



Wilberfoss News

June 2025

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Welcome to your June Village Newsletter.

What a fabulous day we had for the duck race — a real highlight for the community!

This month's edition is brimming with local news, upcoming events, and all the goings-on around the village.

There's plenty to enjoy, so pop the kettle on, take a moment, and have a good read through!

If you have any submissions for the July edition, please send them to michellewallis1711@gmail.com by July 19th.





News in Brief

We said farewell to Lynda Hoyle this month. Lynda has been a dedicated Parish Councillor since 2020 and Vice Chair for several years. We wish you well for the future Lynda. Gemma Gibbs is now the only female Parish Councillor and with two vacancies, and soon to be a third following Lynda's resignation, we would welcome an increase in female representation.

The Annual Parish Council meeting saw the re-election of Richard Rains as Chair and the appointment of Colin Veitch as Vice-Chair. At this year's Annual Parish Meeting several groups in the village shared their annual reports with us. You can read what these volunteers are doing in the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting by visiting the parish website (www.wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk)

Speed Indicator Device – by the time the Newsletter is published the SID should be in situ. It will move between 3 locations over the course of a year. This project will be funded by the 2025 allocation of the Quarry Fund, a fund that was set up by [Wilberfoss Quarry Landfill & Recycling Facility](#) and supports the parishes of Wilberfoss and Newton upon Derwent.



There have been two potential pollution incidents recently when it was suspected that illegal substances may have been burned. Both instances impacted the village – the first leaving a residue on surfaces and the second seeing plumes of black smoke over the beck. Pollution issues should be reported to East Riding of Yorkshire Council through the email address pollution.control@easriding.gov.uk.

Pollution Control do not operate an emergency call out so well gathered, accurate evidence is essential for prosecution. Reports must include the precise location, details of how long the issue has been going on, what impact it is having on those providing the evidence. If it's safe to do so, photo/video evidence of the offence from a nearby location will help

Are you a self-employed handyperson / window cleaner? We're looking for someone to clean street furniture and bus shelters in the village. For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk.

We're working with [Greener Pocklington](#) to enhance the amenity land off Storking Lane. We've committed up to £300 and have asked for a project proposal which may result in the planting of one or two trees and the installation of nesting boxes.



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 16th June, our speaker, Sim, will be demonstrating her considerable talents with flower arranging and giving handy tips to help us raise our game!

Subsequent meetings are as follows:

21 st July	Visits to the Ukraine
18 th August	Afternoon Tea (delicious, not to be missed)
15 th September	York Nurses Home
20 th October	UK Charities
17 th 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

MONTHLY DIGITAL CLINICS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN

Due to low demand, the monthly face-to-face Digital Clinics have folded.

Volunteers are still available via email at wilberfosdigitalosos@gmail.com and are happy to assist where possible.



Tennis

Club nights are now on Mondays and Fridays.

Prospective new members are particularly welcome.

Neil Burke (TENNIS CORRESPONDENT).





Wilberfoss Duck Race



a huge
thank-you!

*The 2025 Wilberfoss Duck Race wouldn't have
been as successful as it was without you!*

**We'll update you in due course on the fantastic amount of money
raised and how it will be used by village beneficiaries.**

Comments welcome to wilberfossduckrace@gmail.com

With best wishes from The Duck Race Committee





Wilberfoss In Bloom

THANK YOU to all those who came to buy our cakes at the Duck Race and plants at our Spring Plant Sale. We made a bumper profit, all of which you'll see the results of soon, as we plant our summer displays.

We have already struggled through the Spring with a lack of rain, which has meant a lot of lugging watering cans about (and none of us are Spring Chickens). We would really appreciate help from more villagers, please.

How can you help?

Water the plants

If you live near to any of the planters and beds, could you commit to helping us out, by watering them when the plants need it? This is particularly important during hot spells.

Involving children in this would be wonderful- they love the colour and watching the bees and butterflies - a natural nature lesson and outdoor activity to do together, perhaps?

Join the Wilberfoss in Bloom team

Come and socialise whilst helping to keep our village beautiful. We meet every third Tuesday at 6.30pm and every 1st Saturday at 10am.

Call Viv Gyll on 07885 855402 or email her at vmg1067@icloud.com for further details.





