



British bluebells ‘mark’ ancient woodland

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Editorial

Welcome to the Spring 2023 edition of the Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter. 1st March is officially the beginning of Spring, we definitely could do with a few more sunny days with fluffy white clouds... I am sure it will be here soon.

This month's Newsletter has a different format, and size. We have an update from the Rev Canon (a humorous rendition of his story so far with us in the Parish), the Chair of the Parish Council (you will have an insight into what the Parish Council has been doing over the past few months), historical facts about the Glassworks in Silkstone, and updates about the Coffee mornings in Silkstone Common and Warm Welcome at Silkstone.

The Parish is having a Summer Fayre on 10th June 2023. Great news. The Parish also has a Gardening Competition, for the most colourful garden, adjudicated 23rd July 2023, by Mark Brailsford. So start saving your pennies for the Fayre and thinking about your colourful planting for the Garden Competition (please register to be part of the Competition).

If you have something you would like to share in the Newsletter or you have some photos from within the Parish to share, please send them to me sue@8highstreet.co.uk – thank you, really appreciate it.

Have a good Easter, and Spring!

Sue Williams

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EXPERIENCE!**

Canon Keith's Diary

It's about 9 months since I became Vicar of the Benefice of West Barnsley. This mouthful of a title just means I am Vicar of four parishes!

I have always found people quite curious about what a Vicar actually does....but most people are too shy to ask....

I look after Silkstone with Stainborough, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne and Dodworth....and all stops in between!

Here's a flavour of the past few months.

May 2022

The Great Move from the City commences. We have moved several times over the few years...6 to be precise. The usual conversation with Her Ladyship about clearing out 'your rubbish'. Rubbish?! Treasures!, I explain, and the chair with the broken leg and loose arm may well become a collectors item in future years. The battle continues but in the end I obey and several car boot loads of 'treasures' go reluctantly to the Charity Shop. (The Vicarage has a large loft....it was difficult getting the chair up there! Mind you I can't help but hear the words of the bible in my ear, *'Store not your treasure on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, but store your treasure in heaven where neither moth or rust doth corrupt'*the loft is nearer heaven, so I feel less guilty)

The Battle of the Brambles in the garden commences!

June 2022

The day of my installation arrives. It's a thrill to stand in Silkstone Church with my new parishioners, friends and family and be aware of the great history of the church. I ring the bell as part of the ceremony, as each priest going back to the 1300's has done. The tradition is that however many times it is rung are the years the vicar will stay...rang it 15 times...some smiled, some looked a bit apprehensive, *"oh dear, we've got him for a long time!"*

Work starts with a vengeance... huge amount of Christenings and weddings...It feels like everyone has been waiting for the new Vicar to arrive...the telephone never stops ringing.

Funerals come in and it is a privilege to be along side people in times of sorrow and in some small way able to bring comfort.

Something dangerous happened...Her Ladyship wanted to look in the loft....I changed the subject quickly....I live to store my treasures another day!

Still doing battle with the brambles!

July 2022

Phew! The heat...the church is cool, in temperature, not in welcome. We offer a 'cool space'. I begin to quickly learn rural ways....a tractor is not concerned that I may be late to Hoylandswaine....I learn great patience and slow down....I'll get there in the end.

Her Ladyship comments that my accent has changed...I've reverted back to my Barnsley roots (proud to have been Barnsley born and bred but been away for 40+ years)...I happily call Dodworth, Dod'ath....I have been corrected on occasions but any time or money spent on elocution lessons is a waste. Feeling very settled now I've found where the Chip Oil's are.

Still battling with the brambles!

August/September/October 2022

Getting to know people, loving having some time to stop and talk. Poppy, the vicarage dog, is getting to know the area, still not used to the parquet floor in the vicarage...Dog lovers will understand, but I can't keep carrying her around the house!

The Queen passes and a veil of sadness falls across the world as well as our Nation. My erstwhile Churchwarden and me find us at the crack of dawn hoisting the church flag at half mast. Thank you for your service Your Majesty - Rest in Peace.

The views from the tower are spectacular. So peaceful up there.

Harvest festivals arrive...blessing Harvest produce at local hostelry before auctioned for charity. Wonderful evening...never laughed so much...but doubt if I dare tell some of the jokes from the pulpit ...the Canon may risk getting fired! Good fun, Yorkshire humour and generosity.

