



Wilberfoss News

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November 2025

Welcome to your November
Village Newsletter

November is here — bringing crisp mornings, colourful leaves, and of course, fireworks!

While the celebrations can be great fun for us, they can also be a frightening time for our pets and local wildlife. The RSPCA has some excellent advice on keeping animals safe and calm during firework season:

[https://www.rspca.org.uk/
adviceandwelfare/pets/general/](https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/general/)

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





News in Brief

We want to say a huge thank you to **Greener Pocklington and Wilberfoss in Bloom**, and to anyone who brought materials to site, because the Bug Hotel at the amenity land is fantastic! Some native trees will be planted on site and bird boxes will be installed. Both of these upcoming projects will enhance the site for wildlife and recreation. At the time of writing, the wood which formed the post and rail fencing is still available to anyone who is having a bonfire or who wants to make use of it in other ways.

The British Red Cross and St Leonard's Hospice both offer outreach support programmes to people who are struggling, both physically and/or mentally. Details of the Red Cross support has been uploaded to the Parish Council website under 'News'. Please share details with anyone you think may welcome the support

We have brought these projects to the community's attention before, but we want to confirm that a safety barrier will be installed at the snicket exiting onto Middle Street, and a bench will be installed on the grass verge junction of Willow Park Road and Wold View Road. Both items have been purchased and may even be installed before the Newsletter goes to press!

We are hopeful that the children's bookcase will be installed in the Community Centre foyer before Christmas so please hang onto any books your children may longer need so that the bookcase can be filled as soon as it is built and painted. We hope it will prove to be as well utilised as the Book Exchange.



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?

17th November

Elizabeth Edwards will be talking about Teddy Bears and you are invited to bring your own Teddy along!

Friday 19th 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!





Community Centre Therapy 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 THERAPY SUITE

We have two dedicated therapy/consulting rooms, 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.



Contact Anna Hill – 07926507877
wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com for further details and availability





Christmas Fair Community Centre



2025 CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 7th December 10am - 3pm.

Wilberfoss Community Centre

If you would like to run a stall please contact Anna Hill
on the below -
wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com
07926507877



FREE ENTRY



Information

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Celebrate the festive season with the Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society at our joyful Christmas sing-along! Join us for an evening of cheerful tunes, fun for all the family!

Free entry – cash donations for refreshments are welcome.



5-6.30PM
Sunday 14th December



Wilberfoss
Community Centre



WILBERFOSS YOUTH: WE'RE IN MOTION!

We're happy to announce we took our first steps towards a youth group in the village recently!

Now we're looking to find out what families and young people in the village would want from their youth group.

Watch this space as we'll be sending out a poll on Facebook and hosting a taster event to capture your thoughts!

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**ACTIVE
COMMUNITIES**



NEW

To get involved, email us at:
WilberfossCommunityCentre@outlook.com



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



Information



THE WILBERFOSS PFA FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2025

Saturday 1st November

Adults £5 Child £3

Family Of 4 (2 Adults 2 Children)

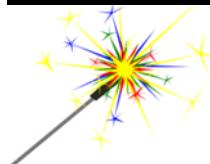
£13 Additional Children £2 Each

Kids Disco 6.30pm

Fireworks Display 7.45pm

Professional Display, BBQ, Bar, Hot Chocolate, Glosticks & Sparklers - Card Accepted

The Sports Pavilion, Storking lane, Wilberfoss YO41 5AB.



Update from Susan Skelton on the village bus service.

As I have written before about the infrequent bus service through our village I have been asked to let you know that there has been a big change to our village bus service and to the bus timetable. The X45 and X45b now run through the village with the X47 only running early mornings and evenings. Although we have lost the X47 service during the day the new X45 service runs more frequently at times and will hopefully be more reliable.





Festive Flower Workshop



Festive Flower Workshop Wreath Making

~ Choose to make either a classic or teardrop wreath ~

~ Glass of prosecco on arrival ~

~ All materials included ~

~ Hot drinks and festive refreshments included ~

~ £35pp ~

Saturday 6th December

Wilberfoss Community Centre

2 - 3.30pm

Email to book your place
simran.kp@hotmail.co.uk

WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Users that welcome new members

