

Wilberfoss News

OCTOBER 2026

WELCOME TO YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



October brings with it a change of season and, this month, a little change to your village newsletter too.

After more than three years, we're saying a very big thank you to Michelle, who first took on the role of editor back in 2023, originally just to cover for a few weeks! What started as a temporary favour turned into more than three years of bringing us the news, stories, events and happenings that make Wilberfoss such a wonderful community.

Thank you, Michelle, for the time, care and commitment you've given to keeping the village informed and connected. Your contribution has been hugely appreciated, and we're grateful those 'few weeks' turned into so many editions.

With a new editor comes an opportunity for a little refresh, too. You may notice that the newsletter has a slightly new look and feel this month. We've kept the things that make it familiar, while giving it a freshen-up for its next chapter. And we'd love to hear what you think. The newsletter is for everyone in the village to enjoy.

If you have an idea for something you'd like to see included, a photo we could use or would like to share some feedback, please get in touch at wilberfossnews@gmail.com

We hope you'll continue to enjoy reading the newsletter, and perhaps even help shape what comes next.

So, let's turn the page and see what October has in store...



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Parish News

Digital bus timetables

We told you last month that we had secured 50% towards the cost of a digital bus timetable. East Riding of Yorkshire Council have now advised that there is sufficient funding to provide the unit free of charge.

The existing digital timetable on the westbound bus stop on Main Street will still be re-located to the bus stop opposite Storking Lane. Please bear with us.

Crest Nicholson

The developer has refused to engage in a conversation regarding the Parish Council's proposal for an alternative road layout. The Parish Council will now engage with the media.

Beckside

The project to kerb part of Beckside has been delayed until further notice. We had hoped to secure funding through the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Do it for East Yorkshire fund. We will, however, erect bollards along Beckside to further protect the grass verge. This project will be carried out by the Community Payback team, once their commitment to maintaining the village grasses and snickets comes to an end.

A warm welcome

We'd like to welcome Jon Hurst as our newest Parish Councillor. Jon has lived in Wilberfoss since 2023 and is keen to contribute to village life. With 9 Councillors, we are now back to a full complement of Councillors.

Temporary road closures

From 26th October to the 5th November vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Sand Lane, Wilberfoss from its junction with the A1079 ending at its junction with Newbridge Lane, Yapham to allow bend strengthening and patching works for Sand Lane. In addition, from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm on the 6th November part of Bolton Lane, Wilberfoss from the junction with A1079 Hull Road to the junction with Newbridge Lane, Yapham will be closed to allow patching works for part of Bolton Lane.

Church bridge damage

Following what looks like vandalism to the stonework, we are waiting for East Riding of Yorkshire Council bridges team to confirm what action will be taken to repair the damage. The bridge is a listed building, and English Heritage approval is required before works can be carried out. The process could take some time, so a makeshift safety barrier has been erected in the meantime. The cost of these works will not be insignificant and will come at the expense of spending money elsewhere.

If you see acts of antisocial behaviour and vandalism in the village, please report it to Humberside Police.



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Facebook Messenger

Wilberfoss in Bloom

Blooming Bingo Night



**Wilberfoss in Bloom fundraiser
Saturday 17 October**

Wilberfoss Community Centre
Doors open at 7pm, eyes down for 7:15 pm

6 Games for £10
Supper included with your ticket
Cash prizes and Raffle
Fun for all!

Pay on the door, grab a ticket from a Bloomer, or email
vmg1067@icloud.com



St John the Baptist Church

Remembrance Day

This Service of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 8th November. Those who wish to, will process from Church at 10.45 to the War Memorial, where the 2-minute silence will be observed within a short service. The procession will then return to church to complete the Remembrance service. The 2-minute silence will also be observed within Church for those who are unable to process to the War Memorial.

Wilberfoss Church craft fair

Saturday 21st November from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to purchase your Christmas Gifts from a wide variety of craft stalls, have fun on the tombola and finish it all off with cake and a cup of tea or coffee!

Musical evening with Good Company

Good Company is a wonderful locally based chamber choir. The concert will be held in Church on Friday 27th November starting at 7.30pm. More details will be provided in the November issue of the Village Newsletter.

Services in October

Sunday 4 th October 11.00 am Harvest Festival (Come and Worship)

Sunday 11 th October 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18 th October 11.00 am Come and Worship

Sunday 25 th October 11.00 am Holy Communion

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!