Vicarage apple tree produces abundant crop...announce that if any fruit is taken I will exercise my right to the Priest's Tithe.... next few weeks, 4 jars of apple and Bramble jam, 2 Apple pies and three apple crumbles are found on doorstep with a note, 'Tithe duly paid'...I like West Barnsley!

Still doing battle with the brambles.

November/December 2022

Dark nights move in with a vengeance...after city living it's a real contrast. Love seeing light shining through the stained glass in the church of an evening. Advent moves swiftly through and I find myself at my first Christmas in the Benefice...I lose count of the carol services at church and school but a wave of joy and enjoyment carries me through.

Christmas afternoon...finally stop and recollect my thoughts and through the bottom of a glass of bubbly I look back with thankfulness and great sense of privilege to be able to work and serve in such a place.

I declare a Christmas truce in the Battle of the Brambles!

To be continued....as does *the Battle of the brambles!*



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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2023

PC meetings are advertised in both village notice boards and on the website. They are held on the first Monday in the month in Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

Dates for the next four months are:

Date	Meeting
3 rd April	PC
17 th April	Annual Parishioners
9 th May	Annual Council
5 th June	PC
10 th July	PC

Parish Council website and Facebook page

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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. The Parish Clerk is also the contact for the Facebook page

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Articles, events and adverts

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 Sue on

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The deadline for the next newsletter is
Friday 2nd June 2023.

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

What do you think about the new format for the newsletter?

Let us know:

- Do you like/dislike the size?
- What about layout? Is it easy to read or not?
- Is it attractive or not?

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A note about the judge

Mark Brailsford has kindly agreed to be our adjudicator for our Gardening Comp 2023. He has won 2 Gold Medals and 2 Silver Gilt Medals at Chelsea Flower show and taught Horticulture all his working life.

Silkstone Warm Welcome

Back in December the Parish Council decided they wanted to provide a warm and welcoming place for residents to get advice, have a cuppa and to help reduce loneliness and isolation of our Parishioners.

Silkstone Warm Welcome was started in January and continues fortnightly in the Huskar Rooms, behind the garage.

We regularly get 20 guests, the number grows ever time, and anyone from the parish can attend.

As well as parish councillors, we're inviting Age UK and our Ward Councillors to come and offer information and advice.

Please join us for a free cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Forthcoming dates are: -

April – 4th and 18th

May – 2nd, 16th and 30th

Richard Leech

Sudoku - answers on page 19

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Abigail Pilmay

Many people who live locally will have heard the name of Abigail Pilmay, and will associate her with glass making in the village, but who exactly was she, and how did a mere woman come to run such an industrial enterprise in 17th century England?

Abigail was christened in Penistone church in December 1620, and was one of several children of Richard Hawsworth, a local landowner/farmer. By the time Abigail had become a young woman in the 1640s, the English Civil War had begun, and one impact of the upheaval was that Parish registers were not maintained and many records were lost. We do know however, that by 1655 she was living in Silkstone and had had two children by her husband William Scott. The Scott family were prosperous landowners and farmers locally. When William died in 1655, and made his wife and mother executors of his estate until his children reached their majority, he placed a great deal of responsibility on his young widow's shoulders.

At about the same time, the Pilmay family arrived in Silkstone. They were French migrants who had moved to England probably at some time in the mid sixteenth century. Elizabeth I had encouraged continental immigrants skilled in glassmaking to set up works in this country, but they may also have moved to England to escape the Huguenot persecutions on the Continent.

There is evidence to indicate that the Pilmay, who were producing glass in Silkstone in the mid seventeenth century, were based in Shropshire at the turn of the 16th/17th centuries. The closure of the glassworks in Shropshire was almost certainly related to the ban of the use of timber as fuel for glassmaking which occurred in 1615, and glassworkers moved to areas which had ample supplies of coal and clay. Many glass workers moved to Stourbridge, but the de Howe and Pilmay families moved to Haughton Green, Manchester, an area where Puritanism was prevalent and where the population would be sympathetic to the views of the Huguenots. There are at least two marriages recorded between the de Howe and Pilmay families during their time at the Haughton Green glasshouse. The glassworks operated in Haughton Green until about 1653, when it was destroyed as the result of a skirmish during the English Civil War. The reason why John Pilmay senior, his wife Alice de Howe and children chose to move to Silkstone may well be related to the fact that Francis Bristow, the Earl of Strafford's glassmaker at Wentworth, had also married into the de Howe family. John would have heard about the potential of South Yorkshire, with its easy access to good coal for fuel and clay for crucibles.

