



Wilberfoss News

December 2024

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In this issue, you will find the latest village news, exciting updates on local events and current community happenings.

We are on the search for some volunteers to help deliver the newsletter. Without your help we cannot continue to produce and deliver them!

If you are interested, there are a few areas that still need coverage—please reach out to Michelle at michellewallis1711@gmail.com

This is the final one of the year, the next one will be issued in February. For any submissions please ensure you send them to michellewallis1711@gmail.com by 19th January.



News in Brief

We have a new fully accessible .gov.uk website and email address:

www.wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk
clerk@wilberfoss-pc.gov.uk

If your New Year's Resolution is to get more involved in village life, we'd love to hear from you! There are currently 2 vacancies to become a Councillor, and these are opportunities to influence the decision-making of Wilberfoss.

In 2024 we focused on making visible improvements to the village. All the village bridges were painted and we carried out maintenance work to trees on the beck side. We installed picnic benches on open spaces and with the help of grant funding added a bus shelter to a bus stop on Main Street. We also increased the size of the litter bin at Church Bridge. We hope these improvements complement the hard work and dedication of other volunteer groups who enhance the village. We will continue our efforts in 2025 and if you have any ideas, do get in touch.

There may be an opportunity in the New Year for us to run a couple of first aid courses. Places will be limited but if you are interested, please message or email the Clerk in the first instance.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council are introducing a **Flood Warden Scheme**. This scheme will rely on volunteers in flooding-hit communities being their eyes and ears, feeding information to East Riding of Yorkshire Council staff and the Parish Council on issues such as raising aware-

blockages, deploying flood signs and taking photographs. Flood Wardens are not responsible for decision-making, assisting residents in moving belongings or operating and repairing flood defences.

You don't have to be directly impacted by flooding to become a Flood Warden but if you or your home are vulnerable during heavy rainfall, this is a real opportunity to make connections with East Riding of Yorkshire Council staff. Use it as an opportunity to build relationships with those who can help. If you are interested, contact the Clerk for more information. Have a chat with others and get a group together.

The planning application for the Anaerobic Digestion Plan on Long Lane has been submitted. You'll find details on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council planning portal.

If you were impacted by black soot on 5th November, it is understood it came across the A1079, although it's not clear what was being burned. East Riding of Yorkshire Council Environmental Officers visited the site on the 6th but by then the fire was out and the debris had been cleared. If something like this happens again, it is imperative that it is reported immediately so that ERYC officers can act accordingly and in a timely manner.

The Parish Council will not be meeting in December so we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.





Digital Support

Digital Support Clinics

Volunteers are offering **FREE** in-person digital help at Wilberfoss Community Centre **between 3.00 pm and 4.30 pm** on the **first Tuesday monthly**. The clinic will follow Tuesday Chat, so why not arrive early and engage in this social activity. Tuesday Chat provides free refreshments and conversation!

If you have an email address, let us know you're coming! Please email us on wilberfossdigitalsos@gmail.com. If you don't have email, don't worry, just drop by the clinic! If you have a query that you think we can resolve by email, use wilberfossdigitalsos@gmail.com to drop us a line anytime, and we'll do our best to provide instructions.

There's free access to an iPad and Android tablet at the clinics. If you've never used a Smart device before but you're curious, just drop in and we'll show you how!

Embracing the digital world can feel scary BUT it does make many things in life easier and more accessible. Most things are simple with practice. The digital world is here to stay, and it moves quickly. We're all learning new things.

So far, the clinics have helped people on topics such as:-

- The ease of using QR codes to access websites/restaurant menus/paying bills

- Learning how to set up appointments and reminders in the Calendar app

- The benefits of a Smart Speaker

- Online grocery shopping

- Removing and adding Apps to a Smartphone

- Joining a WhatsApp group

- Making free calls overseas through WhatsApp

Join us on the

3rd December 2024

7th January 2025

4th February 2025

4th March 2025

1st April 2025



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Christmas Concerts

York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir – 2024 Christmas Concerts

Wilberfoss gave us such a warm welcome when we performed here in my home village in April 2023, and we're hoping to make a return visit in 2025, our Centenary year!

As with most choirs, Christmas is very busy and we are no exception with 10 performances during December, most of them open to the public. And so, if you heard us and would like to hear us again, or didn't and would like to, these are the events for which tickets will be available either through our website www.yorkphilchoir.org.uk or by contacting the venues direct.

