Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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Chair's letter

It is with heavy heart that I have to start this bit of the newsletter, reporting that there has been a further increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism. Since the last newsletter, the parish council has received reports of off-roading, with reports of aggressive behaviour by the bikers when challenged. A parishioner was threatened not only when he asked youths to stop digging holes and making ramps for an off road track, but was also threatened later by the youths father. There has been evidence of illegal drug use in a number of places in the parish. These incidents are carried out by a minority and in some cases people who do not even live in the parish. If you should see any incidents please report them to the police hotline number 101, although it is an answer phone and you will need to leave a message, the more messages on the same incident they get the more likely they are to take action. These incidents can also be reported on line following this link https://www.reportingcrime.uk/SYPreportanincident/ If you should feel you are in danger at any time, call the 999 number for assistance.

On a brighter note, this is the last newsletter before Christmas. Looking through the magazine you will see lots of festive events advertised, please get involved and support the different community groups. Chef Damian has done us proud again with a smashing seasonal stuffing for our Christmas turkeys (page 14), if used along with the chutney in the autumn newsletter, all I can say is yum! If you need any ideas on keeping on top of your garden at this time of year, then make sure you read the gardening tips on page (page 9)

Don't forget to read the exciting news about the partnership the parish is just starting with Embrace Transport Service (page 6). When you have read the article you will understand why you may occasionally hear a helicopter slightly more often during the day in the future.

Old Silkstone Band have had a busy year (page 11) I think it is marvellous to see them doing so well, if you get the opportunity to go to any of the events they are playing in in December, you should certainly try and go. I have heard them play a number of times and in my opinion they are brilliant, personal favourites are when they play music from the shows.

Finally we are hoping as a Parish to celebrate VE day next year, please have a look at page 9 to see if there is anything you would like to get involved in.

So from me and all the Parish Council we wish everyone a peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. See you again in 2020

> Meryl Liddell Chair Silkstone Parish Council



Sarah's Goal

Sarah's Goal was founded in February 2018 by Helen Knight in memory of her sister Sarah Hanson Powell who died of breast cancer. Sarah lived in Silkstone Common for a while then moved to Silkstone where she lived with her husband and young son until she passed away in August 2011. When Sarah was diagnosed some of the villagers decided to do a sponsored walk to raise money for Sarah, they named it Sarah's Walk, which continued after Sarah passed away and raised money for several causes including Barnsley Hospice, where Sarah was cared for. The proceeds from the last walk in 2018 were donated to Sarah's Goal.

We are a non-profit charitable organisation based in Silkstone and cover West and South Yorkshire. Sarah's Goal assists children and teenagers whose parents/carers struggle financially to play football by providing essential kit and assistance towards subs, holiday coaching fees and tournament/trial costs. We also run a boot scheme where boots and kit are donated via collection/drop off points at football clubs and businesses, they are sorted, cleaned and taken to tournaments where they are purchased for a minimum donation. Any boots or kit that cannot be used goes out to Gambia and Ghana, so every donation is recycled.



Thanks to a successful Awards For All application we were able to fund 30 holiday coaching days in the summer holidays and 7 weeks after school 1hr coaching sessions throughout West and South Yorkshire with over 1250

participants. Since founding we have assisted 36 individuals, have 40 clubs and businesses that act as collection points/drop off points and won a Proud of Barnsley award. We are one of Next @ Elmsall chosen charities and have been supported with grants from Penistone Roundtable, Henry Boot, UK Steel, South Yorkshire Community Foundation and individuals that donate, some of them instead of sending Christmas cards.

The boot scheme is a big success and we are starting to have more demand than stock. We are looking for more clubs to support us by becoming drop off/collection points and are in the process of looking for grants for equipment that we need to transport and display the boots at tournaments. This will help us to become self-funding and enable us to help more children and teenagers to play.



We have had a lot of support from the community from both people who knew Sarah and from those she had never met, which we really appreciate and could not carry on without it, a huge thankyou from all our committee. Sarah's Walk will hopefully be held again in August 2020 starting in Silkstone and walking through Silkstone Common, Oxspring, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne and back to Silkstone.

To find out more information about Sarah's Goal take a look at our website www.sarahsgoal our Facebook page Sarah's Goal or email sarahsgoal07@gmail.com.

