



# Silkstone Parish Council Newsletter

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## Chairman's letter

### Thanks

The last few months has seen change and disruption to the parish. The change is the appointment of a new clerk after Eric Bell decided to retire from the post. My personal thanks go to Eric for all support he has given to me during his time with us. Our new clerk is Mrs Karen Canadine and her contact details are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

The disruption came in the form of floods, the like of which I had never seen before. However, this wasn't the first time Silkstone had suffered a deluge. There is an article later on about the recent and past floods. The flooding though did require our ward councillors to undertake a lot of work on our behalf, especially in relation to the culvert under the garage forecourt. My thanks go to them for their efforts during this time.

### Community Buildings

There are two church buildings in Silkstone Common, the Methodist Chapel on Ben Bank Road, and the Mission Room, backing onto Beacon Close but with access from the footpath. Both buildings are in need of repair, renovation or replacement so some funding has been obtained to conduct a consultation within Silkstone Common in order to judge what the best way forward is going to be. The Parish Council is pleased to be able to work with both the Anglican Church and the Methodists in progressing this project.

### Footpath 8 – Ben Bank Road to Hall Royd Walk

The status of this section of the footpath has been subject to legal argument for some time and was widely discussed at a recent Area Forum held in the Methodist Church. Some people got the impression that the Parish Council had taken a particular view on this issue, following an item in the local press. This is not the case. The Parish Council will take a view as part of the consultation to be conducted by BMBC. We will also try to make sure everyone one wants to make their views known has the opportunity to take part in the consultation.

### And Finally..



Congratulations to the Parish Design Statement group as the document is now part of supplementary planning guidance for our Parish. The PDS will be available on the website, [www.silkstone.org](http://www.silkstone.org), and will also be featured in this newsletter over the next few issues. This is a very welcome document that gives us some more say in the future development of the parish.

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The Editor of the newsletter is Colin Bower.



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If you have news items for the next issue or want to update details for your organisation please contact him on 01226 790 416 or email him [colin@i-online.co.uk](mailto:colin@i-online.co.uk)



### Introducing our new Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council said farewell and offered their good wishes for his retirement to Eric Bell who has been Parish Clerk since 2002. In August Mrs Karen Canadine was appointed as the new clerk, and she has initially to face the substantial task of transferring all council records to her home. Then she has to get up to speed on the many issues being dealt with currently by the Council. If you wish to communicate with the council on any concerns you may have please write to

Clerk to Silkstone Parish Council  
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Since the post is not a full-time one, you may not be able to get through immediately, but will be able to leave a message on tel : 01226-391343. You may also email the Clerk on e-mail [silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk)

### What Can Barnsley Neighbourhood Learning Net do for you?

The Learning Net offers a wide range of programmes each term, some have already started but start in October and November. If there is something you would like to learn contact Esther Parnham, our local Neighbourhood Learning Net Manager and she will try to organise it for you.

If there is something stopping you from going on to do a course, such as a need for childcare, transport difficulties or financial concerns she will help you to find a solution wherever possible.

If you lack confidence to go back to learning! you can drop in to chat to Esther or access one of the many confidence and assertiveness courses offered through the Barnsley Neighbourhood Learning Net.

The Penistone and District Learning Net Project is based at Penistone Grammar School. Contact Esther Parnham, via the PGS main switchboard 01226 762114 or by mobile: 07985 725634 or by email [e.parnham2@barnsley.org](mailto:e.parnham2@barnsley.org).

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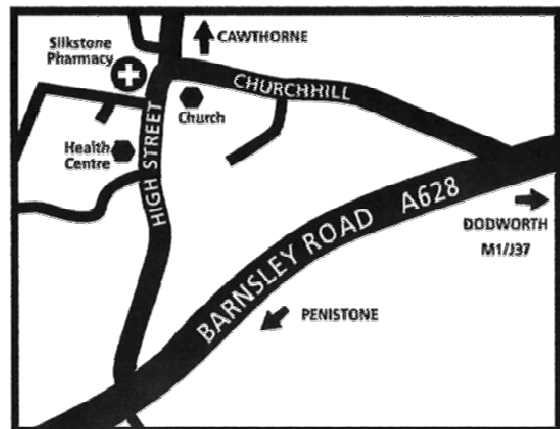
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## Theft of lead from Silkstone Church.



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If you are out late, and see a truck parked near the church, on Church Hill, or in the church yard, or lights on the church roof, please contact the police.

## Damage to the Health Centre Bus Shelter.



As many of you will know, young people congregating at the bus shelter outside the health centre on High Street are causing damage and nuisance there. It has become a regular meeting place and the shelter is being used as a urinal; there is also extensive damage to the roof.

Do you know where your children are, and what they are doing???

## Speed cameras at Silkstone Cross.

The South Yorkshire Safety Partnership has been keeping an eye (radar eye that is) on the speed of traffic on the A628 at Silkstone Cross, where it passes through the 30 mph speed restriction area. No data is yet available from this speed survey.

## Parking on pavements

If you are one of those who occasionally or even regularly parks on pavements, please consider the needs of mothers with young children in pushchairs, the blind and others who have a need for a clear pavement. It is particularly aggravating when people park across driveways blocking access and creating a visual obstruction. I know that there have been problems in certain parts of the parish, in both villages, particularly in the area between Hall Royd Walk and the Methodist Church.

