

Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter



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Chair's letter - December 2022

After what seems a warm Autumn it's time to turn our thoughts to Christmas and the turn of the year.

2022 has been a very eventful year with the high of the Platinum Jubilee followed by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For many of us, this will be the first time that we have lost our reigning monarch, a magnificent lady, who touched the hearts of many. Rest in peace Ma'am.

There have been many events within the Parish recently, the fantastic Silkstone Scarecrow Trail was organised again by Silkstone Primary PTA and embraced by many residents entered their scarecrows. It was good to see many adults and children enjoying the trail even in the pouring rain. Thank you to everyone that took part and donated to Silkstone Primary.

Wonderfully Made was held again in Silkstone Church, it was very well attended with some great products available to buy. Thank you for helping to support the Church.

Thanks, must also go to Broad Close Farm for organising a community bonfire. A great event for young and old and hopefully they'll make this an annual event.

The Parish Council continue to work at reducing speeding within the Parish. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are located around the Parish to monitor speed and advise motorists when they are exceeding the limit. These devices record speeds even when the sign isn't on, and we are wanting to use the information they gather to get BMBC to assist us in other speed reduction measures.

As the winter darkens and the cost of living deepens, the Parish Council is setting up a drop-in coffee morning at the Huskar Rooms where people can come for a warm and get some advice on help that is available in these difficult times. We hope to have this up and running during by Tuesday 6th of December.

Can I finally give my thanks to everyone who has helped within the Parish this year, the many volunteers who run the sports teams and clubs. Your Parish councillors work hard on your behalf so thank you to them, also. We have too many more volunteers to thank personally but you do make a great difference to the Parish. If you have any skill or talent or some free time, think about helping one of the Parish groups, there's something for everyone and its great fun and rewarding.

I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Richard Leech

Silkstone Swifts

Silkstone Swifts netball club was initially set up to give youngsters in our Parish a taster of netball. Due to the nature of Netball, and the requirement for a full size indoor court to comply with England Netball regulations we sought a fairly local venue at Darton Academy.

Since the early days in the winter months, we have grown exponentially and now have over 80 kids registered at the training sessions. The need for more space and longer training sessions has meant that we now run from Honeywell Sports campus, Barnsley.

True to our name, we still have many girls from the local schools of Silkstone and Silkstone Common, and as a club we offer netball sessions at both schools to keep the passion going.



The initial few months have been a steep learning curve and has been far more time consuming than anticipated. We have an array of volunteers on the committee, each invaluable in their own way; but it does mean we can share the load. As you can imagine, 80 juniors over 4 hours can be incredibly fun, but certainly challenging.

We have several coaches with a wealth of experience involved at the club, and teams have now entered the South Yorkshire junior netball leagues. We hope in the coming

months, squads in each age group from U10's to U16's will be involved.

For the younger age groups, who are not quite ready for matches, we have established a reward program, whereby the girls are rewarded as they learn new netball skills and knowledge. They track their own progress each week and are rewarded with variety of things from Swifts bracelets to keyrings.



In the summer, we approached the Parish Council to assist with purchasing our new netball dresses ahead of the new season. We are incredibly grateful that they funded over 40 dresses for the youngsters. This has meant that the girls have a real sense of belonging once they step on court. In the past few months, many have stepped onto a court for the very first time. There is a definite sense of achievement to watch them grow from relative novices to playing as a team, and even winning matches!

We hope as a committee to continue promoting Netball across our region and enable more youngsters to fall in the love with this great sport.

We do still have spaces in some year groups, so if anyone is wanting to join us at training, then please get in touch. Our email is silkstoneswiftsnc@gmail.com.

We accept youngsters from school year 2 and above.

Anne Penn

Councillor Advertisement

Do you want to make a positive difference in our village?

Would you like to influence decisions that affect your community?

You need to be willing to give up some of your time. How much depends on you and your commitment to work for your community without being paid.

Parish Council meets once a month (except August) usually on the first Monday of the month

Meetings normally last around 1-2 hours.

You must be 18 or over, an elector and have been a resident or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for the last year.

If you would like to be considered, please contact Richard Bell, RFO & Parish Clerk at silkstoneparishcouncil@gmail.com

ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EXPERIENCE!

New Editor

Silkstone Parish Council is looking for a new editor for the Parish Newsletter. If this is something you would be interested in please contact the RFO & Clerk Richard Bell

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This is a voluntary unpaid post and you will be part of the Parish Council Media Committee.



