



Wilberfoss News

August 2026

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Welcome to your Village Newsletter

August is always a wonderful time in the village, with gardens in full bloom, families enjoying the school holidays, and plenty of community events bringing people together.

A little help needed... We are looking for a volunteer to help produce our December Newsletter, as our usual editor will be away and unable to prepare that edition.

The newsletter will need to be compiled during November, so if you have a little time to spare and would be willing to help, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested or would simply like to find out more, please contact Michelle at michellewallis1711@gmail.com.



News in Brief

Residential Boundary Hedge Maintenance

– we would like to thank residents who have carried out essential maintenance to their boundary hedges to enable access to highways and footways. We approached several residents directly and all were very positive in their response, so thank you. There are still some hedges that are making access difficult. These will be monitored and if necessary, reported to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Remember, residential property boundary hedges can be maintained in summer, provided there are no actively nesting birds.

Costcutter – We have received positive news from Costcutter that Bestway have asked two contractors to quote for the work to reinstate the wall outside the store. Hopefully we will see some action very soon.

Yellow Lining – at the end of last year we requested the reinstatement of double yellow lines at the junction of Main Street/Storking Lane. This is taking longer for East Riding of Yorkshire Council to action than we had anticipated! In the meantime, could we ask residents not to park at the junction as it impacts sight lines and makes it difficult to see traffic on Main Street when pulling out of Storking Lane.

Crest Nicholson Development — We are still awaiting a response from Stephen Hunt, Executive Director of Planning & Economic Regeneration at East Riding of Yorkshire Council. We do not believe that moving the bus stop closer to the A1079 and adding a junction on Main Street to give priority to the new development is safe for the community.

Wilberfoss Quarry Fund – We will shortly receive £3,619.42 from the 2026-2027 allocation of the Quarry Fund. We will use the funds to contribute to the purchase a second Speed Indicator Device.

By showing a driver's speed in real time, studies show these devices reduce average vehicle speeds by several mph and significantly cut the number of drivers exceeding the limit.

Make a difference in our Community

Becoming a Parish Councillor is one of the most direct and rewarding ways to shape the future of your community.





Notices

Please Be Considerate: Help Keep Wilberfoss Peaceful for Everyone

A message from the Parish Council

Living in a close knit village means we all share the same streets, the same green spaces, and often the same sounds. Most of the time, that's part of what makes Wilberfoss such a welcoming place. But persistent dog barking can become disruptive, especially early in the morning, late at night, or when it continues for long periods.

We're kindly asking all dog owners to help keep our community calm and comfortable by being mindful of how barking may affect neighbours.

A few helpful reminders for dog owners

- **Check in regularly** if your dog is left alone, especially outdoors.
- **Reduce triggers** such as boredom, long periods of solitude, or visual distractions through fences and windows.
- **Provide enrichment** like toys, exercise, and stimulation to help keep your dog settled.
- **Seek advice** from a vet or trainer if barking has become difficult to manage.

Be aware of timing — early morning and late-evening barking can be particularly disruptive.

Why it matters

Persistent noise can affect sleep, wellbeing, and daily life. A small change in routine can make a big difference to neighbours who may be struggling with ongoing disturbance.

Visit www.wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk. Click on '*Useful Contacts*' and the tab marked '*Councils*' for guidance on the issue of a repeatedly barking dog.



Notices

NOTICE: Cutting of Residential Property Boundary Hedges

Residents are reminded that **boundary hedges must be maintained so they do not obstruct pavements, footpaths, road visibility, or access for pedestrians, wheelchair users, mobility scooters, or pushchairs.** Overgrown hedges can create safety hazards and may force people into the road.

While there is **no legal ban on cutting domestic hedges between March and August**, residents **must ensure no active bird nests are disturbed**, in line with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

To help keep Wilberfoss safe and accessible for everyone, please ensure that:

- Hedges are **trimmed back to the boundary line** of your property.
- Pavements and footways remain at their **full usable width**.
- Overhanging branches are cut back to maintain **clear headroom**.

Any hedge work during the nesting season is carried out **only after checking carefully for active nests**.

