



Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

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Chair's letter

I want to start this time by thanking Karen Canadine, for her time as parish clerk. Karen joined the parish council in August 2007 and has recently moved on to take a fulltime post with Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA). Karen has contributed much over the last eleven years, with nothing being too much trouble. She has been a large part of many of the projects that have made the parish special including, the building of the Huskar Rooms, the Trim Trail and providing the defibrillators in each of the villages to mention a few, I'm sure our loss is their gain. Good luck Karen, all the members of the parish council wish you all the very best in your future role. The role of clerk is an important one and Karen's will be big shoes to fill, but I know the person taking over is up to the challenge. On that note I would like to welcome Richard Bell as the new clerk. Richard lives in the parish and has been a member of the parish council and he brings a wealth of local knowledge, years of experience in business and an enthusiasm to see the parish flourish. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing Richard the best of luck in his new role.

Well it's that time of year again, I looked back over last year's winter newsletter and sadly it contained the same warning that I need to reiterate again. There has recently been a spate of burglaries in Silkstone Common, please, please be extra careful about making sure doors are locked and windows are closed. Let's try to disappoint the thieves this year by not letting them into our homes.

As ever the newsletter is full of interesting articles, Damian's Thai style fishcakes (page 2) look yummy and easy enough to make that I might even have a bash at making them! The Parish Council, have purchased two English Oaks (page 4), it's nice to imagine in years to come a future Chair of the Parish Council remembering how small the trees appeared when they were planted in 2018 in commemoration of the ending WW1 a hundred years earlier.

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Cold Caller Vigilance

A concerned Parishioner has brought to the Council's attention the vulnerability of some of our older residents in the villages, when "cold callers" offering garden or home improvement services call. One example given was an overcharge for work undertaken and that the resident involved was asked to go the cash machine as cheques were unacceptable. It was the intervention from a concerned neighbour that may have stopped something more serious occurring.

We therefore urge that all remain vigilant particularly if living near elderly residents who may be easily cajoled by unscrupulous individuals looking to make easy money.



**The Methodist Church
Silkstone Common**

**Sunday 16 December
4pm – 5pm**

Come and join our
village carol sing along

with

Reverend Ben Scrivens

featuring

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Orchestra

Visit our 'pop-up' Nativity Scene

Bring your phones and cameras
and take 'selfies'

Have Christmas fun with your family
and friends

Refreshments



**The Methodist Chapel
Silkstone Common**

What do you think your local Chapel should be doing for your village?

There are several private groups using the Chapel premises, but only the 'sharing skills' group is Chapel supported. Should the Chapel be providing more such groups? Are there particular interests, age groups or events the Chapel should be looking at, as a joint Chapel/Village venture?

The Chapel has a small membership, but the vision is to maintain a presence in the village. The Membership is hoping to modernise the building in the near future. If you have any thoughts or ideas please contact Sandra Blackburn at

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Sandra Blackburn

Silkstone/st. Florent twinning association

Visit to France 2019

Silkstone Parish have received an invitation from St. Florent-des-bois in France to visit next August 2019. At the same time they will be hosting visitors from their twin town Rothenbach in Bavaria. They will be celebrating 30 years of twinning.

Accommodation will be with families and the hosts will provide all meals in the home.

A coach will leave Silkstone Common on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 August and return on the evening of Tuesday 27 August. The cost of the coach will be £150 per person (providing the coach is full), plus an anticipated cost of £50 per person to cover activities and meals outside the home.

A full programme of activities is being arranged for the visit. Families are particularly encouraged to take part in the visit, which will be educational, cultural and above all fun.

Please note that a responsible adult must accompany any young person under the age of 18.

If you would like to take part in the visit or would like further information, please contact Yvonne Dinsdale. telephone 790583.

Yvonne Dinsdale

Damian Hunsley's Christmas Thai style fishcake starter recipe.

Christmas is nearly upon us again; believe it or not it's my favourite, but busiest time of the year.

At work, I started planning for Christmas, even before Halloween. Christmas cakes cooked, turkeys ordered, and stuffing balls are coming out of my ears.

I teach cookery at Wakefield College and we run Gaskell's training restaurant. Christmas bookings are a sell out and very popular, so popular that we produce the Christmas meals for five weeks. We offer a 5-course dinner, finished with homemade petit fours and mulled wine.

Here is something tasty and a little less traditional. A good dinner party starter, that's a simple dish to produce and has a nice spiced flavour.

ingredients to make around 10 portions:

- 250g salmon filleted and skinned
- 250g cod filleted and skinned
- 1½ tsp sesame oil, or olive oil
- 5 garlic cloves
- 2½ tbs root ginger, grated

- 1 red chilli (small)
- 1½ tsp soy sauce
- 1 zested lime
- 4 shredded spring onions
- A good pinch of salt and pepper
- 25ml Lime juice
- Sunflower oil for cooking

Preparation Method

1. Pass all the ingredients except the oil for cooking in a food processor, blend until bound together and smooth.
2. Turn out and divide into 20 cakes, approx. 2 cm thick.
3. Pass through seasoned flour.
4. Deep fry at 180c until golden brown. Or you can pan fry and finish off in the oven.
5. Serve with Sweet Chilli dipping sauce. You could also add a small green salad, with spring onions and coriander.

