

# Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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### New Community project for Silkstone Common

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## A word from the Chair

Welcome to the summer 2019 Silkstone Parish Newsletter. In this edition we publish the Parish Council Annual Report and the annual accounts summary, they can be found on pages 7, 8 and 9. Please take the time to read the annual report, it gives a flavour of what has been happening in the parish over the last twelve months. Unfortunately, it is not possible to mention everything that has taken place, but as editor I do try to cover most of the events taking place across the parish. If you are holding an event or have any news you would like to share with everyone, please email me at [Meryl.liddell@btinternet.com](mailto:Meryl.liddell@btinternet.com) and I will do my very best to include it. There is also a copy of the Parish Council accounts for 2018/19, with short overview by Richard Bell the parish council's Responsible Finance Officer and Clerk, explaining the figures.

There is also news of what could be an exciting development on Silkstone Common Recreation Ground, see page 13. This is something we can all follow with interest. Our resident chef has out done himself, the Chelsea Buns, look so yummy I may try to make some myself, so watch out Derek! (page 10). As we move into summer, you should have a look at page 5 where there is some great advice about keeping your garden looking at its best throughout the summer.

On 31 August we will be holding our second summer fair, please have a look at the back page to get a flavour of what will be happening. There will be lots of different stalls, Old Silkstone Band will be there, a demonstration of dance from the Maria Penrose School of Dance and much, much more. Watch the Summer Fair Facebook page to keep up to date as more and more news becomes available.

Finally, I'm sorry, but I must finish on something that is not quite so positive, I was informed this evening about an incident in the car park near the Huskar Rooms that was serious enough for the police to be called. I applaud the people that had the courage to call the police and hope that this may act as a deterrent to those who would like to besmirch the fabulous community we live in. I hope we all would have come forward and done the same.

Hope you all have a great summer!

*Meryl*

**Silkstone CARE Group News**

**Annual Geranium Planting**

Every year the CARE Group plant over 300 geraniums purchased by the Parish Council and planted in our public spaces, planters and flowerbeds we look after in both villages. This year we took delivery over the bank holiday weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May and were joined by some of Silkstone’s Beaver Group and their parents to help us. Not only did they help us plant the geraniums but they also very enthusiastically got stuck into some general gardening, including clearing a lot of overgrowing ivy.

Our thanks go to Jennifer, Harry, Josh, Owen, and Dylan (I hope I have spelt your names correctly!) and their parents in making our routine work session more fun than normal.

We use geraniums mainly because of their ability to cope with dry conditions, although last year we lost a few over what was a very hot summer. Whilst we try to keep them watered during such periods volunteer time is limited so we would be delighted if any individuals found the time to do some impromptu watering of their own in any planter or flowerbed near to you. We have a number of residents who do just that and keep the flowers looking their best.



**School visit's**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April a number of CARE members joined Barry Eldred, the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire in visiting both our local Junior and Primary schools. Barry gave a short talk about the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service and the work of the Sheriff’s office in supporting community development and community initiatives across the South Yorkshire. He introduced Graham Wells, our past chair, who gave a short, interactive and very animated (!) talk about the work of Silkstone CARE Group across the two villages. Both speakers, very bravely, took questions from the children present – who were brilliant and asked some very thoughtful questions as well as being very keen to see the High Sheriff’s ceremonial sword.

My thanks go to Barry, the two Heads of School, Sally Adams and Simon Tabbner, and John Bennet – who organised everything - for what were great visits, one of the highlights being the song sung to us by the children at Silkstone School at the end of our session. Lovely!

**Great British Spring Clean 2019 – Litter Pick**

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March and again on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> &

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April members of Silkstone CARE Group joined Councillors from Silkstone Parish Council and members of the public in the national community litter pick organised by Silkstone Parish Council and sponsored by the Keep Tidy Britain Group.

Over the two weekends we managed to collect over 50 bin bags of rubbish off the streets, public places and woodlands across Silkstone and Silkstone Common. We collected a huge amount of disposable (!) coffee cups, discarded crisp packets, energy drink sachets, bottles, cigarette packets and drinks cans. Some of the more unusual finds included a kitchen sink (oh yes), a car battery and a large bra!

