



# Wilberfoss News

**July 2025**

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Welcome to your July Village  
Newsletter.

Summer is in full swing and the village  
is buzzing with activity!

A huge thank you to Stu, Becs, and all  
the wonderful volunteers for putting  
on such a fantastic Elders Party — a  
truly special afternoon enjoyed by all.

This month's edition is packed with  
local news, upcoming events, and  
everything happening around the  
village.

If you have any submissions for the  
August edition, please send them  
to [michellewallis1711@gmail.com](mailto:michellewallis1711@gmail.com)  
by July 19th.





# News in Brief

**Storking Lane Amenity Land** – some of you will already have seen that we've added an additional gated access to the amenity land from Storking Lane, creating an access point closer to the village boundary. We've also replaced an original wooden gate with a metal one. Because all three access gates are now metal, they have been fitted with makeshift noise reducing measures. Please close the gates quietly so that they reduce the impact on neighbouring properties. Thank you.



In addition, about 40 meters of fencing along the beck will be replaced in due course. The Internal Drainage Board has offered to remove the briar and old fence, but they need to wait until after the bird nesting season. If you or anyone you know would like to quote for the replacement of post and rail fencing, we would welcome your contact.

**Speed Indicator Device** – we are aware of teething issues with the SID on Ling Lane. We will work to resolve these as soon as possible.

Despite a plea in the Newsletter, we have been unable to find anyone to clean the street furniture and bus shelters. We will now reach out to the Community Payback Scheme.

**Children's Book Swap** – we are using funds from the *Wilberfoss Quarry Fund* to build a dedicated children's book swap in the porch at Wilberfoss Community Centre. It will complement the well-used one that exists already. If you or anyone you know would like to quote for the work to build the cabinet, we would welcome your contact.

**New Councillors** - We are hopeful of recruiting two new Councillors at July's Parish Council meeting. The applications are in, but holiday commitments prevented the applicants from attending our meeting in June.

We still have one vacancy remaining. If you're interested in contributing to Wilberfoss village life, we'd love to hear from you. Alternatively, pop along to one of our open meetings. They take place every third Thursday in the month at the Community Centre.



# LAFs

## WILBERFOSS LADIES AND FRIENDS (LAFs)

We are just a group of Ladies (not necessarily from Wilberfoss) who meet on the third Monday of each month at the Community Centre from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. **There is no membership fee**, but for a mere £3 at the door you will be warmly welcomed by everyone, receive a raffle ticket for some lovely prizes, enjoy an amusing and/or informative speaker and, last but by no means least, refreshments of tea, coffee and biscuits! Where else could you enjoy all this for £3?

On 21<sup>st</sup> July our speaker will be Stuart Paver (of shoes fame). One of the charities he is involved in supplies much needed medicines to Ukraine. His talk will give details of his journeys over to Ukraine and the distribution of the medicines. This promises to be an enlightening meeting.

### Subsequent meetings are as follows:

18 <sup>th</sup> August	Afternoon Tea (delicious, not to be missed)
15 <sup>th</sup> September	York Nurses Home
20 <sup>th</sup> October	UK Charities
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Teddy Bears (bring your own bear!)
(tba)	Christmas meal

You will be welcomed at any or all of these meetings, the choice is yours!





# Information

## Sewing Circle

The Monday afternoon Sewing Circle is now meeting in the Priory Room at the church. New members always welcome. We meet from 2-4 pm to knit, crochet, cross stitch etc...and natter! Meetings are NOT held on the third Monday in the month nor on Bank Holidays.

We pay £2.50 per week which includes tea / coffee and biscuits ( and cake if it is a birthday! )



## Tennis

Club nights continue on Monday and Friday evenings and, as ever, newcomers of any ability are particularly welcome.

Competitive fixtures have begun in earnest in the various York & District leagues. The women's team (captained by Andrea Webster) is finding it a struggle in lofty Division 3 but maintains enthusiasm. The men's group in Division 5 (skipper is Iain Webster) is currently battling for second place in a tight race for supremacy. Mixed 1 (led by Bev Tebbutt) is fighting hard at the base of a strong Division 3. Adrian Shakeshaft leads Mixed 2 in Division 7 that is currently in a 2-way split for top position. Division 10 finds Mixed 3 with new supremo, Nick Wright, currently in a 3-way dogfight for the leadership . Congratulations to all captains for putting out 5 weekly competitive teams from what is a relatively small pool of players. The club is in need of new members.

For more information about the club please contact  
<[wilberfosstennisclub.com](http://wilberfosstennisclub.com)>

Neil Burke (TENNIS CORRESPONDENT).