The message from the police is that any offences witnessed by them will be issued with a fixed penalty ticket. Registered numbers of other offenders are being passed to me and could result in either a verbal warning or dependant on circumstances, a formal warning under powers conferred by the Police Reform Act 2002, which could lead to the vehicle being confiscated. (Inconsiderate driving which has or is likely to cause harassment alarm or distress to others)

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Penistone SNT  
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## Silkstone floods 200 years ago. Extract from History of Silkstone by Rev J.F. Prince M.A.

"On May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1809, a great flood occurred at Silkstone. The dyke which is a tributary of the Dearne overflowed its banks. The adjacent cottages were inundated, and several persons were drowned. In one house a woman rescued three children, but her fourth, a child of seven years, perished. At another house an old woman and two grandchildren were drowned. This cloud-burst did a tremendous lot of damage further down the valley, where several other streams unite their waters. In the low-lying parts of the village it is said that the water was "fifteen feet deep."

### Recent floods in Silkstone.

If you were out and about during the floods this Summer, you must have been, like me, amazed at the quantity of water that was produced by relatively small areas of land during the deluge of heavy rain experienced here.

Silkstone Beck in the recreation ground was almost up to the footbridge at the Cone Lane

entrance. Water was pouring from the recreation ground out of the gateway into the garage forecourt, and this was joined by water overflowing from the blocked culvert upstream from the forecourt itself, creating a torrent of water surging across the main road, and down towards the end of High Street, where the kerb edge directed it up the street towards the Ring o'Bells pub. The pub, two adjacent cottages and farm storage areas were flooded, this area made worse by another overflowing culvert carrying a normally small stream from the direction of Noblethorpe Park next to the Red Lion. The surge of water along the waggonway downstream from the Ring o'Bells scoured out a channel up to eight inches deep, and carried silt further down the path.

The overflowing culvert produced a flow across the garage forecourt, which, flowed into the garden of Rose Cottage, causing damage there and in the house itself. Another flow coming down the by-pass from the Barnsley direction increased the depth of water at the end of High Street, and forced traffic to the Cone Lane side of the road, drivers operating a self-imposed one-way system here for a time when I was there.

At Pothouse Bridge a huge tree trunk needed help over the weir, and threatened to block the bridge. Elsewhere, on Ben Bank Road between the Common and Dodworth, the depth of water on the road once again caused traffic to use only one side of the road. The problem here, and also in the dip in the road near Berry Moor on the road to Oxspring, appeared to be caused by high grass verges preventing the drainage of water off the road. I don't know what regulations there may be on allowing water to drain from a highway onto adjacent fields, where there can potentially be damage crops or even animals.

Walls which ponded up waters in fields sloping down to the road were at risk of being swept aside, but even though I saw some with water pouring over the top, and water squirting through the mortar joints, they managed to withstand the force of the flow.

I didn't see inside the flooded cottages, but can imagine the devastation caused. The Ring o'Bells cellar was flooded to the roof, and water standing under the floorboards did such damage as to require the whole floor to be re-laid. Many thousands of pounds worth of damage was done

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in the cottages, the pub and the farm workshop, and there were many distressed people attending the Parish Council following the flood.

At the site of the Husker disaster in Knabbs Wood, the stream which overflowed in 1838 did so again. In fact the stream changed its course, flowing towards the day-hole entrance, before swinging round back towards the stream bed. A pond was left for several days at the base of the plug of clay placed there after the flood in 1838.

There must be lessons to learn from our experience of the floods. It appears to be basic common-sense that the swiftness of the flow from areas upstream of Silkstone could possibly be controlled, slowed in some way, and that pinch-points (blocked culverts, narrow bridges) need to be widened or at the very least kept free of blockages. Might I suggest that we should all keep an eye on culverts and the stream beds upstream from them, and report any blockage that we see. We should also avoid depositing rubbish in streams, or near the streams where it might be washed into the culvert and cause a blockage. Trees or bushes felled near streams should be hauled some distance away from the stream, where they also might be washed into the watercourse. If any guidance is made available by BMBC, we shall ensure it is passed on.

## Thanks to

Robert Broadhead for clearing rubbish from the gully at the end of High Street towards Silkstone Beck, to ensure that in future flooding incidents, the water may escape from High Street more freely. The culvert under the garage forecourt has now been cleared and a grill fitted to prevent further blockage.



## Silkstone Luncheon Club

### We have moved

From September 17<sup>th</sup> the Silkstone Luncheon Club members will meet at Silkstone Lodge. We are able to invite additional members because of larger premises. This applies especially to Silkstone Common residents. You must be at least 60 years young, but there is no upper limit. It may be possible to arrange transport to the Lodge. We would like to share our food, friendship and fun.

**Just give us a ring on 791670 for more information - a welcome awaits you.**



### Brainteaser

Some people and some rabbits happen to be sharing a cage. There are no other types of animal present in the cage.

There are 70 heads and 200 feet in the cage.

Do you think there are more rabbits than people or more people than rabbits?

Just how many people are in the cage?



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## The Parish Design Statement.

This was approved by Barnsley MBC and is now in its final stage of consultation. The first section of the statement is published in the middle pages of this edition. If you are on the internet you may see a copy at <http://edemocracy.barnsley.gov.uk/content/60f78a-1124c63f4fa--7fc2-2007060509554380200962.pdf>

## Green Spaces and the Environment

The following is a summary of the guidelines given for this section only:

When any development is under consideration, all the guidelines should be taken into consideration.

1) We wish to keep all our parish's open green spaces, views, trees and woods, stone walls, surrounding countryside and footpaths. Any attempts to develop into the Green Belt should be resisted with the exception of extensions to existing properties and the conversion of unused farm buildings, where the guidelines for buildings will apply.