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November 10th & 24th
December 8th
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10.00-12.00




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Damian's festive fruity sausage stuffing

I have created a rich fruity festive stuffing that is great served up with the roast turkey or pork. 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 and 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 (sultanas) if like me, you like things a little fruity!

You could make this in advance and freeze it, so go on, have a go.

I would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and a great new year.



Ingredients:

- 150g bacon, chopped small
- 1 large onion, diced
- 100g brown breadcrumbs, simply grate some old, dry bread crusts
- 250g pork sausage meat –split open and de-skinned sausages are fine.
- Pinch dry thyme
- 60g dried apricots, chopped very small
- 75g almonds –but not essential
- 50g sultanas –but not essential
- 2 tbsp. 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, to serve with your roast meats, or you stuff as required.

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

Chef Damian

Struggling with gambling issues?

You are not alone! Data from the NHS in Feb 2022 shows that the north of England has the highest prevalence of at-risk gamblers, with 4.4% of adults in the North West and 4.9% in the North East being at the most risk of addiction. So in our Parish of 3153 (2011 census) we may have up to 154 people with serious gambling problems.

GamCare are here to help

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the launch of GamCare, the leading UK provider of information, advice and support for anyone affected by gambling harm.

Over those years, the charity has helped nearly half a million people, and things have certainly changed during that period.

For example, in 2003, most people were referred to GamCare through the Yellow Pages, while in 2021, online gambling was the most spoken topic. Even as things continue to change, GamCare remains here to help.

"I just want to thank you for all of the invaluable work and commitment at GamCare. You've given me my life back." One person who GamCare had helped said.

Alexa Roseblade, Senior Manager at GamCare, added: **"Our expert services are free of charge, confidential and non-judgmental. We run the National Gambling Helpline, which runs 24/7, every day of the year."**

"We care, and we are here to help you."



If you feel like you would like to speak to someone about your gambling, call the National Gambling Helpline or visit the website for more information.



CARE - Ongoing work undertaken by our volunteers

Station Planters

We have been delighted to work collaboratively with members of the Men in Sheds project based in Penistone. Sadly, we were losing more plants than we were able to keep in the pallet planters on Silkstone Common station platform and therefore we decided we needed more traditional planters. We contacted Men in Sheds and they jumped at the opportunity to build planters for our community.



We are delighted with them, they are now planted up, including spring bulbs, and we look forward to them flourishing over the coming weeks/months. A special thank you to the members of Men in Sheds for their hard work, to Pensitone Line Partnership who have made a donation to their project on our behalf and to Northern Rail for funding the plants/bulbs. A lovely project at no cost to CARE.

Susan Dunwell
07973 310925

Following a site visit, an explanation of the restrictions in place on the platform, a design was developed and soon after four new planters installed.

Email Susan Wareham on susanwareham@talktalk.net if you would like a copy of the full work programme or to find out more about what we do and how you can help.

A Sudoku puzzle

The rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

Answers on page 8

1	5		2		9			4
	4				6			
				4			6	3
	7					8		6
6								5
2		8					1	
4	6			8				
			6				7	
8			5		1		4	9

Flowers for bees in winter

As our climate warms, some bee species (including the buff-tailed bumblebee) increasingly forage for food during winter. Make it easier for them by growing nectar-rich flowers such as heather, aconite, mahonia and snowdrops. Many nectar gems make great container plants to brighten the front door and can be planted out in the garden after flowering: for instance hellebores (Christmas Rose), which will continue to flower into spring.

Snowdrop



The common snowdrop provides vital nectar for bees at the end of winter. To encourage it to naturalise, enrich well-drained soil with leaf mould and plant in staggered groups in semi-shade or shade. H15cm.

Christmas Rose



The elegant white flowers of the Christmas rose provide nectar from January to March. Grow in well-drained soil in sheltered semi-shade. Remove the evergreen leaves in winter to show off the flowers and prevent disease. H40cm.

From Countryfile

Huskar Community Rooms

In October 2014 we demolished the old, decrepit Scout and Guide hut which was riddled with asbestos and had only one working toilet, it had to go.....

After years of fund raising and a government loan, we created the fabulous Huskar Community Rooms which opened in October 2015 behind the Co-Op

The centre has a dance and fitness studio, large activity room, fully equipped kitchen, and parking near the recreation grounds. It offers community-based activities for all ages including dance, yoga, Pilates, toddler groups as well as brownies, cubs, and scouts. It is available for bookings for parties and additional activities or new clubs throughout the week and weekends.

You may have visited when voting so the local school was able to stay open!

Several of the original committee who started fundraising 10 years ago are still involved with running the centre. We would really welcome some new faces to join the team to help support this superb facility.