If a hedge is causing an obstruction, the Parish Council or East Riding of Yorkshire Council may request that the homeowner carries out the necessary maintenance. **The Parish Council has been made aware that at least one property owner in Wilberfoss has been served with a 28-day notice to maintain a boundary hedge.**

Thank you for helping to keep our village safe, tidy, and welcoming for all.



Notices

Keeping Wilberfoss Safe and Tidy: A Reminder to All Residents

From Wilberfoss Parish Council

To help keep our village safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone, we are asking residents to take a moment to check their **gravel drive-ways**.

This issue has recently been raised with the Parish Council, and small actions by individual households can make a big difference to the comfort and safety of neighbours, pedestrians, wheelchair users, and those with pushchairs.

📌 Gravel Driveways – Please Keep Materials Off Public Footways

Loose gravel that escapes from driveways onto pavements or the high-way can create slipping hazards, block drainage channels, and make footways difficult to use for people with mobility needs.

We kindly ask residents to:

- Ensure gravel is contained within the boundary of your property.
- Sweep up any loose stones that migrate onto pavements or the road.

Maintain edging or borders to prevent future spillage.

Keeping gravel in place helps protect pedestrians and keeps our high-ways and footways safe and tidy.



Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends

WILBERFOSS LADIES AND FRIENDS (LAFs)

Don't be concerned if you don't live in Wilberfoss, residency is not required to attend this group!

The group meets on the third Monday of each month at the Wilberfoss Community Centre from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. **This is just a group, so there is no membership fee**, but for a mere £3 at the door you will be warmly welcomed, 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?

You will be warmly welcomed at any or all of the meetings

17th August Afternoon Tea

This is a wonderful annual social event. A very tasty afternoon tea with a variety of sandwiches, savoury snacks and scrumptious cakes and of course tea or coffee. All for £3.00.

Future dates for your diary:

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| 21 st September | A Phoenix from the Ashes (1984 York Minster Fire) |
| 19 th October | Murder Mystery Afternoon – Who Done It? |
| 16 th November | What Lies Beneath? |
| December | Christmas Lunch – date TBA |





WOW WI

WOW WI 2026 Calendar of Meetings Meet Second Thursday of the Month at 7.30pm

Hello Lovely Ladies. This is our list of meetings for 2026. Unless stated below all meetings will be in the Wilberfoss Community Centre, 16 Main Street, Wilberfoss, York, YO41 5NN (car park to side)

April 9th – Medical Research Charity

May 14th – Fangfoss Pottery Tour, Fangfoss

June 11th – Kilnwick Percy Hall Tour, Pocklington

July 9th – Bakes & Boules

August 13th – No meeting, social event in Stamford Bridge TBC

September 10th – St John's Ambulance, First Aid

October 8th – Soul Tribe, Meditation & Soundbath

November 12th - AGM

December 10th – Christmas Buffet

Please email us if you have any questions wowwi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk



Women of
Wilberfoss
Women's Institute



WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE DIARY - August 2026 - *Users that welcome new members have provided contact details*

	Session Time	Activity
Monday	10.15 am – 1.15pm 10.30am -11.30am 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Sing & Sign – Classes from babies to toddlers Table tennis coaching Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends (third Monday monthly) Yoga with Simply Bee Wellness Keep Fit Private keep fit
Tuesday	6.00am – 7am 10.00 am – 11.00 am 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Tarn Drifffield– Bootcamp circuits Move It or Lose It – Exercise for the over 60's Wilberfoss Art Class Wilberfoss Table Tennis Club (Club & Match Night)
Wednesday	6am – 7am 9.30 am – 10.30 am 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 4.00pm -6.00pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Bootcamp circuits Beginners Yoga class U3A Quiz (<i>alternate weeks</i>) (U3A Members only) KCMA Martial Arts Academy (children & adult classes) Wilberfoss Line Dancers
Thursday	10.00 am – 11.00 am 5.00pm -7.00pm 6.00pm – 8.00 pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Pocklington Pilates Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc Beginners Tai Chi WOW WI (2 nd Thursday monthly) Wilberfoss Parish Council (3 rd Thursday monthly)
Friday	12.30 pm – 2.30 pm 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Boltonians (Men's discussion group & light lunch) Wilberfoss Short Mat Bowling Club Kettlersize Fitness
Saturday	10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) (<i>alternate weeks</i>)
Sunday	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm 7.30pm -8.30pm	Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society (WATS) - Community theatre group Yoga breathwork and Sound bath (last Sunday of every month)

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
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for all ages	Sally Langton Emily Stockhill	watswilberfoss@gmail.com 07715693656



Services & Events

St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss

This building is not just for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms or funerals. It is a safe space, accessible to everyone who needs it.

