



Wilberfoss News

October 2025

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Welcome to your October Village Newsletter

As we say goodbye to the warmth of summer we welcome the cosy, colourful days of autumn ahead.

And as always the village is looking fabulous, thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers.

As always there is plenty going on in and around the village, put your feet up, grab a cuppa and have a read.

If you have any submissions for the November edition, please send them to michellewallis1711@gmail.com

by October 19th.





News in Brief

DON'T FORGET Greener Pocklington are offering an opportunity to help them build a bug hotel on the amenity land off Storking Lane at 10.00 am on the **4th October**. **If you have any suitable material and/or want to help out with this biodiversity project, just turn up!**



The Community Payback team have removed the broken post and rail fencing separating the amenity land from the beck.

The wood has been stacked and if it's useful to anyone for kindling, please help yourselves. Once the Drainage Board have cleared the vegetation, the Community Payback team will return to install the new fence and replace the stone benchmark.

We have commissioned a joiner to install the dedicated children's bookcase in the foyer at the Community Centre. There's no installation date yet, but if you have children's books you were thinking of giving away, please hang on to them until the bookcase is built. Many thanks.

The landline associated with the Parish Council has been withdrawn. Please contact the Clerk via mobile/WhatsApp on the number below. Email and Facebook Messenger is also an option.

Willow Park Road – a bench will be located on the junction of Willow Park Road and Wold View Road to offer a resting place for those walking the village on foot.

Some of you may have noticed that the **Speed Indicator Device** has been moved. It is now monitoring traffic entering the village from the eastern entrance. A delivery driver was recorded doing 37 mph but was seen to slow down once the figure was flashed up.

Remedial work will be carried out to trees at **Jubilee Wood** on Ings Road shortly. The copse of trees is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

We have been notified that volunteers from the **Red Cross** will visit vulnerable residents. If you know of anyone in the village who is suffering from loneliness or has been diagnosed with a serious or terminal illness and would like some support, please reach out to Natasha or Rachel

Natashawilkinson@redcross.org.uk

Rachelsteed@redcross.org.uk



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?

15th September meeting featured an amazing talk by Rosemary Cook about the history of the nurses home in the late 19th and early 20th Century when it was based at Middlethorpe Hall. Rosemary will be returning 19th October 2026 for our Halloween Special Murder Mystery!

20th October features a talk by Ellie Hudson about the charity sector and its move from a male dominated leadership to a more balanced male/female leadership

Subsequent meetings are as follows:

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| 17 th November | Teddy Bears (bring your own bear!) |
| Friday 19 th December | Christmas meal at the Pavilion. (transport will be available from the Community Centre to the Pavilion (and back again!) for those who need it. Menu and prices to follow. |

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





Community Centre Business Suite



SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Are you a caregiver looking for space to provide therapy/consultations?
- Do you need to find space for a meeting/interview?
- We have two offices dedicated for business use.
- Each room can be rented on an hourly basis or a half day/full day basis

WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE BUSINESS SUITE

We have a dedicated therapy/consultation room and a meeting room, both of which are available to rent on an hourly basis or on a half day/full day basis. The half day rate is £30 for 4 hours and the full day rate is £60 for eight hours.



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W.A.T.S

Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society Presents

THE FLINT STREET NATIVITY

By Tim Firth

29th-30th of November 2025,
1 PM & 6 PM

Recommended viewing 12+
@ Wilberfoss Community Centre



**Scan the QR Code or contact
watswilberfoss@gmail.com to grab your tickets!**

This amateur production of "The Flint Street Nativity" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. On behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society

Wilberfossians & New Village Project

Calling All Wilberfossians

We are creating an archive for the people of Wilberfoss to share and enjoy. Rosemary Sutill has generously agreed to index everything for us to make all of this information easier to access. Wilberfoss Parish Council has provided a fireproof lockable cabinet to be kept in the Community Centre to house any papers, books, photographs or maps about Wilberfoss and the surrounding area.

If anyone has photos or maps or even memories we can record, it would be wonderful if we could hear from you to see them or copy and record them for the archive.



EXCITING NEW PROJECT

Could you help us to develop
new youth sessions?

We're looking for volunteers to
help us deliver a new project in
the village!

If you think you could help, please
get in contact with us on the
email below!

Email us at:
WilberfossCommunityCentre@outlook.com



Monthly Update

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH.



Some colourful new children's play area picnic tables have been delivered. At time of posting, they will be sited shortly.

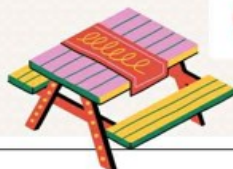
A reminder that dogs are **NOT** allowed on the Playing Fields.

Adults and children constantly use these for football matches, archery, training and other recreational activities. A child's football boot has recently been coated with dog faeces whilst playing in a juniors match.