Christmas Quiz - answers on page 8

- 1 What Christmas-themed ballet premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia in 1892?
- 2. When was the first Christmas card printed?
- 3 In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
- 4 What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
- 5. Who invented the Christmas cracker?

Parish Handypersons

The Parish Council are interested in hearing from residents who could be available to carry out small jobs around the Parish for a fee? We are looking to set up a register of people who could be called on, mainly during the working week, to help with general maintenance, fetching/carrying, painting, cutting bushes etc.

If you want to find out more, give the Parish Clerk a call or drop an email to: Richard Bell 07947 545504
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Silkstone CARE Group News

The Cross

As you will have noticed CARE volunteers led by Susan, Gill and Karen have transformed the flowerbed at the Cross in Silkstone. It has changed from being a fairly dull overgrown group of shrubs to a more easily maintained formal flowerbed which will allow us to add more colour and textures over the coming seasons.

Village Benches

One of our Volunteers, Andrew, spent a couple of days in early October staining, treating and painting most of the wooden benches across both Silkstone and Silkstone Common. I know I shouldn't be, but I'm often amazed at how many people use the benches for resting or just sitting, reflecting or looking at the views. Thanks to Andrew for making that a better experience.

Litter picking

Our volunteers have been out in force throughout September and October litter picking across both villages. There has been a particular focus on the Waggonway (thanks to lan, Trudy and Colin) and Ben Bank Road (thanks to Steve, Caroline, Susan and Gill).

We know other residents go out independently and pick litter or tidy up some of our communal areas – many thanks to those community spirited individuals.

To ensure that anyone picking litter is spotted easily, particularly near traffic it is recommended you wear a Hi-Viz vest, both for the individual's safety and also for other residents. If anyone needs a vest (free of charge) please contact me on the number below and I will be happy to provide one.

Bulb planting

Over the weekend of 19th and 20th October volunteers planted over 250 new bulbs - daffodils, narcissi and alliums across the Parish. So come the spring we are looking forward to some real colour.

We also provided a further three bags of bulbs (daffs, tulips and narcissi) for the residents on Broad Gates to plant in the area now being maintained by Steven Bacon and a group of volunteers there. Great stuff!

The Manor

There is a rough piece of grass verge behind the bench and planter on the left as you turn into the Manor. After a discussion with some residents it is proposed to tidy it up and perhaps install a rockery with easily maintained shrubs and plants. We will of course need to seek permission of the landowner – who we think is Barnsley MBC – before we do anything. However, I would like to know if anyone has any other suggestions or objections. You can contact me on the number below.

Waggonway - vandalism

Following the article in the last Parish Magazine about the repairs to the old rail tracks, a part of the dry stone wall behind the repairs was vandalised and the headstones knocked into the field behind. Since then Jim Ritchie and another resident have made some repairs and all looks good as new now. Our thanks go to them.

If anybody notices acts of vandalism and feels unable to confront the perpetrators, please make a note of the damage and inform the police on 101 – the police non-emergency number – they will log the incident which may be used in evidence later.

Next events:

- Saturday 23rd November Silkstone Hillside. Bernard's Place, Chestnuts - maintenance of planters and removing geraniums etc. - Meet Hillside - 10.00am
- Tuesday 10th December Silkstone The Cross and area
 general maintenance meet The Cross 9.30am

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Bill Barkworth





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Silkstone CARE Group Why not Join us?



Do you care for your local environment?
Are you enthusiastic about our villages looking their best?
Then Silkstone CARE Group could be just what you are looking for!

We are like-minded people who take a pride in our community's environment. Here is a small example of what we are currently achieving in the local area:

- refresh of Jays wood, tree felling, bramble clearing and woodland planting
- restyling of The Cross, getting it winter ready for a show of colour in the spring
- planting of saplings for long term woodland development
- maintenance of village benches
- litter picking

We regularly maintain the woods and planters around both villages, together with community areas such as Hillside, Bernard's Place and Beacon Close.



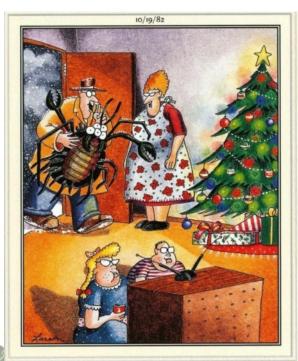




We would be delighted for more members of the local community to join us. If you have a few hours to spare why not give it a try.