This design statement is significant in any consideration of green spaces whether:

- within the built-up area;
- the woodlands;
- hedgerows; or
- watercourses.

It supports BMBC's Bio-diversity Action Plan and the Barnsley Green Space Strategy (available from Barnsley Council's Planning and Transportation Service).

Any green spaces, even those within the built-up areas of the parish, are potentially valuable oases for wildlife. Everyday contact with nature is important for well-being and quality of life. Furthermore the value of the wildlife around us is that it serves as a constant barometer of the health of our environment. Like the canaries used to warn underground workers of toxic gases, our wildlife has in the past warned us of things going wrong in the environment above ground. Screens of trees provide protection from noise and air pollution, extract carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and emit oxygen. Grassland, left to grow to maturity, provides seeds and insects for larks, sparrows, finches and buntings and habitat for butterflies and moths.

## 5.1 What is a Green Space?

A green space can be as small as a few square metres or as large as many acres. Essentially they are areas predominantly of grass, shrubs and trees. These spaces are an essential parish asset providing environmental and social impact.

### Environmental:

- Provide places for wildlife to live and for people to see and learn about wildlife.
- Improve the appearance of the villages by giving a more 'open' feel and look.
- Maintain the rural character of the parish both within the villages and between them.
- Help to absorb pollution such as carbon dioxide.

### Social:

- Provide sports and play facilities in appropriate places.
- Provide other recreational opportunities e.g. allotments.

Two different types of open space are significant; open countryside between settlements and important open spaces within the villages.

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## 5.2 Inside the Villages

The open spaces in the villages contribute towards the feeling of their rural nature as opposed to being a city suburb. The open spaces situated within the villages include:

### Silkstone:

- Silkstone Recreation Ground and adjoining Conroyd Wood.
- The Chestnuts.
- Open green space within and fronting Manor Park.
- The woodland and grassed area between Manor Park and Towngate through which Footpath 29a passes.
- 'Hillside' on High Street, opposite the Ring 'o' Bells.
- The entrance to Silkstone Primary School and playing field.
- 'Ribbon' open-space along Silkstone Waggonway from Silkstone Cross to the Parish boundary.
- The area adjacent to the War Memorial in Martin Croft.

- Broadgates play area.
- Tanyard, Hollow Spring and Conroyd Woods.
- Pack Horse Allotments.

### Silkstone Common:

- Orchard Wood and adjoining Orchard Meadow.
- Silkstone Common Recreation Ground including wooded area.
- Planted open space at Beacon Court.
- 'Ribbon' open space along the Dove Valley Trail section of the Trans-Pennine Trail.
- Hall Royd Wood in private ownership, but open to public use.
- Knabbs Wood, owned by the Woodland Trust, and open to the public.
- Hill Top Wood.
- Silkstone Common Primary School playing field.
- The Chestnuts, Silkstone and Orchard Wood and Meadow, Silkstone Common

The residents are of the opinion that these are very special areas. They should become protected areas of tranquility. This would enable the native flora and fauna to thrive and the residents to enjoy these areas with pride.

The Chestnuts was developed from a disused quarry. It is a green area set in the middle of the village. We strongly believe that this area should retain its character. We do not want change for change sake. Just as a building should focus respect for its neighbours so should the Chestnuts focus respect for its neighbours. This is a small grassy and tranquil setting bounded by large mature trees and native shrubs. The neighbouring housing is taken up by mainly senior citizens and the disabled in bungalow accommodation. Peace of mind is a priority for the residents of this area. It is a very desirable place to live. Every facet is valued. Any proposed alteration to the Chestnuts should be vigorously resisted. We believe that full consultation with the locals is essential. In the Chestnuts we have a sense of place and it feels good. This should become a protected area.

The list of green spaces are the main ones within the villages, but there are a substantial number of

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smaller green spaces. These are of equal importance to the open rural feel of the villages. These are shown in green on the map

### Outside the Villages Greenbelt

Silkstone and Silkstone Common wish to keep all their open spaces. It is a priority. New development of any kind should not result in the loss of the green spaces and views. The unique characteristic of the two villages is that green belt areas surround them. There is a particular green area between the villages, which, whilst separating them, also joins the two with lovely views of each other across the rolling hills and farmland in a wonderful green swathe. The village envelopes, already established, should be enforced in the future. Ribbon development and sprawl into the open countryside should be resisted. The village boundaries are shown on the map

### Farmland

The current feeling in the parish is that farmland should not under any circumstances be developed

as housing estates or industrial sites. This pastoral legacy should be valued and carefully managed.

### Recreation

In Silkstone, the Recreation Ground has a football pitch and a cricket pitch. Membership of the clubs is open to non-Silkstone residents. These facilities are kept in excellent order and create a sense of local pride and community spirit. However, we are very conscious that unless thoughtfully managed by dedicated people, these areas could fall below their present standard. Other areas of importance are the children's play areas located at Manor Park, Broadgates and Martin Croft.

In Silkstone Common the Recreation Ground has a football pitch and the children's play area known as 'Mike's Place'.

Recreation areas are highly valued and should not be taken for building purposes in the future. Reference should be made to the Barnsley's Green Space Strategy in accordance with Government Guidelines.

We need to promote and coordinate sport and leisure facilities for people of all ages and abilities. This would encourage a healthier lifestyle for all.

## Your Parish Councillors

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Amenities for young people should be accessible, affordable, safe and relevant, especially for teenagers. This should be a priority.

