for new homes. Maybe this is your year to adopt a new member of the family?

*Debra Smith*





## Damian's slow braised pork with potatoes and olives

Its nearly new potatoes season and here is a tasty dish to try this seasonal ingredient (serves 5)

### Ingredients

900g shoulder of pork, trimmed and diced  
 500g new potatoes, cut in half  
 50g black olives  
 40g green olives  
 500g tomatoes, or use tinned tomatoes.  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 2 medium onions, peeled and sliced  
 1 large red pepper, deseeded and sliced into 1¼ inch (3 cm) strips  
 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped  
 1 heaped teaspoon chopped fresh thyme, plus a few small sprigs  
 280ml red wine  
 2 bay leaves  
 salt and freshly milled black pepper

### Method

Pre-heat the oven to gas mark 1, 275°F (140°C).

First, skin the tomatoes: pour boiling water over them and leave them for exactly 1 minute before draining and slipping off their skins, then roughly chop them.

Now heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in the casserole over a high heat, pat the cubes of pork with kitchen paper and brown them on all sides, removing them to a plate as they're browned.



Then, keeping the heat high, add the rest of the oil, then the onions and pepper, and brown them a little at the edges – about 6 minutes.

Now add the garlic, stir that around for about 1 minute, then return the browned meat to the casserole and add all the thyme, tomatoes, red wine, olives and bay leaves. Bring everything up to a gentle simmer, seasoning well, then put the lid on or cover with foil and transfer the casserole to the middle shelf of the oven for 1¼ hours.

After that, add the potatoes, cover the pan again and cook for a further 45 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.

**Chef Damian**



## Marking VE Day in our villages

May 8<sup>th</sup> is a national Bank Holiday to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. For several months, a group of representatives from the Parish Council, Heritage Silkstone and the two churches have been meeting to plan events to take place over the anniversary weekend.

Over the past year some members of Heritage Silkstone have been researching life in the parish during the Second World War. They interviewed several men and women who were either children or young adults when war broke out in September 1939.

Silkstone Primary School loaned their school log books so the historians were able to discover how the war affected the village children. They also discovered that as the war progressed all three schools received a number of evacuees from the south of England.

Based on war time memories, school logbooks and residents generously sharing photographs and stories of their relatives Heritage Silkstone were able to discover what life was like during the war. All this research has been put into a display and it is also intended, with the help of the Parish Council, to publish a souvenir booklet. All are warmly invited to visit All Saints

church over the VE75 weekend to view the display and pick up one of the booklets.

The VE weekend also will include several events and services in and around the church. On VE day itself, there will be a short act of remembrance at 10:45am at the war memorial in Silkstone, after which the church will be open for refreshments and viewing of the Heritage Silkstone displays. Later that day, at 7pm, the church bells will ring, joining with belltowers across the country marking this historic date.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, the church will be open from 10am until 3pm, during which time refreshments will be available and members of Heritage Silkstone on hand to answer any questions.

At 3pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a thanksgiving service at All Saints Silkstone, led by clergy from both the Methodist and the Anglican churches, after which a scrumptious afternoon tea will be available accompanied by music from the 1940s.

It is hoped that the thanksgiving service and afternoon tea will be well supported and everyone, young and old will be most welcome as we celebrate the gifts of peace and community.

**Reverend Maureen**

## Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

The last newsletter reported that we had set up a steering group to make progress on a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish. The steering group has met four times since October, and we felt now was a good time to explain a bit more about the task ahead of us.

The idea of NDPs is that they give local people a greater say in planning decisions that affect their area. Barnsley Council already has a local plan and other documents with policies to guide the development of the borough. The NDP complements those documents with policies at the neighbourhood level and is designed to reflect the needs and priorities of the local community. Unlike earlier documents produced by the Parish Council, the policies in the NDP must be considered when Barnsley Council takes decisions on planning applications in that area.

NDPs can identify where development should take place, set out local design principles so that buildings respond positively to local character, and protect important facilities, historic buildings, the natural environment and open spaces. However, the NDP cannot contradict policies in other statutory planning documents, both for Barnsley and nationally, so we must consider these as we prepare the NDP policies.