Nationally, over **563,000** people, including **175,000 students**, volunteered their time to take part in the 2019 campaign - **the biggest ever!** Cleaning up streets, parks and beaches, across the country, which included:

- **17,097 clean-ups** held and **957,377 bags of litter** collected - that's **239,344 wheelie bins** full of rubbish or **4,308 tonnes** worth.
- Around 61% of the litter collected was 'general waste' and approximately **39% has been recycled** (18% plastic, 21% aluminium).
- Over **1.1 million hours** were dedicated to the campaign -



equivalent in time to **128.5 years** (24/7)\*. (\*Information from [keepbritain tidy.org](http://keepbritain tidy.org))

Many thanks to all who took part and to Richard Bell for organising things on our community's behalf.

### New Silkstone CARE Tuesday Group

The Tuesday Group will be led by Susan and/or Gill and is a group who will meet on a Tuesday every month or so, usually in the morning. The Group is for those who find it difficult to devote time at the weekend but want to get involved, and whose work will concentrate on maintaining the planters and flowerbeds, footpath clearing and general tidying across Silkstone and Silkstone Common in addition to the work already in our existing Work Programme.

Existing and new members are welcome to join. The sessions usually run from 9.30am to 12noon. If you require any further information, see the contact details below.

### Bird boxes in Silkstone Common

Some of you may have noticed some new bird boxes going up in Orchard Wood and the Recreation Ground. Richard, one of our Group members, has built and placed the boxes with the help of children and staff at Silkstone Common Junior and Infant School.

He has also placed an owl box with a local farmer and two swift boxes on a resident's house – for species which are under increasing threat and in decline. Many thanks Richard.

### June Fieldsend

The Group were saddened to learn of June's passing recently. June was a long term member and supporter of Silkstone CARE Group along with her husband, Tony. Both were regular contributors and litter pickers and were asked to be our representatives to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party following the Group's award of the Queen's Award for Community Service.

Our very best wishes go to Tony and his family.

### Next Events

- **Tuesday 9 July** – Tuesday Group - Silkstone Common - under the Huskar (railway) bridge, footpath clearing, rockery etc. Meet at the Huskar bridge at 9.30am.
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – tidying and maintenance at Jays Wood, Silkstone Common. Meet at the Wood at 10am.
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** – maintenance of Station Gardens, Orchard Wood, planters and flowerbeds and litter picking in Silkstone Common – meet Station car park 10am
- **Tuesday 13 August** – Tuesday Group - location and work tbc nearer the time. Meet 10am.
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August** – maintenance of Hillside, Bernard's Place and the Chestnuts in Silkstone.
- **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August** – Silkstone Parish Summer Fair – Silkstone Recreation Ground.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Tuesday Group - location and work tbc nearer the time. Meet 10am.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Silkstone CARE Group AGM, Silkstone Common, Methodist Chapel, 7pm onwards

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

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#### Tuesday group

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*Bill Barkworth*

### Silkstone Primary School

As a school we have participated in the Great British Clean up and have been working with Twiggs to improve our local environment. This has involved litter picking and tidying up in various locations including along the Waggonway, around the park area and village footpaths.



The children have really enjoyed being outside and working together to help our community. Citizenship is one of our key curriculum drivers at Silkstone Primary and involvement in caring for the local environment has given our children the opportunity to be active citizens.



*Sally Adams*

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- Average water use in Northern Ireland is 145 litres per person per day
- One cotton t-shirt has about 25 baths full of water embedded in it
- Human Blood is 83% water
- Over 90% of the world's supply of fresh water is located in Antarctica

**Want to find out more about why it's worth saving water and how to do it?**

- Visit <https://www.waterwise.org.uk>

## Summer in your garden

Well, what a fantastic Spring we have had. It's all go now however, planting up our baskets and tubs for the summer floral display, which I hope will be a long one. Once planted and out enjoying the sunshine watering is one of the main priorities for plants at this time of year. If you like long breaks away from home you need to "butter up" the neighbours and ask them to pop round every other day and water your hanging baskets and tubs.

If you don't get on with your neighbours, make sure you invest in a watering system or fill your baskets and tubs with geraniums only, as these plants will stand a week of drought.



Avoid Surfinia petunias though as in really hot weather a Surfinia basket needs to be watered twice a day. To keep your baskets and tubs looking great throughout the summer and looking amazing towards the end of it, liquid feed with high potash feed twice a week when watering.