Tues 3rd to Fri 6th December: The Citadel, Gillygate, York, 7:30pm start. Our own concert mix of **Christmas Traditions**; songs, carols, & readings. 3 choirs. Refreshments & mince pies of course. A relaxed evening to ease into Christmas. Tickets (£14 or £7 if in FTE or under 18) available through our website, www.arkevent.co.uk/ChristmasTradition24, or on the door. Close and convenient parking at Kent Street.

Friday 13th December: Bar Convent, York, 7:30pm start. A Christmas service held in the beautiful chapel of this working convent. Entry by tickets only (£14 inc. mulled wine/mince pies afterwards) available from 1 November by calling the Bar Convent on 01904 643238.

Saturday 14th December: Holy Trinity Church, Goodramgate, York, start 7pm. Carols by candlelight set in this tiny ancient church. Tickets sell out very quickly. Wrap up warm as it can be chilly (no heating) but so atmospheric. No refreshments. Ticket (£14) only through our website or the Churches Conservation Trust at www.visitchurches.org.uk & search for events on 14/12/24.

We'll be celebrating 100 years of male voice singing in 'The Phil' throughout 2025 that will include our usual schedule of concerts in and around York, an appearance at the York Proms in Museum Gardens on Sunday 27th July, and also our main event of our Centenary year, performing at York's Barbican on Sunday 21st September where we'll be joined by our friends from other local choirs, a brass band, and we'll be raising money for our three 'partner charities.

There are around 60 of us but we're always looking for new members. Rehearsals take place every Monday in York at 7:30pm in The Citadel, from 6th January, where you're assured of a warm and friendly welcome. You obviously need to be able to sing in tune but don't need to be able to sight read music scores. If you have any queries about concerts, or are thinking of coming along for a singing taster session, then get in touch with us on 07935 227650, between 9am and 6pm Mon-Fri.

Steve Poole, YPMVC.



W.A.T.S

**WILBERFOSS AMATEUR THEATRE
SOCIETY PRESENTS**

THE WIZARD OF WILBERFOSS

A MAGICAL COMMUNITY VILLAGE PANTOMIME

**SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY , 6PM
SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 1PM & 6PM**

WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE

ADULTS £5 UNDER 18's £3

**Email watswilberfoss@gmail.com for
tickets and further information.**



THE ODDFELLOWS
ARMS

BAR & RESTAURANT

The Oddfellows Arms



The Oddfellows
Arms

Christmas OPENING HOURS December

Monday 23rd - 2pm - 9pm

No Food Service

Tuesday 24th - 12pm - 11pm

Food 12pm - 3pm

Wednesday 25th - 11:30am - 2pm

No Food Service

Thursday 26th - 12pm - 10pm

Food 12pm - 3pm

Friday 27th - 12pm - 11pm

Food 12pm - 2:30pm & 5pm - 8:30pm

Saturday 28th - 12pm - 11pm

Food 12pm - 2:30pm & 5pm - 8:30pm

Sunday 29th - 12pm - 8:30pm

Food 12pm - 5pm

Monday 30th - 3pm - 9pm

No Food Service

Tuesday 31st - 12pm - LATE

Food 12pm - 3pm

Wednesday 1st Jan - 12pm - 9pm

Food 12pm - 3pm



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BAR & RESTAURANT

The OddFellows Arms

THE ODDFELLOWS ARMS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR EVENTS 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE
HARRY COLLINS - CHRISTMAS EVE
SONGS BY THE FIRE
FROM 4PM

DECEMBER 4TH - 21ST
DECEMBER 4TH - 21ST FESTIVE MENU
AVAILABLE VIA PRE ORDER

CHRISTMAS DAY
OPEN FOR DRINKS ONLY
11:30AM - 2:00PM

NYE
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY WITH
GARLAND & FOX - A CONTEMPORARY POP DUO
Open NYE 10pm - LATE |
Garland & Fox 8-10pm - LATE |
NYE Party Favours |

TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE CALL
01759 388473

WILBERFOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Users that welcome new members

	Session Time	Activity
Monday	10.15 am – 1.45 pm 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm 4.00 pm - 7.30 pm 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Sing & Sign – 4 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 1.15 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! 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 (<i>alternate weeks</i>) (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	9.30 am – 10.30 am 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Circuits with Lovaine Boltonians (Men's discussion group & light lunch) Wilberfoss Short Mat Bowling Club Kettlersize 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 or can be joined to form larger spaces. The Centre also has a therapy room and a meeting room which can be hired for private hire. Contact the Centre Manager on wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com or 01759 380123, or via Facebook Messenger on <https://www.facebook.com/wilberfosscommunitycentre>. The Centre can be viewed through the village website www.wilberfossparish.org.uk or on HallsHire.com