Harvest Festival

This special annual service of thanksgiving is an opportunity to support York Foodbank and The Farming Community Network. Please bring along any tinned, dried or packaged goods, including toiletries and household cleaning products, which will be taken to the Foodbank. Any fresh produce brought will be sold after the service and the proceeds, together with any cash donations, will be given to the Farming Community Network who are in UK-wide partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support.

Community coffee morning

Saturday 3rd October 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. 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 November Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 7th November.

Stay and play

This fabulous group for pre-schoolers and their carers started again for the Autumn Term on Thursday 10th September, and what a great time everyone had and are continuing to have. These sessions are free of charge and refreshments will be provided. Donations are always 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. A huge pile of jigsaws has been kindly donated so there is plenty to keep you enthusiasts busy! If jigsaws are not your thing, come along anyway for the refreshments and chat. The completed jigsaws are being donated to charity shops in the surrounding area.

Wilberfoss Church 100 club

The lucky winners of the September draw were: 1st Brenda Morgan (15), 2nd Steve Percival (18), 3rd Cecily Shakespeare (63). 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. If you would like to join in, please contact Moira Percival on 07805344842.

Acts 435

Acts 435 is an online giving charity directly connecting those who want to give with those who are in genuine need of their help, through a network of local churches and charities.

How it works:

1. A local church or charity becomes an Acts 435 partner (Wilberfoss Church is a partner)
2. Partners post urgent needs on behalf of people in their community
3. Donors read stories of need and give through the Acts 435 platform
4. Partner contacts the person in need and gives the item so desperately needed

100% of your donation goes to the recipient's need and you receive a thank you update when the need has been met. If you are in need, or are able to donate, please contact either of the Church Wardens in Wilberfoss or view the Acts 435 website at <https://www.acts435.org.uk/>

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.

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 website

<https://stjohnthebaptistchurchwilberfoss.co.uk/> Here you can learn of our church 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.

Foodbank

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 saw 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. Please note that the warehouse cannot accept homemade produce or anything which has been opened or is out of date. Heartfelt thanks go to all who give so generously to help families in crisis.

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: 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

This 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.

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



Community Centre Diary

IN ADDITION TO THE EVENTS LISTED, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WELCOMES ONE-OFF AND PRIVATE BOOKINGS.

THESE EVENTS ARE OFTEN NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SINGLE ROOMS AT THE CENTRE CAN BE HIRED FOR AS LITTLE AS £11.00 PER HOUR FOR NON-PROFIT MAKING ACTIVITIES, £13.00 AN HOUR FOR SEMI-COMMERCIAL USERS AND £20.00 AN HOUR FOR A COMMERCIAL HIRER. ROOMS CAN BE JOINED TO FORM LARGER SPACES. THE CENTRE

ALSO HAS TWO THERAPY ROOMS WHICH CAN BE HIRED ON AN HOURLY BASIS OR ON A HALF DAY (£30) OR FULL DAY (£60) BASIS. PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE MANAGER ON WILBERFOSSCOMMUNITYCENTRE@OUTLOOK.COM

OR VIA FACEBOOK MESSENGER THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CENTRE'S FACEBOOK PAGE. INTERNAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAN BE VIEWED THROUGH THE VILLAGE WEBSITE WILBERFOSSPARISHCOUNCIL.COM OR ON HALLSHIRE.COM.

MONDAY

Time	Activity	Contact
10.15 am – 1.15pm	Sing & Sign – Classes from babies to toddlers	Anna Gibbeson annagibbeson@singandsign.co.uk 07811 651720
10.30am -11.30am	Table tennis coaching	Alison Young
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends (third Monday monthly)	Eileen Brammell 01759388135
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Yoga with Simply Bee Wellness	Emily Stockhill emilylouisestockhill@gmail.com 07715 693656
8.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Private keep fit	Linda Hartas Linharmac@aol.com 07801 888824

TUESDAY

Time	Activity	Contact
6.00am – 7am	Tarn Drifffield– Bootcamp circuits	Tarn Drifffield tarndriff@hotmail.com
10.00 am – 11.00 am	Move It or Lose It – Exercise for the over 60's	Karen Hill karen.wallacehill@moveitorloseit.co.uk 07568539917
1.15 pm – 3.15 pm	Wilberfoss Art Class	Chris Bailey wilberfossartgroup@outlook.com
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Wilberfoss Table Tennis Club (Club & Match Night)	Alison Young 92aryoung@gmail.com 01759 380325