### Nature Conservation

The importance of protecting the native species in our woodlands and hedgerows cannot be overstated. A list of some of the native species is given in Appendix C. The wildlife we see around us has evolved over millions of years to be dependent on the plants found there. In particular the planting of non-native species and the tipping of discarded garden plants or plants from garden ponds within natural areas should not occur. Similarly, and for the same reasons, the extension of gardens involving the planting of non-native species, beyond the boundaries of private property, into areas of native woodland or other green space, will not be tolerated. Note that bluebells purchased from plant nurseries may be the Spanish bluebell that hybridises with our own bluebell and creates a non-native hybrid. Do not plant purchased bluebells in our woods.

Small pockets of woodland in the steep-sided valleys around Silkstone may be described as remnants of ancient woodland, never cleared for cultivation since the end of the last ice-age. However most of our woodland can be described as 'plantation', though it is largely of native

species with some non-native species planted for their commercial value, as may be seen in Conroyd Wood, Fall Wood and Lindley Wood. Unimproved woodland provides important havens for hole-nesting fauna such as woodpeckers, nuthatch, treecreeper and various bat species, all present in our local woodland, and the ground cover in these woods is often as important as the trees themselves. Bats and badgers, both protected by legislation, are also present in underground sites provided by mine-workings and disused railway tunnels.

### Appendix C: Native Trees and Shrubs

- Native shrubs and trees found in woodlands and hedgerows in the Silkstone area: (the heights given are reached only under the most favourable conditions):

|     |                               |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 2m  | Dog rose, Sallow              |
| 3m  | Blackthorn, Gorse, Privet     |
| 4m  | Elder                         |
| 5m  | Guelder rose, Common Hawthorn |
| 6m  | Hazel                         |
| 10m | Holly, Rowan, Willows         |

- Native trees of a medium and large size:

|     |                                                      |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------|
| 10m | Crab apple                                           |
| 15m | Bird cherry                                          |
| 20m | Common or Black Alder, Downy birch, Field maple      |
| 25m | Whitebeam, Crack willow, White willow, Hornbeam, Yew |
| 30m | Beech, Lime, Silver birch, Black poplar              |
| 35m | Grey poplar                                          |
| 40m | Ash, Wych elm                                        |
| 45m | Common oak                                           |

- Recommended for hedges: Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Guelder rose, Hazel, Holly, Beech

- Recommended for feature trees in partially restricted space: Rowan, Hazel, Silver birch, Field Maple.

This is the end of Section 5 of the Parish Design Statement.

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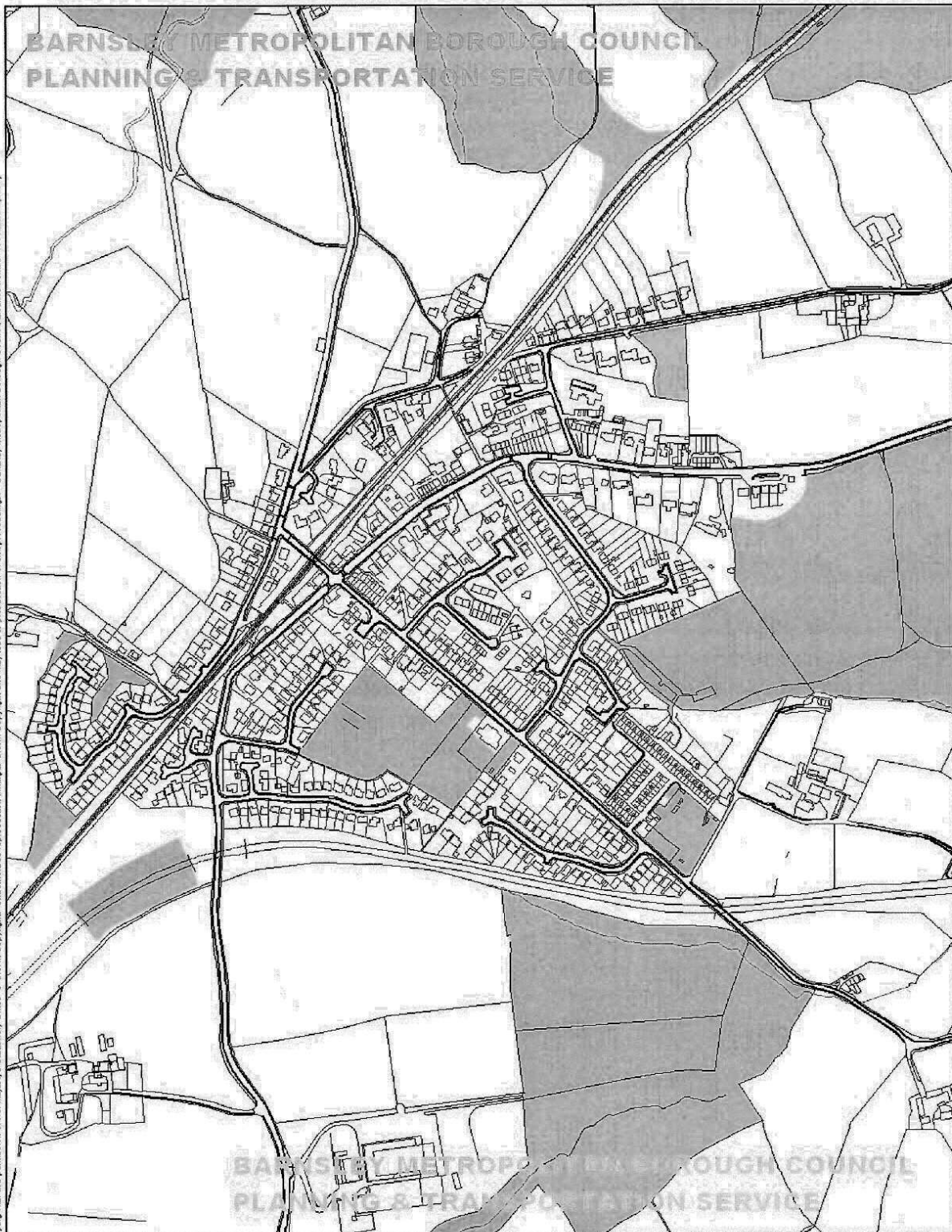
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Figure 1.2 Silkstone Common's Green Spaces