UNITY CENTRE DIARY

Members have provided contact details

	Activity Contact	Permissions have been given to use contact details below
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welcome.	Karen Hill Becks & Stu Savage Chris Bailey Alison Young	karen.wallacehill@moveitorloseit.co.uk 07305 030706 sav8289@aol.com wilberfossartgroup@outlook.com 92aryoung@gmail.com 01759 380325
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	Mike Lewis	07904 653337
theatre group	Sally Langton	watswilberfoss@gmail.com

These events are not accessible to the public.

£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 Sarah Wills, Messenger through the Community Centre's Facebook page. Internal photographs of the Community



Services & Events

St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss

Sunday Services in December 2024

Sunday 1 st December	11.00 am Come and Worship
Sunday 8 th December	11.00 am Parish Communion
Sunday 15 th December	11.00 am Come and Worship
Sunday 22 nd December	11.00 am Parish Communion
Sunday 29 th December	11.00 am Come and Worship

Christmas Services

The Christmas Carol Service will be held on 15th December at 6.00 pm. The Village School Choir will be performing and, if last year was anything to go by, this will be an amazing experience, so arrive early to get a good seat!

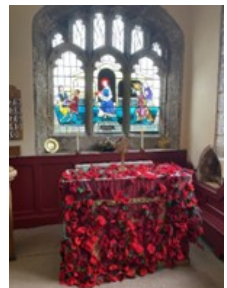
The Crib Service will be held on 24th December at 4.00pm and all children are encouraged to dress up as a character from the Nativity story for the Crib Service to help set the scene and, as with the Carol Service, arriving early ensures a good seat!

There will **not** be a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at Wilberfoss Church, however, there will be a Midnight Mass service at Catton Church starting at 11.30 pm and all are welcome.

Christmas Day service at Wilberfoss Church will be held at the earlier than usual time of 10.00 am and this will be a Parish Communion service.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

The weather was reasonable and so many villagers came together to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in past and present conflicts. Many thanks to Becks for operating the public address system which made such an improvement to the clarity of the proceedings at the War Memorial and many thanks to those involved in decorating the Church and serving very welcome hot drinks after the Church service.





Services & Events

Wilberfoss Church Stay and Play

The last session of this term will be on Tuesday 2nd December, but don't worry, it will be back on 7th January 2025! There will be so much excitement and fun to be had each Tuesday at 9.30 am until 11.00 am. Refreshments are available and while the sessions are free of charge, donations, (which help to purchase craft supplies and contribute to the heating and lighting costs), will be welcomed.

Jigsaw Group

This social group will continue to meet every Thursday in the Priory Room 1.00 - 3.00 pm throughout December, thus ensuring a warm space and good company for all. There is always a large jigsaw for all to help complete and jigsaws are available to borrow and take home. If you enjoy jigsaws, then this is the place for you! If you don't want to be involved with the jigsaw, there is always great conversation, tea, coffee and cake to tempt you! Grateful thanks to all who generously donate cakes, raffle prizes etc. Please contact Jo Stalker, Authorised Lay Minister, 01759 380361.

100 Club

The lucky winners of the 100 Club draw for November were 1st Moira Percival, 2nd Rose Riley, 3rd Jean Gray. Don't forget that because there are no draws during Lent, June and December each have two draws. If you would like to purchase a number(s) please contact Moira Percival 07805 344842, you are welcome to join in at any time and help support your village Church. The draws take place on the first Sunday of each month.

Do you shop online?

If you do, then here is an easy way to increase the income of your Village Church at no cost to you!! If you access this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>, choose St John the Baptist Church Wilberfoss, then purchase from a listed store, a percentage of the cost of your purchases will be given to Wilberfoss Church. This donation comes purely from the store and not from you!



Services & Events

Food Bank

A massive thank you to all who donate to the food bank. Over the last month 170 kilos of donations from Wilberfoss were delivered to the warehouse. This village community is simply amazing.