In our family we've always referred to watering as an art form as there is a little bit of a knack to it. To get it right you

need to know how much to water various plant types (which takes a little bit of getting used to), the time of year, the weather and your soil conditions. In summer water in the early morning or late evening to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and reduced evaporation. Water slowly, deeply and avoid water runoff. If a basket has dried out, water it thoroughly, then again in 1 to 2 hours to make sure it is really moist. Watering is a big trial and error basis, but the plants will let you know when you get it wrong!

### Reminders for summer

- Liquid feed baskets and tubs twice a week
- Deadhead roses, this encourages a new flush of blooms
- Keep nipping the tips out of your herbs to encourage bushy growth
- Prune early large flower clematis to encourage a smaller flush of flower in autumn.
- Mow the lawn on a regular basis
- Regularly dead-head container and basket plants
- Feed roses to encourage more flowering
- Keep supporting and training climbers

*Emma Horsfield, Horsfields Nursery, Pot House Hamlet*

## Wentworth Castle Gardens - Open again

By the time you read this the castle gardens will have been open again for about 3 weeks. They've been closed since 2017 when the trust running them got into financial difficulties. Now with a lease taken by the National Trust they are open again for us all to enjoy. This is the first National Trust property in South Yorkshire. The gardens are also the only Grade 1 listed gardens in South Yorkshire'

If you're new to the area you may know that Wentworth is home to 3 national collections of plants; Magnolias, Rhododendrons and Hardy Hybrid Rhododendrons, and Williamsii Hybrid Camellias. There are over 100 species of magnolias, including wild and naturally occurring species. There are more than 30 different species of wild rhododendrons and over 100 species of Williamsii camellias.

Plan a visit - take a picnic - there's plenty of space and fantastic views. Enjoy the folly, the conservatory and the plants!

*Linda Marsh*



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### A new Parish Councillor

My name is Peter Millar, I am married to Debra and have one son currently attending Penistone Grammar taking his GCSEs at the moment. I am from Edinburgh but have lived in the village for the last 8 years. We have been made very welcome here, so I decided to join the Parish Council to give something back. We have beautiful rolling countryside with local amenities and many nearby businesses which brought me to the village originally. I currently work in IoT (Internet of Things) specifically in the Smart Home. I am looking forward to serving on the Parish Council and am very impressed with current council team and some of the presentations given by members of the public at recent Parish meetings



*Peter Millar*



## Silkstone Parish Council Annual Report 2018-2019

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### Parish Council Meeting dates for remainder of 2019.

2 July

3 September

1 October

5 November

3 December

All meetings to be held at the Silkstone Sports Pavilion from 6.45PM.

### An overview by the Chair from the Annual Parishioners' meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019:-

"I would like to start as usual by thanking all the parish councillors for all their hard work over the past twelve months. Parish councillors volunteer and give their time freely, all attending not just the regular monthly parish council meetings, but lots of other events and meetings between those meetings, always trying to improve the lives and environment for everyone living in the parish. I am proud to say that over the last twelve months they have an 85% attendance record for the monthly parish council meetings was achieved.

The last twelve months has seen lots of changes, mostly good, but some sad and unexpected. The passing away of Councillor Andrew Browell in January shook us all and both my personal condolences and that of the whole Parish Council go out to Andrew's family. We have also had a

change of Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Karen Canadine left us for pastures new after 11 years. I would like to thank Karen for all her hard work and wish good luck and best wishes in her new role with Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for all their hard work, particularly Richard Leech, who as Vice Chair has helped and supported me over the last twelve months. Councillors Debra Smith, Ron Stier, Alan Thompson and Derek Liddell have all worked tirelessly supporting the Parish Council whilst also doing their best to help and support the community. I would like to thank Chrissie Yates for her contribution to the Parish Council over the last twelve months. Chrissie has recently moved out of the parish, so is now not eligible to stand. I would at this time also like to say hello to Peter Millar. Peter has recently joined the Parish Council and I look forward to working with him in the future. The current members of the Parish Council recently stood again in the local elections and were returned unopposed. We all look forward to serving you for the next four years. We also said goodbye to Richard Bell as a Parish Councillor, and I thank him for his contributions as a councillor. On the upside Richard is still very much part of the Parish Council and is now our Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer; welcome Richard in your change of role, I look forward and hope to be working with you for a long time to come.