The Pilmay family are first recorded in Silkstone in 1658 when John Pilmay junior married Abigail Scott, and a Glasshouse in Silkstone was certainly in operation by 1659 when Henry Power paid "two

shillings and six pence for fetching glasses from the Glasshouse in Silkstone". The glass works were built near the mill in Silkstone on land which was in the possession of the Scott family (presently the site of the Horsfield's Garden Centre). It is not known whether or not the marriage between Abigail and John Pilmay was a love match (he was about 18 years younger than his bride, no children were born of the marriage, and when Abigail died she was buried alongside her first husband), but it was certainly an astute business deal, and Abigail was obviously well respected by the Pilmay family. When her mother-in-law Alice (de Howe) Pilmay died in 1672, she made John Scott, (Abigail's son from her first marriage) the executor of her will.

Abigail's husband died in 1675, and after this she ran the Glassworks with her brother-in-law Peter Pilmay. She was actively involved in the running of the business and was one of the signatories to a petition against the Glass Tax in 1696. Abigail's will, written in 1696, gives some indication of the size of the manufactory - there were two glasshouses: a "green" house and a "white" house, which made a wide variety of glassware, including not only alkali glass for bottles and window glass, but also lead glass for wine glasses etc. The will also details materials used in the manufacture of glass, with which Abigail was obviously familiar.

Following the deaths of Peter Pilmay in 1697 and Abigail in 1698, glassmaking

continued for a while - certainly into the early 1700s under the supervision of Francis Morton, another glass maker, who had married one of Abigail's granddaughters. But by 1748, deeds refer to "the old Glasshouse", and the first documentary record of a pottery in Silkstone occurs in deeds dated 1754, for potovens, a house and cornmill on land still owned by a member of the Scott family.

Example of the type of wine bottle made in Silkstone



Glassmaking in Silkstone may only have lasted for about 50 years, but it marked the true beginning of what became one of South Yorkshire's major heavy industries, and it is remarkable to think that a local woman was instrumental in helping to make the venture the success it was.

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Recipe of the season - Sardinesca

There are lots of variations of pasta with sardines. This is one my son-in-law made for us on a holiday in Wales. It's cheap quick and easy.

Prep and Cooking time 15 mins

Serves 2

Ingredients

- 4-8 oz (150-225 g) dried linguine or other pasta of your choice
- 1 x 120 g tin of sardines in olive oil, well drained and the fish flaked into bite-sized pieces
- 1 tablespoon sardine oil, reserved from the tin for frying
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped (use a mild salad chilli if you don't like heat)
- 1 tablespoon salted capers, rinsed and patted dry (Optional)
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 7 oz (200 g) tinned Italian chopped tomatoes, well drained, or 4 medium, ripe tomatoes, skinned and diced
- a few fresh basil leaves, roughly torn, to garnish (Optional)
- salt and freshly milled black pepper

Method

First of all you need to cook the pasta.

Always use a large cooking pot and plenty of water. Bring the water up to a good fierce boil before the pasta goes in and cook it for 8-12 minutes until al dente.



Meanwhile, heat the tablespoon of sardine oil in a small frying pan, fry the garlic and chilli for about 4 minutes, until softened, then add the tomatoes, sardines and capers and gently heat them through, stirring occasionally. Taste and season with salt and freshly milled black pepper.

When the pasta is ready, drain it into a colander, then quickly return it to the saucepan. Add the sauce, toss it around thoroughly for 30 seconds or so, then serve in hot pasta bowls with the torn basil sprinkled over.

Options

The amount of pasta is your choice. Most packets say 75 gms per person.

For added zing try adding one or two chopped anchovies.

For added crunch try adding olives or croutons.

No reason why you shouldn't add parmesan instead of basil leaves for an extra topping.

Linda with help from Magnus

CARE Spring 2023

1. Orchard Wood

You may recall from our last update that we have plans to upgrade the access pathways into Orchard Wood, making it easier for pushchair and wheelchair users to access this lovely wooded area.