Note. To extend the mixture and give you more portions add 250gm of mashed potato to the ingredients after processing.

Damian Hunsley

Winter Gardening with Emma Horsfield from the Nursery, Pot House Hamlet, Silkstone

Christmas time is fast approaching and there is always the problem of the present for someone that has everything. Why not make up an indoor arrangement of your very own. People are much more grateful, and dare I say impressed, with the knowledge of a present made with the care and attention of your own fair hands.

I remember as a "wee bairn" every Christmas making an arrangement for my Grandad and Grandma and my Granny and Grandpa. This was of course with the aid of my very talented father. My Grandparents always seemed to favour this present above all the others because their wonderful granddaughter (their words, not mine!) had taken the time and "got her hands mucky" to make it. Still to this day I make my parents an arrangement but I must add, on my own as I'm now "grown up".

So how does one set about making such a cherished present? It's very simple really. Firstly choose the container, basket, tub or pot, preferably with no holes in the bottom so as to not leak water. If there are any holes you'll need a saucer too. Secondly choose your plants. I always find a mixed basket works best, some flowering plants and some foliage.

At Christmas, cyclamen, hyacinths, poinsettias and Christmas cacti all look good. There are so many foliage plants available but I favour the ferns, prayer plants, ficus and spider plants. The number of plants depends on the size of your container. To make an arrangement look best, the plants need to be fairly close together without large gaps.

Once the plants are chosen, put a little multipurpose compost and a hand full of bulb fibre in your container, start planting with the tallest plants first at the back of the container moving on to the smaller ones at the front and the sides. Remember the arrangement is 3 dimensional; therefore you may need some small plants to fill in gaps at the back or sides. Once all the plants are in their correct places fill in the gaps with some compost. I find a little horticultural grit on the top also helps with watering so compost does not splash everywhere. Then use a small watering can to water in between the plants, remember not to over water if there are no drainage holes in the bottom. To finish off, a strategically placed large bow, a candle, or a pinecone sprayed silver or gold can give that festive feel. Lastly, when giving the present, remember to wear a large smile and feel proud of yourself for your effort.



Treat yourself to a large glass of your favourite tipple, mine being red wine!

Reminders for Winter

- Plant bare rooted roses and native whips
- Put nuts out for the birds
- Clear away dead leaves to prevent slugs from hibernating
- Protect any tender plants from frost with fleece, especially magnolia buds
- Prune and feed roses
- Thin out shrubs and prune to shape
- Prune clematis, wisteria and vitis
- Removing snow from some evergreens prevents broken branches
- Keep off a frozen lawn, the grass will die if crushed
- Tie in climbers to prevent breakage from wind
- Keep a football in the pond to prevent it from freezing over

May I wish you all, a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year

Emma Horsfield

Thai Style Fishcakes



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The story about Ian Woodcock being invited to The House of Lords, as winner of the British Heart Foundations' regional Volunteer of the Year (page 5) is inspiring. The poem remembering Merchant Seamen during WWII (page 7) I found particularly poignant. It's great to see that Wentworth Gardens will be opening again (page 11), I'm sure many of us have fond memories of visiting the gardens in the past.

So all it remains for me to say is have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Meryl

Christmas 2018 at All Saints, Silkstone

Earlier this year All Saints Church was privileged to take part in the Huskar 180 community events. We would now like to invite the community to join us as we celebrate Christmas in your Parish Church.

We have a range of celebrations that you can enjoy.

Saturday 1st December at 2.00pm

Christmas Bazaar – a chance for you to buy some Christmas gifts from the craft stalls, cakes and refreshments, have a go on the tombola and other stalls. Father Christmas will also be in attendance for our younger visitors. There will also be a selection of Christmas music.

Tuesday 12th December at 6.00pm

Christingle Service – always an enjoyable service of carols and readings. We welcome children from the parish as they receive their Christingle made at Silkstone and Silkstone Common Schools.

Friday 14th December at 7.00pm

A **Celebration of Christmas Concert** with Old Silkstone Band & Local Vocals Carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine.

Proceeds from the evening will be shared between the Church Restoration Fund, Old Silkstone Band and Local Vocals nominated charity Barnsley and Rotherham MIND. Also during the evening a cheque from the 2018 Silkstone Sing will be presented to Little Fox's who support the chemotherapy ward families at BDGH.

Sunday 16th December

Messy Church Christmas Party – 4.00pm

A chance for the young people of the parish to celebrate the Christmas season, with an extra special Messy Church, party food and drinks. Parents/grandparents/carers are welcome to join in the enjoyment.

Sunday 16th December

Festival of Lessons and Carols – 6.00pm

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a traditional telling of the story of the birth of Jesus, interspaced with carols

Sunday 23rd December

Family Communion and Nativity – 11.00am

See the young people (and adults) of the church as they present their Nativity play.