	Session Time	Activity
Monday	6.00 am – 7.00 am 10.15 am – 12.25 pm 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 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 Sing & Sign – Classes from babies to toddlers Wilberfoss Sewing Group Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends (third Monday monthly) KCMA Martial Arts Academy (children & adult classes) Yoga with Simply Bee Wellness Keep Fit with Linda
Tuesday	10.00 am – 11.00 am 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm 1.00 – 2.30 pm 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Move It or Lose It – Exercise for the over 60's Tuesday Chat (cuppa and a chat – free to all and everyone) No booking necessary. Just turn up! Digital Clinic – FREE help with devices/online issues (1 st Tue monthly) 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 (alternate weeks) (U3A Members only) Wilberfoss Line Dancers
Thursday	10.00 am – 11.00 am 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Pocklington Pilates Wilberfoss Sequence Dancers Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc Beginners Tai Chi with Ian WOW WI (2 nd Thursday monthly) Wilberfoss Parish Council (3 rd Thursday monthly)
Friday	6.00 am – 7.00 am 9.30 am – 10.30 am 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Early morning fitness class Circuits with Lovaine Boltonians (Men's discussion group & light lunch) Wilberfoss Short Mat Bowling Club Kettlesize Fitness with Kev
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 for all ages

In addition to the events listed above, the Community Centre welcomes private bookings.

Single rooms at the Centre can be hired for as little as £11.00 per hour for non-profit making activities. The Centre can be joined to form larger spaces. The Centre also has two therapy rooms which can be hired on a self-catering basis. Enquiries can be made to wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com or via Facebook Messenger through the Community Centre page on the village website [Wilberfoss Parish Council | Community Centre](#) or on [HallsHire.com](#).

UNITY CENTRE DIARY

ers have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
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. These events are not accessible to the public.

es, £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

As some readers will already know, Rev Simon Pritchard is currently receiving treatment for cancer and will therefore not be taking services 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.

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

Sunday Services in November 2025

Sunday 2 nd November	11.00 am	Come and Worship (All Souls')
Sunday 9 th November	11.00 am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 16 th November	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 23 rd November	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th November	11.00 am	Come and Worship (Advent Sunday)

All Souls' 2nd November

This very special Come and Worship service commemorates those whom we have loved and lost. There is a list in Church to which you can add the names of your loved ones and these will be read out during the service. There will also be an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November

This is a very special occasion which gives us all the opportunity to gather together to remember those who gave their lives for us in past and ongoing conflicts. If you wish to process to the Cenotaph, please gather at Church ready to process at 10.45 am, or alternatively, please gather at the Cenotaph on Main Street. There will be a two minute silence at 11.00 am. Those who remain in Church will have a concurrent service conducted by Peter Green, Licensed Lay Minister. The procession, led by Rev Maggie Ellinson, will return to Church for the remainder of the service.

Annual Craft Fair

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 such as feather art, sewing, gongs, scarves, pictures, jewellery, cards and wood craft. The raffle will be for beautiful Christmas hampers, and 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.

Jigsaw Group

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



Services & Events

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 1st November and 6th December. 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 dried food. As winter is fast approaching, the weather is going to be a bit unpredictable and so the line of food along the church path has been abandoned until the Spring. Instead there will be a display of contributions inside church. The October donations weighed in at a remarkable 83.7 kilos and everything was gratefully received at the food bank warehouse. 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.

Please note that the group will not meet on Thursday 30th October as that is school half term. See you on 6th November!

Christmas Services

On Sunday 14th December there will be a Carol Service at 6.00pm which will really lift your spirits and put the manic present buying to one side. The Wilberfoss School Choir will perform again this year and it is an occasion not to be missed...they are great!

Wednesday 24th December there will be a family friendly Crib Service at 4.00pm which will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the wonder of the Christmas Nativity Story.

Thursday 25th December there will be a Come and Worship Service celebrating the birth of Jesus. **Please note that the service will start at 10.00am NOT 11.00am** (back home in time for Christmas lunch).

Sunday 28th December there will not be a service in Wilberfoss but all are welcome to attend the service being held at 11.00am in Stamford Bridge.

Wilberfoss Church 100 Club

The lucky winners in the October draw were 1st Michelle Wallis (No.35); 2nd Rose Riley (No.21); 3rd Sarah Wills (No.60). 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 you can join in the fun at any time.



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 elements. There is a range of books on the soft play area window ledges and these are available to freely borrow. Book donations are always welcome.

Sadly, it is a fact of life that finances (or the lack of them) are a major problem when it comes to maintaining, heating and lighting an historic building such as St John the Baptist Church. There is now a contactless card machine on the left as you enter Church. It shows three set amounts, £5, £10, £15, but you can alter the amount to whatever you are able to contribute. Anything you are able to give is gratefully received and goes towards keeping the door open.

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.