Please contact: Susan Wareham on 07973 310925 or email me at: susanwareham@talktalk.net





"Shhhhhh ... I wanna surprise the kids."

Silkstone Common Sports and Social Club (SCSSC) Proposed Improvement Scheme

November 1926 Silkstone Common Miners purchased a parcel of woodland known as Hall Royd Wood, with monies allocated from The Miners Welfare Fund. Thus, the beginnings of 'Silkstone Common Welfare Recreation Ground', an amazing outdoor space for us all to use.

A group of residents within Silkstone Common, who were concerned at the ever-decreasing condition of the valued 'recreational ground' got together earlier this year to form a committee to improve the area.

Let's bring the area back to life, and once more may it become the heart of our village. Together we can make the most of this natural area, making it accessible for everyone and a space where community spirit can grow.

Currently the recreational ground is owned by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) but managed by BMBC. The site hosts an aging children's play area, a tarmac court and a grassed area. The site once had a dedicated football pitch, home to local team Silkstone Common FC and included a pavilion with changing rooms, showers, and a small community room. For those of you who don't know this was lost to us due to a fire in 1998, and never rebuilt by BMBC, despite planning application being passed for a new pavilion by BMBC in 2001.

The current scheme to improve the area remains in its infancy, with no firms plans as yet. The progress to date has involved meetings with the BMBC to clarify specifics regarding means and ways to take up a lease with BMBC for the recreation ground.

A number of public meetings, which are held on the $2^{\rm nd}$ Tuesdays of month,

have already taken place to get residents feedback. However, the next and very important stage of the process is a feasibility study by an independent company. Its aim being to determine the viability of improving the current recreational ground. We need to ensure that any proposals meet the community requirements and expectations, whilst ensuring it is legally and technically feasible as well as economically justifiable.

This is where we need your help! Your opinions are essential in making the scheme a success.

In the upcoming weeks SCSSC intend to hand out to every household in Silkstone Parish a questionnaire. The purpose of which is to gain opinions and views of the whole parish and to identify specific areas for the planned feasibility study. We are currently unclear as to how the scheme will move forward, and it is essential that we get a clear understanding of the requirements of how best to utilize the needs and future requirements of the recreation ground. Once we know what the community wants, we can apply for funding. But this 'vision' cannot be identified without your valued input. What would you like to see at the Recreational Ground? Please keep a look out for the questionnaire being delivered to you. Thank you in advance for taking time to complete the questionnaire- your views are very much appreciated.

For our latest news follow us on twitter @HeartOfCommon

Join us on Facebook "Silkstone Common Sports and Social Club"

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Helping wildlife through winter

Winter is a difficult time of year for wildlife. Food is in short supply, and the leaves which birds and other animals use for cover in the trees and bushes have mainly gone.

You can make a massive difference to the birds in your garden in winter by putting out your own bird feeder or by buying one. Fat balls are a great source of food on the coldest days, helping the birds fatten up and stay warm, and providing foods such as sunflower seeds will ensure your garden is popular with greenfinches and chaffinches as well as blue tits, great tits and if you are lucky coal tits and marsh tits. Don't forget to look out for robins!



If you have a pond, make sure it doesn't 'freeze over' - melt a hole in it so there is a supply of fresh water. If you don't have a pond can you leave water out daily for birds and other animals.

Help hibernating animals.

hedgehogs, frogs, toads, newts, bats and many insects spend the winter months hibernating. Leaving a few piles of logs and leaves in the garden will provide them with a sheltered place to rest. Remember to check bonfires before lighting and compost heaps before turning in case something has taken winter refuge underneath. Leaving an area of your garden 'wild' and 'untidy' will provide cover and shelter for overwintering insects as well as cover for small animals.

Linda

What is Embrace Transport Service?

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

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

In 2018/19:

- Embrace received 3397 referrals and activated teams for 2139 transfers of infants and children across Yorkshire, the Humber and beyond
- Embrace completed 46 air missions

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

Safety culture

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

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

What is the role of Embrace?

Most infants and children can be cared for close to home in their local hospitals, however there are some for whom this is not



possible. Embrace provides a single point of contact by which clinician caring for these infants and children can access regional services, get advice and arrange transfers.

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

On arrival at the referring hospital the Embrace team take a handover from the referring team before assessing the child. The child can be moved onto the transport

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

Embrace aeromedical service

Air transport is provided in collaboration with specialist partners, by either fixed wing or rotary wing.