Finally, we really need new people to join the PFA. Please if you want to help then I'm happy to discuss further.

I'm contactable on
07407 341299 or JALSPENCER@AOL.COM.

JOHN SPENCER
Chairman



**NO POOP
ZONE**



WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY

Users that welcome new members

	Session Time	Activity
Monday	6.00 am – 7.00 am 9.00am – 5.00pm 10.15 am – 12.25 pm 10.30am -11.30am 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm 4.00 pm – 8.00 pm 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Early morning fitness class NESTT Sing & Sign – Classes from babies to toddlers Table tennis coaching Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends (third Monday monthly) KCMA Martial Arts Academy (children & adult classes) Yoga with Simply Bee Wellness Keep Fit
Tuesday	9.00am -5.00pm 10.00 am – 11.00 am 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	NESTT Move It or Lose It – Exercise for the over 60's Wilberfoss Art Class Wilberfoss Table Tennis Club (Club & Match Night)
Wednesday	9.30 am – 10.30 am 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Beginners Yoga class U3A Quiz (<i>alternate weeks</i>) (U3A Members only) Wilberfoss Line Dancers
Thursday	9.00am -5.00pm 10.00 am – 11.00 am 6.45pm -9.30pm 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	NESTT Pocklington Pilates Wilberfoss in Bloom Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc Beginners Tai Chi WOW WI (2 nd Thursday monthly) Wilberfoss Parish Council (3 rd Thursday monthly)
Friday	6.00 am – 7.00 am 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm 4.00pm – 5.00pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Early morning fitness class Boltonians (Men's discussion group & light lunch) NESTT Wilberfoss Short Mat Bowling Club Kettlersize Fitness
Saturday	10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) (<i>alternate weeks</i>)

UNITY CENTRE DIARY

rs have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
	Emily Stockhill Anna Gibbeson Alison Young Eileen Brammell Kris Crump Emily Stockhill Linda Hartas	emilylouisestockhill@gmail.com 07715 693656 07802896501 annagibbeson@singandsign.co.uk 07811 651720 92aryoung@gmail.com 01759 380325 01759 388135 kcma.online@gmail.com 07896 882909 emilylouisestockhill@gmail.com 07715 693656 linharmac@aol.com 07801 888824
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Services & Events

St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss

As some readers will already know, Rev Simon Pritchard is unwell and will be receiving treatment for cancer for some time. Inevitably this means that, although Church services will continue each week in Wilberfoss, they may differ in content. Please keep Simon and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sunday Services in October 2025

Sunday 5 th October	11.00 am Come and Worship (Harvest Festival)
Sunday 12 th October	11.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th October	11.00 am Come and Worship
Sunday 26 th October	11.00 am Holy Communion

It is worth continuing to read the following pages as there is a lot more than Sunday Services happening at your village church.

Important Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival service will be held on **Sunday 5th October**. This is such a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all who are involved in the production and distribution of our food. Donations of produce will be gratefully received on the day.

Church will be hosting the annual Craft Fair on **Saturday 15th November** 10.00 am until 2.00 pm. There will be a wide variety of local craft stalls displaying great ideas for Christmas presents. There will also be, of course, refreshments, homemade cakes, bacon butties and last but by no means least, Tombola! If you have any items suitable for the tombola, they can be brought to Church or left with Rose Riley at 2 The Paddock. If you have an urge to bake, don't hold back! Cakes will be gratefully received on the day.

Volunteers are always welcomed with open arms (or not if you prefer!)

There is a dwindling small army of volunteers who ensure that the church is able to open every day. Some are part of the congregation, some are not. If you prefer not to attend church, you can still make a valuable contribution by joining the rota for cleaning the brasses and arranging the floral displays. Please contact Diane Dawson on 01759 380626. If you are part of the congregation, would you be willing to welcome people and hand out hymn books, read the bible lesson, compose the intersessional prayers or be part of the team who provide refreshments after each service? Please contact Moira Percival on 07805 344842. All contributions to keeping our beautiful church open and a valuable social resource are deeply appreciated.



Services & Events

Your Church is Open for You every day

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

Dogs are Welcome but.....

Please be respectful of the church and the grounds by ensuring that your dog is on a lead at all times.

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 PLUS Food Bank donations

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 4th October and 1st November. Donations of cakes gratefully received on the day.

These coffee mornings will be an opportunity for you to contribute to the Food Bank by bringing along a can, jar or packet of food and placing your contribution on the path leading to the church door. The photograph shows the amazing donations made in September, heartfelt thanks to everyone who

contributed. The donations weighed in at a remarkable 76.8 kilos. Monetary donations are also welcomed as cash is used to bolster stock shortages.



Wilberfoss Church Stay and Play Group

The group will meet each Thursday morning 9.30 until 11.00 during school term time and will consist of crafts, musical instruments, toys, games, storytelling and of course refreshments. This is an amazingly friendly group and you and your pre-schooler are assured of a warm welcome.