Our Ward Councillors, Robert Barnard, John Wilson and Paul Hand-Davies, continue to support the Parish Council and the parishioners of Silkstone Parish. All have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Parish, representing us at the highest levels at Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Thank you all for your hard work.

Thank you to David Hughes, our internal auditor for your continued contribution. Thank you again for your help and advice it has been greatly appreciated. I would again like to give heartfelt thanks to Linda Marsh, without her help the Parish Newsletter would never be published. Carl Brown, continues to work with the Parish Council and continues to work hard within the parish, I hope our working relationship continues. Finally I would also like to thank our colleagues at BMBC for the help and support they have given to the Parish Council over the last twelve months.

The Silkstone CARE group and Silkstone in Bloom have worked tirelessly throughout the parish again this year, their ongoing work program across the Parish is one of the main reasons the two villages look as attractive as they do. I would like to congratulate the group on achieving both, The Duke of York Community Initiative Award and The Queens Award for Voluntary Services. This is a massive achievement,

both I, and the Parish Council are proud to have been part, albeit a very small part, of their success.

Hanging baskets are again individually sponsored, thank to everyone who has sponsored a basket and contributed to the ambiance of both the villages.

The Parish Council continues to support our community groups offering grants of up to £400. This year just under £3000 has been given to various community groups across the parish.

It has been an eventful year. One of the highlights was the 'Huskar 180', this commemorated 180 years since the dreadful disaster that took the lives of 26 young people, the youngest of whom was seven years and the eldest was only ten years his senior. Several events took place between 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July which included the unveiling of three community gardens, a fantastic floral display in the church, a drama held in two parts; part one at Silkstone Common J & I School, then part two held in the Red Lion Public House car park. The week culminated in a reception and very special service at the Church which was attended by over 90 descendants of the original families. The success of the week was a testament to the hard work of all those involved.

We were very proud to have been selected as one of the villages the Tour de Yorkshire passed through. The weather was kind making it a great day out for many members of the community, with a few of our budding photographers taking some brilliant photographs.

There were events in memory of the ending of the Great War. 120 men from the Parish answered the call to arms with 15 never returning. The Parish Council has sponsored the purchase of two English oak trees and memorial signs dedicated to those brave men.

The Parish Council has several allotments all of which are currently rented out to allotment holders, who spend many happy hours on their plots. At the time of writing this report there are currently 17 people waiting for the chance to have an allotment to work.

The Huskar Community Rooms continue to go from strength to strength, the group who manages the rooms are proud of the successes they have celebrated over the last twelve months. The rooms boast a wide range of activities including yoga, craft, a dance school, scouts, brownies and many more. It is also a successful venue for birthday parties, hog roasts and BBQs to mention a few of the activities. The Huskar Committee has recently purchased amongst other things air conditioning for the dance studio and CCTV to help protect the building.

The success of 'Silkstone Luncheon Club' should also be celebrated for having also achieved The Duke of York Community Initiative Award. This group goes largely unsung

but are a vital in helping our older residents avoid social exclusion. They run a minibus around the parish picking up residents to the luncheon club having a lovely meal at the Station Inn, Silkstone Common.

Another group is the 'Good Companions', this group has been meeting for almost 60 years and is open to all. They meet monthly and have a wide and varied agenda throughout the year including days out, a musical sing a long, a ukulele band and a strawberry fair to name but a few. I know that new members will be made very welcome.

Looking forward, next year will hold new challenges for the Parish Council who will continue to work hard to ensure the best outcomes for Silkstone Parish

The writing and approval of a Neighbourhood Plan is still something the Parish Council would like to achieve. The importance of a neighbourhood plan cannot be over emphasised, as it will help to ensure the two villages in the parish develop in a way, we as residents, want to see.

We will also be holding a Summer Fair again in the coming year on Silkstone Playing Fields. Please watch out in the newsletter, notice boards, website the summer fair Facebook page for more information.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone in the parish for the support you have shown us the Parish Council. I am looking forward to the challenges over the next four years, but especially the next twelve months. I know there will be many more successes to report next year from our fabulous parish.