# Information

**Are you interested in Wilberfoss History?** Do you have any papers or information about Wilberfoss that you'd like to share? A Wilberfoss resident is a member of the Yorkshire Architectural and York Archaeological Society (YAYAS) and is keen to find out more, with a friend.

Rosemary will maintain confidentiality and keep any documents secure and will return them as soon as she can.

Please contact Rosemary direct: [rosemary.suttill46@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.suttill46@gmail.com)



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Report a poor trader to Trading Standards:  
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If a trader is at your property, refuses to leave or  
you feel threatened, intimidated or they become  
violent or aggressive, **call the police on 999.**

**For more information, visit:**  
[fraudwatch.org.uk/doorstep-crime](http://fraudwatch.org.uk/doorstep-crime)



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# Thank You—Elders Party

## A Heartfelt Thank You ...

On Behalf of the Over 66s in the village who attended the ***'Elders Party'*** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – a sincere and appreciative thank you to all who helped organise such a thoughtful and enjoyable event for us. It ran like clockwork with all the helpers playing their parts calmly and with attention to detail. It was great to have homemade Melba Toast with the Pate (thanks Vyv). And very encouraging to have some young people helping out too – Alfie as Wine Waiter / Sommelier was very attentive, which those of us drinking wine really appreciated!

Particular thanks to :

- Becs & Stu for masterminding it.
- Their team of helpers in the kitchen – on the raffle prizes, setting up and decorating the room clearing the room and all the washing up !
- Wilberfoss in Bloom for the artistically rustic flower arrangements – and all those whose gardens volunteered some blooms and greenery
- All the *'behind the scenes'* local businesses who donated cash, drinks, food and gifts for the raffle.
- The recent Duck Race event which makes a gratefully received financial contribution annually (*And didn't they do well as a new Committee for their first Duck Race!*)
- The wonderful singer who took us on a great foot tapping and body swaying (*and for some brave and energetic souls, all-out bopping and head banging moves!*) nostalgic trip down memory lane with his repertoire of 60s/70s music.

Its heartwarming to be part of a such a community in Wilberfoss that even puts this sort of event on and has the heart to remind us of those the village has lost over this last year. We hope that those who are recently single and bravely ventured to join in felt welcomed and nurtured by the friendship they encountered.

**Thank You – a great afternoon.**



# Playing Fields Association

## Grant Approved!



Following an Asda grant, we are pleased to announce that 120 new laurel hedge plants are being planted throughout the playing fields site - around the @ Pavilion Bar and Bistro patio, the far side behind the football pitches and one part of the lane that used to be fenced before getting damaged and used as a walkway as well as 2 new picnic benches ordered for the children's play area.



In terms of the lane, we would kindly ask that the metal barrier, that has been positioned and tied either side to not only allow the growth of the plants but for health and safety along the lane, is not removed. (Unfortunately, this has occurred on both nights since planting along with other damage. CCTV is in operation but we ask you to please assist in keeping the area free of vandalism and a place for everybody to enjoy.

**JOHN SPENCER**  
Chairman



# WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE

*Users that welcome new members*

	Session Time	Activity
Monday	6.00 am – 7.00 am	Early morning fitness class
	10.15 am – 12.25 pm	<a href="#">Sing &amp; Sign</a> – Classes from babies to toddlers
	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends (third Monday monthly)
	4.00 pm – 8.00 pm	<a href="#">KCMA Martial Arts Academy</a> (children & adult classes)
	6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Yoga with Simply Bee Wellness
Tuesday	8.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Keep Fit with Linda
	10.00 am – 11.00 am	<a href="#">Move It or Lose It</a> – Exercise for the over 60's
	1.15 pm – 3.15 pm	Wilberfoss Art Class
Wednesday	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Wilberfoss Table Tennis Club (Club & Match Night)
	9.30 am – 10.30 am	Beginners Yoga class
	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	<a href="#">U3A</a> Quiz ( <i>alternate weeks</i> ) (U3A Members only)
Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Wilberfoss Line Dancers
	10.00 am – 11.00 am	<a href="#">Pocklington Pilates</a>
	6.30 pm-8.30pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc
	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Beginners Tai Chi with Ian
	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	<a href="#">WOW WI</a> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly)
Friday		Wilberfoss Parish Council (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly)
	6.00 am – 7.00 am	Early morning fitness class
	9.30 am – 10.30 am	Circuits with Lovaine
	12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Boltonians (Men's discussion group & light lunch)
	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Wilberfoss Short Mat Bowling Club
Saturday	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	<a href="#">Kettlersize</a> Fitness with Kev
	10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) ( <i>alternate weeks</i> )
Sunday	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	<a href="#">Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society</a> (WATS) - Community theatre for all ages

*In addition to the events listed above, the Community Centre welcomes private bookings.*

Single rooms at the Centre can be hired for as little as £11.00 per hour for non-profit making activities or can be joined to form larger spaces. The Centre also has two therapy rooms which can be hired on an hourly basis by email [wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com](mailto:wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com) or via Facebook Messenger through the Community Centre page or the village website [Wilberfoss Parish Council | Community Centre](#) or on [HallsHire.com](https://www.halls-hire.com).



