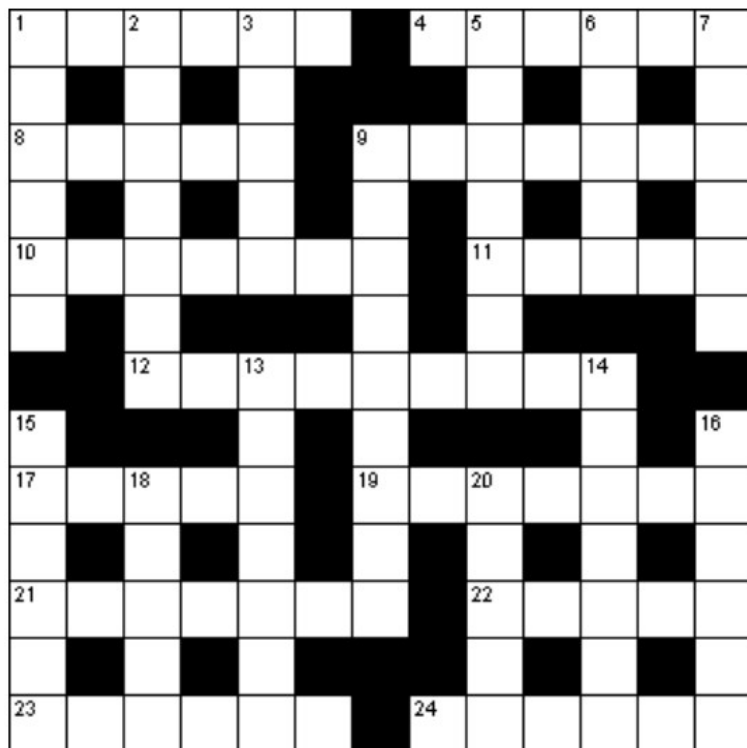


# Sept Crossword



## Across

1. Hypnotic state (6)
4. Unruffled (6)
8. Poised for action (5)
9. Water tank (7)
10. Country formerly part of Yugoslavia (7)
11. Horrify (5)
12. Toady (9)
17. Electronic communication (1-4)
19. Wagered (7)
21. Bishop's territory (7)
22. Truehearted (5)
23. High regard (6)
24. Archer's missiles (6)

## Down

1. Three times (6)
2. Nonplussed (2,1,4)
3. Underground chamber (5)
5. Milan opera house (2,5)
6. Move furtively (5)
7. Hang freely (6)
9. Bubbly (9)
13. Educational institution (7)
14. Hunting cry (5-2)
15. Interfere (6)
16. Grown-ups (6)
18. More or less (5)
20. Middle-distance runner (5)



# Wilberfoss News

September 2026

**September always feels like a month of new beginnings.**

As the summer holidays draw to a close, our village children will be heading back to school, some returning to familiar classrooms and friends, while others taking their very first steps into school life, with fresh uniforms and exciting adventures awaiting them.

It is also a reminder that, whatever our age, a new start is always possible. Perhaps September will be the month you try something different or simply reconnect with the people and activities that make our community such a special place to be.

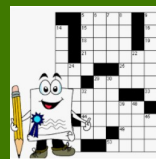
There is plenty happening in and around the village this month, so, as ever, we hope you enjoy catching up with the latest news, events and activities in this edition.

And somewhere among these pages, you may just find something that brings a little inspiration for the month ahead...

- In this issue...**
- \* News In Brief
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## News in Brief



## August Crossword Solution

How did you do last month?

**Unauthorised Encampment** – You will find details regarding unauthorised use of private land in a report on the next pages of this Newsletter, but we would like to thank everyone who took the time to report acts of antisocial behaviour and vandalism to Humberside Police directly. This resulted in daily visits to the village and the occupants left earlier than anticipated.

The landowners did their best for the community in what was a stressful situation for all. It would be helpful if in future the Community Facebook page was not used to speculate and spread misinformation.

