



# Wilberfoss News

**September 2025**

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### **Welcome to your September Village Newsletter.**

The summer may be winding down, but there's no shortage of things to brighten our days ahead! This month we are bringing you updates on the Greener Pocklington bug hotel, calling all Wilberfossians, fun night at Blooming Bingo, and plenty more to keep the village buzzing.

As always, a huge thank you to all who give their time, energy, and ideas to make our community such a welcoming place—it truly is the people who make the village what it is.

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





# News in Brief

**Greener Pocklington** will be installing a Bug Hotel on the amenity land off Storking Lane. They're asking for support from residents, so if you have any pinecones, teasels, bamboo canes, small logs, corrugated cardboard, straw, twigs, bricks or tiles, please take them to the garden at the bottom of the amenity land on the **4<sup>th</sup> October**, where the team will be on site from 10.00 am. They will be delighted for community involvement in building the Hotel. You can email Tony and the team on [greenerpock@gmail.com](mailto:greenerpock@gmail.com).



**Litter Bin, Storking Lane** – East Riding of Yorkshire Council have been quick to respond to our request for a litter bin and have already installed it. Please use it to keep the amenity land litter free for everyone's use.

**Community Payback team** – we want to say a huge thank you to the team from East Riding. They have committed to the Parish Council and community of Wilberfoss on an ongoing basis.

Having already cleaned the street furniture, painted the bridge on the A1079 and removed overgrown vegetation that was obstructing access, they're looking for further projects. We've asked them to remove and replace the fence on the amenity land and we're drawing up a list of tasks that will benefit the community.

**Snicket, Middle Street.** Because the snicket is a concealed entrance onto Middle Street, and vehicles cross it to access Middlecroft, we're exploring safety options for the end of the snicket. This may involve the installation of a safety barrier. If you have any comments or alternative suggestions, please email us.

**Bus Shelter, Main Street** – Subject to a suitability assessment, we have secured funding from East Riding of Yorkshire Council for the installation of a bus shelter. Our proposal would be to install a shelter at the bus stop on Main Street, adjacent to the grass garden at the Butcher's shop. Public consultation is required, but we know from the positive comments to the shelter we installed on Main Street last year, it will be a welcome addition for passengers and school children.

**Changes to the X45, X46 and X47 bus services:** To improve punctuality buses will run every 15 minutes between Pocklington and York.



# 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?

August meeting was our annual afternoon tea and a great time was had by all. Delicious buffet, great quiz, loads of laughter and wonderful company.

**15<sup>th</sup> September meeting** will feature a talk by Rosemary Cook about the history of the nurses home in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century when it was based at Middlethorpe Hall.

Subsequent meetings are as follows:

20 <sup>th</sup> October	UK Charities
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Teddy Bears (bring your own bear!)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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

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





# Information

The UK government is testing the Emergency Alerts system on **Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm.**

Your mobile phone or tablet will vibrate and make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent. The alert message will confirm this is a test and that you do not need to take any further action.

Regular testing ensures the system is functioning correctly, should it need to be used in a life-threatening emergency. Find out more at [gov.uk/alerts](https://gov.uk/alerts).

You can opt out of the Emergency Alerts, including the national test, but you should keep them switched on for your own safety.

Emergency Alerts will warn you via your mobile or tablet if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby. Only the government and the emergency services are able to send them.

There are simple and effective steps we can all take to be more prepared for an emergency. Visit [gov.uk/prepare](https://gov.uk/prepare) for advice on how you can prepare.





# W.A.T.S & Tennis





**WATS Taster session!**

Join in the fun whether that's onstage or backstage, everyone's welcome - under 11's to be accompanied by an adult



**7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 4-6pm**  
**@ Wilberfoss Community Centre**

For more information message us on facebook or email us  
[watswilberfoss@gmail.com](mailto:watswilberfoss@gmail.com)





## Tennis

It's the London buses conundrum: you wait forever for success and then two of your village teams earn promotions on successive nights! The 2nd Mixed in Division 7 (captained by Adrian Shakeshaft) finished the season as runners-up whilst the 3rd Mixed (led by Nick Wright in his first year as captain) was the outright champion of Division 10. Well done to all concerned. The men's team (skippered by Iain Webster) is still in with a good shout for promotion from Division 5 of its league.