Monday 24th December

Crib Service – 3.00pm and 5.00pm

Join us with the young people of the village, for a service around the crib, telling the story of the birth of Baby Jesus

Monday 24th December

Midnight Communion – starting at 11.30pm

Join us for the traditional late night service of Holy Communion & carols.

Tuesday 25th December

Family Eucharist service – 10.30am

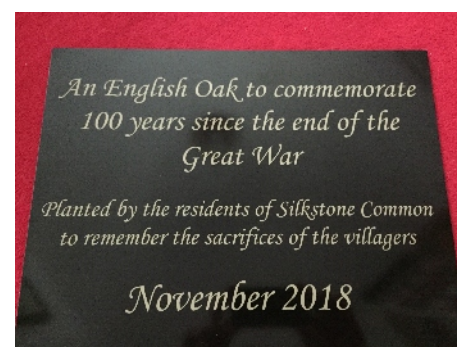
Spend a little time on Christmas morning at this family service

Whatever you join us for, we hope you have an enjoyable and blessed Christmas

English Oak Memorial Trees

Following the commemorations marking the 100-year anniversary of the Armistice, one important consideration is *"How do we ensure that there will be a reminder for future generations of the sacrifices during the Great War years and thereafter?"*

We hope that by planting an English Oak (*Quercus robur*) tree in both villages, together with a memorial plaque, there will be a living reminder for generations to come. It will take about 40 years before acorns are produced and maybe another 100 years before there is a peak 'harvest' and up to 250 years until they start to die.



The plaques were kindly donated by 'Signs Xtra' with the wording intended to recognise the sacrifices not only of the brave service personnel but also the workers on the 'Home Front' such as munitions workers, coal miners, steel workers, railway workers etc. their collective families and the wider community who were all affected by the ravages of war and the aftermath.

Thanks to Bill Barkworth and Ian Calvert of the CARE group; the trees were planted in time for the commemoration – one tree can be found in Orchard Wood, Silkstone Common and the other in The Chestnuts, Silkstone. The plaques are to be mounted upon a stone plinth and should be in situ during the early part of 2019.

We do hope you and your families will enjoy the Oak trees and preserve them for the future – Lest we Forget.

Richard Bell

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Xmas Quiz

1. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
2. In what town was Jesus born?
3. How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?
4. In what decade was the first Christmas Card sent in the UK?
5. Who started the custom of Wassailing?
6. Who were first people to visit the baby Jesus?

Answers on Page 11

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A Visit to The House of Lords

Silkstone Common resident, Ian Woodcock was very excited at the prospect of visiting the House of Lords.

Ian, of Stonecroft Court, has been volunteering at the British Heart Foundation (BHF) shop on Market Street in Barnsley for fifteen years and has been recognised for his dedication by being chosen as the Regional Winner of the BHF Volunteer of the Year Award 2018. On Thursday 8 November Ian headed to London with his mum, Diane, to attend the British Heart Foundation Annual Reception at the House of Lords, hosted by The Right Honorable The Lord Feldman of Elstree.

Ian is a familiar face to anyone who shops on Market Street as he stands outside the BHF shop with his collecting bucket in all weathers, and everyone at the shop is thrilled that he won the award, as are his very proud parents, Diane and Peter and his older brother Stuart who lives in Switzerland. Ian's mum said, "It was wonderful that Ian was nominated



for the award and we were over the moon that he was chosen as the Regional winner, we are all very proud of him. It is great recognition for the hundreds of pounds he has collected over the years."

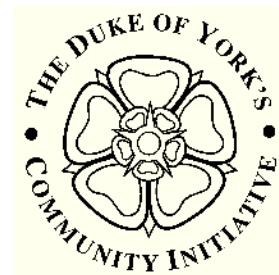
Diane Woodcock

Silkstone CARE Group news



Queens Award for Voluntary Services award ceremony.

The award ceremony for the QAVS will take place in the Huskar Community Rooms on Wednesday 16th January at 2pm by the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Andrew Coombe.



We are pleased to invite all current and former members of Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone in Bloom and Silkstone Common in Bloom as well as any individuals or groups who have worked alongside Silkstone CARE Group throughout their 30-year existence.

This will be a great opportunity to pay tribute to the past achievements of the Group and to be appraised of our current and future projects.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Pub Quiz night – Wednesday 23rd January at the Station Inn, Silkstone Common

There will be a quiz night to raise funds for Silkstone CARE Group and Silkstone in Bloom to support the purchase of new planters to replace some of the old and decaying existing planters and to purchase plants and compost.