WEDNESDAY

Time	Activity	Contact
6.00am – 7am	Bootcamp circuits	Tarn Drifffield tarndriff@hotmail.com
9.15am – 10.15am	Pilates with Maggie grace	Maggie Grace 07922862290
9.30 am – 10.30 am	Beginners Yoga class	Lindsey Samson samsonlindsey@gmail.com 07817 830178
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	U3A Quiz (alternate weeks) (U3A Members only)	secretarypockdu3a@gmail.com (general enquiries)
4.00pm -6.00pm	KCMA Martial Arts Academy (children & adult classes)	Kris Crump kcma.online@gmail.com 07896 882909
6.15-7.15pm	Maggie Grace Pilates	Maggie Grace 07922862290
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Wilberfoss Line Dancers	Barbara 01759 388218

THURSDAY

Time	Activity	Contact
6.00am – 7am	Tarn Driffield– Bootcamp circuits	Tarn Driffield tarndriff@hotmail.com
10.00 am – 11.00 am	Pocklington Pilates	Sophie Redfern sandsredfern@aol.com 07931 964114
5.00pm – 7.00pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc	Mike Cundall
6.00pm – 8.00 pm	Beginners Tai Chi	Ian Parker taichi.derwent@gmail.com
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	WOW WI (2nd Thursday monthly)	Louisa wowwi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm	Wilberfoss Parish Council (3rd Thursday monthly)	Sarah Wills clerk@wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk 07762 549292

FRIDAY

Time	Activity	Contact
12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Boltonians (Men's discussion group & light lunch)	Allan Ashworth Allan.ashworth1@ntlworld.com 07803 393694
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Wilberfoss Short Mat Bowling Club	Sue suedouthwaite1@gmail.com 07783786037

SATURDAY

Time	Activity	Contact
TBC	STARZ Drama School	Hollie Pickup starzschoollwilberfoss@gmail.com

SUNDAY

Time	Activity	Contact
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society (WATS) - Community theatre group for all ages	Sally Langton watswilberfoss@gmail.com
7.30pm -8.30pm	Yoga breathwork and Sound bath (last Sunday of every month)	Emily Stockhill 07715693656
7.30pm -8.15pm	Relax and Reset (6th and 20th)	Tarn Driffield tarndriff@hotmail.com

Users that welcome new members have provided contact details.



Tennis Club



The season is drawing to a close all too soon however the courts are open all year round for those folks hardy enough to brave the autumn and winter weather.

The club's AGM is on the 27th September (preceded by a friendly tournament if the weather holds good) - further details will be put on the club's WhatsApp group.

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays: were match nights but are now available for playing as the season has finished in the mixed leagues

Saturday mornings : Now available

Sunday mornings: Now available

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



Ladies and Friends

Looking for a reason to get out, meet people and try something different?

The Wilberfoss LAF group meets on the third Monday of each month at the Wilberfoss Community Centre from 2.30pm until 4.00pm and residency in the village is not required!

For an entry fee of £3 you will 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! You will be warmly welcomed at any or all of the meetings.

Next Meeting:

19th October Murder Mystery
Afternoon – Who Done It?

Future dates for your diary:

16th November What Lies Beneath?

December Christmas Lunch – date
TBA

The programme of speakers and events for 2027 is currently being compiled and will be advertised soon.

WOW WI

Rest of 2026 calendar of meetings

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Wilberfoss Community Centre, 16 Main Street, Wilberfoss, York. YO41 5NN (with parking to the side). Come along, meet new people and enjoy an evening together. New members and visitors are always very welcome.