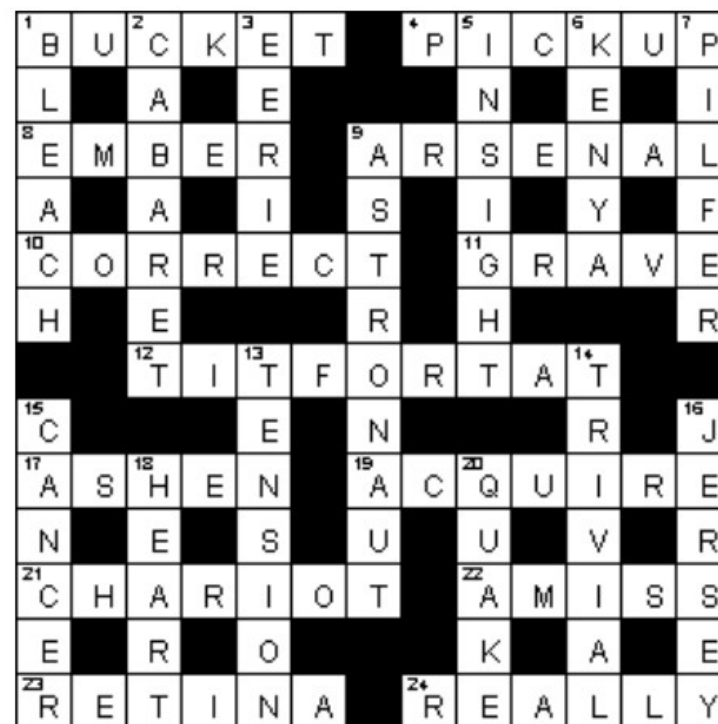
**Digital Bus Timetables** - We have secured 50% funding to purchase a third digital bus timetable. The two existing units were provided free of charge by East Riding of Yorkshire Council and are the envy of other villages.

The third unit will be located at the eastbound bus stop on Main Street, opposite Willow Park Road.

In addition, the existing digital timetable on the westbound bus stop on Main Street will be re-located to the bus stop opposite Storking Lane, where there is evidence of increased passenger numbers and a bus shelter. Please bear with us whilst we engage with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to action these.

**Crest Nicholson Development** — The meeting between Ward Councillors and ERYC Planning Department has not resulted in any proposed changes to the planned road layout for the new development. This is disappointing so the next course of action is to request a site meeting with representatives from Crest Nicholson.

**Costcutter** – We're pleased to see the reinstatement of the boundary wall at Costcutter. This complements the hard work of Wilberfoss in Bloom. Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen.





## Wilberfoss In Bloom



## Notices

Hope you're having a wonderful summer and are enjoying how lovely the village is looking right now. Our volunteers have been working incredibly hard throughout this scorching hot summer to make sure our plants have been watered regularly enough to stay alive and blooming, so a HUGE thanks to all involved.

Next up on our agenda is our Bingo Night on 17th October which raises much-needed funds to help us keep the village looking beautiful. We'd love to see you there! And please don't hesitate if you'd like to come but don't have anyone to come with... just let us know and we'll happily look out for you.

Do save the date and keep an eye out for more information; there will be regular updates on our Facebook page or, for the less technologically minded, on posters around the village. Some of you might have noticed that one of our volunteers has given our notice-board opposite the church a bit of a glow up (thanks Carol!); expect to see more information appearing on there over the coming weeks.

As always, if you'd like to join us or have any questions or comments about our work, please contact the lovely Viv on 07885 855402 or [vmg1067@icloud.com](mailto:vmg1067@icloud.com)

With love,  
**The Wilberfoss in Bloom Team.**

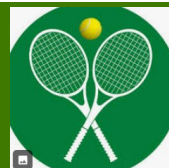
### TRAVELLER OCCUPATION OF LAND IN WILBERFOSS

For four generations the same family has farmed the land that was occupied by travellers in early August. Initially a much larger field, it was reduced in size during construction of the Wilberfoss bypass in the 1960s, when it became separated from an adjoining field, now on the south side of the A1079. For the past three years it has been part of a Government Environmental Stewardship Agreement, which requires the landowner to manage it carefully, including topping and reseedling.

On Monday 3rd August, the landowners were informed that travellers had moved on site. They visited the occupants on 4<sup>th</sup> August and were assured that the land would be vacated the following week. The two parties shook hands and maintained respectful communication. This approach proved effective, and the travellers left in just over a week. Throughout this period, and despite an extremely busy harvest, the landowner was in daily contact with the Humberside Police and Wilberfoss Parish Council Clerk.