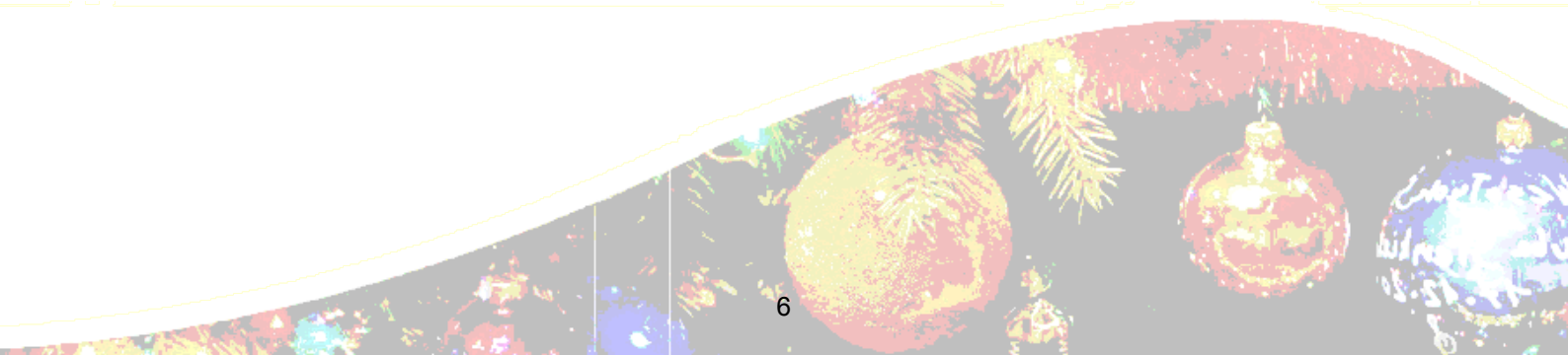
There will be a charge per head, which will cover the cost of food and quiz participation fee. There will also be some prizes. Further details will be circulated and placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

All welcome.



Above - Members of the Group after tidying up the Huskar Memorial in June this year.

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A message from South Yorkshire Police

Changes To Lost Property Reporting - From 1 October 2018

From Monday 1 October 2018, South Yorkshire Police will no longer take reports or record lost property and will not issue lost property reference numbers. This is a national decision and with the exception of foreign ID documents (including passports), or items classed as 'dangerous' such as firearms, all police forces in England and Wales will no longer take reports of lost property.

We will instead be directing members of the public to www.reportmyloss.com where for a small cost, they will be able to get a reference number for insurance purposes.

Lost property is not a police matter, so there is no legal requirement to report it to us or for the police to maintain a system of recording non-evidential property.

The decision to stop taking these reports will reduce demand on enquiry desk staff and our call handlers who take on average 11,000 reports per year, 4,000 of them over the phone. This will save more than 300 hours of staff time each year.

For more information on this and ways to protect your property, please visit our website link below, where a letter can be downloaded if needed for your insurance.

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/lost-property>

Message Sent By Corporate Communications4 (Police, Corporate Communications, South Yorkshire)

Heroes of the Red Duster: The British Royal Merchant Navy

None of the Allied services engaged in World War II was in action longer or suffered a higher percentage of casualties than the British Merchant Navy.

The unsung heroes who plied the world's sea-lanes under the Red Ensign, nicknamed the "Red Duster," were on the front lines from beginning to end. Their war began less than nine hours after Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany on September 3, 1939, following the invasion of Poland. A merchant navy man wrote the poem below from Liverpool, was on a ship that was torpedoed. He was picked up in a lifeboat, returned to shore and immediately sent back out to sea on another ship. The poem is a reflection of what he felt, when peace finally reigned.

Red Duster Flags

Commonwealth countries embellish the basic Red Duster (Red Ensign) below with their own symbols.

This is the UK's Red Duster



This is the Isle of Man's Red Duster



Unsung Heroes

*They did not wear a uniform
Nor ribbons on their chest
When taken for army dodgers
They replied with salty jests*

*Unsung they did a dirty job
As they had done before
Out there in the firing line
Where there wasn't a back door*

*Attacked constantly by air
And from the ocean deep
When it came to publicity
They were bottom of the heap*

*Three ships in convoy
Were lost the news would say
To the men in the lifeboats
It was just another day*

*Endlessly they would struggle
Against waves day and night
Hoping that every moment
A vessel would come in sight*

*Some never did make it
Back to safety
Those that did just rested
And soon put back to sea*

*Food, oil and munitions
Delivered at a terrible price
By men who were civilians
And made the supreme sacrifice*

*So come Remembrance Sunday
As we join our faithful muster
Let us spare a thought
For the glorious 'Red Duster'*

