



Wilberfoss News

May 2026

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Welcome to your May Village Newsletter

We are delighted to bring you the May edition, filled with community news, updates, and key dates for your diary.

This month, we are excited to highlight one of our favourite annual traditions – the **Wilberfoss Duck Race!** From racing ducks bobbing their way down the beck to delicious cake stalls, family fun, and plenty more happening throughout the day, it is always a brilliant event for all ages. Be sure to come along and join in the fun!

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any submissions for the June edition, please send them to michellewallis1711@gmail.com by June 19th.





News in Brief

It's great to see commuters benefitting from the bus shelter on Main Street but did you know, above head height on the post next to the shelter there is a digital timetable showing the next 4 buses due into the village? The bus stop, next to the footpath linking Main Street to Back Lane, also provides a digital timetable. This has come as a surprise to us, but it's a welcome addition to people's commute.

We'd like to thank Tam Stalker who has carried out some maintenance work to the bin at the bottom of Fieldhead. With a dense concentration of dog foul bags, the bin gives off an odour in warmer months. We filled in 3 sides with marine ply to contain the smell, but they were removed. Thank you for replacing them Tam!

We've been asked by the landowner of the lane behind properties on Fieldhead (just beyond the bin talked about above) to remind everyone that it is a private road. Allotment holders have been given permission to use it to access the allotments but for everyone else please walk Birker Lane, the permissive paths or the public footpath. if you want to do a circular walk, you'll find details of the ***Wilberfoss Wander*** under the *About* page on the Parish Council website. It's a short 1.3 mile circular route around the village.

The Community Payback team are now cutting the village grasses. This is a saving of around £6,000 to the community so do please offer the team words of encouragement if you see them keeping our village well groomed.

Don't forget we still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

Becoming a Parish Councillor is one of the most direct and rewarding ways to shape the future of your community. It gives you a real voice in local decisions, from protecting valued services to championing projects that strengthen village life.

You'll help influence how public money is spent, support initiatives that matter to residents, as well as making practical improvements that people can see and feel.

It's a chance to bring fresh ideas, stand up for local priorities, and work with others who care about the place we all call home.

Join us



Wilberfoss In Bloom

Spring PLANT SALE



Wilberfoss in Bloom

Local plants for your garden

Saturday 30th May
10am-2pm

The Grass Garden, next to Frost Butchers

All plant and seed donations welcomed

Contact:

Viv Guyll on 07885 855402 or email her at

vmg1067@icloud.com





LAF & WIB Cake Stall



WILBERFOSS LADIES AND FRIENDS (LAFs)

Don't be concerned if you don't live in Wilberfoss, it is not compulsory! 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.

Future dates for your diary:

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



Wilberfoss in Bloom



CAKE STALL

Wilberfoss Duck Race
Sunday May 17th 1pm

Come and buy some delicious cakes!
Cake donations welcome.



New members – we are still recruiting help for our busy summer season, keeping our village looking cheerful and welcoming.

If you fancy a chat about what's involved, come and have a chat with us at the Duck Race.



Wilberfoss Duck Race



a quacking
afternoon
for all!

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

Join us at the beck for TEN races!

Start 1pm • 1st race 2pm

Stalls - ice cream - slushies - food - fun - ducks!

**TICKETS
NOW ON
SALE!**

£1 per duck, plus
the new 10-race ticket,
available from:

- Wilberfoss Primary School
 - The Oddfellows Arms
 - The Pavilion Bar & Bistro
- St John the Baptist Church
- A variety of village groups
 - Online via Facebook
 - On the day!

Join us on **Facebook and Instagram**
or send an email to:
wilberfossduckrace@gmail.com





Fundraising Walk

Stamford Bridge PFA

FUNDRAISING WALK

Monday 4th May 2026
2 walks - 1 Goal

Clubhouse opening at 11am with
sausage/ bacon butties available to purchase



Walk 1 departing 12pm - 7.5 miles

→ Walk 2 departing 2pm - 3 miles

Back to the clubhouse for **drinks**



Fish and Chip van arriving 4pm

Scan the code below to donate



All monies raised are for

Candlelighters

Supporting the families of children with cancer





Elders Party



Wilberfoss Elders' Party - 2026

The Wilberfoss Elders Party will be running again this year. The party will be held at the Community Centre on **27 June from 2.00pm** and is open to anyone residing in the village and of **state pension age (66 years old) or over** and their partners/significant other.