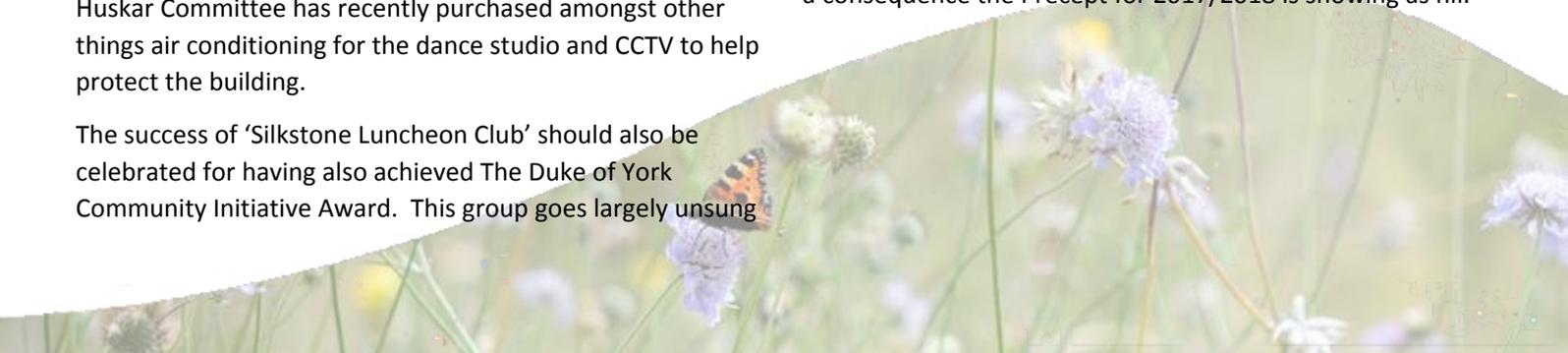
*Cllr Meryl Liddell*

*Chair Silkstone Parish Council 2018/2019*

### **Finance Report by Richard Bell the Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer:**

The total precept (Parish element of the Council tax) for the Parish for 2018/2019 was £71,865 with a council tax support grant of £4,635 as a consequence the Precept for 2017/2018 is showing as nil.

Barnsley MBC paid this to the Parish Council at the end of March 2017 rather than beginning of April 17 which has meant that the precept was shown in the 2016/2017 accounts. This was reported in last year's annual report so as a consequence the Precept for 2017/2018 is showing as nil.



**Silkstone Parish Council - Accounts 2018/2019****Community Group Grants**

In 2018/2019 the Parish Council awarded grants to the following Community Groups ranging from £100 to £400:

Old Silkstone Band  
Silkstone Common Ladies Choir  
Silkstone Luncheon Club  
Silkstone Common Good Companions  
Silkstone Common Methodist Church  
Keep Silkstone Common Green  
Tiny Tots  
Penistone Paramount  
Huskar 180  
CARE

**Hanging Baskets**

Many thanks to the sponsors of the 2018 hanging baskets in Silkstone and Silkstone Common.

The hanging baskets sponsorship has grown since its first year in 2016 when 15 baskets were sponsored. In 2018 there were 26 and for summer 2019 there will be even more baskets thanks to an increase in demand with an anticipated 33 on display in the Parish.

The aim is to have every lamp column possible adorned with a Hanging Basket to showcase our villages.

**Awarded Grants**

During 2019 a grant award from Tesco will see the introduction of picnic benches near the Trim Trail which will complement the footpath improvement works in Conroyd Wood now that Phase 1 has been completed.

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Receipts	2017/2018	2018/2019
Precept	0	71,865.00
Council Tax support grant	0.00	4,635
Allotments	592.00	532.00
Grants	22,234.00	0.00
Newsletter Adverts	1,242.50	862.50
Pavilion & Recreation ground	4,027.00	3,405.00
Hanging basket sponsors	1,840.00	1,840.00
Huskar Community Rooms	10,754.25	9,600.00
Summer Fair 2017	709.67	0.00
Defibrillators	2,588.51	0.00
VAT	12,567.19	2,618.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,555.12</b>	<b>95,358.48</b>