The philosophy behind Embrace's aeromedical service is to ensure that our patients have access to the best form of transport depending on clinical condition, distance, weather and logistics. This will often be a road ambulance, but may be a fixed wing aircraft or helicopter.

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

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





Silkstone Church Parish Newsletter December 2019

Slow down.....

During December we prepare in our Churches to celebrate the birth of Jesus but it's so important not to rush through this season of reflection and preparation. We live in a society and culture of instant satisfaction sometimes described as "the microwave culture" - in which we seem to be conditioned to expect everything instantaneously, not because it's necessarily better that way, but simply because it's possible. Well, I have to disagree. I want to suggest that certain things are better for the waiting. Anticipation often makes an event more exciting and fruitful so a steady journey through Advent usually leads to a more satisfying and rewarding Christmas.

This period leading up to Christmas is a time when most of us find ourselves with opportunities to connect or reconnect one way or another. In our churches we create opportunities for connecting with the communities we serve, through worship, events and concerts. These events (and many others!) see people coming to our churches, some of whom perhaps have not visited before. Motivations will vary – some want to support the

church, some are curious about what might be on offer, some see it as a chance to catch up with old friends or to meet new ones. Our social events are successful, not just because of the numbers of people visiting, but also for the chance to meet and chat with people we may not see regularly.

Another way in which we make connections as Christmas approaches is through the efforts we make to reconnect with family and friends as we send Christmas cards, letters and gifts. Many people continue to send Christmas cards as a means of keeping in touch, even if only once a year, with people they seldom see yet still care about. How many of us feel a warm glow when we pick up an envelope containing a Christmas card and try to work out whose handwriting is on it? How many feel sorrow when a card fails to arrive from an expected source? Sometimes, the Christmas card can be a lifeline when it comes to a relationship, offering as it does, the opportunity to respond to the Christmas message, should we wish.

All of this is about connecting with people, but importantly, Christmas offers us the opportunity to connect, or reconnect, with God. There are a variety of services taking place in our churches in the lead up to Christmas, and they offer something for everyone; the boisterous and sometimes chaotic Christingle services, the simple Crib Services for children of all ages from 0 to 110, Carol Services by candlelight, reflective services, the glorious Midnight Communion service and much more.

There are so many opportunities to make connections at Christmas. Please don't waste them and be sure to remember that whenever you visit your local church, you will be guaranteed a warm welcome from the people, and of course, from God, who came to us that first Christmas in the form of a vulnerable child.

As we recall the violence and atrocities of recent months, it is clear that the most precious gift we may receive this year is the gift of peace, offered through the child known as the Prince of Peace.

May you know God's love, joy and peace this Christmas.

> With love in Christ. Rev. Maureen

Events and services at Silkstone Parish Church

Sunday 24th November 4pm - 6pm. Messy Church for Advent Activities, stories and food for all ages as

we prepare to celebrate Christmas

Saturday 30th November from 2pm Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday 3rd December at 6.30pm **Christingle Service**

Friday 13th December at 7.00pm Christmas Concert featuring Old Silkstone Band and Local

VocalsSunday 22nd December at 11.00am All Age Communion and Nativity

Sunday 22nd December at 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve Services

3.00pm and 5.00pm Informal Crib Service for all ages

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

11.00am Informal All Age Holy Communion for Christmas











Teresa Owens IIR (Dip) MAR. Reflexologist based in Silkstone Common,

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- 1 The Nutcracker
- 2 1843
- 3 Turkey
- 4 Jingle Bells
- 5 Tom Smith, a 19th-century London sweet shop owner



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

Don't be put off by the winter chill in the air, wrap up warm and get out there, if only for a stroll in the countryside to see so much beautiful winter colour! Nothing feels better than a brisk walk after a long lunch. Around Penistone there are a myriad of lovely trails, just ask the locals where to go. While on your walk look out for useful winter items.

One can pick Sloes from our native Prunus Spinosa, otherwise know as the wild cherry or black thorn, and make your own sloe Gin for Christmas. Prunus Spinosa (pictured) looks good in any hedgerow as it bears masses of



snow-white flowers in March and April, it's also exceptionally prickly if you'd like to keep the neighbours at bay!



The Aesculus, more commonly know as the Horse Chestnut, bears fruit for winter collection. Aesculus hippocastanum is the common horse chestnut whose fruit is the humble conker. Look out for the many different varieties of coniferous trees that

provide pinecones for Christmas wreaths and decorations for the home. Abies Koreana is a popular species for cone production.