We are pleased to report that work has commenced. We initially ordered a small amount of road shavings, well about 10 tonnes actually ! We needed to work out our process and if this surface would be aesthetically pleasing in Orchard Wood. Thanks for the help of a few volunteers we believe we were successful in creating a weather proof footpath. The one in the photographs leads into the wood from Woodland View side.



The next stage was to improve the path from the Moored Lane entrance. And so, we had another 10 tons delivered.

Regular users of the wood will have noticed that the gate has been “work in progress” over the last few weeks.

We are nearly there. Thanks to the contribution from the PC handyman, Stewart, and CARE volunteers we now have a new gate which can be easily accessed by pushchair and wheelchair users.



By the time you read this we will have made a start on improving the path from Moored Lane include the access through the new gate. Here are a couple of photos



showing work in progress and what the path is like now.

Over time it will bed down and be smoother.

The next phase will be to continue the path up to the steps, also providing a firm base round the bench. And then we plan to repair the wooden steps further into the wood.

2. Working with Silkstone Pre-School

We are always happy for new recruits to join the CARE team, and we will go to any length to attract new members. Even long term resource strategies have been adopted ! We are delighted that we will be working with Silkstone pre-school over the coming weeks/months. We have moved a planter from behind the co-op and placed this near the playground opposite the pre-school. (photo)

This prompted us to contact the pre-school and offer our help in re-planting the three large planters already in situ. We will be working with our new recruits, children aged between 2 and 4, planting these up and creating colourful interest for this area.

3. Spring Colour

You can't help but notice the spring colour around our villages. We planted over 2000 bulbs last autumn and we are starting to see the benefits of this effort. In addition we were fortunate to receive a donation of bulbs from The Range (due to

be disposed of) we also planted these, perhaps later than ideal, but if not this year, we are sure they will add to the spring cheer next year.



4. Great British Spring Clean

We will be joining the Great British Spring Clean, please get involved and help us keep our villages clean and tidy and free from litter. Dates to be advertised around the villages in due course.

5. Dog Poo

CARE is made up of a group of volunteers from both villages. We thoroughly enjoy what we do and are delighted with the positive feedback we receive. However, we are not responsible for picking up *dog poo*.

It saddens us to see poo bags left / thrown / piled up rather than placed in one of the numerous bins around the villages.



Please dog owners, help us keep our villages looking great. We know we have many dogs in both villages, it's great to see residents getting exercise as they take their dogs out and about, but please act responsibly and take your dog poo home or put it in a bin. Like all things in life, we are appealing to the minority here, we know that many of our dog lovers do act appropriately.

6. Co-Op Community Fund Spending money can help everyone !



Please sign up to the Co-op community fund. Every time you purchase a co-op product (at Silkstone Garage or in Penistone) a contribution is made to CARE - as at late February we have earned over £130 - just by residents spending in their local shop.

Susan Dunwell

Silkstone Common Tea Room

A lovely relaxed Fortnightly gathering for the community of Silkstone Common and the surrounding area. Scrumptious homemade bakes and hot beverages while catching up with friends.

Everyone welcome.

Would be great to see some friendly faces joining us.

We will be putting April and May dates up on the community and Parish Council facebook pages and the church hall noticeboard.

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Coronation Weekend

Buckingham Palace has announced details on the ceremonial, celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023.

The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. As previously announced, the Service will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.

Across the Coronation Weekend, there will be further opportunities for people to come together in celebration of the historic occasion. On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle by the BBC and BBC Studios, with several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via public ballot.

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the same date.



On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas (The Silkstone Parish Council will be organising a Big Help Out in the Parish – see Silkstone Parish Council Facebook page/Silkstone and Silkstone Common Community Facebook page).

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort hope the Coronation Weekend will provide an opportunity to spend time and celebrate with friends, families and communities across the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. Their Majesties are looking forward to marking the occasion with the public throughout 2023.

Sue Williams

Chairman's letter March 2023

Welcome to the Spring edition of the newsletter and I think you'll notice a different style to it.

The Winter newsletter was the last one edited by Meryl Liddell who stepped down as editor. Meryl started in June 2015 so thank you very much to her, you're due a well-deserved rest.

This is the first edition edited by Sue, so welcome, I'm certain you'll be ably assisted by Linda who has composed/produced the newsletter for years.

Sue has just left the parish council, so I thank her for all her contributions and efforts there and for continuing to support the parish by becoming our new editor of the newsletter.