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**Figure 1.1 Silkstone's Green Spaces**



## Crown Green Bowling in Silkstone Parish



In need of some gentle exercise and fresh air? – have you ever considered taking up crown green bowling?

Bowling is a sport for both sexes from ages 10 to 80. It's easy to learn the basics and also inexpensive to play.

Silkstone Parish has its own bowling club situated behind Silkstone Lodge on Cone Lane. It is one of the Parish's oldest sporting organisations being formed in around 1920 and apart from a brief period in the 1960's has operated ever since.

The club is always on the lookout for new members and is able to provide basic coaching and help with the rules. Bowls are available to hire from the pavilion so you can get a taste of the sport before deciding if it's for you.

Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club currently bowls in the Barnsley League with matches taking place on Monday and Thursday evenings. The over 60's league takes place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Ladies matches are on Tuesday evenings.

The season is from April to September.

Membership of the Bowling Club costs £28 for the season or £2 per session.

So if you think bowling is for you contact Secretary David Harris on Barnsley 790051 for more information or come along to the green during the season when you will be made most welcome.

Silkstone Lodge Bowling Club's AGM for 2008 will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. at Silkstone Lodge.

### **Blobbering (according to the CGB Assoc)**

*This term may be heard in South Yorkshire/North Derbyshire to describe the beating of an opponent to a nil score.*

## **Great Pride, Great Shame**

As a Liverpoolian, it was with great pride that I attended a football match where sporting differences were put aside in order to demonstrate support for a family deprived of a child, a victim of a senseless murder. The night Liverpool played Toulouse, the family of Rhys Jones stood on the pitch to listen to the Everton theme, 'Z Cars' being played to be followed by the very emotional singing of "You'll Never Walk Alone". There were very few dry eyes at the end of the song.

My shame as a Scouser comes from the fact that (at the time of writing) no one has been arrested and charged with the murder. Family and friends who must know, or at least have a good idea, who was involved, are shielding the perpetrator of this crime. The longer this goes on, the harder it will be to solve and bring closure to the family of Rhys Jones. I find it hard to believe that people from my hometown would provide this much protection for a murderer.

Unfortunately, the people of this parish can now share this shame. The vandalism that has occurred recently does involve local youths. The families and friends of these people will know they were not at home at the time these crimes occurred. It is now up to those families and friends to come forward and help prevent any further occurrences of this vandalism or worse still, an escalation into something even more tragic.

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# Silkstone Lodge

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## Forthcoming Events

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

### **The Take 2 Big Band**

Concert, quiz and fun. Admission free

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

### **Annual Village Bonfire and Firework Display**

Disco to follow. Admission free

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Sporting Dinner - £25 pp or £230 per table x 10**

*Guest Speaker - Dermot Gallagher, Comedian - Josh Daniels. Compere - Malcolm Lord*

Fabulous 3 course meal

### **Christmas Party Nights - £26**

Served most evenings throughout December

Inclusive of superb meal and dancing to our Resident Disco

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Traditional Village Carol Concert - £3.50**

Old Silkstone Band and a local choir

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Christmas Party Night with The Take 2 Big Band - £28**

Inclusive of superb meal and live entertainment

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Boxing Day Children's Disco**

A village tradition! Great fun for all the family. Admission free

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

### **New Years Eve Party - £22**

Always a night to remember - superb buffet and great music from our Resident Disco

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

### **Dinner with "The Lords" - £22**

An evening of superb food and entertainment for gentlemen and their partners in the company of Malcolm and Mrs Lord along with comedian Venn Tracey.

Dancing to follow with our Resident Disco.



### Loss of trees alongside the railway.

CARE planted up the train station many years ago after British Rail and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive provided grants of £4000 to remove the rubble and provide soil and plants. Since then the group have cared for the station, pruning and clearing litter. As well as the mass of planting on the station itself, trees had been planted as a screen alongside the wall running to Stonecroft Court.

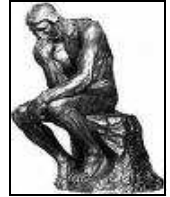
It was therefore rather upsetting when the new management of the railways removed the trees in order to access the line area for essential work. Following a complaint, a grant was provided for new planting, which was duly carried out. However, someone didn't tell the railway managers, and the second planting of new trees have now been again removed! Also, can someone also explain why it is necessary to spray the grass areas more than 5 metres from the track? **Phone calls and face-to-face direct approaches to personnel have not resulted in any explanation.**


### Do you know Latin?

The Roggins Local History Society has a Manor Court record that could throw some light on the way of life in Silkstone in the early 17th century. It records the proceedings in the manor court, perhaps held in Woolley Manor. However, the Roggins Group have a problem. It is written in Latin, and is likely to contain records of disputes, minor issues of misbehaviour, nuisance, problems with woods, common land, field boundaries, etc. We are likely to learn something about land use and agricultural practices, Silkstone people, mineral extraction, church land, etc.