Payments	2017/2018	2018/2019
Administration	7,153.62	6,649.12
Employees	21,095.94	14,541.27
Silkstone Recreation Ground & Pavilion	23,826.54	22,623.15
Environment	10,336.54	5,947.74
Grants to local groups	2,054.32	2,466.66
Miscellaneous	167.59	360.69
Capital Projects	1,219.70	0.00
Huskar Community Rooms	4474.40	0.00
Loan Repayments	13,488.36	13,488.36
Recreation Ground Drainage	22,678.67	22,623.15
Trim Trail	10,000.00	0.00
War Memorial Refurbishment	2,240.00	0.00
A628 road improvements	2,917.92	0.00
Professional fees	0.00	0.00
Training	198.00	489.00
Summer Fair	413.59	0.00
Defibrillators	2,288.00	0.00
VAT	12,617.16	4,265.12
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>135,950.65</b>	<b>87,506.52</b>

**Fund Balance Summary**

Balance B/F	84,831.20
Receipts	95,358.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,189.68</b>
Payments	87,506.52
<b>Balance C/F 31 March 2019</b>	<b>92,683.00</b>

**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.

**Contact the Parish Clerk**

The Parish Clerk is Richard Bell you can email him at

[Silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com)

**Newsletter deadlines and dates**

**Articles, events and adverts**

The cut off date for the next newsletter is 8 pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. The newsletter will be distributed in the last week in September.

**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

**Chelsea ring-sweet bun dough**

I've recently been teaching my students, at Wakefield College, how to bake breads. We did a sweet bun dough and produced a Chelsea ring. Its one of my favourites as I love dried fruit. Its even nice pulled apart, sliced and toasted, or used up in a bread and butter pudding. Us chefs don't like to through anything away, especially Barnsley chefs.

The old Chelsea Bun House was a shop in Chelsea which sold buns in the 18th century. It was famous for its Chelsea bun and did a great trade in hot cross buns at Easter. It was patronised by royalty such as Kings George II, George III and their family.

**Basic sweet bun dough**

- 600g strong Flour
- 300ml milk
- 40g yeast (or 20g dried)
- 75g sugar
- 3g salt
- 60g margarine or butter
- 1 egg



**Method.**

Combine the water and yeast together and sit the bowl, in the sink. Make sure the plug is in and the sink has hot water in it. This allows the yeasty water to get warm (body temp 37c, is best).

Meanwhile, sieve the dry goods together and then rub in the fat. Add the egg and ¾ of the yeasty water and bring the ingredients together. Add more liquid as required. Once you have a rough dough, work it unit it is smooth and soft and fully combined/kneaded.

Allow to double in size. So, leave it covered over and in a warm place. This can take around 1 hour.

Now knock back the dough, knead lightly and the tip onto a lightly floured surface. Roll out into a rectangle shape.

Brush with a little melted butter and then sprinkle over caster sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle any dried fruit you like. Sultanas, raisins, currants, mixed peel, apricots, cranberries. Whatever you like. Or use chocolate chips if you prefer.

Roll up and then slice into 1 ½ inch slices and arrange into a circle onto a baking tray. At college I use a greased metal flan ring, this keep the round shape. Allow the dough to double in size and then bake. Bake slowly for 25 minutes at 170c.

Cool and the drizzle with icing.

The basic dough is also the same to make, iced finger, doughnuts, and bath buns.



*Damian Hunsley*

## What is new with Old Silkstone Band you ask?

You may have seen our last announcement, including the information that we came second at the Yorkshire Area's and so have qualified for the National Finals in Cheltenham on 14th September.

Well, along with this, it is confirmed that as of January 2020 the band will be promoted to the Championship Section to compete against the world's greats such as Grimethorpe Colliery, Carlton Main Frickley and Black Dyke Band. As you may have guessed, we are very excited about this! You can see from the picture, the band is now busy preparing for the finals; building stamina, technique and musicality to aid us on our journey to top flight brass banding.

Since our last article, the test piece for the finals has been announced – Endeavour by Philip Sparke, a piece about Captain James Cook's discovery of Australia and the voyages on his ship "Endeavour". It is a fantastic piece and suits the bands playing style well. It is full of twists and turns, starts extremely quiet and features all sections of the band. It has beautifully romantic melodies as well as some shock and awe too. The end is fantastically rousing and triumphant in celebration of finding the mysterious 'Terra Australis'.