There will be food and drink provided together with entertainment.

There is no charge for this event, but there will be a fundraising raffle for those who wish to help to ensure this event can continue in future years, so please bring some cash along if you wish to do so.

If you would like to attend, please detach and complete the below RSVP and place it in the reply box which is located in the village shop by the tills, no later than 30th May.

I would like to attend the Wilberfoss Elders' Party 2026

Name(s)

Contact number

Email address

Dietary Requirements

I would be grateful for assistance with transport to/from the party

Pick-up/drop-off address

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WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE DIARY - April 2026 - Use

	Session Time	Activity
Monday	6.00 am – 7.00 am 10.15 am – 1.15pm 10.30am -11.30am 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Early morning fitness class 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 6.00pm-7.00pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm 8.00pm -9.00pm	Bootcamp circuits Beginners Yoga class U3A Quiz (<i>alternate weeks</i>) (U3A Members only) KCMA Martial Arts Academy (children & adult classes) Maggie Grace Pilates Wilberfoss Line Dancers Movement and Stretching Flows
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 +) (alternate weeks)
Sunday	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm 9am -12pm	Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society (WATS) - Community theatre group Traintime 26/04/26

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

s that welcome new members have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
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	Tarn Driffield Karen Hill Chris Bailey Alison Young	tarndriff@hotmail.com karen.wallacehill@moveitorloseit.co.uk 07305030706 wilberfossartgroup@outlook.com 92aryoung@gmail.com 01759 380325
	Tarn Driffield Lindsey Samson Kris Crump Maggie Barbara Tarn Driffield	tarndriff@hotmail.com samsonlindsey@gmail.com 07817 830178 secretarypockdu3a@gmail.com (general enquiries) kcma.online@gmail.com 07896 882909 07922862290 01759 388218 tarndriff@hotmail.com
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	Allan Ashworth Sue Kev Copeland	Allan.ashworth1@ntlworld.com 07803 393694 suedouthwaite1@gmail.com / 07783786037 gymkevcope@googlemail.com 07834 617192
	Mike Lewis	07904 653337
for all ages	Sally Langton Simon Megson	watswilberfoss@gmail.com simon@traintimeuk.co.uk

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



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 Church grounds are maintained by the Community Payback team and the flower beds by volunteers. There is a bench by the main door, so just sit awhile and enjoy the peace.

The main body of the building is open for everyone every day. Take some time out of a busy day, take shelter from inclement weather, make use of the soft play area.

Go in and see the Easter Garden which is displayed in the small chapel on the right as you enter Church. It depicts the sadness of the crucifixion of Christ, the path from Calvary to his tomb and the immeasurable joy of his resurrection.

Please read on.....there may be more of interest to you!

Rev Simon Pritchard is still away from Church and will be for the immediate future. He has been working in the background and has arranged for other clergy to lead the services of Holy Communion in his absence. We continue to pray for Simon and his recovery.

Services in May

Sunday 3 rd May	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 10 th May	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 th May	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 24 th May	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 st May	11.00 am	Come and Worship

Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd May from 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 June Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 6th June.

Forthcoming Exciting Event

On Saturday 16th May at 7.00pm, there will be a musical evening in Wilberfoss Church, provided by Rosie and Friends who some of you will already know from their gigs in the local area. There will be a wide range of jazz and pop classics, and you are encouraged to sing along! Tickets are £10.00 and refreshments will be provided during the interval. The evening is fully sponsored and therefore all proceeds will be donated to Wilberfoss Church. Tickets are available from Rose Riley 07789 628358, Moira Percival 07805 344842, Jayne Vale 07854 055843, Linda Samwell 07840 236028 or after church services. The number of tickets is limited so please don't leave it too late to contact us!