# UNITY CENTRE DIARY

Users have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
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atre group	Sally Langton	<a href="mailto:watswilberfoss@gmail.com">watswilberfoss@gmail.com</a>

*These events are not accessible to the public.*

s, £13.00 an hour for semi-commercial users and £20.00 an hour for a commercial hirer. Rooms can on hourly basis or on a half day (£30) or full day (£60) basis. Please contact the Centre Manager on Centre's Facebook page. Internal photographs of the Community Centre can be viewed through the



# Services & Events

St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss

## Sunday Services in July 2025

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am	Holy Communion

## Your Church is Open for You

The Church is open every day from approximately 10.00am until 3.00pm to provide a safe quiet space for private prayer, reflection or simply to shelter from the rain! There is a range of books on the soft play area window ledges and these are available to borrow and book donations are always welcome.

## Cash not required!

There is now a contactless card machine on the left as you enter Church to make your contributions to the upkeep of this beautiful building easy peasy.

**Don't forget Wilberfoss Church has its own web site** at <https://stjohnthebaptistchurchwilberfoss.co.uk/> , where you can learn of its history, take a 3D tour of the interior, or an aerial drone view of the exterior. There is also detail of the Safeguarding Policy and the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture within the Church and detail about the restoration work done funded by the Lottery Heritage Fund.

## Community Coffee Mornings

On the first Saturday of each month there will be a coffee morning in the Church Priory Room starting at 10.00am. Tea, coffee, cakes, raffle and lots of conversations, not forgetting delicious **bacon butties!** See you on 5<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

## Help with Mobility

The Church has 3 wheelchairs which can be borrowed at no charge for short term or long term use. Please contact Rose Riley, 01759 380795, or Moira Percival, 07805 344842, if you need to borrow one.

## York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir

The York Male Voice Choir will be singing in Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July and it will certainly be an evening to remember, so please don't miss out. The tickets are £15.00 and can be purchased from either Linda Samwell 07840 236028 or Moira Percival 07805 344842.



# Services & Events

## **Wilberfoss Church Stay and Play Group**

These sessions run during term time only and are held from 9.30 am until 11.00 am each Tuesday. Refreshments are available and while the sessions are free of charge, donations, (which help to purchase craft supplies and contribute to the heating and lighting costs), will be welcomed.

## **Jigsaw Group**

This social group continues to meet every Thursday in the Priory Room 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm and provides a warm space and good company for all. There is always a large jigsaw for all to help complete and jigsaws are available to borrow and take home. If you enjoy jigsaws, then this is the place for you! If you don't want to be involved with the jigsaw, there is always great conversation, tea, coffee and cake to tempt you! Grateful thanks to all who generously donate cakes, raffle prizes etc. Please contact Jo Stalker 01759 380361 if you need further information.

## **WILBERFOSS CHURCH 100 CLUB**

The lucky winners in the June double draw were 1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Morgan and Margaret Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqui Wilson and Ken Jones; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tonita Day and Jean Empson. Please contact Moira Percival on 07805 344842 for further details as to how you can join in the fun.

## **Do you shop online?**

If you do, then here is an easy way to increase the income of your Village Church at no cost to you!! If you access this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>, choose St John the Baptist Church Wilberfoss, then purchase from the **extensive** list of stores, a percentage of the cost of your purchases will be given to Wilberfoss Church. This donation comes purely from the store and not from you!

## **Food Bank – How it Works**

If you or someone you know needs help from the foodbank there are a few simple steps to follow. **The most important step is to get a foodbank voucher.**

Please call for free to talk confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice adviser on: **0808 208 2138** (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, closed on public holidays).

Alternatively for help in accessing a voucher, you can also call Citizens Advice York on 03 444 111 444. Agencies they work with include: housing support officers, schools, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities.



# Services & Events

## **1. Get in touch with the foodbank.**

If you call or email the foodbank they can talk through your situation and put you in touch with a relevant local agency.

## **2. Arrange a visit to the referral agency.**

They will discuss your situation and supply you with a foodbank voucher where appropriate.