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 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. Did you know that the plants are supplied by the Wilberfoss in Bloom (Bloomers) team and kept tidy by volunteers? Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers for an amazing job, particularly during the drought! 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



Services & Events

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

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.

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.easymoney.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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Rose Riley

Church Warden 01759 380795

Moira Percival

Church Warden 07805344842



Wilberfoss In Bloom

Wilberfoss In Bloom

A huge 'thank you' to all those who supported our Bingo Night, by turning up, cooking food and supplying raffle prizes. As ever, we are grateful to our wonderful Bingo Caller, Dougie Cowgill, who was on his best form and gave us much amusement. We made a good amount of money, which will be spent on the Spring plants next year.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy our recently planted Winter displays throughout the coming months.

We are in urgent need of new helpers on the Wilberfoss in Bloom team!

Please come and visit us at the Christmas Fair in the Community Centre on December 4th. If you're interested in ways you can assist us, we'd be very happy to chat!

If you'd like to get in contact with us, call Viv Guyll on 07885 855402 or email vmg1067@hotmail.com





Elf Costume Competition



Elf Costume Competition!!!

DRESS AS BUDDY OR YOUR FAVOURITE
ELF TO WIN X4 MAGICAL
COMPLEMENTARY TICKETS TO THE
HOLE IN WAND - YORK

(BIG KIDS CAN JOIN IN ALSO!)



Wilberfoss Community Centre

SUN 7TH DECEMBER - 1.30PM





Children's Word Search



Bonfire Night Word Search



z	q	h	l	s	j	b	b	c	d	x	y	p	p	c
a	f	i	r	e	w	o	r	k	s	r	e	e	r	m
g	m	g	u	p	g	j	y	k	q	k	s	n	e	f
m	s	p	v	c	a	l	e	d	o	b	b	n	b	g
i	t	x	r	i	c	m	e	g	y	n	o	y	m	b
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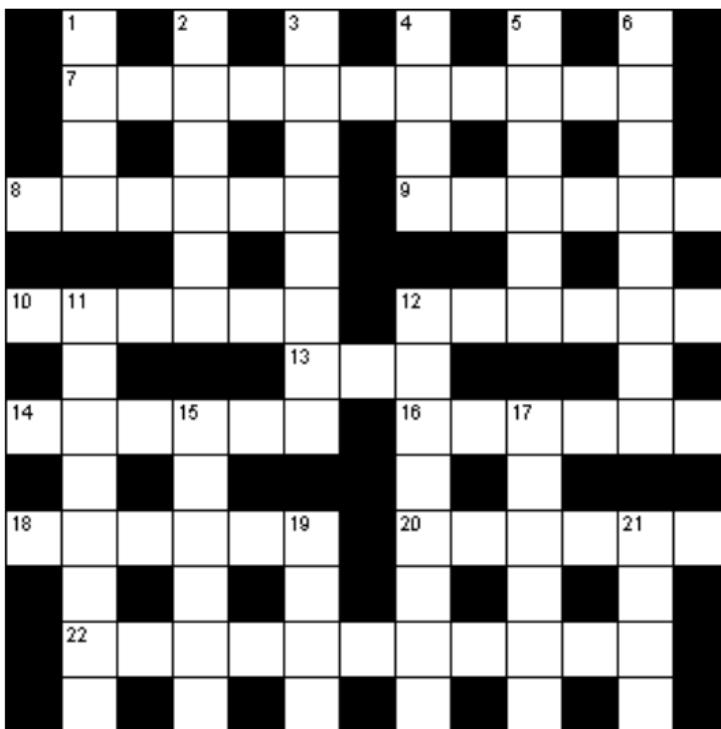
Oct Crossword Answers

Crossword Answers

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Nov Crossword



Across

- 7 Quickly (2,3,6)
- 8 Whitening chemical (6)
- 9 Resides (6)
- 10 Physician (6)
- 12 Deadly (6)
- 13 Powerful snake (3)
- 14 Liverpool's river (6)
- 16 Northern Ireland (6)
- 18 Area surrounded by water (6)
- 20 Sudden and unexpected (6)
- 22 Medium-dry sherry (11)

Down

- 1 Bucket (4)
- 2 Finally (2,4)
- 3 Yorkshire racecourse (8)
- 4 Precious metal (4)
- 5 Not present (6)
- 6 Sneak (8)
- 11 Abroad (8)
- 12 Praiseworthy (8)
- 15 Winding downhill ski race (6)
- 17 Current (6)
- 19 Palm fruit (4)
- 21 Jab, nudge (4)