As we mentioned in our last article, the envelope collection in aid of fundraising for the finals and to support the band's ongoing finances, will take place on Sunday 14th July ending with us playing at The Sing.

On 23rd June, we held one of our brilliant themed events, 1940s and 50s revisited. The afternoon saw joy



brought to residents of many local residential homes and their carers. A fun filled afternoon of fancy dress, singalongs and live music. It was a resounding success and we loved every minute of entertaining these amazing people. Music has wonderful effects on the mind, for those: with learning difficulties, dementia and for everyone else too. It is one of the only activities that triggers all parts of the brain to function and as a result spreads happiness to all. We are hoping to host more events like this, working with the local community to ensure live music is accessible to everyone.

We welcome you to join us at any or all of our upcoming events if you fancy a lovely afternoon out in the sun (hopefully). We hope to feature some of our 1940's and 50s music, as well as other genre's too. Here are our events for July and August.

13.07.19 – Rotherham PRIDE at Clifton Park

14.07.19 – Silkstone Sing

28.07.19 – Harlow Carr Gardens

18.08.18 – Wetherby Bandstand

After Wetherby, the band will dive deep into rehearsing our test piece and we are hoping to host a test piece night where local bands attending the finals from 1st to 4th section will be able to perform their test piece and receive remarks to aid their final touches before heading off to Cheltenham. This will be a public event and anyone will be welcome to attend, please keep your eyes peeled for more info on this coming soon

In other news, have you seen our new website? Over the last few months, Ian our Bass playing techie has been working on building a new platform for us to advertise. This is now live, so why not pay a visit to [www.oldsilkstoneband.com](http://www.oldsilkstoneband.com) to learn more about the band, and keep up to date with all upcoming events. You can also follow us on social media via twitter @oldsilkstone or facebook @oldsilkstoneband too.

For all enquiries, please contact Danni our band secretary either via facebook, phone: 07540 240703 or email: [info@oldsilkstoneband.com](mailto:info@oldsilkstoneband.com)

*Wendy Atkinson*



## Mikaellamber Photography

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

Visit our website for more Christmas offers.

Our studio is located at the Huskar Community Rooms in Silkstone



www.mikaellamber.com - info@mikaellamber.com  
01226 792769 - 07562591119

## Yoga with Karen



Always running around with no time to stop and be?  
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Tuesdays at 10:30 am and 1pm at the Huskar  
Rooms, Silkstone S75 5LX

Email - [karenwildonyoga@gmail.com](mailto:karenwildonyoga@gmail.com)

Facebook - Karen Wildon Yoga

Phone - 07938 153531

## Nine ways to build a wildlife friendly garden

- 1. Bird box and feeding:** Put your bird box high in a sheltered site. If cats are around place your feeder near a dense bush to provide cover.
- 2. Let the grass grow:** Long grass is one of the rarest garden habitats. By letting some or all of your lawn grow you will make space for many plant and insect species. Leave the grass long over winter and cut it again in the spring.
- 3. Grow climbers:** Climbers provide year round cover for birds and insects. Ivy, clematis and roses are excellent climbers for wildlife.
- 4. Insect hotels:** Piles of rocks, twigs and rotting wood in your garden creates shelter for important insects, such as beetles and spiders
- 5. Pond:** It doesn't have to be huge. You can use a buried bucket or trough. Make sure there are stones/ranches to help wildlife get in and out.
- 6. Compost:** Making and using your own compost will naturally enrich your soil. It will also provide a habitat for worms, woodlice and many other insects, including frogs and slow worms. To avoid attracting rats, only use raw food.
- 7. Fence:** Don't lock out hedgehogs and frogs. Make sure your garden fences have some gaps at the bottom. This will allow wildlife to move through from plot-to-plot.
- 8. Flowers:** Look for flowers with a bee/butterfly friendly symbol. Go for native species, if possible.
- 9. Weeds:** Learn to relax about weeds. Plants such as nettles, daisies and buttercups are important sources of food for many insects, including butterflies and moths. They flower for a long time, whatever the weather.