As you've read earlier in the newsletter the Warm Welcome is going from strength to strength.

Staffed by volunteers this is a great asset for our community that is open to everyone.

Something that is a major issue throughout the parish is speeding vehicles. The Parish Council has been working with BMBC, and, with the support of our MP and Ward Councillors, three of the major roads into the Silkstone and Silkstone Common will have their speeds reduced. This is a continuation of a programme the Parish Council is undertaking to make the roads safer in our villages.

In May there are local elections, and the Parish Council has vacancies. If you would like to stand for council please see the article on page 9.

I hope you enjoy the new newsletter.

Richard Leech

Chair to Silkstone Parish Council

Sudoku - answers from page 9

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'Learn, Laugh, Live' is the motto of the national u3a, and it truly represents the spirit of Barnsley and District u3a (Bu3a). Founded in 1996, it offers retired and semi-retired people a range of over 120 activities or interest groups with a membership currently over 1300.



There are 17 different types of group that members can choose from. Social, artistic, craft, dining out, computer and IT as well as sporting and outdoor groups. In Bu3a, an outdoor group could be one of the 10 different walking groups, ranging from the sedate to the challenging, or it could mean the Gardening, Exploring Barnsley or NatureQuest.

If foreign languages appeal to you we cover French, German, Italian and Spanish. Musical groups include the Choir, the ukulele 'Stringalongs' group, Beginners Guitar, Sing n Strum, Recorders and Flutes Galore. I could go on, but the list would seem endless, with new, exciting groups being formed all the time. Newcomers will often come to their first New Members

Meeting with new ideas and Bu3a helps to develop the idea to come to fruition.

Once a month, we have our Monthly Meeting. Here members can listen to interesting speakers, both local and beyond, take part in quizzes and keep up to date with any notices from the committee. Highlights from last year include a visit from local poet, Ian McMillan and our own brass ensemble 'The Old Blowers', giving a spectacular Christmas concert. Martin Lunn, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, gave us a 'Hitchhikers Guide to the Cosmos'.



People are learning new skills, this is true, but the laughing and the living bits are at the forefront of all we do at Bu3a. There is a category entitled Socialising, but all groups could be classified as 'socialising'. I run a Ceilidh Band and though we do a great deal of playing, there is a joy in meeting people and sharing a common interest. I'm sure that members of all groups feel the same way.

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Insect of the season

Buff-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus terrestris*)

Several bee species are active from March and April, including the Buff-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus terrestris*), named after the buff-brown tail of the quite sizeable queen.

Buff-tailed Bumblebees are a widespread and abundant species, found in a wide range of habitats across the UK. Less abundant in Scotland than it is in England, but has been increasing in recent years. In cities in the southern UK the species is becoming winter-active, with nest establishment in October-November and workers flying all winter, feeding particularly on Mahonia bushes.

It is a large bee with dark yellow bands at the front of the thorax and middle of the abdomen, queens are the only ones which actually have buff-coloured tails: workers and males have white tails and can be difficult to distinguish from White Tailed Bumble bees (there are three species of these, the similarities explain why I spent a lot of time failing to spot buff-tailed bumblebees last year!). Male Buff-tailed bumblebees often have a narrow but distinct yellow-buff band at the front of the tail.

They, like all other early insects need sources of pollen – so DON'T pull up those dandelions – they are a vital food source for insects in early spring. Other early

flowering plants such as 'Pussy willow', cherry plum (with either white or pink blossom), blackthorn and lesser celandine are also really important.

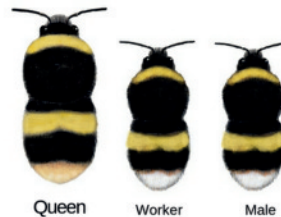
Pussy Willows are either male or female. The bright yellow catkins are male (the yellow is pollen) and this is a vital source of protein for female insects that need to mature their eggs. Most early spring insects mated the previous summer or autumn but their ovaries require a lot of protein to produce viable eggs. The green pussy willow catkins are female and are a rich source of nectar, the sugary liquid that gives spring insects the energy they need to forage and stay warm.

Looks after the spring blossoms to look after bumblebees and other insects.