The steering group has agreed a Draft Vision for Silkstone Parish up to 2033 as the starting points for the NDP:

“To maintain the character of the villages by ensuring that any development is sensitive to the existing built and natural environment but recognises the need to support 21st century living in a sustainable way.”

From this draft Vision, we currently have eight (again draft) Objectives, providing themes for a range of NDP policies:

1. To support the development of housing provision to meet local needs that is in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.
2. To support the protection and improvement of community leisure, sports and recreation facilities.
3. To protect, enhance and develop the Parish's biodiversity, natural assets and amenity areas, including the Trans Pennine Trail, the green belt, green open spaces, open farmland, and community allotments.
4. To protect and enhance the Parish's built industrial and residential heritage and history.
5. To preserve and improve accessibility and connections to the Trans Pennine Trail, the Wagonway, local beckside, local footpaths and bridle paths.
6. To support the development of a sustainable local economy, with particular emphasis on maximising local tourism assets.

7. To better manage local traffic to reduce highway congestion and increase road safety
8. To support better access to local public transport networks

The next piece of work is for the steering group to develop the Vision and Objectives into an Issues and Options document. We are working with Kirkwells consultants on this document together, setting out what we suggest the NDP should include. This will then give something on which local residents and businesses and other stakeholders can give their views and add their own ideas. We hope to kick off this process with a consultation event the date will be announced and promoted across the parish. We will be providing updates on the “Your community” section of the Parish Council website and publishing the steering group minutes with the Parish Council papers, so you can find up-to-date information there.

I hope this provides an insight into the work we're doing. If you would like to be involved in the work of the steering group, either joining the meetings or providing initial thoughts about specific sites, facilities or buildings, please email [npsc19@gmail.com](mailto:npsc19@gmail.com)

**Ian Turner**  
**Chair Silkstone Parish**  
**NDP Steering Group**

## Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Our choir was formed just over 30 years ago, as a 'singing for pleasure' group, in Silkstone Common Methodist Church, and as it progressed Mrs Brenda Herbert was asked to accompany the group, and eventually acted as Musical Director. Soon the choir was asked to perform concerts and members increased. This continued with the choir performing concerts in summer and at Christmas, in the church as well as around the local area, and we have given hundreds of pounds to various charities. Mrs Sylvia Hold succeeded Brenda as Musical Director until her recent retirement.

The choir is grateful for the support of Silkstone Parish Council, which has provided grants to cover costs such as new music.

The choir sings a variety of music, including musicals, spirituals, serious and popular items – 'something for everyone!' For a while we struggled, after both Sylvia and our pianist retired, but

recently we were delighted to welcome Tricia Waller and Julie Smith as Musical Director and Accompanist respectively. We now have an enthusiastic team and are looking forward to developing our choir further.

We would like some new members, either soprano or alto, to join our friendly choir. There are no auditions and you would be made very welcome. We rehearse every Monday from 7pm – 9pm at Silkstone Common Methodist Church (school room). Come along and meet us!

It is widely accepted that singing in a choir increases social connection, improves respiratory health, cognitive stimulation, improved mental health, transcendence from everyday worries ....so, what's not to like!! **COME AND JOIN US !!**

**Debra Smith**



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## 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](mailto:meryl.liddell@btinternet.com)

## Parish Council Meeting dates for 2020

All meetings are held on Mondays in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion. Public Question Time 6:45pm, meeting begins at 7pm

The Statutory Annual Parishioners' Meeting (APM) was held in Silkstone Common in 2019 and so will be held in Silkstone in 2020.

Date	Meeting
06/04/2020	PC
20/04/2020	Annual Parishioners Mtg
11/05/2020	Annual Council Mtg
01/06/2020	PC
06/07/2020	PC
07/09/2020	PC
05/10/2020	PC
02/11/2020	PC
07/12/2020	PC

## Parish Council website

[www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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

## Facebook and Twitter

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

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

## Newsletter deadlines and dates

### Articles, events and adverts

The cut off date for the next newsletter is 8 pm Monday 3rd June 2020. 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