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Jigsaw Group

This social group continues to meet every Thursday throughout the summer in the Priory Room 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Please contact Jo Stalker 01759 380361 if you need further information.

Wilberfoss Church 100 Club

The lucky winners in the September draw were 1st Norma Randall; 2nd Margaret Smith; 3rd Eileen Brammell. If you notice some recurring names, it is because they have more than one number! Please contact Moira Percival on 07805 344842 for further details as to how you can join in the fun.

Food Bank

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.

Urgently needed are all non-perishable, unopened and in date food items ... stock is very low, even for baked beans and tinned spaghetti!

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

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.

Do you shop online?

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

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
Moira Percival	Church Warden	07805344842



Wilberfoss In Bloom



*Blooming Bingo Night
Saturday 18th October
7:00pm*

*Wilberfoss Community Centre
Eyes down for 7:15pm
6 Games for £10!!
Supper included with your ticket
Cash Prizes and Raffle
Fun for all!*

*Pay on the door, or get your tickets
From a member of
Wilberfoss in Bloom
Or email: vmg1067@icloud.com
To confirm your interest*



Pavilion Bar & Bistro

THE PAVILION BAR & BISTRO



About us

We are a Family Friendly Business in wilberfoss (YO415AB)

Open Wednesday to Sunday from 9am

we serve breakfast from 9am until 3pm Wednesday and thursday's,
9am - 8pm Friday and Saturday's & 9am - 5pm Sundays

Our Facilities



Toilet



WiFi



Food



Play Park



OAP THURSDAYS

Discounted Menu for our Senior
Citizens Every Thursday with Bingo
every Alternate Thursday.

Events

HALLOWEEN DISCO

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

BONFIRE NIGHT/ GLOW PARTY

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 16th October

Thursday 30th October

Tennis & Sept Crossword Answers

Tennis

Congratulations to Wllberfoss men's team that finished runners-up in its division and will almost certainly have gained promotion. It's been a vintage season with both 2nd and 3rd mixed teams already having been promoted. The club is always looking for new members.

Neil Burke (TENNIS CORRESPONDENT).

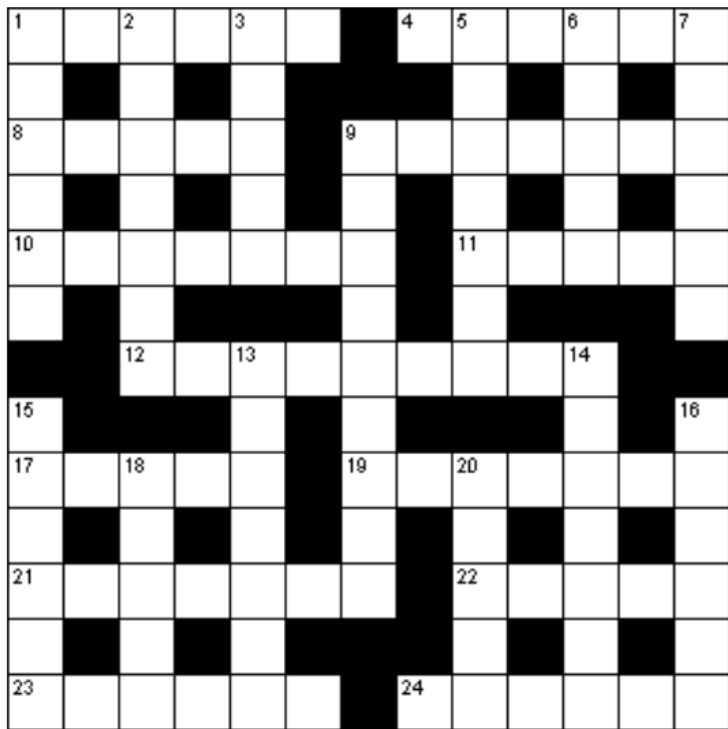


Crossword Answers





Oct Crossword



Across

- 1 Combat (6)
- 4 Talking bird (6)
- 8 Imprint (5)
- 9 Watch carefully (7)
- 10 Nuts from a horse chestnut tree (7)
- 11 Glowed (5)
- 12 Wrecked (9)
- 17 Scoundrel (5)
- 19 Two-wheeled conveyance (7)
- 21 Easily broken (7)
- 22 Gather (5)
- 23 Telephoned (6)
- 24 Decapitate (6)

Down

- 1 Rudiments (6)
- 2 Coached (7)
- 3 Become void (5)
- 5 General pardon (7)
- 6 Proportion (5)
- 7 Something to aim for (6)
- 9 Wretched (9)
- 13 Ghost (7)
- 14 Death (7)
- 15 Language of the Middle East (6)
- 16 Tantalised, bantered (6)
- 18 Interrogate (5)
- 20 Packing case (5)