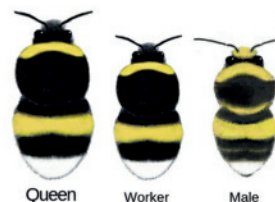
To learn more about bees visit

<https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org>

Linda Marsh



Buff-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus terrestris*)



White-tailed bumblebee (*Bombus lucorum*)

Benefice of West Barnsley

Lent Course 2023



*Canon Keith Farrow will be leading an informal
Lent Course exploring four encounters with Christ
from the Gospel of St John*

Tuesday 14 March
7.00 – 8.00 pm
St John the Baptist Church,
Dodworth

No wine? – No whine
John 2:1-12

Tuesday 21 March
7.00 – 8.00 pm
All Saints' Church, Silkstone

Jesus and the Snap Tin
John 6:1-15

Tuesday 28 March
7.00 – 8.00 pm
St John the Evangelist Church
Hoylandswaine

Heaven Scent
John 12:1-12

Tuesday 4 April
7.00 – 8.00 pm
All Saints' Church, Cawthorne

Pete and his Feet
John 13:1-22

International Women's Day 8th March 2023

International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The 2023 theme is #EmbraceEquity.



There have been huge strides over the past decade regarding Women's equality, however, there are still many significant inequalities to address.

There are so many reasons we celebrate women's achievements and this is why each year people around the globe come together to celebrate International Women's Day.



The idea is to celebrate the achievements of women in all areas of society.

IWD organisers have focused on several areas, in particular:

- Women and Technology
- Women At Work
- Women Forging Change
- Women Creatives
- Women's Empowerment
- Women's Health
- Women and Sport

The logo for 2023 International Women's Day is made to symbolise the hope and action surrounding women's equality. The International Women's Day logo is a looping arrow which is circled with the female gender symbol at the inset (see above).

The official IWD website stated "The aim of the IWD 2023 #EmbraceEquity campaign theme is to get the world talking about why equal opportunities aren't enough. People start from different places, so true inclusion and belonging require equitable action. Equity isn't just a nice-to-have, it's a must-have. A focus on gender equity needs to be part of every society's DNA. And it's critical to understand the difference between equity and equality'.

Sue Williams

Dog attacks

34% increase recorded by police in England and Wales

The number of dog attacks recorded by police in England and Wales has risen by more than a third in the past five years, a BBC investigation has found.

Last year, there were nearly 22,000 cases of out-of-control dogs causing injury. In 2018, there were just over 16,000.

The UK's dog population is estimated to have risen by only 15% in that time.

Police say they've seen more reports of dangerous dogs as a result of specific work by specialist officers.

The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) says forces across the UK have been focusing on dog attacks.

Did you know dogs which cause death or injury to a person or an assistance dog must be recorded by police - but other incidents, for example a dog attacking another animal, or nuisance and anti-social dogs, don't have to be reported. As a result, these may not be included in the FOI figures.

The number of dogs removed from their owners by police has also risen, according to the FOI data obtained by the BBC. Nearly 3,500 dogs were seized in 2022 across 33 force areas - up 36% from 2018 figures.

Most are because animals are deemed 'out of control' - but there are other reasons. For example, some might be strays or taken from people about to go into prison.

'It's busier than we've ever known,' says Paul Jameson, a specialist dog legislation officer for South Yorkshire Police. He says there has been an increase in dog numbers since the time before Covid.

Dr Rachel Casey - director of Canine Behaviour and Research at the animal welfare charity, Dogs Trust - says dog aggression normally happens because of anxiety or worry.

'Their ears might go back and their body posture changes. Owners need to be able to identify these signs.'

Deputy Chief Constable Robert Carden has said *'Incidents can often be very alarming, but I want to reassure people that we are taking the matter seriously and we are cracking down on those who own or breed dangerous dogs.'*

We continue to ask members of the public who know of dangerous dog ownership to contact police on 101 or in an emergency always call 999.'

Based on an article on the BBC

Sue Williams

Badly behaved dogs reported locally - dogs that bite are dangerous! So is dog poo!

Around 11am this morning [redacted] was on the TPT as usual walking back towards Silkstone Common from from Dodworth when an elderly couple were walking towards him with [redacted] dogs off the lead. The two small spaniel type cross dogs approached him seemingly friendly but the black one bit into his calf leaving a 4cm wound requiring a visit to the doctors for treatment. The owners did not even stop and apologise just continued on their walk ... the elderly had a pronounce limp. Posting here just to make folk aware as could have been very nasty had it been a child 😞



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Just followed a couple with pushchair and about [redacted] all running round off lead on trail and watched basically every one of the dogs take a 🐞 why have so many dogs if you can't be arsed to pick up after any of them



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Badly behaved dogs reported locally - Be aware - Farmers can legally kill dogs they see chasing their sheep!