8th October - Soul Tribe, Meditation and Soundbath

12th November - AGM

10th December - Christmas buffet

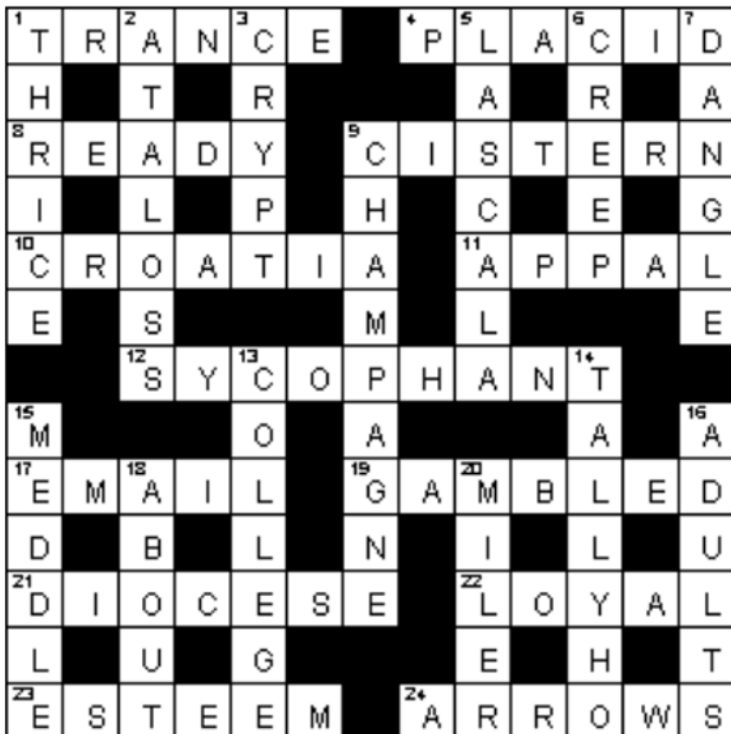
Please email us if you have any questions:
wowwi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk

We have a Facebook page too. Simply search for Women of Wilberfoss Women's Institute.

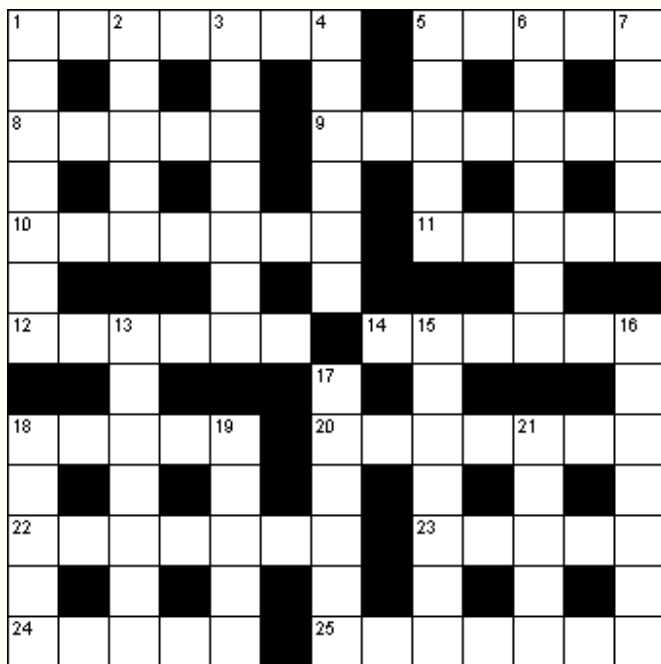


Crossword Solution

HOW DID YOU DO LAST MONTH?



Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 DIFFIDENT (7)
- 5 GAME ON A GREEN (5)
- 8 FEED A FURNACE (5)
- 9 SQUARE-RIGGED SAILING-SHIP (7)
- 10 GREAT PLEASURE (7)
- 11 INVITED (5)
- 12 SAILORS' SONG (6)
- 14 PROMISE (6)
- 18 GIVEN MEDICINE (5)
- 20 ABLE TO BE READ (7)
- 22 RENEGADE (7)
- 23 COMPLETELY FOREIGN (5)
- 24 FOP (5)
- 25 NECESSARY (7)

DOWN

- 1 FURTHERMORE (7)
- 2 FROWN ANGRILY (5)
- 3 CARGO (7)
- 4 ILLUMINATIONS (6)
- 5 WOOD FOR MODEL MAKERS (5)
- 6 DESTROYED (7)
- 7 CHURCH COUNCIL (5)
- 13 REFRAIN FROM VOTING (7)
- 15 CASES (7)
- 16 EVERLASTING (7)
- 17 TWO-SHILLING COIN (6)
- 18 OUTMODED (5)
- 19 BARMY (5)
- 21 SHORT (5)