If you can help in any way to take the centre forward, we would really appreciate some fresh ideas and suggestions.

Please contact lindabj@hotmail.co.uk



Linda Jackson (Chair)



**Services at All Saints Parish Church and
the Churches of the United Benefice
of West Barnsley**

Church Christmas Bazaar

26 November 2-4pm

Advent Sunday 27 November

10.30am

**Joint Benefice Service at Hoylandswaine
Christmas Concert with Old Silkstone Band in All
Saints Church**

16 December 7pm

Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday

18 December 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

11.30pm

Christmas Day Service

10.30am

Joined by the Churches in the United Benefice of West
Barnsley

New Year's Day

A joint benefice service at All Saints Church, Cawthorne

10.30am



History on your door step

Heritage Silkstone was formed 12 years ago with the aim of promoting local, social, and family history. We have a resource centre within Silkstone Church, full of information about the parish of Silkstone, Silkstone families, maps, books and other resource material. We open the church to visitors every Wednesday 10am to 2pm.

All Saints Church is the oldest building in Silkstone and has seen both happy and sad occasions spanning the generations. The earliest documentary evidence relating to the church dates from 1090 when Swein, son of the Saxon Thane Ailric, gifted the church to the monks at Pontefract Priory.

All Saints Church is grade I listed and remaining elements of Norman architecture can be found within the church, namely the chancel arch piers and the arch between the chancel and St. James's chapel. The church was rebuilt in the late 12th century to a Norman cruciform layout, having a central tower over the nave and chancel crossing together with north and south transepts. In common with many Pennine churches in the area the church is built in the Perpendicular style (1350-1550). During this period the central tower was taken down and rebuilt at the west end of the nave. This work was completed in 1495.

Known as the 'Minister of the Moors' the church contains a late 15th century timber roof with numerous carved bosses and green men. The box pews date from the 1820's and many have the names of the owners on their doors. The Perpendicular rood screens, although altered over the centuries to fit the building, are one of the finest features of the church.

The original Norman chancel was virtually rebuilt in the 1850s and finished with a wooden hammer beam roof. Alas in doing so many of the Norman architectural features were lost forever.

Over the centuries Silkstone parish has been the home to many famous and infamous characters and their stories will be told in further editions of the parish newsletter.

If you are inspired to learn more about local and family history please visit us on any Wednesday or we can be contacted via our website www.heritagesilkstone.co.uk



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7	4	3	8	5	6	9	2	1
9	8	2	1	4	7	5	6	3
3	7	5	4	1	2	8	9	6
6	1	4	9	7	8	2	3	5
2	9	8	3	6	5	4	1	7
4	6	9	7	8	3	1	5	2
5	2	1	6	9	4	3	7	8
8	3	7	5	2	1	6	4	9

Orchard Wood – planned improvements to access and pathway

Orchard Wood in Silkstone Common is a splendid place for residents and visitors to enjoy. Sadly, at present, access from Moored Lane is not ideal and the path up to the top of the steps is collapsing and uneven.

We hope to improve the entrance from Moored Lane by cutting back vegetation and replacing the gate system so that push chairs can get through. We have already started cutting back the vegetation, so we can assess what needs to be done.



The current footpath, as this photo shows, had collapsed in places and rather haphazard, it too needs improvement so it is not a trip hazard.



We have begun by removing the collapsing steps and smoothing them into shallow ramps.

We plan to put a more defined footpath in place with appropriate hard core (sympathetic to the woodland) to provide a clear walkway. That will also be easier to clear of leaves in Autumn so we don't get the build-up of leaves turning to mud which we experience at the moment.

The steps up the steep section have been in place for a long time and need a bit of TLC, we hope to repair and replace them as necessary.

The access from Woodland View up to the meadow gets very muddy, especially in winter and spring, when there is heavy rain. There is a layer of hardcore which CARE put there many years ago. Now it is mainly hidden by overgrowth and mud. We hope to improve the drainage to divert the water and re-instate a defined path



with hard core so it is less of a slip and trip hazard in future.

How soon these improvements happen will be a combination of funding, weather and support from Twiggs.

A note about the bank next to the meadow

This is work in progress. As we are taking a non-weedkiller approach it will take a while to really inhibit the growth of brambles and couch grass. There are however a lot of new wildflowers growing, bulbs have been planted and the hedge is doing well. We plan to keep the hedge low so that people sitting on the seat still have a nice view.

As trees on and around the bank grow we need to take this into account for future development.