The building is open 7 days a week from approximately 10.00am until 4.00pm and is shelter from whatever the weather is up to. This is your space, enjoy!

Rev Simon Pritchard has now returned to Church, and his health continues to slowly improve. Please continue to pray for Simon and his recovery.

Services in August

Sunday 2 nd August	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 9 th August	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th August	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 23 rd August	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th August	11.00 am	Come and Worship

Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st August 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. Come along and enjoy a good chat with friends or make new ones! Tea, coffee, cakes and bacon butties will be available, all served with welcoming smiles!!

Contributions of homemade cakes will be gratefully received on the day.

The September Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 5th September.

Jigsaw Group

This social group continues to meet every Thursday in the Priory Room 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm and is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people. The group has been so successful that they have completed most of the enormous pile of jigsaws available at church and so new jigsaws are gradually being introduced on a weekly basis. The old, completed jigsaws are being donated to charity shops in the surrounding area..



Services & Events

Wilberfoss Church 100 Club

The lucky winners of the July draw were: 1st Wyrill Crawford (34), 2nd Pat Beckwith (47), 3rd Grant Burton (55). If you would like to be one of the 81 participants, please contact Moira Percival on 07805 344842. The cost of each number is £12.00 for the year, but you can purchase a number at any time during the year, and the subscription will be reduced accordingly

Facebook

The Church has its own Facebook page, and posts are also made on the Wilberfoss Community page and the Wilberfoss, Fangfoss and Surrounding page. Photos, articles and upcoming events are posted on all three sites, so check regularly so you don't miss out! Don't forget to pass on the information on to your friends who are not online.

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.

Food Bank

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. The school summer holidays see an increase in demand from families in need and the warehouse is having to use their cash reserves to supplement stock. Please leave any dried, packet or tinned goods that you can spare in the Church Porch. Heartfelt thanks go 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.



Services & Events

Woolly Hats

Thank you to so many of you wonderful knitters out there in the community. Every hat is a prized possession of the seafarers in the Humber ports. The following is a link to the pattern. <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/knitting/hat-patterns>

Please do not put pom poms on the hats as the seafarers have to wear their hard hats on top!

The Arc Light Centre is a charity based in York which provides shelter for the homeless and they too would be so appreciative of woolly hats. Please let us know if you would like your hats to be for the seafarers or the homeless. The Arc Light Centre is also in need of single fitted bed sheets and bath towels. If you have any to spare, please contact Rose Riley on 07789 628358 or Moira Percival on 07805 344842.

Do you shop online?

When you shop online with one of the over 8000 participating retailers, they will donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. It is such 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

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www.achurchnearyou.com

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Steve Percival Licensed Lay Minister 07883521677

Rose Riley Church Warden 01759 380795

Moira Percival Church Warden 07805344842

Church web site <https://stjohnthebaptistchurchwilberfoss.co.uk/>

Thank you for reading these pages. If you have an activity or event that you would like Church to be involved in, please contact one of the two Church Wardens.....after all, it is your Church!



Tennis

News from Wilberfoss Tennis Club

We are now well past the halfway point in the season and it is still all to play for across the leagues our teams are battling in. The 1st team are looking to secure Division 4 tennis for another season and so far, it looks good in that there are 2 or 3 teams worse than us at least. The 2nd team are sitting pretty in 2nd place in Division 6 whilst the third team are involved in a nail-biting relegation fight in Division 9.

Both the men's and ladies' teams are flirting with the bottom half of their respective leagues and currently the most excitement to be had in the men's team is to see who can get the most "nil points" in their matches (Unfortunately I am leading that race)

Congratulations to our Wimbledon champions, Dinah Burke and Sarah Colmer (well Sinner and Noskova helped them by winning)

Here is what's happening at the courts:

- **Monday nights** – relaxed, informal social tennis
- **Wednesday nights** – official club night
- **Once a month on a Friday** – a special social tennis night, followed by a few drinks at the pavilion - the next one will be **7th August**
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays**: Match nights - feel free to come along and cheer us on as we battle in mixed divisions 4, 6 and 9 this year
- **Saturday** mornings: Ladies matches
- **Sunday** mornings: Men's matches

We're proud to be known as one of the **friendliest clubs in the area**, and we're always happy to welcome new faces. On the website there is a calendar so you can see if the courts are free or not (or pick which team you are supporting)

www.wilberfosstennisclub.com

See you all on the courts soon!