## Contact details for Ward councillors and MP

### Ward Councillors

- **John Wilson:**  
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<http://johnwilson.yourcldr.com>
- **Robert Barnard:**  
[CllrRobertBarnard@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CllrRobertBarnard@barnsley.gov.uk)  
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<http://robertbarnard.yourcldr.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.yourcldr.com>

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

### MP Miriam Cates

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

[miriam.cates.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:miriam.cates.mp@parliament.uk)

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

## Spring Gardening with Emma Horsfield

Now all the excitement of the snow and the freezing conditions are over one needs to think about brighter times ahead and more colour for the garden. One of the main ways to achieve this is sow some seeds. Seed sowing can be very satisfying, and producing your own plants from seeds also helps to keep costs down. There are so many types and varieties of seeds available on the market that, for beginner gardeners, the task of choosing them can seem quite daunting. However, fear not! Firstly, one needs to decide how many seeds to buy; this is determined by how much room you have in your garden or allotment, and how much you'd like to give away to your neighbours and friends. When choosing seeds it is always worth buying good quality from a well know stockist, and don't forget to check the sell by date.

Sowing the seeds is the easy bit, germination is the harder. I'm going to concentrate on seeds that cannot be sown directly outside but need warmth to germinate. Decide what container you wish to sow your seeds into, I like to use small plastic fruit punnets as they are easy to manage, and fit four to a shallow seed tray. Make sure that the punnet is clean. I use a little diluted Jeyes fluid to

disinfect. The punnet also needs to have drainage holes in the bottom. Fill your punnet with compost, rubbing it between your hands so as to aerate and to make sure there are no lumps in it, Levington F2 is a very good seed compost. Smooth the top of the compost, and firm with a piece of board, then use a watering can with the nozzle turned upwards to slowly soak the compost evenly. With the compost thoroughly wet, sprinkle the seeds, gently onto the compost, the coverage depending on the variety of plant, add a fine covering of perlite, then put somewhere dark and warm (approx. 65 degrees) for them to propagate. A plastic bag can be used if you don't have a propagator. This can take anything from 5 days to 3 weeks. Make sure you label them clearly.

The ideal place to propagate seeds is on heated sand on a mist bench in a heated greenhouse. Obviously, this is not always possible, so on a window ledge often works well. I remember as a child my mother cleaning out our airing cupboard for trays of seeds to go in to germinate. A small propagator can be a good investment. The seeds need to be misted regularly so a mist gun full of tap water a few times a day does the trick, depending

on the moisture conditions. Once the seeds have popped up, make sure they are somewhere with plenty of light. Let them grow to a couple of centimetres and then you can prick them out into a larger container, and when they are large enough, into a hanging basket, tub, or window box, garden bed etc. depending on the weather conditions. For those that have over produced, don't throw them out, be generous and give them away!

Some seeds are a lot easier to germinate than others, for example bidens, brachyscome, dahlias, diascias, marigolds, tagetes, nemesia, nicotiana are good to begin with. Impatiens, lobelia, begonias and geraniums need a little more attention, and if the conditions are not perfect, don't take it personally, a lot of people have the same problem.

If all this seems too much for you, buying your seeds in small ready germinated punnets, I call them 'time savers', is always a great idea.

*Emma, Horsfields Nursery, Pot House  
Hamlet, Silkstone  
[www.pothousehamlet.co.uk](http://www.pothousehamlet.co.uk)*

## Recycle your

- Toothbrushes (whole or electric heads), toothpaste tubes and their packaging
- Crisp packets
- Pet food pouches: wet food pouches, treat packaging, dry food plastic packaging
- Sweet and Chocolate Wrappers

### With us:

Silkstone Common  
Methodist Church, Ben  
Bank Road,  
Silkstone Common,  
Barnsley, S75 4PA



## A sad farewell to Silkstone United Huskars Football Club

The players of Silkstone United Huskars Football Club Under 16's hung up their boots at the end of last season and have moved on to other sporting ventures or joined other local teams.

This team was formed in 2012 with fifteen 9 year old classmates from the local primary school, they were joined over the years by other local team mates and they went on to win the Huddersfield & District League Division 2 title in 2015/16 and were the Huddersfield & District Cup winners in 2016/17.