After your winter walk if you're feeling up to it, have an hour in the garden before teatime, admiring your winter colour there.

People often think that winter is a dull time in the garden, but there are many plants that provide good colour. Viburnum Tinus is a wonderful evergreen with white perfumed flowers.



Pernettya alba or rosea demonstrates large berries throughout almost all of winter (remember to plant with a male form for pollination). Ilex, commonly know as Holly, is an old favourite and produces many berries when planted with the opposite sex! A good small leafed berry producing holly is Ilex Aquifolium Alaska (pictured). For brighter colour scented species Mahonia Japonica gives bright-yellow blooms throughout winter. Choisya Tenata Sundance is a yellow beacon in any garden during those gloomy winter months. Even the yellow dog woods look radiant. For that special tree the winter flowering Prunus Subhirtella Autumnalis gives a burst of delicate blossom.

If you're needing something for the smaller garden, Hellebore Niger, often know as the Christmas Rose stands up to the cold well and flowers white during winter. It is also low-growing and easy to look after. There are many more plants with wonderful winter colour. Here are a few more: Garrya Elliptica with its evergreen foliage and catkins, Skimmia Japonica being every-green with red or white flowers, Salix, Hamamelis, Jasminum Nudiflorum and many more. After admiring your winter colour you'll be ready for that sloe gin and game of conkers in front of the fire, Indulge yourself!

Reminders for winter:

- Put out food and water for birds
- Give the compost heap a stir
- Check plants in cold frame and re-enforce any frost protection
- Prune late-flowering Clematis
- Plant new hedges
- Plant bulbs for spring flower
- Plant topiary for structure

Emma Horsfield

75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day)

The end of WWII in Europe.... VE day... celebrates its 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 and Communities right across the Country will be marking this momentous day with events throughout that day. Such is the importance of VE that the annual Spring Bank Holiday has been moved from its traditional 1st May Monday to Friday 8th so that we can be free to join in.

We will be celebrating here in our Parish and our planning is starting now and including events put forward by the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association (ssafa) the armed forces charity together with local ideas and commitments..... stories from families with links to military form the war, evacuees, service of remembrance, 1945's tea party for instance.

Please mark the 9th May 2020 in your diaries and look forward to joining in this national celebration right here in our villages.



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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2019/2020

All meetings are held on Mondays in the Silkstone Sports Pavilion.

Date Meeting
02/12/19 PC
06/01/20 PC
03/02/20 PC
02/03/20 PC

Parish Council website

www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Facebook and Twitter

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

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

Newsletter deadlines and dates

Articles, events and adverts

The cut off date for the next newsletter is 8 pm Monday 2nd March 2020. The newsletter will be distributed in the last week in March.

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

Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan

So, here is the latest update.

There is now a 'steering group' who will ensure the plan moves along and meets all the necessary criteria. At the last meeting Ian Turner was voted as Chair of the group, if you wish to contact Ian you can email him on

NPSCS199@gmail.com. A decision has been made to apply for grant funding, which will fund the hiring of a consultant to ensure the plan, both includes how parishioners wish to see the parish develop over the next number of years and it meets all the legal requirements.

The group will be meeting every third Tuesday in the month, the next meeting is Tuesday 19 November 7pm at Silkstone Pavilion (through the gate and up the path), please feel free to come along.

As we move forward we will still need lots of help and involvement of the community to ensure the plan is developed, written and eventually being accepted by Barnsley Council and become statutory planning, meaning that when plans are lodged with BMBC, our plan will carry as much weight as all the other planning regulations.

Please watch the Parish Council website, Facebook page, twitter and the notice boards in the villages, if fact anywhere we can put up a poster up inviting you to various consultation events, because without you it won't happen. If you do not have a computer but would like further information, please call Meryl Liddell on 01226790509.

Meryl Liddell

News from Old Silkstone Band

I'm sure you have been thinking "I wonder what Old Silkstone Band have been up to through Autumn". Tonnes is the simple answer. Back from the national finals in Cheltenham and we haven't stopped for a minute. What with our Oktoberfest night at The Ché Bar, The Harvest Festival at Silkstone Church, Brass Factor at the Picturedrome in Holmfirth, RNN Group Graduations in Rotherham Minster and Armistice Day, in addition that doesn't mention Greasbrough's End of Summer Gala, this Autumn has been a real whirlwind for the band, and the fun doesn't stop there.