# Notices

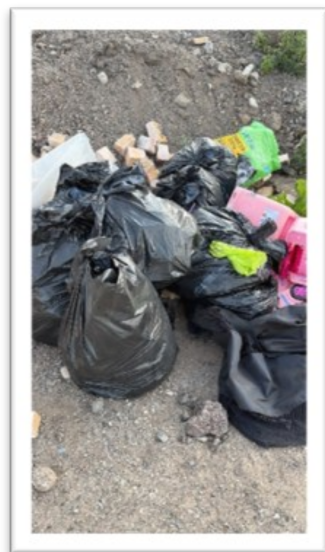
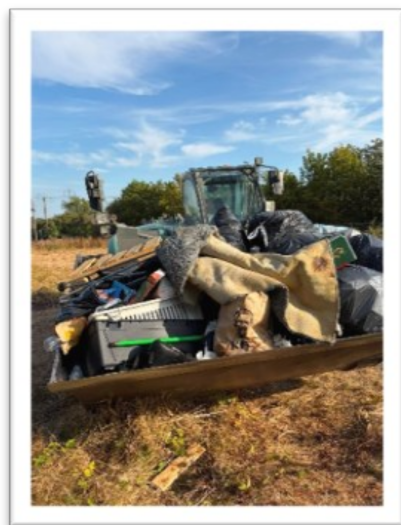


# Tennis

## TRAVELLER OCCUPATION OF LAND IN WILBERFOSS

A clean-up operation was carried out within 24 hours of the occupants leaving. What was apparent during the clean-up was that not everything collected belonged to the occupants. So as not to attract further occupancy and/or fly-tipping, we would encourage anyone who witnesses fly-tipping to report incidents to **East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Environmental Control Department**. If it is safe to do so, please gather evidence.

The landowner must comply with DEFRA's Countryside Stewardship obligations, but they will build an embankment to secure the site. The family remains committed to caring for their land, honouring their heritage, and supporting the community.



Alas, like the lifespan of a Mayfly, the York and District Mixed tennis league season is over all too soon.

The first team, admirably led by Bev Tebbutt achieved mathematical safety with a thrilling 55-53 win over Wigginton in their last game of the season to secure Div 4 tennis again next season.

In Div 6 the second team captained by the unflappable Neil Pratt only just missed out on promotion and finished in a very respectable 4th place.

Having experienced the giddy heights of winning Div 10 last year unfortunately the 3rd team marshalled by the effervescent Nick Wright were brought down to earth (and Div 10 next year) with a bump - just missing out on safety by 2 points.

In a tough Ladies division, the team, indefatigably led by Andrea Webster, have competed well but will be playing in div 5 next season.

The men's team led after a fashion by myself are relying on the Wetherby men's team to all be struck down by a mystery disease that means they can't field a team for their remaining games for us to leapfrog them into 3rd from bottom. Fingers crossed!

The club's AGM is pencilled in for 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

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

**Once a month on a Friday:** a special social tennis night, followed by a few drinks at the pavilion - the next one might involve even less tennis and more drinks (date tbc)

**Saturday mornings:** Ladies matches

**Sunday mornings:** Mens 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](http://www.wilberfosstennisclub.com)

See you all on the courts soon!

Adrian Shakeshaft (Secretary) - 07415199414



# Summer Fayre



# Notices

Thank You

Wilberfoss Community Centre Summer Fayre (Saturday July 25th)

This was our first major summer event, and it was a day enjoyed by many – young and old, inside and out with garden activities.

Our grateful thanks go to the many helpers who :

- Set up tables and stalls and cleared away at the end
- Staffed the Refreshments Servery – raising a grand total of £235.00
- All made possible by the last-minute volunteers who made cakes, buns, tray bakes and sausage rolls – many late on Friday night and some on Saturday morning!
- The youth activities provided by Simply Bee with Pranafflow (Emily & Anna) enabling young people to feel self-confident and produce amazing results.  
(Parents – please note you can register for future programmes)

Wilberfoss Community Youth programme for providing "Scrap craft activities" in the garden.

The Parish council for providing the bouncy castle

All our wonderful stall holders for providing such a wonderful home-made gifts and crafts.

Overall, the event raised £705.00 for the support of the Community Centre.

Judith (as Secretary for the Wilberfoss Community Youth Activities Programme – WCYAP) raised £115.40 from her Bric a Brac stall plus two donations – which will be used to support activities for Young People before the 2027 grant can be applied for from East Riding County Council.