SOLAR UPDATE

We have recently secured funding to install battery storage to our existing solar panel system which will assist in securing our long term sustainability. Special thanks to Awards for All Community Fund, Two Ridings Community Fund and the many contributors who made this project happen including all of you that donated from the village and beyond.

We are continuing to look for ways to improve the energy efficiency of our facilities and are now fundraising towards replacing all of our internal lighting with LED equivalent together with installing motion sensors and replacing our car park and approach walkway lighting with LED equivalent.

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	Sing & Sign – Classes from babies to toddlers
	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends (third Monday monthly)
	4.00 pm – 8.00 pm	KCMA Martial Arts Academy (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	Move It or Lose It – Exercise for the over 60's
	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Tuesday Chat (cuppa and a chat – free to all and everyone) No booking necessary. Just turn up!
	1.00 – 2.30 pm	Digital Clinic – FREE help with devices/online issues (1 st Tue monthly)
	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	U3A Quiz (<i>alternate weeks</i>) (U3A Members only)
Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Wilberfoss Line Dancers
	10.00 am – 11.00 am	Pocklington Pilates
	7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc
	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Beginners Tai Chi with Ian
	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	WOW WI (2 nd Thursday monthly)
Friday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Wilberfoss Parish Council (3 rd 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	Kettlersize Fitness with Kev
	10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) (alternate weeks)
Sunday	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society (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 a private basis by email at wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com or via Facebook Messenger through the Community Centre page or on the village website [Wilberfoss Parish Council | Community Centre](#) or on [HallsHire.com](https://www.halls-hire.com).

UNITY CENTRE DIARY

ers have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
	Emily Stockhill Anna Gibbeson Eileen Brammell Kris Crump Emily Stockhill Linda Hartas	emilylouisestockhill@gmail.com 07715 693656 annagibbeson@singandsign.co.uk 07811 651720 01759 388135 kcma.online@gmail.com 07896 882909 emilylouisestockhill@gmail.com 07715 693656 Linharmac@aol.com 07801 888824
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	Mike Lewis	07904 653337
eatre group	Sally Langton	watswilberfoss@gmail.com

These events are not accessible to the public.

, £13.00 an hour for semi-commercial users and £20.00 an hour for a commercial hirer. Rooms can on a 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 June 2025

Sunday 1 st June	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 8 th June	11.00 am	Holy Communion (Pentecost)
Sunday 15 th June	11.00 am	Come and Worship (Trinity Sunday)
Sunday 22 nd June	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th June	11.00 am	Come and Worship

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, donations are always welcome.

It is with a heavy heart that reports of the Church being misused have been received. We can only assume that this is the work of children, as chalk graffiti has been found and the Easter Garden has been virtually destroyed. We are committed to keeping the Church open for everyone and therefore please could everyone be mindful of the need to behave in a respectful manner in this place of worship.

Church Coffee Mornings (aka Rose and Ray's) are back!

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. See you on 7th June and 5th July.

The Duck Race

A massive thankyou to everyone who supported the two Church stalls at the Duck Race on 11th May. The weather was amazing as was the organisation by the Duck Race Committee and it seemed like the whole village, plus some, turned out and had a great time. The Church toy sale and the Bottle on a String Stall raised a wonderful £308.51.



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A Date for your Diary

The York Male Voice Choir will be singing in Church on Saturday 5th 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.

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.

Safeguarding - the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture within the Church.

The Ministry Team and all front-line volunteers have been on training courses regarding the important issue of safeguarding, following the relevant national legislation and guidance. The front-line volunteers include those who welcome worshippers and distribute hymn books and liturgy, read the lessons, lead the intercessions, invite you to take communion or to come forward for a blessing. All Church led activities have at least one person who has their safeguarding certification and has been cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

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 a listed store, 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!



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WILBERFOSS CHURCH 100 CLUB

The first draw of the 100 Club year took place on the first Sunday in May and the lucky winners were 1st Bob Empson, 2nd Tonita Day, 3rd Margaret Smith. If you wish to retain your current numbers or choose new/additional numbers please contact Moira on 07805 344842 or see her most Sundays in Church. The annual cost is £12 for 12 draws (in June and December there are two draws to replace the two months missed because of Lent). You can join in at any time during the year and the cost will be reduced pro rata. The proceeds are split 60/40 between prize money and the upkeep of the Village Church. Thank you to everyone who has been and will be part of the fun.

