



Wilberfoss News

February 2026

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Welcome to your February Village Newsletter

Is it too late to say Happy New Year?

We hope your 2026 is off to a wonderful start! Regardless of the date, we are delighted to bring you the latest edition of the village newsletter.

As always, it is packed full of local information, updates, and upcoming events to keep you connected with everything happening in our community.

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



News in Brief

We say farewell to Councillor Gibbs this month. Gemma has committed to the role of a Parish Councillor since August 2024 and will be missed.

If anyone is interested in joining a group of volunteers whose focus is to improve village life, please get in touch. The role of a Parish Councillor is not onerous, but it can be hugely rewarding when the germ of an idea becomes reality. Take the amenity land project for example ...



It's safe to say the Community Payback team is a huge asset to our community. Their latest project has seen them replace much of the post and rail fencing on the Amenity Land off Storking Lane. Every member of the team was committed, and it shows! We are looking forward to continuing our partnership to enhance the village in 2026 and beyond.

We apologise, but there has been a slight delay in the building of the children's bookcase. Please continue to hold on to your unwanted children's books and we will keep you informed of progress.

The Government's bus fare initiative has encouraged more passengers to use public transport, and we want to improve that experience for everyone. With this in mind, we are proposing to install bus shelters at the eastbound bus stop at the bottom of Cherry Hill/Wilberfoss Hill (at the western entrance of the village), and the eastbound bus stop next to the butcher's shop on Main Street. Both projects will be funded, in the main, by external funding sources. If anyone has any observations to make, please get in touch on the contact details below.

Weekly collections of food waste and, by default, garden waste will begin in mid-February 2026.





LAFs

WILBERFOSS LADIES AND FRIENDS (LAFs)

Happy New Year Everyone!

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?

16th February 2026

The Red Sky Ukulele Band will play an eclectic selection of music and you can sing along with gusto! This is a popular return for the band and it promises to be a very entertaining afternoon.

Future dates for your diary:

16 th March	A talk about the Hull Schools Evacuation 1939-40.
20 th April	AGM. Not a formal meeting and there will be a bring and buy stall.
18 th May	Women in WW2
15 th June	Stamford Bridge Tapestry
20 th July	Retirement – Part 2 (part 1 was very entertaining!)
17 th August	Afternoon Tea
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





Community Centre WCYAP—Update Report

Our First Taster Event for Young People aged 9-14 was held on the 13th December. Although the attendance by young people and their parents was disappointingly low, those who did attend enjoyed the carousel of activities and the parents confirmed the value of the project moving forward. We are grateful that one parent agreed to join the Planning Group **but we need at least 3 more to be viable.**

Our bid for a £4k grant from the East Riding County Council has been completed and we await the decision - hopefully in late January. We also await the outcome of our bid to the Wilberfoss Parish Council to help with the purchase of Resources and other Operating Costs.

We will be offering another one-off Taster Event (**Disco & Hot Dogs**) with some quieter alternative activities - for all young people in the target age range at the end of January/beginning of February 2026 and we hope to see many more at that event as well as secure **2/3 more parental sign ups!** Watch this space and look out for the Advertising Posters...!

We also wanted to celebrate with you our first **Business Sponsorship** of the WCYAP project from the **Spice Clay Oven Restaurant & Takeaway**. This is located on the A1079 just outside Wilberfoss on the road to Pocklington and considers itself the *local Curry Restaurant for our village*. It was recently voted one of the **Top Ten Curry Houses** in the area. If you haven't tried it yet - the menu is varied, the food is wonderful and fresh and you will receive a warm and personal welcome from Abdul and his team in the Restaurant - a small but cosy and attractive venue. Thank You - the money helped fund the first Taster Event and printing of the advertising fliers.

We will be rolling out the requests for more **Annual Sponsorships (£200)** as part of their tax deductible charitable / corporate social responsibility - from all local businesses in the New Year. We really hope that many more will get on board and follow the wonderful lead from the **Spice Clay Oven** and their Wilberfoss link team member – Mike Hutchinson.

Meet the Spice Clay Oven Team Abdul – Ash – Shaek – Dilwar (Chef) - Mike





Wilberfoss Village

Remembering our Past



Wilberfoss Village

*Remembering and
sharing our past*

On saturday 14th February, the community centre will host a “History of Wilberfoss” event, with plans to open the village vaults!.

If you have lived in the village for years and have historical photos and memories to share or want to find out more about your villages past, please join us from 12pm - 3pm at the centre for tea, cake and conversation about the villages past.



Contact Anna Hill 07926507877
wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com



Information



the 2025 duck race was a huge success!

Thanks to the **support of the village** & beyond,
we were able to distribute **over £3,000** to
village activities over the summer of 2025!

The beneficiaries included: Wilberfoss Primary School, Wilberfoss Church, Wilberfoss in Bloom, Women of Wilberfoss (WI), Short Mat Bowling Club, Table Tennis Club, Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society, Tennis Club, Tuesday Chat Club, Wilberfoss Community Centre, Ladies and Friends (LAFs), and Sewing Club.

