



# Wilberfoss News

**March 2025**

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It is hard to believe we are already in March, and spring is just around the corner! Soon, the village will be bursting with beautiful blooms, bringing vibrant colours to our surroundings. A heartfelt thank you to Wilberfoss in Bloom for their dedication and hard work in keeping our village looking stunning year after year.

This month's edition is filled with the latest village updates - be sure to give it a read!

If you have any submissions for the April edition, please send them to [michellewallis1711@gmail.com](mailto:michellewallis1711@gmail.com) by March 19th.





# News in Brief

Following huge interest, 3 **Accredited Community First Aid Courses** are being held in March, providing 24 people with a certificate in first aid.

The planning application for the proposed **Anaerobic Digestion facility** on Long Lane has been validated and access to the application can be found through a 'News' article on the Parish Council website. We have asked for a face-to-face meeting with the applicant, Engie. The deadline for comment is the 19th March 2025.

**Community Consultation.** We would like to install additional **gated access** to the amenity land on Storking Lane. The gate would be located close to the existing 30-mph speed sign on Storking Lane, offering safer access to this recreational space. It will avoid the need to walk the length of the verge into oncoming traffic to access through the existing gate. We have full support for the project from the ERYC Countryside Access Officer. **If anyone has any comment to make, please get in touch.** In addition, the existing gate linking Middlecroft to the amenity land will be fitted with a plastic latch to reduce the noise when the gate swings shut.

ERYC have notified us of the possibility of funding to install new **bus shelters**. We have submitted an expression of interest for a new shelter at the Butcher's Shop. Funding is not guaranteed of course but we will keep the community posted.

Because of footpath limitations, the shelter would need to be open ended, like the one in front of the Community Centre.

**Bus Services.** Only the X47 bus service runs along Main Street. We wrote to East Yorkshire Buses last October to ask that either the X45 or X46 be routed through the village. Time constraints are a factor in only running the services along the A1079 corridor, so we've written to East Yorkshire Buses again to ask that either or both services run along Main Street **eastbound only**. This would at least offer residents better access to Pocklington and beyond. Entering and exiting the village from the left will only cause minimal changes to the schedule.

To add weight to our request, whether you use the bus service or not, please consider contacting East Yorkshire Buses. To make things easy, we've uploaded a template to the Parish Council website under 'News'. Simply print it, sign it and send it off!

The 8th May 2025 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE & VJ Day. We have been alerted to a **funding pot of up to £500** and can collaborate with community groups, so if you're planning to mark the occasion in some way, let's get our heads together!





# Information

**Please Park with Consideration**



**PLEASE PARK WITH  
CONSIDERATION**

**NOBODY SHOULD BE FORCED  
OUT INTO THE ROAD**



# Services & Events

St John the Baptist Church, Wilberfoss

## Sunday Services in March 2025

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am	Come and Worship
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 am	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>

## Ash Wednesday

5<sup>th</sup> March, Holy Communion Service with the Imposition of Ashes at 11.00.

## Mothering Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

This will be an **All Age** Worship Service, so let's have all generations represented and as many family groups as possible coming together to celebrate unity and love. The Service will be child friendly, with familiar hymns, songs and Bible readings. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those who have loved and cared for us and who are no longer with us.

## Lent Course

This year the Lent Course will concentrate on the Lord's Prayer, the prayer which Jesus gave to his followers when they said, "Lord, teach us to pray". This will be an informative and uplifting experience led by Rev Simon Pritchard. The first five sessions will be held in the Church Priory Room at 11.00 am on consecutive Wednesdays, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone is welcome.

## Date for your Diary

The York Male Voice Choir will be singing in Church on 5<sup>th</sup> July and it will certainly be an evening to remember, so please don't miss out. Further details concerning tickets, refreshments etc will follow in subsequent issues of the Village Newsletter.

## Wilberfoss Church Stay and Play Group

These sessions re-started on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and will run during term time each Tuesday from 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.



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## **Jigsaw Group**

This social group continues to meet every Thursday in the Priory Room 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm and provides 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.

## **Safeguarding - the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture within the Church.**

The church is open every day from approximately 10.00 am until 3.00 pm for you to find peace, a quiet place for prayer, borrow a book or just to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. The Ministry Team and all front-line volunteers have been on training courses regarding the important issue of safeguarding, following the relevant national legislation and guidance. The front-line volunteers include those who welcome worshippers and distribute hymn books and liturgy, read the lessons, lead the intercessions, invite you to take communion or to come forward for a blessing. All Church led activities have at least one person who has their safeguarding certification and has been cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

## **WILBERFOSS CHURCH 100 CLUB**

The results of the draw for February are 1st Kevin Fieldhouse, 2nd Steve Percival, 3rd Moira Percival.