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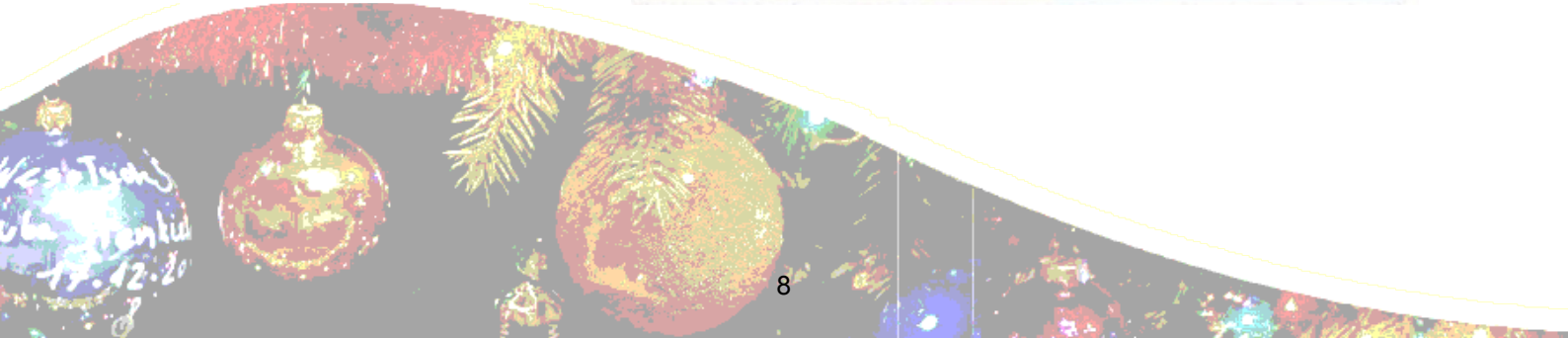
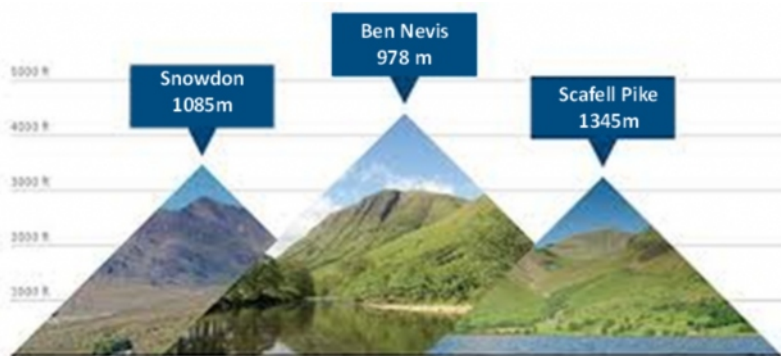
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Three Peaks Challenge

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me in my National Three Peaks Challenge in September. People were incredibly generous and I raised a total of £4,105.00. Together with Kathryn Smith and Helen Smith we raised almost £10,000.00 for MIND mental health charity.

Reverend Maureen



Old Silkstone Band

Old Silkstone Band have been busy once more – at the end of September – we presented gifts from our trip to Ireland to the Parish Council and to the Mayor of Barnsley. It was a lovely afternoon where the Mayor and his guests got to see how the band are put through their paces during rehearsals and even watch a short concert followed by tea and presentations. As you can see pictured – the gifts from Waterford and their band are beautiful.



As the band moved into October, we parted ways with our Musical Director Owen Wedgewood and would like to thank him for his efforts and for helping the band to progress over the past year and wish him well in the future. The Band welcomes the very experienced John Hopkinson who has agreed to lead us through Christmas and to the Area contest in March.

We started the month off with a bang hosting the last (for a while) of our annual Oktoberfest concerts at the Fairway – with new music and new games everyone had an amazing night. As usual, Hans A Wandering (Alaster Yoxall) controlled the evening with fanfare flourishes announcing the need for Ein Prosit (cheers) and Vocals from Heidi Boo (Wendy Atkinson), the band also featured Hans Dryer (Tim Stell) playing *Mein Bass* and back by popular demand – the Frumptarn Guggenband also played a set at half time. As we are taking a break from Oktoberfest – the Bands committee are already working, on a few new themes – but ssshhh! it's a secret – all will be revealed in the Spring.

In other news, the band are also proud to announce the move of Wendy Atkinson who has a wealth of playing experience from the Soprano Cornet seat to become our new Principal Cornet player. She studied Music Performance at Huddersfield University and is now studying her PGCE so she

can pass on her love of performing to others. Wendy hopes to lead us from strength to strength over the coming months having started with our most recent entertainments contest dressed as Minnie Mouse (instead of Ariel) at Brass Factor – new seat – new costume. She is also very excited about Christmas!

To start November - the band played at its first ever graduation ceremonies for the RNN Group of Colleges (Rotherham, Dearne Valley & North Notts College) for their Higher Education graduates, despite the cold where they had a fantastic day with great feedback from the VIP's and are hoping to be invited to take part again next year.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! - We would like to announce that we **will not** be taking part in our normal festive collections around the villages this year. We are trying some new venues this Christmas for us to play carols including Fox Valley and Meadowhall which takes us away from our normal dates; however, we will hopefully be visiting the villages in the summer instead (dates to follow in the spring).

Along with the Carol Service at Silkstone Church (14th December), we are also hosting a traditional Christmas concert at the Bluebell Conference Suite at The Fairway in Dodworth on 9th December with a 19.30 start. We hope

that you can join us to sing some carols, bring your friends and have a great night enjoying the festivities with us.

Tickets can be pre booked (£6 each) by calling Danni on 07540 240703. There may even be handmade Christmas crafts / decorations on sale too!

If you are interested in joining the band, we do have a few vacancies; but we also welcome anyone along who is looking to enjoy playing within a brass band – the more the merrier. We also have a mailing list for Newsletters, Ticket Offers and CD sales, if you want to be part of this please send us an email on info@oldsilkstoneband.com or give Danni a call on 7540 240703.