Polite notice to all dog walkers using Champany Hill/Hall Royd Lane. There was an incident today where a dog was chasing the pregnant ewes around the field near the Reservoir House. This has lead to the ewes being chased & perified, leading to 2 ewes escaping the field, one has been returned to the field the other ewe has yet to be caught as it has run down to Dodworth. It's not just the fact that the sheep have escaped the field, the ewes had to jump the electric fence & the post and rail fence causing stress to the sheep & even more detriment to the unborn lambs. Running heavily pregnant ewes can cause (slipped lambs) Aborted Lambs!! Please keep your dogs on the lead in this area & any other area if your dogs cannot be controlled !! If anyone knows who the culprit was please get in touch. Thank you



10 comments



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Local Organisations

Music

Old Silkstone Band

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

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse
Green Institute at 7.30. Secretary: Richard
Craven 07895 555113
EMail :- richard.c.craven@outlook.com
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://silkstoneprimary.com/>

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

Heritage Silkstone

Local and family history on your
doorstep. We meet in Silkstone church
every Wednesday between 10am to
2pm. Website address
www.heritagesilkstone.co.uk .

Facebook page [Heritage Silkstone](#).

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

Local Organisations

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:

Junior Co-ordinator – Lee Willford 07931 298213 - lee.willford@gmail.com

Under 17 Manager – Phil Mosley 07973 757403

SUCC Senior / Main Contact – Kevin Taylor 07462 877416

kevin.taylor@plascompo.com

Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : [Silkstone UTD C.C.](https://www.facebook.com/SilkstoneUTDCC)

Twitter : @SilkstoneCC

Silkstone Common Sports & Recreation Association

Secretary - David O'Connor 07415781796
scssc1926@gmail.com

Barnsley BSAC Divers

Meets every Tuesday 7:30 onwards in the Boardroom at the Metrodome. Try Dives can also be booked. Gift packs available.

Contact: Dave on 07783 291955 or visit the website

www.barnsleybsacdippers.co.uk

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

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Wake, Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator

janicewake@btinternet.com

07540957639

Local Organisations

Children

Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

Ofsted registered offering Full Day Care, Sessional Care, Wrap around Care for children up to 11 years. Term time open Mon-Thur 7.30am to 5:30 pm, Fri 7:30-5:00. Holiday club also, hours vary.

Email silkstonepreschoolpg@gmail.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

Childminders

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

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

Beaver Scouts: Boys and Girls, 6-8 yrs, 18:30-19:30 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

For general enquiries regarding Scout issues please contact to Rob Flewitt Group Scout Leader:

rob.flewitt@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

For all member enquiries please email: sian.eccersley@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

or rob.flewitt@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

63rd Barnsley (Silkstone) Brownies: Huskar Community Rooms

Tracey Hinchliffe tel: 01226 790055

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

Local Organisations

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:

Susan Wareham 07973 310925
susanwareham@talktalk.net

Karen Gorman 07788 185502
kgorman963@btinternet.com

Linda Marsh 07792321829
lmxx.13@gmail.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

Facebook

Silkstone/Silkstone Common Village News and Community Group

Facebook community group for locals
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/860075201163623>

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Services are held as follows.

First Sunday of the month: 9.30am at St John's Dodworth, 11.00am at All Saints Cawthorne

Second Sunday of the month: 9.30am at All Saints, Silkstone, 11.00am at St John's Hoylandswaine

Third Sunday of the month: 9.30am at St John's Dodworth, 11.00am at All Saints Cawthorne

Fourth Sunday of the month: 9.30am at All Saints, Silkstone, 11.00am at St John's Hoylandswaine

When there are five Sundays in a month, a united service will be held at one of the four churches at 10.30am. See the church noticeboard for details.

For more information, please contact the Benefice Administrator, Mrs Loraine Wills by emailing:

beneficewestbarnsley@hotmail.com

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Currently closed for worship. Open for community use.

Contact for Hall bookings Keith Jowett
 01226 790461

Silkstone Bell Ringers

Contact: Mrs J Jennings
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juliajennings27@gmail.com

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