Can you or someone you know help out? Keep those brain cells active and translate this document, or part of it, for the Roggins Group. Full acknowledgement of any help provided will be given in any papers published.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* **Don't Give up!** \*  
\* August Rodin failed the entrance \*  
\* exam to France's prestigious art \*  
\* school, the Ecole de Beaux-Arts \*  
\* three times! \*  
\* He then sat down and thought about his future. \*  
\* He stopped taking exams and went on to \*  
\* become one of the world's greatest sculptors. \*  
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**Brainteaser Answers** 

There are 40 people and 30 rabbits.

If p = the number of people and  
r= the number of rabbits we can get two equations with two unknown quantities.

$p + r = 70$  (heads)  
 $2p + 4r = 200$  (people have 2 feet and rabbits have 4)

Multiply the first equation by 2 and subtract it from the second

$2p+2r = 140$   
 $2p+4r = 200$

This leaves

$2r=60$

60 divided by 2 means we have 30 rabbits.

So we have 70 minus 30 = 40 people.



**Les writes...**

I'm a dry stone waller with a quest to restore the walls surrounding Nabs Wood at Silkstone Common where 26 children were tragically killed in the Huskar Pit Disaster of 1838.

Nabs Wood wall in disrepair

I'm doing this so that the woods are maintained as a fitting memorial to those children and their relatives, of whom some of their descendants still live in the village.



To help fulfil this dream I am holding dry stone walling courses to rebuild the walls which are in a dilapidated condition. The Woodland Trust and an owner of land adjacent to the woods have kindly promised stone for the repairs, but I can envisage that in future I'll have to start fundraising to buy stone for the repairs.

To find out how you can help with the rebuilding of Nabs Wood's dry stone walls, see the list of courses listed at the bottom of the page. Click on 'Hadrian's Dry Stone Walls' on the right of the page to find the contact details and course booking form.

- **6th & 7th October** Beginners at Silkstone Common, South Yorkshire
- **27th & 28th October** Conserving Natural Boundaries Course at Silkstone Common, South Yorkshire

**Stop 'N' Surf Bus**

This service started on Monday 3rd September. You can find it in Silkstone (behind the petrol station) on Mondays



10:00am -12:00 am and 1:00pm-3:00pm **Open access for adults**

3:30pm-5:30pm **Family Learning and Homework Support**

**Silkstone Junior Football Clubs -Sept. 2007/08**



New players are required for ALL teams, please ring

U 15s-Year 10, tel. Mark Pearson 766777

U 14s-Year 9, tel. Alan French 790019

U 12s-Year 7, tel. Jonathan Cooke 07817142477

U11s-Year 6, tel. Stephen Tate 07712182185

U10s-Year 5, tel. John Ward 295458

U9s-Year 4, tel. Simon Tucker 762300

**Don't give up!**

Guiseppe Verdi (1813-1901) was rejected by Italy's greatest Music School at the time, the Milan Conservatorium, because the teachers judged him to have no talent. Besides they thought he didn't look like a musician.

Without talent or looks Verdi went on to become one of the greatest composers of all time.

**Hedge Laying and Dry Stone Walling Courses in Silkstone Common**

HADRIAN'S DRY STONE WALLS



Call Les on 07952 551025 for details or visit [www.hadriansdrystonewalls.co.uk](http://www.hadriansdrystonewalls.co.uk)



**CARE events:**

CARE stands for Community Action in the Local Environment. It is a group of people who care for our local environment. They identify a range of projects each year that will help improve the area and carry them out between Autumn and Spring.



**Is this you?**

***I would like to help but don't have much time***

That doesn't matter, you can give as much or as little time as you have. You can come for just a part of a morning if that is all the time you have.

***Does it cost anything to join?***

No everyone is welcome—your willingness to help carry out a project is all you need.

***Do I have to bring my own tools?***

No—the CARE group has some tools that people without their own can use on the projects. But if you have some do please bring them.

**Working Dates**

**ALL** are on Saturday mornings at 10 am, meet as shown below

**29th Sept 07** - Maintenance Orchard Wood/Meadow and Woodland View, create hedgehog areas. Meet at Station Inn car park.

**21st Oct 07** - Work on Heritage Trail (waymarking signs). Meet at Silkstone Rec. car park

**25th. Nov 07** - Silkstone Rec. Litter pick, check trees/new path, clear banking behind goals. Bird

and bat boxes-Colin. Plant rowan trees? :Meet at Silkstone Rec car park.

**!5th. Dec 07** - .Maintenance at Silkstone Common station. Meet at Station Inn car park  
**19th. January 08** - Check millennium oaks/trees at Beacon Court/Dove Valley Trail and clear , drainage pipe/ditch. Plant rowans. Meet at Station Inn car park.

**23rd. Feb 08** - Work on Heritage Trail. Meet at Station Inn car park

**15th. March 08** - Cut back brambles on Cone Lane and footpath to Beacon hill. Meet at Station Inn car park

**TUESDAY 11th. December 07** - Faith Supper at Station Inn at 8pm

**Work proposed for future:**

1. Develop triangle of land near Ladyroyd,
2. Plant hedge near garage fence at Silkstone Rec.
3. Plant areas near bus stop opposite Station



Second Saturday in the month from 10:30am-12:00 noon sale of "Fairtrade" produce.