Earlier this year, we also announced our new Patron's Scheme where anyone can support the band on an individual basis, as a couple or even as a business. We are extremely grateful to those who have signed up thus far, as it enabled us to install a soundproofing system to our rehearsal space, for this we'd like to say a massive thank you. We will continue to welcome anyone else who wishes to help the band via our patronage scheme - simply get in touch with us via email for more information.

David O'Connor

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Parish Clerk

A new clerk will be appointed soon. In the meantime please contact Meryl Liddell. Tel: 790509
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Parish Council website

<http://www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk>

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

Facebook and Twitter

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

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

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
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Newsletter deadlines and dates

Articles, events and adverts

The cut off date for the next newsletter is 8 pm Monday 4th March 2019. The newsletter will be distributed in the last week in November

Our usual deadlines and distribution dates are below:

Deadline for articles	Distribution dates
First week of March	Last week of March
First week of June	Last week of June
First week of September	Last week of September
First week of November	First week of December

Contact details for Ward councillors, MP and MEPs

Ward Councillors

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Angela Smith

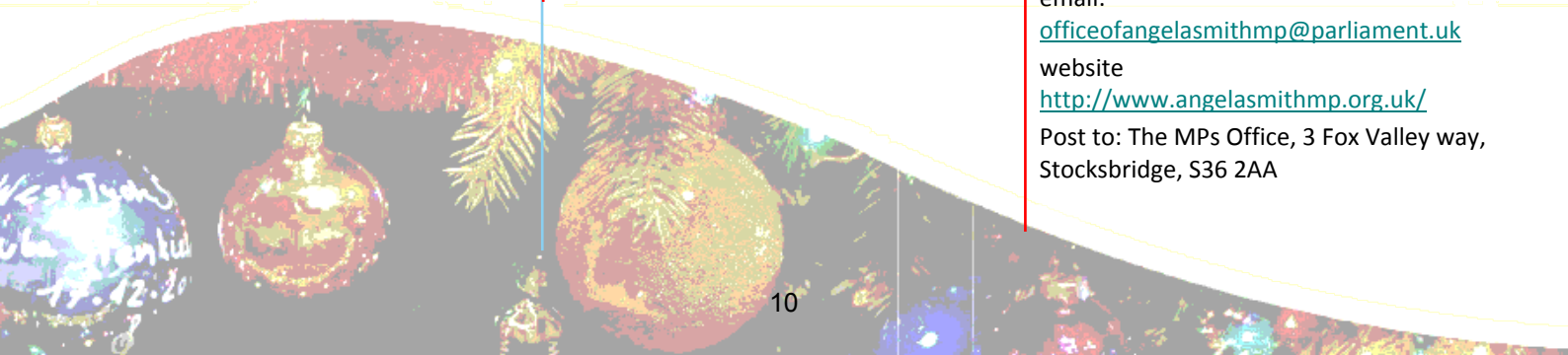
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website

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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2019

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

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

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

Answers to the quiz on page 5

1. Advent
2. Bethlehem
3. 364
4. 1840s - 1843 by Sir Henry Cole
5. The Anglo Saxons - it means 'good health'
6. Shepherds

National Trust to Open Wentworth Castle Gardens

The National Trust has announced that it will be taking a 25 year lease from Barnsley Council, to take over and re-open Wentworth Castle Gardens at Stainborough.

This is great news for the local area, and surely welcome to the many people in the parish who visited the gardens during the 'Stainborough Rhododendrons' weekends organised by Silkstone Church, and who volunteered at the gardens during their restoration.



The beautiful gardens, follies, monuments and parkland at Stainborough were closed to the public for many years, until a major restoration saw over £20m spent on bringing the property back to life. Structures that were crumbling were mended, the splendid Victorian Conservatory disintegrating into rust was rescued and rebuilt, and the stunning Stainborough Castle folly was made safe. The Trust which oversaw the restoration of the gardens and opened them to the public was hit by a funding crisis and could not keep the gardens open, and gates closed in 2017.

The news that the National Trust will be taking over the gardens came just a few weeks ago. Plans are afoot to improve the facilities and the Trust expects to reopen in summer 2019.

It will be the National Trust's only property in South Yorkshire, and it's just around the corner – from Silkstone Common you can see the tower of Stainborough Castle romantically peeking through trees on the hill at Hood Green.

The National Trust has a membership of 4 million, and we hope that, along with local support, this will ensure that the Gardens can be sustained at last and enjoyed again by many thousands of visitors.



Bags of help for picnic benches at the Trim Trail

Silkstone Parish Council has the chance to get £4,000, £2,000 or £1,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. It will be used to install picnic Benches, at Silkstone Recreation Ground as part of the Trim Trail Project. This will help finish the area as part of the trim trail project on the nature walk through the woods, a great community area.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores in our region through November and December. The more tokens we get the more our chance of getting £4,000. Please, when you shop at Tesco get a token (or more than one) and cast it in our favour.

The Parish Council

Teresa Owens IIR (Dip) MAR. Reflexologist based in Silkstone Common,
 also offering a mobile service.
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**Old Silkstone Band's
 Christmas Concert**
 9th December, 7.30pm
**The Bluebell at
 the Fairway**
**Tickets just £6 call Danni
 to book on 07540 240 703**



Are you “Lonely This Christmas “ OR Do you know someone who might be?