Adrian "Love means nothing in Tennis" Shakeshaft (Secretary) - 07415199414



Wilberfoss In Bloom

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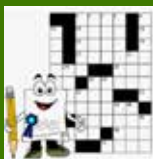
Isn't the village looking beautiful thanks to the efforts
of our happy band of volunteers?

If you'd like to help, we're always grateful for new
recruits... there's no minimum time commitment-
people are welcome to do as much or as little as
works for them.

It's a really lovely way to contribute to the upkeep of
the village whilst getting out and about, doing some
light exercise and- crucially- having a laugh.

We're a really welcoming bunch and no gardening
expertise is required.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Viv
at vmg1067@icloud.com or on 07885855402



Puzzle Page

July Crossword Answers

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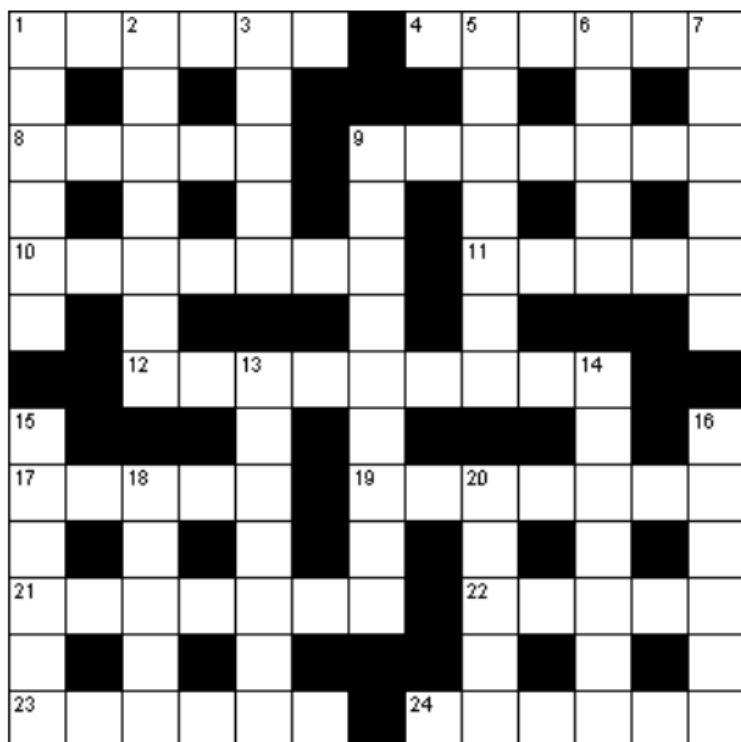
Summer Fun Word Search

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 T P L S U N B U G S
 H P O O L D H S A T
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 T I Z F G G E X X M
 X J D B S W I M K T
 B K T O U U A L U Q
 Y S E A C A M P K Y
 X A Y T M H X P O Z

BOAT
 BUGS
 CAMP
 FISH
 HOT
 POOL
 SAND
 SUN
 SWIM
 TRIP



Aug Crossword



Across

1. Pail (6)
4. Collect (4,2)
8. Smouldering fragment of wood or coal (5)
9. Store of weapons (7)
10. Make right (7)
11. Serious (5)
12. Retaliation (3,3,3)
17. Drained of colour (5)
19. Obtain (7)
21. Old war vehicle (7)
22. Wrong (5)
23. Part of the eye (6)
24. Actually (6)

Down

1. Whitening chemical (6)
2. Floor-show (7)
3. Spooky (5)
5. Perception (2,5)
6. East African country (5)
7. Filch (6)
9. Space traveller (9)
13. Stress (7)
14. Of little importance (7)
15. Fourth sign of the zodiac (6)
16. Largest of the Channel Islands (6)
18. Core (5)
20. Tremble (5)