Blink twice and you'll notice it has, all of a sudden become winter and with it brings the bands favourite time of year...Christmas. With that in mind, knowing you are all busy bees this time of year; here are a few upcoming December dates for your dairy:

7th – Evening Carol Concert – Worksop

8th – Carols at Silkstone Golf Club & Bolton on Dearne Christmas Tree Lights Switch on

13th – All Saints Church, Evening Carol Service with Local Vocals

15th – OSB Christmas Fair & <u>FREE</u> Carol Concert – Silkstone Common Methodist Church (see advert)

22nd – Christmas Collection – Silkstone Common

26th - Christmas Collection - Silkstone Village

While this list isn't exhaustive, don't forget you may see us at Canon Hall Farm & Meadowhall and other venues across the region, so do come and say ho ho ho and request your favourite carol.

As we come to the end of the year, let us take a flick back through the earlier part of 2019! In March this year we took to the stage in the Yorkshire 1st section regional championships and gained a very credible 2nd place. In the

Advertising in the Parish Newsletter

With a circulation to every home in Silkstone Common and Silkstone we are looking for local businesses or groups who wish to advertise in the Newsletter which is published every quarter to join us.

Rates are very competitive; so if you want to find out more, give the Parish Clerk a call or drop an email to:-

Richard Bell 07947 545504

Silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com

summer, we performed at the Whit Friday Marches and put on our amazing 1940's and 50's event. OSB played at the Sing, some of us had a trip to Carrick on Suir and the band blossomed amongst the hungry caterpillars at Harlow Carr Gardens. The band entertained the crowds at Cannon Hall Farm Shop, chilled by the riverside in Wetherby, brought out the Sun at Silkstone Gala and that's before we prepared and attended the National Finals in Cheltenham. I am sure you'll agree when I say...what a year.

Moving forwards into 2020, the band have a few vacancies that we'd like to fill, therefore; if you know an Eb Bass player, a fantastic Trombonist or any Cornet players please do pass on our details so they can apply in confidence to become part of the band.

Don't follow us online yet? Why not? All information about upcoming events & the general on-goings of the band are all regularly updated on all of them, so for those of you who don't already know our Facebook, Twitter and Website details, the info you need is below.

Facebook: @OldSilkstoneBand Twitter: @OldSilkstone

Website: oldsilkstoneband.com

Hope to see you all at a concert near you soon!

Wendy Atkinson - Old Silkstone Band



Winter Morning Poem

Winter is the king of showmen,
Turning tree stumps into snow men
And houses into birthday cakes
And spreading sugar over lakes.
Smooth and clean and frosty white,
The world looks good enough to bite.
That's the season to be young,
Catching snowflakes on your tongue!
Snow is snowy when it's snowing.
I'm sorry it's slushy when it's going.

Ogden Nash







The Red Lion

A traditional village pub in the heart of Yorkshire Open from 12 Daily

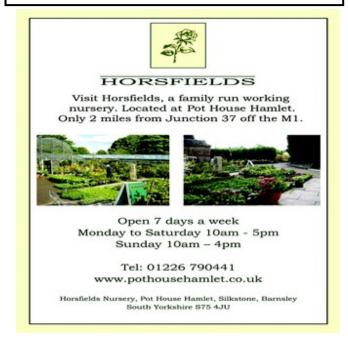
Real ales Ideal for walkers Quiz, Pool, Dog friendly Community pub Children's play area



Functions catered for Darts Free WI-FI Beer Garden Friendly service

WHATEVER YOUR REASON TO STOP BY AND SEE US, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU AND YOU CAN BE ASSURED WE WILL LOOK AFTER YOU.

The Red Lion, 69 High Street, Silkstone, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 4JR Tel: 01226 790455



NALC AGM & Conference 28th/29th October 2019

The Parish Council movement is now 125 years old. The legislation that separated local government from its association with the church was enacted in 1894. The National Association of Local Councils has been representing the interests of Parish Councils since 1947. This includes 43 county associations, 10,000 Local Councils and 100,000 Parish councillors.

The NALC AGM and Conference has, for the last three years been held in Milton Keynes and has been growing year on year. This year, there were over 250 delegates representing all of the county associations, over 35 sponsors and exhibitors including not-for-profit organisations. There were 40 speakers covering 10 workshops all related to Building Stronger Communities, the NALC theme for the conference.