Club night is open to all-comers. It has switched from Mondays to Wednesdays in addition to the regular Friday session.

Neil Burke (TENNIS CORRESPONDENT).



# Wilberfossians & Greener Pock Bug Hotel



## 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.



## **Greener Pocklington is coming to Wilberfoss to create a deluxe hotel for our minibeasts!**

Could you help gather materials or even help to build it?

They will need to collect plenty of:

Pine Cones ~ Teasels ~ Bamboo Canes ~

Small Logs ~ Corrugated Cardboard

Straw ~ Bark ~ Twigs ~ Bricks ~ Tiles

They will be building the bug hotel in the corner of Wilberfoss Amenity Area, just behind the wildlife garden, on Saturday 4th Oct from 10:00 am onwards.

If you would like to join in to create the bug hotel, they would love your help!

Please let them know if you've gathered materials so that they can plan the day.

[greenerpock@gmail.com](mailto:greenerpock@gmail.com)



# Playing Fields Association

## Updates



2 new picnic benches in play area to be ordered in August. We had hoped to find a sale but nothing so far. If anybody is aware of one, please let us know asap.

Grant received from the YOR4Good fund towards:-

- 1) A 10kw solar battery which will be installed on Monday 18th August.
- 2) Replacing 8 strip lights to LED and fitting motion sensors in the kitchen, cellar, ladies, gents, disabled toilet, 3 changing rooms and 2 referee rooms in the Pavilion (all work now completed).
- 3) Replacing the 5 car park and approach walkway lighting column halogen heads with LED equivalent.

We also have received our first grant towards the outdoor gym project and await response to many other applications.

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
	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 (alternate weeks) (U3A Members only)
Thursday	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Wilberfoss Line Dancers
	10.00 am – 11.00 am	<a href="#">Pocklington Pilates</a>
	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Wilberfoss Sequence Dancers
	7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc
	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Beginners Tai Chi
	7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	<a href="#">WOW WI</a> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly)
Friday	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Wilberfoss Parish Council (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly)
	6.00 am – 7.00 am	Early morning fitness class
	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
	10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) (alternate weeks)
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 one-off and private hire.

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. For more information please email [wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com](mailto:wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com) or via Facebook Messenger through the Community Centre page or on the village website [Wilberfoss Parish Council | Community Centre](#) or on [HallsFire.com](https://www.hallsfire.com).



# UNITY CENTRE DIARY

Users have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
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	Mike Lewis	07904 653337
theatre group	Sally Langton	<a href="mailto:watswilberfoss@gmail.com">watswilberfoss@gmail.com</a>

the bookings. These events are often not open to the public.

£13.00 an hour for semi-commercial users and £20.00 an hour for a commercial hirer. Rooms can be hired on an hourly basis or on a half day (£30) or full day (£60) basis. Please contact the Centre Manager on the 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 September 2025

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00 am	Holy Communion

## 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 (when there is some!) or the heat (the church is lovely and cool in the summer). 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 website 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 6<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October. Donations of cakes gratefully received on the day.



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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 aim is to line the path with food from the gate to the door, now that would be a sight! Monetary donations are also welcomed as cash is used to bolster stock shortages. The photo shows the August coffee morning.....the line of donations so very close to the door....can September coffee morning make it to the door!



## Wilberfoss Church Stay and Play Group

### PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DAY – THURSDAYS.

The group has enjoyed the summer holidays and is now refreshed, ready and raring to restart. 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.

## 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. Agencies they work with include: housing support officers, schools, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities.

Urgently needed are all non-perishable, unopened and in date food items ... stock is very low. The only food items **not** needed are 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](mailto:stevepercival@hotmail.co.uk)

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



# Services & Events

## 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 August draw were 1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Morgan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cecile Shakespeare; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dorothy Liversidge. Please contact Moira Percival on 07805 344842 for further details as to how you can join in the fun.

## 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!

The Church has received £35.74 this month. Thank you to all who have shopped on line and contributed.