We wanted to celebrate the ending of an era by donating the remaining club

funds of £2,800 to a Silkstone Parish Council community fund.

The only stipulation for the use of this money is that it should be used to encourage, promote and support local sporting activities. Silkstone Parish Council will administer this fund.

We hope that whoever benefits from this legacy gets as much enjoyment out of their sport than the Silkstone Huskars team did.

With best wishes

*Jon Dale, Steve Fletcher and Melissa  
Ayres  
(Huskars FC committee)*



## Litter problem or not??

You may recently have seen the yellow signs on the slip road joining the M1 North at junction 37, they indicated how many bags of rubbish had been collected, 20 bags and, a sign a little further up the slip road encouraging motorists to take their litter home.

It made us wonder ... how many bags of rubbish do we collect in our villages? So, from 1 January this year we have been counting the bags of rubbish we have collected across both villages. In January we (CARE members) collected 23 bags of rubbish. This excludes any collected by the handyman employed by the Parish Council or any litter collected by residents. In addition, there were three specific reports of fly tipping in January.



We don't know if this is a lot or a few, hence we are collecting the data and we will be able to see any trends in the volume of litter. What we have noticed in this short time is that the main problem areas are the routes in and out of both villages, plus Cone Lane, the road that links us. We assume that the majority of this litter is being dropped from moving cars, not necessarily always residents in the villages. Everyone is encouraged to adopt a "Please Take Your Litter Home" approach.



However, what is more upsetting is the continued volume of dog waste which we are seeing in both villages, either bagged and left or not even bagged. This is a further plea for dog owners and dog walkers in our villages please deposit your dog waste appropriately, it really isn't anyone else's responsibility to clean up after your dog.

### Reduce, reuse and recycle

Following a recent tour of the BDR (Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham) Waste treatment facility at Manvers, we've had our eyes opened to actually what happens with our grey waste, and how positive this is. One statistic which amazed me, us was 4%. After all our grey waste has been through their processes, only 4% of it goes to landfill. Our grey waste goes through multiple processes and even the plastic which we previously thought went to land fill can be recycled. Following the visit we learnt that we should be more careful about what plastic goes into the brown bin. The more "pure" this is the better and reduces the problem of bad plastic contaminating good plastic. Top tip, read the label carefully and don't worry about putting plastic into the grey bin, due to the volume handled by the BDR facility it can still be recycled.

Other interesting stats for the BDR facility .....

- The plant processes 240,000 tonnes of waste from 340,000 homes across Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham
- Over 90% of waste is diverted from landfill
- Waste is taken to Ferrybridge which contributes to generating electricity to power over 160,000 homes

The mantra at the BDR plant is Reduce, Reuse or Recycle – is this something you can embrace? Just imagine a handful of small changes in every one of our homes the positive impact we could have. Take a look at [www.WasteLess-SY.co.uk](http://www.WasteLess-SY.co.uk) Waste Less South Yorkshire provides advice and guidance for people across South Yorkshire about all things recycling

and waste reduction. They are a passionate bunch ready to provide simple yet innovative ways to reduce waste at home.

### Local Recycling

Did you know that you can also recycle some items which would have ordinarily gone into your grey bin? There are four black bins in the grounds of the Methodist Church which collect sweet wrappers, dental products, crisps packets and pet food pouches. These are collected by a private company and are used to produce the soft ground often found in children's play areas. It's easy to do, just keep them to one side and every now and then drop them off into the respective bins.

And did you know .....? That CARE receive cash from the glass which is recycled in the large bins provided in The Station Inn car park in Silkstone Common and those in the car park of The Red Lion in Silkstone. Please consider using this facility rather than putting your glass in your brown bin – thank you.

**Susan Wareham CARE Group**



Barnsley & District U3A is part of a world-wide organisation for retired and semi-retired people. With over 1250 members, Barnsley U3A places its emphasis on enjoyment, fun, friendship, learning and skills. It has over 130 groups, covering themes ranging from arts and crafts, food and days out, games and sports, science and languages, music and outdoor activities. Join a group, or, if you have a particular interest, start one yourself!