We are **so lucky** to have such a wide range of groups in our village and we look forward to continuing to support a range of beneficiaries in 2026.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

*Date for
your diary!*



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or send an email to:
wilberfossduckrace@gmail.com



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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





Wilberfoss In Bloom

We hope you enjoyed our village Christmas tree. Thanks to Cliff at Frost Butchers for the use of his electricity and Phil at A V Etherington and Sons for supplying it.

Many thanks to all who visited us at the Wilberfoss Christmas Fair and those who entered our Christmas Quiz. Congratulations to our Junior Winner Iris Peacock and adult winner Kyle Goddard. Here are the answers:

Answers

1. In what year was Wilberfoss in Bloom established?

- a. 2003
- b. 2007
- c. 2010



2. How many active members in Wilberfoss in Bloom?

- a. 9
- b. 12
- c. 15



3. How many bedding plants are in the summer display?

Tip: take a look at the planter / bed map to help you, it's probably more than you think!! Some of the beds contain perennials as well as bedding plants. Get as close to the number as you can, good luck!

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4. How many lights are on the Christmas tree this year?

- a. 1,000
- b. 1,500
- c. 2,000



We need new members! If you would like to come to our next planning meeting and meet us with a view to joining, we'd love to see you. It's on **Thursday 12th February, 6.45 for 7pm**. Please call Viv Guyll on 07885 855402 or email her yng1067@icloud.com for venue details.

WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE DIARY - February 2027 - **U**

	Session Time	Activity
Monday	6.00 am – 7.00 am 9.00am – 5.00pm 10.15 am – 1.15pm 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	6.00am – 7am 9.00am -5.00pm 10.00 am – 11.00 am 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Early morning Fitness with Tarn NESTT 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 6.15pm-7.15pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Early Morning Fitness Beginners Yoga class U3A Quiz (alternate weeks) (U3A Members only) Maggie Grace Pilates Wilberfoss Line Dancers
Thursday	9.00am -5.00pm 10.00 am – 11.00 am 6.45pm -9.30pm 6.30pm – 8.00 pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	NESTT 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	6.00 am – 7.00 am 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm 4.00pm – 5.000pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Simply Bee 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 +) (alternate weeks)
Sunday	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society (WATS) - Community theatre group

In addition to the events listed above, the Community Centre welcomes one-off and private bookings.

ers that welcome new members have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
	Emily Stockhill Anna Tuttle 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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	Mike Lewis	07904 653337
for all ages	Sally Langton	watswilberfoss@gmail.com

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



Services & Events

St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

Rev Simon Pritchard will be away from Church for some months, and we are praying for Simon to make a full recovery. He has been working in the background and has arranged for other clergy to lead the services of Holy Communion in his absence.

Services in February 2026

Sunday 1 st February	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 8 th February	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th February	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Wednesday 18 th February	TBA	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 22 nd February	11.00 am	Holy Communion

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!

What an amazing December!

It seems a long time ago now, but the wonderful services which took place in December are well worth mentioning here. The Carol Service on 14th December filled the Church! The church choir, musicians and the school choir ensured a memorable service, and everyone went home with a candy cane (if you were there, you will know why!). The Crib Service on Christmas Eve was a moving and well attended service, and the children were all given a wooden nativity tree decoration to take home. The collection raised an amazing £250 for Martin House Children's Hospice.

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 7th February and 7th March. Donations of cakes from you wonderful bakers are gratefully received on the day.

Wilberfoss Church Stay and Play Group

The group is going from strength to strength and meets each Thursday morning 9.30 until 11.00 during school term time. Pre-schoolers enjoy crafts, musical instruments, toys, games, storytelling and of course refreshments (grown-ups get refreshments too!). This is an amazingly friendly group, and you and your pre-schoolers are assured of a warm welcome.



Services & Events

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. Don't worry about coming on your own, you are guaranteed a warm welcome and helping to complete the communal jigsaw is not compulsory, just chat, drink tea or coffee and eat cake! Please contact Jo Stalker 01759 380361 if you need further information.

New Carpet

As you know, a new carpet has been laid within the main body of the Church, and you are asked not to bring in dogs with muddy paws! Please could all dog owners/walkers be respectful of the Church grounds by ensuring that dogs are kept on a lead at all times.

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 elements. Books are freely available to borrow or swap.

Volunteers are always welcomed

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. Would you be willing to welcome people and hand out hymn books, read the Bible lesson, compose the intercessional 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.

Church Flower Beds

Throughout the year, the flower beds have been a colourful welcome to everyone approaching church and have been greatly admired and commented on. The flower beds all around the village are a wonderful testimony to the public spirit of a small group of volunteers who need your support, either monetary contributions or volunteering your time to maintain the planting. If you can help, please contact Viv Guyll, telephone 07785 484394 or email vmg1067@icloud.com

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!