Silkstone Common Methodist Church is now registered as a Fairtrade Church.

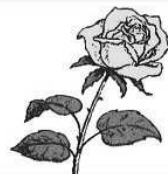
Produce on sale includes tea, coffee, biscuits, chocolate and other foodstuffs. The purchase of these goods guarantees a fair price is paid to Third World producers.

# Tom Horsfield

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**Clean up on farm-land as well as on our much-enjoyed local footpaths.**



Several local farmers are concerned about the risks of infection to their livestock, only to be expected when there have been recent outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease and scares about avian 'flu'. Without getting technical, the general message to get across is the need to have due regard to cleanliness wherever livestock may come into contact with you or your pets. Many diseases are species specific (I'm sure there's a better word for that, but I don't know it) but what it means is that usually a dog disease stays a dog-disease, and is not transferred to other species and a cow-disease usually always a cow-disease.

**However as we know there are some nasty infections which can spread from dogs or cattle to humans**, and similarly from dogs to cattle / pigs / sheep and back again, etc, etc. So it is in the interests of ourselves and our pets, as well as in the interests of the farmer that we all use commonsense with pets near livestock: respect field boundaries, stay on the public footpath, don't allow your dog off its lead, and clean up after your dog, particularly on agricultural land.

Also dog fouling on the Dove Valley Trail between hind Black Horse Drive, Moorend Lane bridge and Hall Royd Wood is becoming a real nuisance. One writer describes it as *"...really disgusting - if people must let their dogs foul the path then can't they at least pick it up and dispose of it in a responsible manner?"*

There are several bins around and about but failing that take it home !! If you are one of those who leaves it to wash away in the next rainfall, think of others who wish to feast their eyes on the local scene, instead of peering closely at the path in front of them.

## It's Hot, It's Sizzling, It's Salsa



**Penistone Grammar School Friday October 17th, 7:30pm**

This will be another enjoyable night at the Grammar School.

**Live Band: Son Para Todos**—a professional and popular Spanish Band and **instruction from Helen Neill**—local well-known and highly regarded dance instructor.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for children with family tickets available for £20 (2 adults and 2 children).

There will be a buffet—which is included in the ticket price. The price also includes your first drink.

Wine, Sangria, Beer, Lager and a range of soft drinks will be available for sale.

**The evening starts at 7:30pm**

You don't have to have children at the school to come—everyone is welcome and all funds raised will go to projects at the school.

Tickets available from PGS school reception or phone Linda on 01226 790596 or Sue on 01226 791587

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### Don't throw away those old post-cards

Do you have any post-cards of Silkstone and area. The Roggins Local History Group (the group that has erected the recent interpretation boards, carries out research into local history and publishes history papers) would like any available cards (and any photos) for purchase or copying. They will not go into the collection of a private collector, and will be used only for local history study. The Roggins Group and the wider community will benefit as the collection is always available to the public. Please contact Andy Horsfield on 791929, write to 83 Towngate, Silkstone or contact him on email [andyhorsfield@btinternet.com](mailto:andyhorsfield@btinternet.com).

### Something for young people.

A new website aims to provide information about things for young people to do in the local area. The website is [thingstodoin.org.uk](http://thingstodoin.org.uk). So far the website contains information about scouting, guiding, brownies and youth activities. If you would like more publicity for your organisation please send to [Stuartbennett@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:Stuartbennett@barnsley.gov.uk).

### INTERNAL AUDITOR REQUIRED

The Parish Council is required to appoint an internal auditor. The auditor should be independent and competent. The work will need a fair understanding of financial procedures and perhaps some local government experience.

The Parish Council hopes that a resident will offer to carry out the work free of charge. The commitment will probably be about 10 hours every 3 months. Good control measures are already in place so the work follows an established routine.

The auditor will be required to produce quarterly reports for the Parish Council and an annual report for the external auditor. Appropriate support and training will be provided. If a volunteer is not found, the Parish Council will need to obtain a paid contractor. If you interested in helping, please contact the Clerk or one of the councillors. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for contact details.

#### Parish Council Meetings this year

| Date     | Meeting | Location                 |
|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| 1/10/07  | PC      | Silkstone Primary School |
| 12/11/07 | PC      | Mission Rooms            |
| 3/12/07  | PC      | Silkstone Primary School |

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## Music

### Silkstone Common Ladies Choir

Singing for pleasure. Meets Mondays, Silkstone Common Methodist Church 7:45pm

Contact: Mrs B Herbert 790167

### Old Silkstone Band

Meets twice a week, Monday and Wednesday

Contact: Mick Fieldsend 762522

### "Old Silkstone 'B' Band"

Contact: Karin Brentnall tel 01226 791982 or  
Wayne Bostwick tel 01226 202141

'B' Band rehearsal every Monday 6:30-8:00pm in the Bandroom next to Silkstone Lodge

Training Band (beginners welcome) Rehearsal every Sunday 2:00-4:00pm, in the Bandroom next to Silkstone Lodge

### Dodworth Male Voice Choir

Meets Gilroyd Social Club, Thursday nights 7:30pm

Contact: Alf Jubb, 31 Hall Royd Walk, 790817

### Silkstone Bell Ringers

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

Contact: Caroline Charlesworth

### Silkstone Hospital Sing

Fund-raising throughout the year. New members always welcome.