Please note that the numbers are drawn by a variety of people and witnessed by between 20 to 30 others. If you have noticed that (embarrassingly) the same names crop up more than once it's because they have more than one number! February was the last draw before Lent. The new 100 Club will start on the first Sunday in May so if you wish to retain your current numbers or choose new/ additional numbers please contact Moira on 07805 344842 or see her most Sundays in Church. The annual cost is £12 for 12 draws (in June and December there are two draws to replace the two months missed because of Lent). The proceeds are split 60/40 between prize money and the upkeep of the Village Church. Thank you to everyone who has been and will be part of the fun



# Services & Events

## **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!

## **Food Bank—Urgently needed**

Powdered Milk

Long Life Juice and Squash.

UHT Milk

Instant Mash Potato

Tinned Vegetables and Tinned Fruit.

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)

## **Church Contacts**

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Rose Riley	Warden and Advocate for ACTS435	01759 380795
Maira Percival	Warden	07805 344842



# LAFs

## WILBERFOSS LADIES AND FRIENDS (LAFs)

We are just a group of Ladies 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?

The programme of speakers has been arranged as follows:

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Retirement – Part 2
15 <sup>th</sup> April	AGM (not formal), Bring and Buy stall, tea and cake
19 <sup>th</sup> May	The Royal Air Force
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Flower arranging
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Visits to the Ukraine
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Afternoon Tea (delicious, not to be missed)
15 <sup>th</sup> September	York Nurses Home
20 <sup>th</sup> October	UK Charities
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Teddy Bears (bring your own bear!)
(tba)	Christmas meal

You will be welcomed at any or all of these meetings, the choice is yours!

# 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 <a href="#">Sing &amp; Sign</a> – Classes from babies to toddlers Wilberfoss Sewing Group Wilberfoss Ladies & Friends (third Monday monthly) <a href="#">KCMA Martial Arts Academy</a> (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  3.00 pm – 4.30 pm  1.15 pm – 3.15 pm 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	<a href="#">Move It or Lose It</a> – Exercise for the over 60's Tuesday Chat ( <b>cuppa and a chat – free to all and everyone</b> <b>No booking necessary. Just turn up!</b> ) Digital Clinic – FREE help with devices/online issues (1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <a href="#">U3A</a> 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	<a href="#">Pocklington Pilates</a> Wilberfoss Sequence Dancers Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) Ad hoc Beginners Tai Chi with Ian <a href="#">WOW WI</a> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly) Wilberfoss Parish Council (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="#">Kettlersize</a> Fitness with Kev
Saturday	10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Wilberfoss Karate Club (15 years +) (alternate weeks)
Sunday	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm	<a href="#">Wilberfoss Amateur Theatre Society</a> (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 more information contact the Centre Manager on [wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com](mailto:wilberfosscommunitycentre@outlook.com) or 01759 380123, or via Facebook Messenger. The Centre can be viewed through the village website [www.wilberfossparish.org.uk](http://www.wilberfossparish.org.uk) or on [HallsHire.com](http://HallsHire.com)



# UNITY CENTRE DIARY

*Users have provided contact details*

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	Mike Lewis	<b>07904 653337</b>
theatre group	Sally Langton	<a href="mailto:watswilberfoss@gmail.com">watswilberfoss@gmail.com</a>

*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

OPEN  
&  
UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

## FOOD SERVED

Wednesday	12pm - 2pm	5pm-8pm
Thursday	12pm - 2pm	5pm-8pm
Friday	112pm -2pm	5pm-8:30pm
Saturday	12pm - 2pm	5pm-8:30pm
Sunday	12pm - 4pm	

QUIZ NIGHT EVERY THURSDAY 9PM

DON'T FORGET MOTHERING SUNDAY  
30TH MARCH  
BOOKINGS BEING TAKEN NOW!



# Wilberfoss Duck Race

## Wilberfoss Duck Race: A New Chapter Begins!

The Wilberfoss Duck Race, a beloved community tradition for 40 years, is set to make a triumphant return. With a new committee at the helm, the race is poised to continue its legacy of fun, fundraising, and community spirit.

### A History of Quacking Good Times

As reported by the BBC and York Press last year, the Wilberfoss Duck Race is the village's largest fundraiser, with profits going back into local activities and charities. It has been a highlight of the village calendar for decades; also attracting families from the surrounding villages. The event, which sees hundreds of rubber ducks racing down the Beck, has brought laughter and excitement to generations of villagers.

### A New Committee, a Renewed Vision

The new committee is eager to build on the race's past successes. "We're incredibly excited to take on the challenge of organising this iconic event," said Sarah Coggins, Co-Chair. "We're committed to preserving the traditions that make the Wilberfoss Duck Race so special, while also exploring new ways to engage the community and enhance the event."

### Get Involved and Make a Splash

The committee is calling on all villagers to get involved in the race. "Whether you're a seasoned duck racer or a first-timer, we encourage you to come out and support this fantastic event," said Liz Comer-Foley, Co-Chair. "There are plenty of ways to participate, from sponsoring a duck to volunteering on the day. Together, we can make this year's race a great success."

### A Date to Remember

Mark your calendars for the Wilberfoss Duck Race, an afternoon of family fun, friendly competition, and community spirit. With a new set of volunteers and the support of the village, the Wilberfoss Duck Race is set to make a splash once again.