This was also the first time a member of the Royal Family has addressed the conference. The Princess Royal, Princess Anne joined us the Tuesday and was shown around by the Chairman, Councillor Sue Baxter. As one of two vice-chairs, I was seated at the table that the Princess was escorted to, prior to her speaking to conference so I had the opportunity to speak to her about the conference and Parish Councils in general.

The keynote speech was given by Councillor James Jamieson, the new chairman of the Local Government Association, about devolution and closer working of Principal Authorities with Parish Councils.

You can catch up with all the NALC action on the Twitter page or search for the hashtag #NALCconf19.

Derek Liddell

Penistone Ward Alliance

One hundred and forty-three groups and projects supported over the last six years and a total of £200,590.04 of Council Taxpayers' money returned to voluntary groups across the Penistone Area. That is the headline figure for the work carried out by the Penistone Ward Alliance up to this summer across a range of activities too extensive to list in full. These have included things like hygiene training for a luncheon club, a grit spreader for use by a parish council and First World War commemoration events.

So, what is the Penistone Ward Alliance? Back in 2013 Barnsley Council changed the way it operates with an emphasis on helping people to help themselves. The Borough was divided into six Area Councils and the two Penistone Wards became the Penistone Area Council with the Ward Alliance as a sub-group made up of the six Councillors and representatives drawn from the wider community. Recognising that each Area has different needs they each have their own priorities on which to spend delegated funding of £110k per ward per annum in total. This includes £10k per ward for the Ward Alliance although additional funding can be drawn from the Area Council budget. For Penistone our current priorities are: -

- The Environment
- The Local Economy
- Helping People to Connect Better
- Health & Well-being
- Support for Young People

The Area Council commissions a number of services and many readers will have seen and maybe worked with Twiggs who carry out environmental work in conjunction with volunteers in Penistone and the surrounding parishes. We also work with Age UK whose remit it to tackle the problem of isolation suffered by the elderly especially in rural areas. DIAL who provide benefit advice and South Yorkshire Community Transport also work with the Area Council to address shortfalls in public transport. Significant progress has been made over recent years and credit is due to all those members of the community whose efforts have made all this possible. A start has been made but much more remains to be done.

For further details please contact any of the Ward Councillors.

Cllr. Robert Barnard



Burglaries across the Parish

The starting point for many of the house burglaries in Barnsley has been an insecure window or door. Indeed, up to 40% of burglaries have occurred in this way. The solution to this problem is simple. Firstly, never leave windows open in unoccupied ground floor rooms. Likewise, if you are working outdoors, and the house is unoccupied, lock the doors to ensure that no one can sneak in whilst you are at the bottom of the garden.

There are offenders in Barnsley who walk around trying door handles, hoping to gain easy, quiet access to a house, and then to steal from within. Help to thwart these people by ensuring that if you are at home, you have dropped the latch on your external doors, or secured the door chain. And never leave items such as handbags, wallets, laptops and car keys on open display in unattended rooms.

Please help us to prevent crime in Barnsley, by following the advice listed above. And as ever, if you have any queries about security, contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team tel. 01226 736713 email

kendraysnt@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Safer Neighbourhood Team - Pact (Police and Communities Together) Meeting Penistone

The Police and local community representatives come together to discuss community safety, crime trends and any ongoing issues in the area. Feedback from the public is paramount to this so please attend and have your say.

When?

First Thursday of the month at 7pm. Currently held at alternate locations:

Pendon House and St John's Community Centre.

However a definite venue is currently being determined. Contact us to confirm which venue.

Next Meeting Pact Meeting

Thursday 7th February at 7pm St John's Community Centre

Damian's festive fruity sausage stuffing

This stuffing is great with roast pork or turkey. You can even stuff chicken breasts with it, wrap them in bacon and bake them in the oven.

I've tried to give the standard sage on onion stuffing a twist, but you can play around and add what you like. I used almonds in the recipe, but you could use chestnuts. You can add the extra fruit (dried cranberries) if like me, you like things a little fruity!

Ingredients:

- 60g dried apricots, chopped very small.
- 150g bacon, chopped small.
- 1 large onion, diced.
- 100g breadcrumbs, simply grate some old dry bread crusts.
- 250g pork sausage meat –split open and de-skinned sausages are fine.
- · Pinch dry thyme.
- 75g almonds, or chestnuts –but not essential.
- 50g sultanas -but not essential.
- 2tblsp chopped parsley.
- 1 egg.
- Salt and pepper.