If you have any views or suggestions for these projects or any other CARE projects and activities, please contact Susan at CARE

susanwareham@talktalk.net. Or, if you see someone from CARE working in the wood just talk to them.

Linda Marsh



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An Arabic Proverb and the English equivalent

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Tomorrow there will be apricots

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'Jam tomorrow and jam yesterday, but never jam today.'
 (Alice Through the Looking Glass, Lewis Carroll)



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Parish Council Meeting dates for 2022/23

PC meetings are advertised in both
village notice boards and on the
website.

They are held on the first Monday in
the month in Silkstone Sports
Pavilion.

Date	Meeting
5 th December 2023	PC
9 th January	PC
6 th February	PC
6 th March	PC

Parish Council website

www.silkstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you are a local society or business
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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
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Facebook

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.

Newsletter deadlines and dates

Articles, events and adverts

The deadline for the next newsletter
is Tuesday November 1st 2022.

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

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Hello from Old Silkstone Band

Hello to all residents of Silkstone Common and Silkstone Village.

What a year 2022 has been for Old Silkstone Band, we have had so many high moments and we are into our final period of the calendar – CHRISTMAS!

What have we been doing since our last update earlier this year?

We have been contesting. Since the Yorkshire Regional Championships in March the band have continued the hard work and we have since competed in two own choice test piece contests. These were Buxton Brass Band Festival which was in May and more recently the Northeast Midlands Brass Band Association contest in November and we are very proud that we achieved 3rd place at both contests.

OSB also competed in the Bolsover Festival of Brass this year, the band has not taken part in this since 2014, and under the superb direction of our Musical Director the band came 5th out of 11 bands.

Throughout the summer period we performed at Wetherby Band Stand, Brodsworth Hall and at Locke Park. Locke Park was a new one to our summer calendar this year, it is great that Friends of Locke Park have organised bands to play on the band stand again and we look forward to playing there again next year.

At the beginning of October, OSB organised a surprise celebration party for 2 long standing members of the band. Both Ian Askey and Alan Green have been with the band for 52 years. Friends and family of the players and of the band came together to

celebrate and it was a wonderful night enjoyed by all.

As we head into November, we see this month which always brings one of the most important jobs of the year – Armistice. The band is always incredibly proud to take part in this service and this year it was the first one led by Reverend Canon Keith Farrow. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the service as always.

We have an extremely busy Christmas lined up and you will find all our dates and where we will be performing on our website and Facebook page. We will be doing the Silkstone Christmas Walkabouts and they will be on:

Silkstone Village – Sunday
11th December

Silkstone Common – Sunday
18th December

We would like you to thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

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***Danni Brookes – Old Silkstone Band
Secretary***



Help with the cost of living crisis

Many people are experiencing difficulties with the rising cost of living and may not realise they're entitled to help.

Find out about the local help that's available as well as national support.

In response to the cost of living crisis the government has also launched a campaign to let everyone know what national support is available, called Help for Households.

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/advice-benefits-and-council-tax/help-with-the-rising-cost-of-living/>



Insect of the Issue - Winter Gnat - *Trichocera annulata*

We don't expect to see many insects on the wing in winter, but just a little sunshine draws out swarms of tiny dancers. These are male winter gnats (*Trichocera annulata* and other *Trichoceridae*); delicate leggy flies which are dancing to impress female gnats.



Winter gnats are around all year but are most noticeable in the colder months when the males perform their courtship dances. Swarms gather in areas that are kept warmer by the sun, such as woodland glades, riverbanks and above sun-warmed



objects. Sometimes they follow people purely for the heat they give off (though they resemble mosquitoes they do not bite). This act of gathering together to attract mates is known as "lekking" and is thought to make them easier for females to find. Each male flies up

and down to his own rhythm. They are quick to scatter and re-join nearby.

These swarms attract predators too. Small birds snap up the flies for a much-needed protein snack.

The female lays her eggs amongst decaying vegetation, which the larvae feed on. When the adults emerge they are often attracted to electric lights and can be found on windows after entering houses. They do no harm indoors or out. Just relax and appreciate the dancing clouds.

Linda Marsh

Identifying animal footprints in the snow (or mud!)

1. Claw marks and number of toes are key.
2. Measure the length and width of several prints in a track.
3. Identify patterns - is each mark identical or varying in shape and size, in a straight line or meandering? Are footprints close together or further apart?
4. Look for other evidence to confirm your findings, such as droppings, fur or feathers, nests or noises.

Fox

Appearance: four toes - two at the front and one at each side - and a roughly oval-shaped pad at the rear. Claw marks may be visible at the end of each toe.



Size: around 5cm long, 4cm wide.