## 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
Moira Percival	Church Warden	07805344842



# Wilberfoss In Bloom

*Blooming Bingo Night  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vmg1067@icloud.com)  
To confirm your interest*

# York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir

## York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir - Centenary Concert - Sunday 21st September, York Barbican

Thank you for such a warm welcome when we sang for you in your church of St John The Baptist in Wilberfoss in July. We love to sing for such an appreciative audience. If you came along you'll know it's our centenary year and that we're hosting a special concert, with our friends from four other choirs and a brass ensemble with who we've sung over the years. We'll also be joined by the excellent Huntington School Man Choir, one of the youngest male choirs in the area. It will be a real celebration of choral singing at its best with over 200 voices. All proceeds will be shared with our three chosen local charities:

**Shine21** - supporting local families with babies with Downs syndrome

**Menfulness** - mental health for men and support for their families in the York area

**North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre** - music for learning difficulties and people with dementia

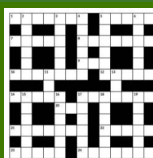
To mark such a special occasion, the concert will be attended by our Patron the Lord Mayor and Sherriff of York, Mayors from the past, and also guests from our twin choirs from Holland and Germany with whom we've shared exchanges since the end of the second world war. The concert is being held at Yorks Barbican at 5:30pm on Sunday 21st September 2025.

Tickets, at only £15, are available through our website [www.yorkphilchoir.org.uk/events](http://www.yorkphilchoir.org.uk/events); and through the York Barbican's own on-line box at [www.yorkbarbican.co.uk](http://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk). It would be wonderful if you could come along for an enjoyable evening of song and celebration whilst at the same time supporting three very worthy local charities.

And men, don't forget if you'd like to come along to a rehearsal to see if it's the right thing for you, then please give us a call on our helpline 07935 227650, available weekdays, to find out details of our next rehearsals. You're assured of a very warm welcome and no previous experience is necessary.

*Thank you, Steve Poole, villager and Trustee to YPMVC*





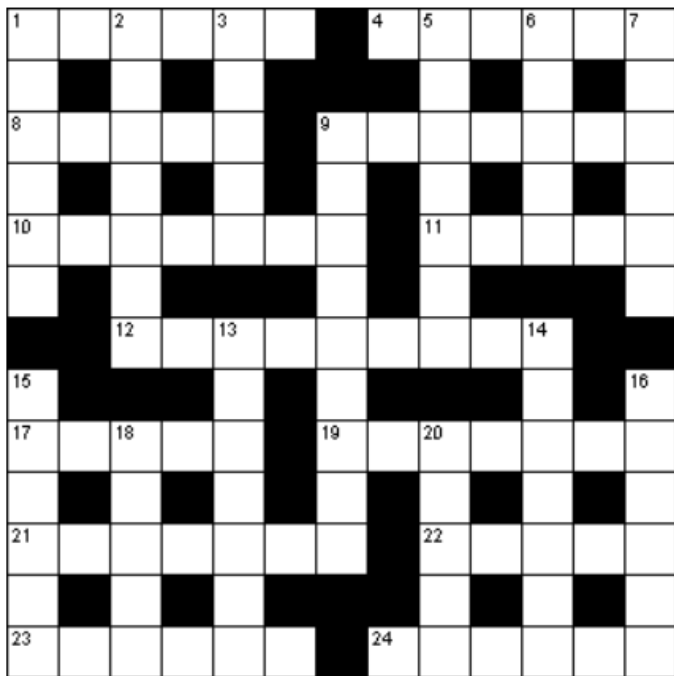
# August Crossword Answers

## Crossword Answers

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# Sept Crossword



## Across

- 1 Coarse printed cotton cloth (6)
- 4 Nervous, tense (2,4)
- 8 Tedium (5)
- 9 Stop for a time (7)
- 10 Capable of being dissolved (7)
- 11 Come in (5)
- 12 Country of Central America (9)
- 17 More mature (5)
- 19 Conflagration (7)
- 21 Advantage (7)
- 22 First appearance (5)
- 23 At a leisurely pace (6)
- 24 Vanquished (6)

## Down

- 1 Mark made by folding (6)
- 2 Wool fat (7)
- 3 Ascend (5)
- 5 Savings (4,3)
- 6 Resided (5)
- 7 Bear, tolerate (6)
- 9 Chewing gum flavour (9)
- 13 Cautious (7)
- 14 Circus performer (7)
- 15 Back-handers (6)
- 16 Putrid (6)
- 18 Traditional seasonal entertainment (5)
- 20 Very sweet confection (5)