If you're interested, come to the U3A meeting at Priory Campus (first Monday each month at 1.30 pm) or ring 01226 891130 / 07512 206285. You can also message us through the Facebook page: search for Barnsley & District U3A

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## Wonderfully Made in Yorkshire

Preparations are ongoing for this year's extravaganza of local crafts to be displayed and available for sale at the annual "Wonderfully Made In Yorkshire" event, which this year takes place from Thursday 12th November to Saturday 14th November.

This is always an incredibly popular event with sellers and buyers alike as a huge variety of skills are showcased.

Many application forms have been requested and it is likely that, just as in 2019, the event will be oversubscribed. The closing date for applications is 26th April and application forms are available by emailing [claudbills@btinternet.com](mailto:claudbills@btinternet.com)

More details available on the Wonderfully Made in Yorkshire Facebook page.

The organisers are mindful that parking caused some problems during the event last year and it is hoped that a parking steward will be available during this year's event to try and encourage responsible parking. More traffic cones will designate no parking areas and advertising will include details of bus times to encourage people to travel by bus. If anyone has other ideas which might help the parking situation, we would be delighted to receive them. Please contact Claud Bills on the email address above.

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## Local Organisations

### Music

#### Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common Methodist Church 7:30pm

Contact: Sandra Blackburn 791141

#### Old Silkstone Band

Rehearsals twice a week - Silkstone Common Methodist Church Sundays 7pm - 9pm, Wednesdays 8pm - 10pm

Contact : David O'Connor 07415781796 or 01226790669

#### Silkstone Bell Ringers

Meet every Monday Silkstone Church 7:30pm-9:00pm

Contact: Carolyn Charlesworth 01226 791592

#### Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30.

Secretary: Keith Raynor Tel: 01226 763754

Web site [www.mgmvc.co.uk](http://www.mgmvc.co.uk)

#### White Rose Organ Society

Professional Electronic Organs Concerts and Social Events. Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at Dodworth working mens' club. 7.30pm. All visitors welcome.

Contact: David Andrews, Tel: 01709 368976

Website [www.wros.talktalk.net](http://www.wros.talktalk.net)

### Schools

#### Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common. Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.

Contact: Mr Simon Tabbner 790471

Visit <http://www.silkstonecommonji.co.uk/>

#### Silkstone Primary School

Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.

Contact: Ms Sally Adams 790333

Visit <http://silkstoneprimaryschool.com/>

#### Shining Stars Out of School Club

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

Contact: email at [shiningstars@silkstoneprimary.com](mailto:shiningstars@silkstoneprimary.com) phone on 07591630348

### History

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

The group exhibits at local history fairs. We can set up small displays and talk to small groups.

Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695

e-mail [ritchietj@aol.com](mailto:ritchietj@aol.com)

#### Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Paul Davies, chairman, 01226 791474

Jane Raistrick, secretary, 01484 868254

### Sports/Activities

#### Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 15's Steve Fletcher 07990-805694

Under 18's Jon Dale 07971-889436

Please phone the manager for details.

#### Silkstone United Cricket Club

Main Sponsor : Norcroft Electrical Limited.

Associate Sponsors : Barnsley Timber Merchants, John

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

**Facebook** : Silkstone UTD C.C.

**Twitter** : @SilkstoneCC

#### 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.barnsleybsacddivers.co.uk](http://www.barnsleybsacddivers.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.

#### Yoga

Huskar community Rooms, Silkstone, Tuesdays 1pm-2:30pm, mixed ability class, £7 booked in advance or £9 drop in.

Call Philip on 07725565984 or email [philipcopestake@gmail.com](mailto:philipcopestake@gmail.com)

### General

#### Silkstone Common Good Companions

Provides companionship, entertainment and recreation for the senior citizens of the village. Meets fortnightly on Wednesdays 2-4pm in the Methodist Church Hall. New members are very welcome. Varied programme including theatre trips, visits, entertainments, Helpers welcome. Annual subscription £10 including refreshments, except on some special occasions.