Services & Events

Another Forthcoming Exciting Event

The famous Village Duck Race is being held on Sunday 17th May and tickets are being sold right now. Moira Percival is selling on behalf of the Church so please contact her on 07805 344842, she will be happy to deliver. Church will have 3 stalls at the event: Hook a Duck, a raffle for themed (gorgeous) Hampers and Bottle on a String game. Donations of anything in a bottle can be made in the box in the porch or Church or Moira will be happy to collect. Last year's event was a fantastic success, in no small part due to the enthusiasm and organisation of the Duck Race Committee. Thank you for bringing this wonderful community together.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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Wilberfoss Church 100 Club

The first draw of the new 100 Club year will be on Sunday 3rd 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. The draw takes place on the first Sunday of each month and to make up for not having a draw during Lent, there will be a double draw in June and December. You can purchase a number at any time during the year, and the subscription will be reduced accordingly.

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. 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.

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
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

Wilberfoss Tennis Club update April '26

Well the clocks have gone forward and there is something special in the air - the start of the new tennis season!

By the time you read this the courts should have a good spring clean and hopefully the ridges of doom have been flattened out though they did make for an interesting bounce...!

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 first one of the season will be May 8th
- **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 Shakeshaft (Secretary) - 07415199414

Children's Word Search

FARM ANIMALS WORD SEARCH



S	R	Y	E	S	O	O	G	B	C
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Y	O	X	V	W	J	P	M	C	F
S	O	C	A	T	Z	H	E	N	U

Horse
Sheep
Cow
Goat

Hen
Rooster
Pig
Duck

Turkey
Llama
Ox
Mule

Dog
Cat
Goose
Donkey



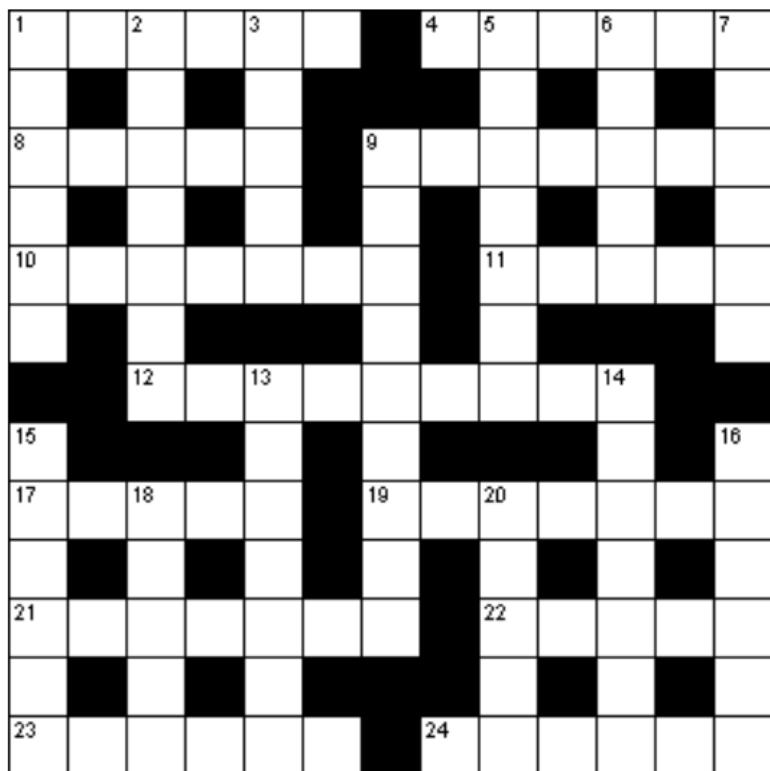
April Crossword Answers

Crossword Answers

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May Crossword



Across

- 1 Formal headgear (3,3)
- 4 Go aboard (6)
- 8 Concerning (5)
- 9 Violent whirling wind-storm (7)
- 10 Popular cheese (7)
- 11 Lifeless (5)
- 12 Uncivilised person (9)
- 17 Light purple colour (5)
- 19 Collection of books (7)
- 21 Marine animal (3,4)
- 22 Shoulder-wrap (5)
- 23 Main meal (6)
- 24 Slow down (6)

Down

- 1 Roof of straw or reeds (6)
- 2 Adage (7)
- 3 Performed (5)
- 5 Gin and vermouth cocktail (7)
- 6 Hard stone (5)
- 7 Intricate (6)
- 9 Heavy waterproof cover (9)
- 13 Lie back (7)
- 14 North American falls (7)
- 15 Shut (6)
- 16 Rode a bike (6)
- 18 Gain knowledge (5)
- 20 Moisten with hot fat (5)