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.

In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation, the foodbank works with local agencies. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they will issue you with a foodbank voucher. The local agency can also help provide long term support if needed to help address problems which may be causing you concern or have led to a challenging situation. Agencies they work with include: Citizens Advice, housing support officers, schools, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities.

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.



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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 below. When you arrive, you will be welcomed with a tea or coffee and the trained volunteers will chat with you about anything you would find helpful. They will also discuss any dietary needs you may have and exchange your foodbank voucher for a parcel of three days of emergency food. They will also help to support you in any other ways that they can. Most foodbank centres offer a café style environment and their aim is to provide support to prevent a crisis.

The following list contains items desperately needed:

Breakfast cereal (not porridge)	Jars of jam
Toilet rolls	Deodorants
Washing up liquid	Strong carrier bags, e.g. bags for life.

These are items which are running low:

Fruit juice (not chilled)	Powdered Milk	
UHT Milk	Sugar	
Tinned rice pudding	Tinned custard	Tinned Fruit.

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

Church Contacts

Simon Pritchard	Priest in Charge	www.achurchnearyou.com
Peter Green	Licensed Lay Minister	01759 301386
Steve Percival	Licensed Lay Minister	07883521677
Rose Riley	Church Warden	01759 380795
Moirra Percival	Church Warden	07805344842



W.A.T.S

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

MAGIC AT THE MUSICALS

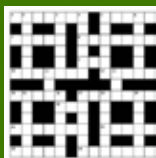


Scan for
tickets!

Sunday the 13th
July 2025
1PM & 6PM

Adults £5, Under
18's £3

@ Wilberfoss
Community Centre



May Crossword Answers & Word Search



Crossword Answers

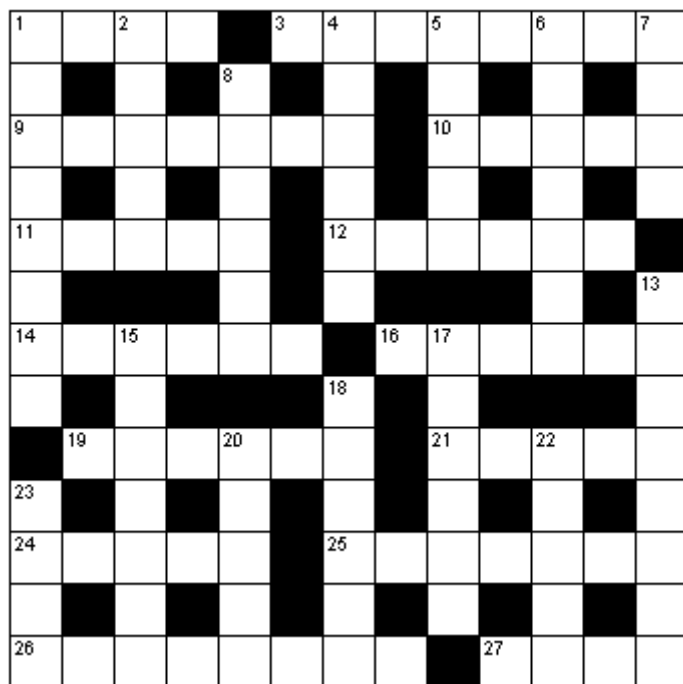
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Children's Word Search

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June Crossword



Across

- 1 Rich soil (4)
- 3 Hindrance (8)
- 9 Latter-Day Saints (7)
- 10 Embellish (5)
- 11 Oarsman (5)
- 12 Hue (6)
- 14 Red wine from Bordeaux (6)
- 16 Military pageant (6)
- 19 Threat (anag) (6)
- 21 Move (5)
- 24 That is (Latin) (2,3)
- 25 Discernment (7)
- 26 Diminished (8)
- 27 Bathroom powder (4)

Down

- 1 Humorous verse form (8)
- 2 Direction indicator (5)
- 4 Cut in two (6)
- 5 Lag behind (5)
- 6 Game played on a lawn (7)
- 7 Sicilian volcano (4)
- 8 Vulgar, unrefined (6)
- 13 Relating to the home or family (8)
- 15 Mozart's middle name (7)
- 17 Waylay (6)
- 18 Sea trip (6)
- 20 Legal right to property (5)
- 22 Doctrine accepted without question (5)
- 23 Slay (4)