The Foodbank administrators have said that as Christmas approaches they receive many generous Christmas themed food and gifts, which is wonderful and a treat for the families in need, but the need for staple food items does not diminish, so please continue with your amazing generosity in the form of every day tinned, dried or packet food items, toiletries and household products. There is a collection basket inside the porch at Church, or you can leave items with Rose Riley at 2 The Paddock.

Urgently needed

Tinned Vegetarian Meals
Tinned Sponge Puddings
Powdered Milk
Long Life Juice and Squash.
UHT Milk
Instant Mash Potato
Tinned Vegetables and Tinned Fruit.

The list appears shorter than previous lists as it is these items which are really, really urgently needed.

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

Church Contacts

Simon Pritchard	Priest in Charge	www.achurchnearyou.com
Peter Green	Licenced Lay Minister	01759 301386
Steve Percival	Licenced Lay Minister	07883 521677
Rose Riley	Warden and Advocate for ACTS435	01759 380795
Maira Percival	Warden	07805 344842



Pavilion Bar & Bistro

WINTER WONDERLAND

PHILLYS PIZZA

MR GRINCH

RIDES/GAMES

FESTIVE DRINKS

CHARACTER'S

INFLATABLE SNOWGLOBE

VISIT SANTA

MUSIC

Wilberföss

THE PAVILION BAR & BISTRO

20TH DECEMBER AT 3PM - 22ND DECEMBER 6PM



Children's Word Search

WORD SEARCH

CHRISTMAS



X	R	M	L	Z	F	P	G	C	E	I	O	D	O	A	E	U	M
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ANGEL

BOW

CANDY CANE

CAROLS

CHRISTMAS

COOKIES

EGG NOG

ELVES

GINGERBREAD

HOLLY

LIGHTS

MERRY

ORNAMENT

PRESENTS

REINDEER

SANTA

SLEIGH

STAR

STOCKING

TREE



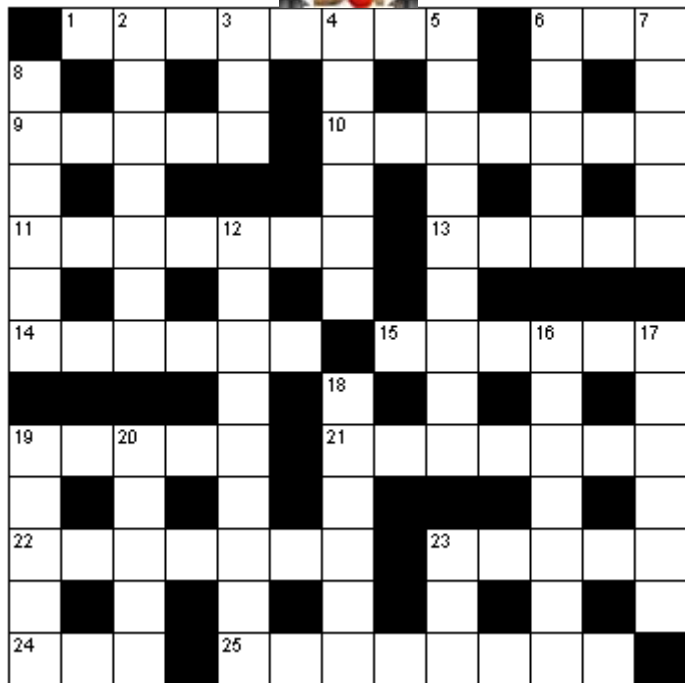
November Crossword Answers

Crossword Answers





December Crossword



Across

- 1 Made to feel at home (8)
- 6 Burnt remains (3)
- 9 Mature (5)
- 10 Heart of a nuclear power station (7)
- 11 Open grassland (7)
- 13 Crazy (5)
- 14 High-kicking dance (6)
- 15 Pronounce not guilty (6)
- 19 Defile, sully (5)
- 21 Italian rice dish (7)
- 22 High level ground (7)
- 23 Church instrument (5)
- 24 Animal collection (3)
- 25 Faithfulness (8)

Down

- 2 Make intelligible (7)
- 3 Swindle (3)
- 4 Wonder (6)
- 5 Snags (9)
- 6 Modify (5)
- 7 Tough (5)
- 8 Cancer or Capricorn (6)
- 12 John Bull's food (5,4)
- 16 Tense, repressed (7)
- 17 Prickly plants (6)
- 18 In the vicinity (6)
- 19 Yellow precious stone (5)
- 20 Insect in its adult form (5)
- 23 Lubricant (3)