Services & Events

Wilberfoss Church 100 Club

The lucky winners in the December double draw were: 1st Kevin Fieldhouse (29) and Moira Percival (50), 2nd Maureen Mayling (11) and Kevin Fieldhouse (30), 3rd June Edwards (7) and Ken Jones (62). Lucky winners in the January draw were: 1st Tonita Day (3), 2nd Steve Percival (19), 3rd Mr & Mrs Bowen (40). If you notice some recurring names, it is because they have more than one number! The February draw will be the last before Lent. The first draw of the new 100 Club year will be in May so please contact Moira Percival on 07805 344842 to join in the fun. The cost of each number is £12.00 for the year.

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. Following the Christmas period, the warehouse is very depleted and 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.

Church Contacts

Simon Pritchard	Priest in Charge	www.achurchnearyou.com
Peter Green	Licensed Lay Minister	01759 301386
Steve Percival	Licensed Lay Minister	07883 521677
Rose Riley	Church Warden	01759 380795
Moira Percival	Church Warden	07805 344842



W.A.T.S

WILBERFOSS AMATEUR THEATRE SOCIETY
PRESENTS

Snow White & the Seven Delinquents

A MAGICAL COMMUNITY PANTOMIME

Saturday 28th February,
6PM & Sunday 1st March,
1PM & 6PM

£5 Adult, £3 Under 18's

@ Wilberfoss Community
Centre



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TICKETS



PFA Updates

PFA UPDATES

We hope you had a great festive period and have 2026 to look forward to.

Here at the PFA, we are planning 2026 events which are being advertised as and when confirmed.

The outdoor gym proposal is progressing as are the grant applications to hopefully fund it.

The user groups continue to use the facilities and we ask that you support them as much as possible. These include Archery who are actively seeking new members and will be recommencing around the Easter period, the many Mavericks children's football teams, Eastwood Sports Massage, Tennis who are always open for new people to join, The Pavilion Bar & Bistro for food, drinks, room hire including in-house service and various activities throughout the year, Wilberfoss AFC and the 2 children's playgrounds.

If interested in any of the above, please message myself, call on 07407 341299 or email JALSPENCER@AOL.COM.

John Spencer

Chairman

Astronomy Club

On behalf of PFA committee member Jon Fanning, we are reaching out to the community to gauge interest in an astronomy club which would take place at the Pavilion and potentially taking place through the week with the bar being open.

Again. If you're interested in joining or wanting more information please get in touch with myself and I will pass on the information. Thank you.





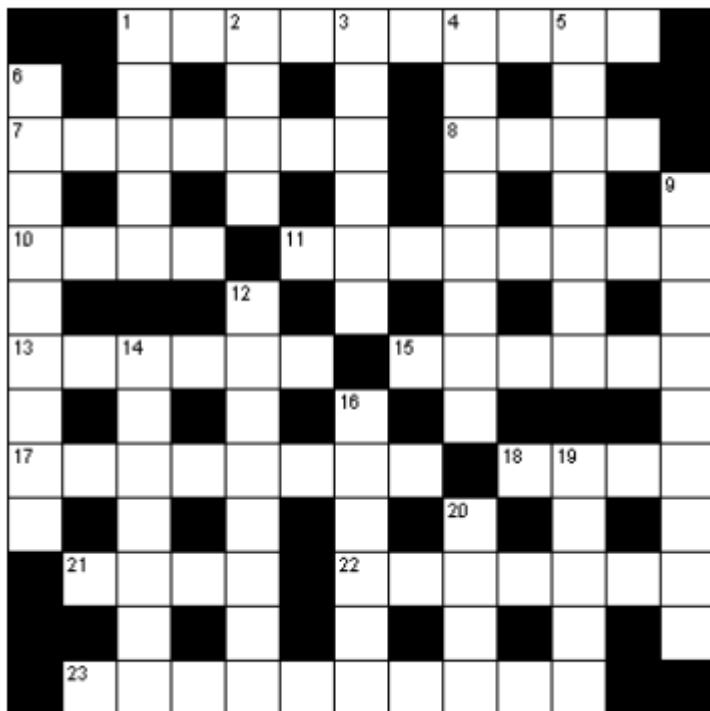
December Crossword Answers

Crossword Answers





Feb Crossword

**Across**

- 1 Teacher (10)
- 7 Foul (7)
- 8 Overdue (4)
- 10 Heart (4)
- 11 Sailors' dance (8)
- 13 Become visible (6)
- 15 Deadly (6)
- 17 Surpassed (8)
- 18 Suspend (4)
- 21 Present (4)
- 22 Disappointed (3,4)
- 23 Unhappy (10)

Down

- 1 Become liable for (5)
- 2 Stalk (4)
- 3 Kidnapper's demand (6)
- 4 Strainer (8)
- 5 Large flightless bird (7)
- 6 Bought (9)
- 9 Remiss (9)
- 12 Regal, grand (8)
- 14 Italian opera composer (7)
- 16 Magician of Camelot (6)
- 19 Approximately (5)
- 20 Inflamed swelling on eyelid (4)