Linda Marsh - based on a National Trust item

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

Emma Clarkson: SAC Dip FRHT, SAC Dip FRFP

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## Christian Aid Week

The house to house collection raised £1,728, thank you very much to all who contributed. The annual "Week" is the charity's main fundraising event. Peoples generosity enables Christian Aid to be ready to immediately send in equipment & supplies when disasters happen around the world, and to fund many projects working with local Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in regions of great poverty. So our villages' contribution will make a significant difference to some people's lives.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Tom Wyke, Christian Aid Regional Coordinator, will be giving a talk on the work of C A at the Benefice Service at 10.30am at Silkstone Parish Church. All are welcome, and it is an opportunity to learn about the work of the charity.

Rosemary Bradbury, Silkstone CA Organiser

## A new Sports & Social Club and improved Recreation Ground for Silkstone Common

We are reinstalling our focal point in Silkstone Common and the Parish a pavilion with number of internal rooms including,

- Old Silkstone Band Room
- A Village Hall
- A School Classroom
- Changing rooms with showers

The building will have disabled entrances, a toilet with external keyless entry, incorporating baby changing facilities.

The sports field will be suitable for a number of sports.

It's for all the community and friends of Silkstone Common and the Parish, people of all ages, and genders, there will be no barriers.

The first jobs will be starting before the end of June, in the children's play area, where we will repair the ground, gates and trim the grass.

Meetings are ongoing with BMBC and grant applications are being prepared.

We will be having a full Community meeting towards the end of June.

We need you the residents, to be active in this exciting project.

Give me a call or send me an email

My contact details are: 07515403123

[nmatthewman@btinternet.com](mailto:nmatthewman@btinternet.com)

### A NEW PAVILION SILKSTONE COMMON MINERS WELFARE RECREATION GROUND

## SCMW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

**HOME OF – OLD SILKSTONE BAND**

Supporting - Silkstone Common J & I School

### We need your help and support to bring our community together again.

We need a focal point in our village to regain our community spirit, togetherness and wellbeing that our village people have to offer.

We will achieve this by having control of our recreation ground, build a new Sports and social pavilion.

We have a large recreation ground capable of facilitating many different field sports, and facilitate internal social activities.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Priority is to use the recreation ground now.

(Entrance located off Hall Royd Walk, approximately 120 yards from the School).

**“We need people/ Parents and carers, no age limits, to train young girls and boys some basics of playing football, netball, basketball and exercises”.**

Planned to start, week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May. (exact date to be agreed)

Please feel free to offer your help and support in any capacity.

Contact: - Nigel Matthewman. 01226 792416 / 07515403123 or  
[nmatthewman@btinternet.com](mailto:nmatthewman@btinternet.com)

### Are you starting or running a group in the Parish?

If so, why not make sure the editor of the newsletter knows about you - write an article for the newsletter. Make sure she has your details to add to our “Local Organisations” pages.

If you have a website let the Parish Clerk know and a link can be made from the Parish website.



## Local Organisations

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### 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)

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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 Whitmore Electrical Contractors, Plascompo Ltd

#### 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

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#### Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club: now bowling at Shaw Lane

Secretary: David Harris on Barnsley 790051

#### Barnsley BSAC Divers

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

#### Tai Chi

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

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### 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

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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](mailto: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

### Rainbows!

Girls age 5-7years old!

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

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

Find Us On Facebook- 63rd Barnsley Silkstone Rainbows

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

### Childminders

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

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## Environment/Local interest

### Silkstone – St Florent Association

The Parish of Silkstone is twinned with St Florent des Bois in the Vendee in France. Exchange visits are organised along with a variety of social and fund-raising events throughout the year.

Contact: Yvonne Dinsdale 790583

### Silkstone CARE Group

Caring for and improving our natural environment by planting hedges, trees, shrubs and bulbs, clearing paths, litter-picking plus other activities. Tools available on free loan for environmental projects.

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

### Silkstone in Bloom

Adds floral colour and more for public enjoyment.

Donations gratefully accepted.

Contact: Janet (Silkstone Common) 790994 or

Trudy (Silkstone) 792218

### 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

### Silkstone Common Methodist Church

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

Contact for Hall bookings 01226 790461

# Silkstone Summer Fair

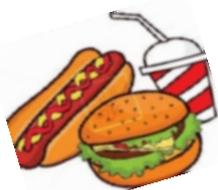
Saturday 31 August 2019  
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Mega raffle



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