Method:

Gently fry the onions and bacon, until soft and then allow it to cool.

Tip the mixture into a bowl and add the sausage meat, parsley and thyme, chopped fruits and nuts. Add the bread crumbs and eggs (the binding ingredients) and now season. Mix until fully combined and either roll into balls and bake at 180c, to serve with your roast meats, or as required.

Note that if the mixture is a little wet, then add a little more breadcrumbs

Damian















Celebrate Christmas and

New Year at The Chilli Lodge

Christmas Day Lunch

£35 per person ~ 5 courses ~ Serving from 1:30pm

Book before 8th December to secure your table -£10 deposit pp

New Year's Eve

£20 per person - 4 courses - £10 deposit pp

Call today - 01226792300

Westfield Activity Park, Knabbs Lane,
Silkstone Common, S75 4RD

Local rugby club encourages young players to join during world cup fever!

With a community atmosphere and stunning views beyond our high quality pitches just off Finkle Street, Wortley Rugby club is an RFU accredited club with something for everyone!



perfectly: "At Wortley RUFC we guarantee fun, enjoyment, no stress and no tears, just togetherness." The same commitment to the Rugby ethos of "Everybody Plays" is evident at all levels.

Mornings at Wortley can be chilly, but it is all worth it to see the kids having fun. You won't find some players dominating while others sit on the side-lines and you certainly won't find parents shouting at the coaches and refs! We do like to win and have our

For more information please contact:-Den Plaistow,

U11's Coach, Juniors and Minis Chair Please call: 07527 198 930 wortleyrugby.rfu.club

Wortley Rugby Club, Finkle Street Lane, Sheffield. S35 7DH.

passion or just get the kids off their screens and out for a run you will find something to suit you. We are a friendly, inclusive club with highly trained and DBS checked coaches and we love to welcome new members, Get social and get outdoors!

- Senior Training (over 18s) Tuesdays 7pm
- Touch Rugby (all ages and ability) Wednesdays 7pm
- Ladies Rugby (all ages and ability) Thursdays 6.30
- Minis and Juniors (all ages) Sundays 10am



Local Organisations

Music

Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common

Methodist Church 7:30pm

Contact: Sandra Blackburn 791141

Old Silkstone Band

Rehearsals twice a week - Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Sundays 7pm - 9pm, Wednesdays 8pm - 10pm

Contact: David O'Connor 07415781796 or 01226790669

Silkstone Bell Ringers

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

Contact: Carolyn Charlesworth 01226 791592

Millhouse Green Male Voice Choir.

Practice night is Mondays in Millhouse Green Institute at 7.30.

Secretary: Keith Raynor Tel: 01226 763754

Web site www.mgmvc.co.uk

White Rose Organ Society

Professional Electronic Organs Concerts and Social Events. Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays at Dodworth working mens' club.

7.30pm. All visitors welcome.

Contact: David Andrews, Tel: 01709 368976

Website www.wros.talktalk.net

Schools

Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

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

Contact: Mr Simon Tabbner 790471

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

Silkstone Primary School

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

Contact: Ms Sally Adams 790333

Visit http://silkstoneprimaryschool.com/

Shining Stars Out of School Club

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

Contact: email at shiningstars@silkstoneprimary.com

phone on 07591630348

History

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

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

Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695

e-mail ritchieti@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

Contact: Paul Davies, chairman, 01226 791474

Jane Raistrick, secretary, 01484 868254

Sports/Activities

Silkstone United Junior Football Club

Under 15's Steve Fletcher 07990-805694 Under 18's Jon Dale 07971-889436

Please phone the manager for details.

Silkstone United Cricket Club

Main Sponsor : Norcroft Electrical Limited.

Associate Sponsors : Barnsley Timber Merchants, John 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

Facebook : Silkstone UTD C.C. **Twitter** : @SilkstoneCC

Barnsley BSAC Divers

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

Contact: Ann on 07783 291955 or visit the website

www.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

Stainbrough Rotary are the local Rotary covering the Parish.

We meet every Thursday at The Fairway Hotel, Dodworth at 7.30 pm. For details contact the Club Secretary, Ian Whittle 01484 3153386 or stainboroughrotary@gmail.com

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.

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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

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