The wonderful Folk Singing and Sea Shanty entertainment over lunch time from the Fairfield Convention

Group collected £17.50 worth of appreciation in their hat from the foot tapping audience with their singalong performance – which they have kindly donated to WCYAP also.

(Budding Folkies – If you are interested in being part of the Fairfield Convention and can sing, and/or play a folk instrument please contact Philip on 07714 332265)

Thank you – we couldn't have done it without you all.

## ■ WILBERFOSS, KEXBY & NEWTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION ■

 **Exciting News for Our Community!** 

### **Outdoor Gym Installation - September 2026**

The **Wilberfoss, Kexby & Newton Playing Fields Association** is delighted to announce that our new **Outdoor Gym** will be installed during **September**.

This fantastic new facility will provide residents of all ages with free access to outdoor exercise equipment, helping to promote health, wellbeing, and an active lifestyle within our community. We look forward to seeing local families, friends, and neighbours making the most of this exciting new addition.

### ♥ **Support Us Through Easyfundraising** ♥

We are also pleased to announce that the **Wilberfoss, Kexby & Newton Playing Fields Association** has registered with **easyfundraising**, giving supporters an easy way to help raise funds simply by shopping online.

**Getting started is easy:**

- ✓ Download the **Easyfundraising App**
- ✓ Search for and select **Wilberfoss, Kexby & Newton Playing Fields Association** as your chosen cause
- ✓ Charity Number: **523311**

There are **over 8,000 participating retailers** involved in the scheme. Whenever you shop online with one of these retailers, a donation can be made to our Association at no extra cost to you.

You do not need to shop through the Easyfundraising app. Simply visit your chosen online retailer as normal. When you shop, a pop-up reminder will appear asking if you would like to activate a donation. Just click **"Yes"** and complete your purchase as usual.

The retailer then makes a donation to our Association, and there is **no increase in the price of your purchase**.

-  No extra cost to you
-  No increase in the cost of your shopping
-  Every donation helps improve and maintain our playing fields and facilities for the local community.

 **Thank You For Your Support** 



# Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends



# Services & Events

## WILBERFOSS LADIES AND FRIENDS (LAFs)

The 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

21<sup>st</sup> September

A Phoenix from the Ashes (1984 York Minster Fire)

## Future dates for your diary:

19<sup>th</sup> October

Murder Mystery Afternoon – Who Done It?

16<sup>th</sup> November

What Lies Beneath?

December

Christmas Lunch – date TBA



## 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.

## 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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Church website

[stjohnthebaptistchurchwilberfoss.co.uk/](http://stjohnthebaptistchurchwilberfoss.co.uk/)



# Services & Events



## WOW WI

**Don't forget Wilberfoss Church has its own website** 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](mailto: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. Please note that the warehouse cannot accept homemade produce or anything which is out of date. 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.

### 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!

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> – Medical Research Charity

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Fangfoss Pottery Tour, Fangfoss

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Kilnwick Percy Hall Tour, Pocklington

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Bakes & Boules

August 13<sup>th</sup> – No meeting, social event in Stamford Bridge TBC

September 10<sup>th</sup> – St John's Ambulance, First Aid

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Soul Tribe, Meditation & Soundbath

November 12<sup>th</sup> - AGM

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Buffet

Please email us if you have any questions [wowwi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk](mailto:wowwi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk)





# Services & Events

## **Wilberfoss Church 100 Club**

The lucky winners of the August draw were: 1<sup>st</sup> Cecily Shakespeare (52), 2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Dawson (12), 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Samwell (84). 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 07805 344842

## **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:

A local church or charity becomes an Acts 435 partner (Wilberfoss Church is a partner)

Partners post urgent needs on behalf of people in their community

Donors read stories of need and give through the Acts 435 platform

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/>

## **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.



# Services & Events

**Please read on, there is so much happening in Church and in the Priory Room throughout the month.**

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

## Services in September

|                                   |          |                  |
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| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September  | 11.00 am | Come and Worship |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September | 11.00 am | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September | 11.00 am | Come and Worship |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September | 11.00 am | Holy Communion   |

## Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 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 October Community Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Stay and Play – THE GROUP IS BACK!

This fabulous group gathers again for the Autumn Term on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, and we can't wait to welcome you and your preschoolers.

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. New jigsaws are gradually being introduced on a weekly basis, and the completed jigsaws are being