“Lonely This Christmas” was a song released by MUD in 1974, these are the first two lines

*Try to imagine a house that’s not a home
Try to imagine a Christmas all alone*

It’s hard to be lonely at any time of year but perhaps its worst at Christmas when there is such a focus on friends and families being together, having a good time. Some people have no-one to talk to and just exchanging small talk with them can really help.

“Small Talk Saves Lives” was launched by The Samaritans in partnership with Network Rail, the British Transport Police and the wider rail industry in 2017. Research shows that since then, there's been a 20% increase in the number of times the public has acted to prevent suicide in the rail environment.

Small Talk anywhere, not just the railway station can help people

A phrase as simple as, ‘I can’t believe this weather’, could be enough to interrupt a person’s suicidal thoughts. Even if small talk doesn’t come naturally to you, if something doesn’t feel right, please try to start a conversation. There’s no evidence you’ll make things worse.”

Small Talk anywhere

You may know people or see people in our villages or elsewhere - who look lonely and sad - speak to them! Small talk can help people anywhere at anytime.

Linda Marsh

Based on information from Samaritans.org

Penistone Arts Week

The second Penistone Arts Week is to begin the week beginning 16th March until 24th March 2019. However we do need support in raising funds that will help us fully advertise the array of activities and artist appearances we have planned. We feel it is important to put this region on the cultural map so please support in any small way possible at:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/penistone-arts-week-2019>

Chrissie Yates



On your journey, if you think someone might need help, trust your instincts and start a conversation - or find a member of staff.

Find out more at Samaritans.org/smalltalksaveslives
#SmallTalkSavesLives
A registered charity



Want to find out more about helping?

There are lots of ways to help. To find out more about how to help, how to listen and, if you want to, how to volunteer just Google Samaritans or visit Samaritans.org. It will show you a page where you can find out more about what you can do.

Garden Birds in Winter

Your garden can save lives!!

Winter is a difficult time of year for birds, the days are short and the nights are cold, so they must eat a lot of food in a short amount of time to have the energy to survive until the morning.

In addition, food is harder to come by in winter. Insects are hibernating, grubs are buried deep in the ground and snow and ice make it harder to find food.

Finding a regular source of high-energy food such as a garden feeding station is the equivalent of winning the lottery for wild birds and a well-stocked garden is a real lifesaver.

If you provide food on a daily basis you will almost certainly notice more birds coming into your garden – particularly if you provide food on a regular basis.

Water is important

Providing a fresh, ice-free supply of water is another cold weather essential - drinking and bathing is a vital part of the daily routine of birds.

When they will visit most

There is usually a flurry of activity first thing in the morning – as they replenish energy lost overnight - and last thing in the afternoon - to prepare for the long night ahead.

Some of the visitors you might see in your garden and what they eat

Robins mainly feed on small invertebrates, which they find in the soil.

Blackbirds will eat worms, spiders, fruit and seeds.

Long-tailed tits like other tits like insects and seeds.

Goldfinches and **Bullfinches** are also seed eaters.



Male Bullfinch

Greater spotted woodpeckers like insects but will visit to eat suet, nuts and seeds.



Greater spotted woodpecker

Mistle thrushes are the UK's largest thrush and in early autumn they gather in large flocks to feed together. But as soon as holly berries appear, they will split off on their own or into pairs and get defensive. Each bird or pair will find itself a holly tree or bush teeming with berries and will set up a territory.

The berries on that tree won't be eaten, but will be guarded with such care that no other birds can take them either. Mistle thrushes are so good at protecting their trees, that by spring many will still have their full crop of berries untouched, long after any unprotected holly has had its fruit stripped.

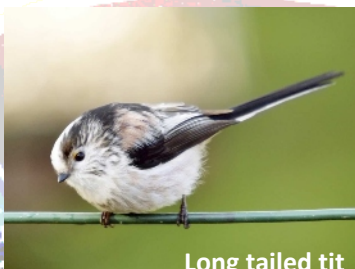


Share your dinner with the birds

Many kitchen scraps and leftovers make ideal snacks for birds visiting your garden and can help them get the food they need to survive. Here's a quick guide:

- **Fat** - fat from cuts of meat (as long as it is unsalted) can be put out in large pieces, from which birds such as tits can remove morsels. Make sure that these are well anchored to prevent large birds flying away with the whole piece. **Please remember cooked turkey fat from roasting tins is NOT suitable for birds.**
- **Roast potatoes** - cold and opened up, these will be eaten by most garden birds.
- **Vegetables** - cold brussels, parsnips or carrots will be eaten by starlings and other birds, but remember not to put out more than will be eaten in one day, otherwise you run the risk of attracting rats.
- **Fruit** - excess or bruised apples, pears and other fruit are very popular with all thrushes, tits and starlings. Cut them up and leave them on the bird table or on the ground.
- **Pastry** - cooked or uncooked is excellent, especially if it has been made with real fats. Do NOT put out in spring as baby birds can't digest pastry.
- **Cheese** - Hard bits of cheese are a favourite with robins, dunnocks, blackbirds and song thrushes. It will also help wrens if placed under hedgerows and other areas in your garden where you have noticed them feeding. Avoid feeding them very strong or blue cheeses.
- **Dried fruits** - raisins, sultanas and currants are particularly enjoyed by blackbirds, song thrushes and robins.
- **Biscuits and cake** - Stale cake and broken pieces of biscuits from the bottom of the tin are high in fat and ideal for birds in the winter.