Could be confused with: dog tracks, but they can be told apart:

- Fox tracks tend to be narrower, with the toes closer together,

giving it a diamond shape - dog tracks are slightly rounder.

- Larger prints are likely to belong to a dog.
- Foxes tend to travel in straight lines, while dogs move around much more erratically.

Badger

Appearance: five toes above a broad rear pad. Claw marks may also be visible.

Size: 5cm long, up to 6.5cm wide.

Could be confused with: cat tracks,



but there are differences. Cat tracks only show four toes and no claw marks, as they retract their claws when walking. Cat pawprints are smaller too at around 3.5cm long and 4cm wide.

Rabbit

Rabbits are social creatures so you may see lots of their tracks crossing each other in the snow.

Appearance: a pair of long, thin



prints and a pair of shorter prints, as rabbits' hind feet are much larger than their fore feet. They have four pads on both fore and hind feet.

Size: front feet are around 3.5cm long, 2.5cm wide. Hind feet are more than twice as long, although rabbits don't place the whole of the back feet on the ground when they run.

Could be confused with: hares have similar prints but are much larger than rabbits, so stride length may be longer. Hares tend to live alone on open land, so if you're in woodland with multiple tracks, it's most likely the tracks belong to rabbits.

From The Woodland Trust

The Parish Council would like to thank all the sponsors of the Christmas Lights. Here are their names and messages

Susan & Geoff	Wishing all our family, friends & neighbours a Happy Christmas & best wishes for a healthy 2023
The Crossley Family	50 years of Happy Christmases in Silkstone - best wishes from the Crossley family
Silkstone Common Junior & Infant school	Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all in the community
Mrs Enid Clegg	Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all my family and friends
Richard & Sonia Bell	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our neighbours and friends from the Bell family.
Derek & Mery Liddell	Wishing all our family and friends a wonderful Christmas & New Year frfom Derek & Meryl
Sarah & Ian Ainsworth	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our family and friends.
Pat & John Hislop	Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to our family and friends from Pat & John Hislop
Maureen & Stuart Fenton	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our family and friends from Maureen & Stuart Fenton.
The Goggins Family	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our neighbours and friends from the Goggins family.
Pat Handley	Seasons greetings to everyone from the Handley family
Tom Harper	Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas & New Year
Paul & Rebecca Wood	Merry Christmas to all from Paul, Rebecca & Abigail Wood
Linda & Patrick	Happy Xmas to all our neighbours and friends from Linda and Pat

Local Organisations

Music

Old Silkstone Band

Rehearsals twice a week - Silkstone Common Methodist Church

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

Contact : David O'Connor 07415781796 or 01226790669

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: Richard Craven 07895 555113

E-Mail :- richard.c.craven@outlook.com

Web site www.mgmvco.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/>

History

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

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

Contact: Jim Ritchie 01226-790695

e-mail ritchietj@aol.com

Heritage Silkstone

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:

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

Under 17 Manager – Phil Mosley 07973 757403

SUCC Senior / Main Contact – Kevin Taylor 07462 877416 kevin.taylor@plascompo.com

Website : www.silkstoneutd.play-cricket.com

Facebook : Silkstone UTD C.C.

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.barnsleybsacd Divers.co.uk

General

Silkstone Common Good Companions

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

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

terreanna2@yahoo.co.uk

Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s

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

Stainbrough Rotary are the local Rotary covering the Parish.

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Janice Wake, Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator

janicewake@btinternet.com 07540957639

Children

Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd

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

Email silkstonepreschoolpg@gmail.com

Shining Stars Out of School Club

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

Contact: email at shiningstars@silkstoneprimary.com
phone on 07591630348

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, 18:30-19:30
Wednesdays

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

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

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

rob.flewitt@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

For all member enquiries please

email: sian.eccersley@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

or rob.flewitt@barnsleyscouts.org.uk

63rd Barnsley (Silkstone) Brownies: Huskar Community Rooms

Tracey Hinchliffe tel: 01226 790055

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: Susan Wareham 07973 310925

susanwareham@talktalk.net

Karen Gorman 07788 185502

kgorman963@btinternet.com

Tuesday Club

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

Contact Sue on 01226 791394

Silkstone Common Sports & Recreation Association

Secretary - David O'Connor 07415781796

scssc1926@gmail.com

Churches

All Saints Parish Church

Until a new vicar has been appointed services are held as follows.

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

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

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

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

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

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

beneficewestbarnsley@hotmail.com

Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Currently closed for worship. Open for community use.

Contact for Hall bookings Keith Jowett 01226 790461