Contact Peter Broadhead, 790921

### Music Makers

Pre-schoolers' Music Group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month in the Tower Room at Silkstone Church. Informal sessions including instruments, rhymes, songs & stories. All welcome with parents/

## Schools

### Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School

Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common. Educates children 4-11 yrs

Contact: Mr Evans 790471

### Silkstone Primary School

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

Contact: Mr Simon Barber 790333

### Little giants out of school & holiday club

Silkstone Primary School for children aged between 4 and 11 years. Monday to Friday  
Phone 0785 4710299

### Community Learning Programme

A wide range of courses and events —more being offered all the time. Contact Esther Parnham, via the PGS main switchboard 01226 762114 or by mobile: 07985 725634 or by email e.parnham2@barnsley.org

## Sports/Activities

### Silkstone United Football Club

Contact: Andy Horsfield 791929

### Silkstone United Junior Football Club

U 15s (Year 10) tel. Mark Pearson 766777

U 14s (Year 9) tel. Alan French 790019

U 12s (Year 7) tel. Jonathan Cooke 07817142477

U11s (Year 6) tel. Stephen Tate 07712182185

U10s (Year 5) tel. John Ward 295458

U9s (Year 4) tel. Simon Tucker 762300

### Silkstone United Cricket Club

Headquarters: Ring O Bells, Silkstone

Coaching for 7 - 13 year old, Monday's 6-8pm

Coaching for 13 upwards, Wednesday's 6-8pm.

Contacts: U13's Darron Walker 791203,

U15's & Secretary Owen Dyson 790956.

### Crown Green Bowling

Secretary David Harris on Barnsley 790051

### Taekwon-do

Silkstone Primary School Tues and Thurs 6-8pm, age 6 and over, come and join us. For further information

Contact Marc Stupples 380031

### Arabic Dancing

Most Sundays,

10:30-12:30, women only

Beginners welcome

Contact: Jean Marshall 790017 or

jean.marshall2@ukonline.co.uk

## Churches

### All Saints Parish Church

Morning service and Eucharist 9:15am 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 10:45am 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Evening Service 6:45pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Contact Rev Simon A. Moor 790232

### Silkstone Common Methodist Church

Morning Service and LIGHT group (young people) – Sundays at 10-30am

Thursday LIGHT group (5-11 year olds) Alternate Thursdays from 3-45pm to 5-00pm

Sale of "Fairtrade" produce and coffee morning – second Saturday in the month from 10-30am to 12-00 noon

If you know that any information on these pages is wrong or want to add details of your local group please let the Parish Clerk know.  
Phone Mrs Karen Canadine on 01226-391343 or email her on [silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk)



**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 Parish CARE Group**

Aims to improve the natural environment. Activities include planting hedges, trees, bulbs. Carries out litter-picks. Tools available on loan to volunteer groups. Promotes caring for the environment.

**Contact:** Graham Wells 790732

**Roggins Local History Group**

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

**Contact:** Jim Ritchie 790695

**Drystone Walling**

<http://hadriansdsw.blogspot.com/>  
[www.southyorkshiredswa.org.uk](http://www.southyorkshiredswa.org.uk)

**General**

**Silkstone Common Good Companions**

Provides companionship, entertainment and recreation for the senior citizens of the village. Meets fortnightly on Wednesdays 2-4pm. New members are very welcome

Annual subscription £1, refreshments 30p  
Varied programme including theatre trips, visits, entertainments, Helpers welcome

**Contact:** Mrs Brayshaw 790196, Terry Daniel 386755

**Royal British Legion Silkstone Branch**

Meets on the second Friday in each month at 7:30pm  
Branch HQ Silkstone Lodge

**Contact:** J.D. Mathews, 16 Stanhope Avenue Cawthorne

**Silkstone Common W.I.**

Meets second Friday each month at 7:15pm Silkstone Common Methodist Church

**Silkstone Luncheon Club for the over 60s**

Meets every Monday at 12 o'clock in Silkstone Lodge. New members always welcome. Please call **791670**

**From the department of the blindingly obvious**, a headline on a press release from the University of Missouri-Columbia in the USA. "Mizzou studies show that possessing a fake ID results in more drinking by under-age college students"

From the New Scientist

**Children**

**Chatterbox Club**

For parents/carers and toddlers 0-5 yrs. Meets Thursdays 10:15am-11:45am, Silkstone Common Methodist Church Hall

£1.25 per session includes refreshments

**Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup**

Offers term-time sessional care for 2½ to 4½ year olds

**Contact** Helen Dolmen (Manager) 792294

**Edward Bear Group**

The playgroup meets at the Mission Room, Silkstone Common, Monday mornings 10am-12 noon. Open all year except Bank Holidays. Under 4s and their parents/carers welcome.

£1 includes refreshments.

**Contacts**

Dawn tel. 790402  
Alison tel 790973

**Silkstone Scouts, Guides and Brownies**

Headquarters Silkstone Rec.

**Cubs:** youngsters 8-11 yrs, 6:30om-8pm Tuesdays

**Scouts:** boys and girls 10 ½ - 15 ½ yrs 7pm-9pm

**Guides:** girls 10-15 yrs 7:30pm-9pm Wednesdays

**Brownies:** girls 7-10 yrs

Scout Hut Thursday's 6:15-7:45

Tel: Maxine Bennet 790158

**Childminders**

For details of registered childminders please ring Childcare Information Service on:

0800 345340

**Visit Silkstone Parish Website**

[www.silkstone.org](http://www.silkstone.org)

If you wish to add a link or information please contact the Parish Clerk.  
See page 8 for details

You can see and download the agendas and draft minutes for Parish Council meetings and the Parish Plan on the web-site as well as other local information