## **3. Bring your foodbank voucher to your nearest foodbank centre.**

You can find a list of the local centres and opening times at the web address <https://york.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

The school summer holidays are fast approaching and the demand for help increases considerably. Please help with donations if you are able. Monetary donations are also welcomed as cash is used to bolster stock shortages.

The following list contains items desperately needed:

Jars of jam (not homemade), Jars of pasta sauce or curry sauce, Sugar  
Powdered Milk & Mash potato.

The following are items which are running low:

Breakfast cereals (not porridge), Instant noodles or pot noodles  
Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Packets of rice, Fruit juice (not chilled)  
UHT Milk, Packets of biscuits, Sponge puddings, Tinned soup  
Tinned Fruit & Small jars of coffee

Heartfelt thanks to all who give so generously to help families in crisis.

The York foodbank website is regularly updated with details of items that are urgently needed. For further details please go to: <https://york.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> If you have any queries, please contact Steve Percival, [stevepercival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevepercival@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Church Contacts**

Simon Pritchard	Priest in Charge	<a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com">www.achurchnearyou.com</a>
Peter Green	Licensed Lay Minister	01759 301386
Steve Percival	Licensed Lay Minister	07883521677
Rose Riley	Church Warden	01759 380795
Maira Percival	Church Warden	07805344842



**W.A.T.S**

WILBERFOSS AMATEUR THEATRE SOCIETY ARE  
PROUD TO PRESENT THEIR 2025 SUMMER SHOWCASE:

# MAGIC AT THE MUSICALS



Scan for  
tickets!

Sunday the 13th  
July 2025  
1PM & 6PM

Adults £5, Under  
18's £3

@ Wilberfoss  
Community Centre

# Children's Word Search



## INSECTS

### Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the insect names in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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CRICKET

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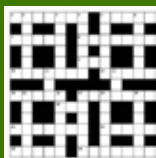
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# June Crossword Answers

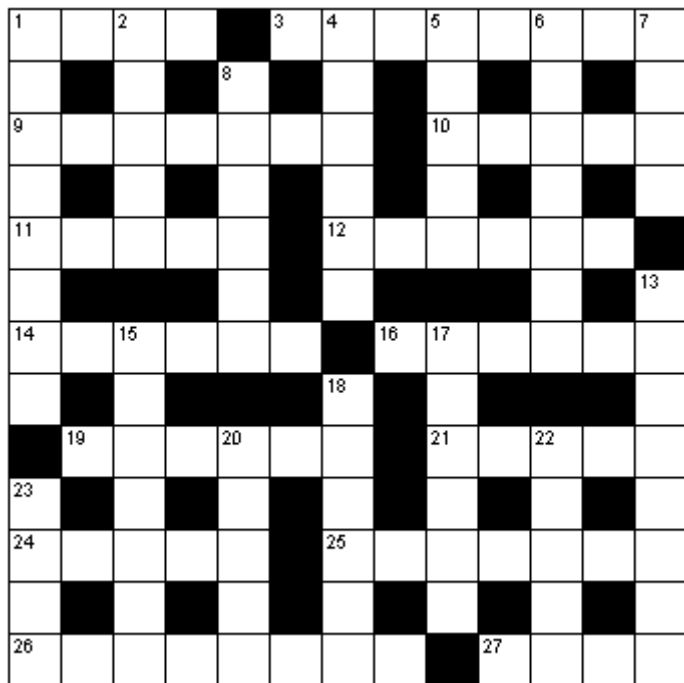
## Crossword Answers

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# July Crossword



## Across

- 1 Mass of soap bubbles (4)
- 3 Curved sword (8)
- 9 Program for accessing the Web (7)
- 10 Motorised bicycle (5)
- 11 Last Greek letter (5)
- 12 At a leisurely pace (6)
- 14 Required (6)
- 16 Not hardy (6)
- 19 Alloy of tin and lead (6)
- 21 Small shoot or twig (5)
- 24 Sitting Bull's tribe (5)
- 25 North African country (7)
- 26 Wisdom (8)
- 27 Conspiracy (4)

## Down

- 1 Writ compelling attendance in court (8)
- 2 Male honey-bee (5)
- 4 Dead body (6)
- 5 Latin American dance (5)
- 6 Knocked down (7)
- 7 Uncivil (4)
- 8 Get away (6)
- 13 Sweet-smelling (8)
- 15 Soon (archaic) (7)
- 17 Naval flag (6)
- 18 School absentee (6)
- 20 Poisonous (5)
- 22 Not urban (5)
- 23 Functions (4)