Contact: Terry Daniel Tel : 01226-386755 e-mail

[terreanna2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terreanna2@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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

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

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

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## Children

### Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

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

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

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

### Tiny Tots Toddler Group

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

£2 Admission with discount for multiples

For more details call Mina on: 07854 020 577 or email

[minathelwell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:minathelwell@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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



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

Tracy 07905 421015.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

### 63<sup>rd</sup> Barnsley (Silkstone) Brownies: Huskar Community Rooms

Tracey Hinchliffe tel: 01226 790055

### Childminders

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

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## Environment/Local interest

### 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)

### 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

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## 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

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### Silkstone Common Methodist Church

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

Contact for Hall bookings 01226 790461



## Embrace Transport Service

### What is Embrace Transport Service

We are a specialist NHS neonatal and paediatric critical care transport service hosted by Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust and based in Dodworth. Our dedicated teams move newborn babies and critically ill children between hospitals by road and air ambulance, so that they can receive specialist care.

The aim is to transfer children from Yorkshire and the Humber while providing the same high standards of care that they would receive in a specialist hospital.

Embrace work in partnership with Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, who provide 4 specialist mobile intensive care ambulances and one rapid response vehicle.

One of our key partners is The Children's Air Ambulance (TCAA), a charitable provider of two state of the art AW169 helicopters specially designed to transfer newborn babies and children. It is this aircraft that will be landing in Silkstone to pick up or drop off our teams close to our base in Dodworth. This landing site will become a vital part of our work transferring patients a long distance for specialist care.

### Embrace aeromedical service

We have carried out 2 patient transfers where the helicopter has landed at Silkstone:



23 December 19 we landed in Silkstone to collect our team and equipment for a transfer between Oxford to Doncaster.

27 January 20 we landed at Silkstone to collect our team and equipment for a transfer between Grimsby and Wigan. The team and equipment were returned to Silkstone at the end of the transfer.

The helicopter transfers ensure the patients receive a speedy transfer to the correct specialist hospitals and receive excellent care during the transfer.



### Safety culture

Embrace has developed strong clinical governance structures focusing on safety and quality:

- Fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems for critical care transport by ground, rotary wing and fixed wing
- Regular review of transfers and flights
- Joint safety meetings with flight providers
- Incident reporting management

### What is the role of Embrace?

Most infants and children can be cared for close to home in their local hospitals, however there are some for whom this is not possible. Embrace provides a single point of contact by which clinicians caring for these infants and children can access regional

services, get advice and arrange transfers.

When a plan involves moving the infant or child to more specialist care, the transport consultant and nurse co-ordinator decide upon the makeup of the transport team to provide the best possible care during the journey. This will depend on the level of critical care that the infant or child requires. The sickest children would have a team consisting of a transport consultant, middle grade doctor or Advanced Nurse Practitioner working with a transport nurse and ambulance driver; a more routine transfer may involve a transport nurse and a driver.

On arrival at the referring hospital the Embrace team take a handover from the referring team before assessing the child. The child can be moved onto the transport equipment once the team are satisfied that the patient is stable. The journey can then begin. Wherever possible, Embrace encourages a parent to accompany their child during the journey. On arrival at the destination hospital the child is handed over to the receiving team and moved from the transport trolley into an appropriate bed or cot for their ongoing care. Once the transfer has been completed the Embrace team will liaise with the base to determine the next task to be completed.

We are grateful to the people of Silkstone in supporting Embrace and The Children's Air Ambulance.

**Ray Trent**  
**Embrace Call Centre Manager**



## Time to order your hanging basket again

Once again, the Parish Council would like to offer local businesses and individuals the opportunity to sponsor or dedicate one or more of the beautiful hanging baskets which will be displayed in Silkstone Common and Silkstone villages during the summer. Each of these special sponsored baskets will have a plaque with the sponsor's name and/or dedication on it.

We have managed to keep the cost fixed at £80 per basket for the fourth year running - payment can be made by cheque or BACS.

If you would like to renew your basket from 2019 please contact the Clerk at [silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com) or on 07947 545504.

For new sponsors please complete the following form and return to 8 The Meadows, Silkstone Common, S75 4SG or to [silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Can we also add in that due to popularity there are a limited number of new baskets available so this will be on a 'first come first served' basis.

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

Contact name, telephone number and e-mail:

\_\_\_\_\_

Wording for plaque

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Plaques will have space for wording such as 'Sponsored by Company name 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.**