Taken from rspb.org.uk



Long tailed tit

Local Organisations

Music

Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common Methodist Church 7:30pm
Contact: Sandra Blackburn 791141

Old Silkstone Band

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

Silkstone Bell Ringers

Meet every Monday Silkstone Church 7:30pm-9:00pm
Contact: Carolyn Charlesworth 01226 791592

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30.
Secretary: Keith Raynor Tel: 01226 763754
Web site www.mgmvc.co.uk

White Rose Organ Society

Professional Electronic Organs Concerts and Social Events. Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at Dodworth working mens' club. 7.30pm. All visitors welcome.
Contact: David Andrews, Tel: 01709 368976
Website www.wros.talktalk.net

Schools

Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common. Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.
Contact: Mr Simon Tabbner 790471
Visit <http://www.silkstonecommonji.co.uk/>

Silkstone Primary School

Educates children 4-11 yrs. The school is interested in developing the use of the school outside normal school hours.
Contact: Ms Sally Adams 790333
Visit <http://silkstoneprimaryschool.com/>

Shining Stars Out of School Club

We cater for children aged 4 – 11 years and provide high quality, affordable, reliable and accessible childcare from 7.30am to 9am and from 3.30pm to 6pm during term time.
Contact: email at shining_stars@Barnsley.org
phone on 07591630348

History

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

The group exhibits at local history fairs. We can set up small displays and talk to small groups.
Website : <http://www.priorycampus.co.uk/rlhg/roggins.php>
Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695
e-mail ritchietj@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

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

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 15's Steve Fletcher 07990-805694
Under 18's Jon Dale 07971-889436
Please phone the manager for details.

Silkstone United Cricket Club

Main Sponsor : Norcroft Electrical Limited.
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Contacts:

U9 team, Tony Clegg 07967-222820
U11 team, Tony Clegg 07967-222820
U13 team, Lee Wilford 07931-298213
U15 team, Duncan Grant 07789-998018
U17 team Phil Mosley 07973-757403
SUCC main contact Tony Clegg, Club Secretary 07967-222820

Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : Silkstone UTD C.C.

Twitter : @SilkstoneCC

Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club: now bowling at Shaw Lane

Secretary: David Harris on Barnsley 790051

Barnsley BSAC Divers

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

General

Silkstone Common Good Companions

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

Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s

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

Children

Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

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

Contact: Kathryn Goulding, Manager on 01226 792294 or email kg@silkstonepreschool.co.uk.

Visit us at www.silkstonepreschool.co.uk

Tiny Tots Toddler Group

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

£2 Admission with discount for multiples

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

minathelwell@yahoo.co.uk

Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group

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



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



Tracy 07905 421015.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

63rd Barnsley (Silkstone) Brownies: Huskar Community Rooms

Tracey Hinchliffe tel: 01226 790055

Rainbows!

Girls age 5-7years old!

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

Email: barnsleyrainbows63rd@outlook.com

Find Us On Facebook- 63rd Barnsley Silkstone Rainbows

Website: www.girlguides.org.uk

Childminders

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

Environment/Local interest

Silkstone – St Florent Association

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

Contact: Yvonne Dinsdale 790583

Silkstone CARE Group

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

Contact: Bill Barkworth 790112 or e-mail billbarkworth@aol.com

Silkstone in Bloom

Adds floral colour and more for public enjoyment.

Donations gratefully accepted.

Contact: Janet (Silkstone Common) 790994 or

Trudy (Silkstone) 792218

Tuesday Club

A social afternoon held 2pm to 4pm weekly in Silkstone Common Methodist Church. Learn new skills and share your skills with others. Bring your knitting, sewing, crochet etc. or just bring yourself along for a relaxing afternoon and maybe make some new friends. We will be pleased to see you. Admission £1.00 including refreshments.

Contact Sue on 01226 791394

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Sunday services:

1st Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 9.15am
- Julian Meditation at 4.15pm,
- Evensong at 6.00pm.

2nd Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 11.00am

3rd Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 9.15am,
- Evensong at 6.00pm

4th Sunday

- Sung Eucharist at 11.00am,
- Messy church for families at 4.00pm.

5th Sunday

- Joint benefice service - see church noticeboard for venue.

Other events

- Coffee morning every Wednesday from 10.00am - 11.30am.
- Holy Communion every 2nd Wednesday at 7.00pm
- Holy Communion every Thursday at Silkstone Common Methodist Church Huskar Room at 9.00am

For more information, contact Rev. Maureen Browell 01226 492294

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

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

Contact for Hall bookings 01226 790461