**Sunday 11 May, 2025. Event opens 1pm, first race 2pm.**

If you would like to volunteer your help leading up to or on the day, please email: [wilberfossduckrace@gmail.com](mailto:wilberfossduckrace@gmail.com). Or message us on Facebook: search for 'Wilberfoss Duck Race'.



# Tennis

Things are beginning to stir in the natural world and encouragingly there are signs of movement at the tennis club. The hut is being refreshed, the courts will be spring cleaned over the next couple of months and club members are looking forward to a new open club night on Fridays (previously it was Wednesdays), linked in with opportunities for family fun and refreshments in The Pavilion.

The club is keen to attract new members of all abilities. Membership forms are available to download on the tennis club website or contact Brian Walker on 07857 387587.

Coaching with our excellent LTA coach, Jill Le Pla, will commence on Tuesday 4/3/25 for JUNIORS; there is a Red group 5-7 years (3.30-4.30pm) and an Orange group 8-10 years (4.30-5.30pm).

For ADULTS starting on Tuesday 25/3/25 there will be an Intermediates group session (5.30-6.30pm). Individuals can also book private sessions with Jill. For full details of courses including prices and booking options, you can visit the website <Wilberfoss tennis club / coaching>. Jill Le Pla can be contacted on 07531 598512 or <[jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com)>.

It's truly time at last to rescue those dusty tennis racquets from the shed.

Neil Burke (TENNIS CORRESPONDENT)



# Pavilion Bar & Bistro



**THE PAVILION  
BAR & BISTRO**

WILBERFOSS  
YO41 5AB  
01759388288



## NEW ADDITION

WE WILL BE RECRUITING  
SOON FOR A PAVILION  
POOL TEAM.  
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED  
ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA  
PAGES OR ASK IN  
PERSON FOR MORE INFO.



## Dates For YOUR DIARY

### Race Night

7TH MARCH - 7PM

### Karaoke Night

8TH MARCH - 7PM - 11PM

### Kids Disco

29TH MARCH - 6PM - 8PM

### BREAKFAST DEAL

**SMALL - £8  
LARGE - £10**

Full English Breakfast Served  
with  
a choice of  
Tea or Fresh Juice.

*This Month*

MARCH

# Children's Word Search

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH





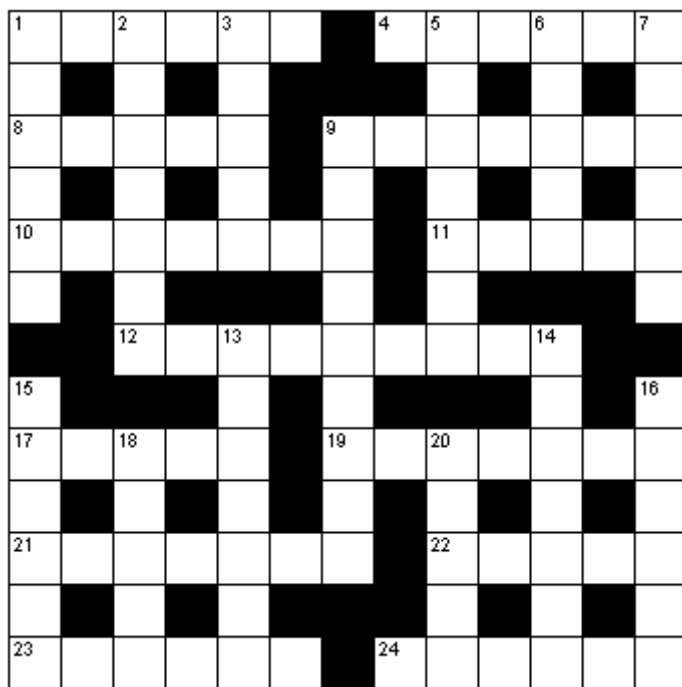
# February Crossword Answers

## Crossword Answers

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<sup>26</sup> N	O	N	S	E	N	S	E		<sup>27</sup> T	H	E	N



# March Crossword



## Across

- 1 Edible shellfish (6)
- 4 Handgun (6)
- 8 Immature form of insect (5)
- 9 Miserable (7)
- 10 Cosseted (7)
- 11 Purchaser (5)
- 12 Emancipated (9)
- 17 Extra (5)
- 19 Savoury pear-shaped fruit (7)
- 21 Amaze (7)
- 22 Classical language (5)
- 23 Devils (6)
- 24 Difficult, complex or intricate (6)

## Down

- 1 Spite (6)
- 2 Fruit-filled Austrian pastry (7)
- 3 Messages via the Internet (5)
- 5 Restrain (7)
- 6 Inebriated (5)
- 7 Strata (6)
- 9 Sneaky (9)
- 13 Nomadic Arab (7)
- 14 Most costly (7)
- 15 Source of danger (6)
- 16 Rider in a horse-race (6)
- 18 Piece of information (5)
- 20 Instrument with pipes (5)