Tiki and Xaraya, both projects share various similarities probably coming from the fact they were born in the same era of Post-Nuke CMS projects bloom. Both projects were founded in 2002. Both use 3 column layout with header and footer. Both use concept of modules, plugins and overall highly customizable framework.

Similar

- Both are free and open source web applications written in PHP which use a database such as MySQL (Xaraya supports Postgres and SQLite too).
- Both can run on standard, inexpensive PHP enabled hosting.
- Both use jQuery.
- Both are fully internationalized.
- The Tiki Community has a DogFood philosophy and so does Xaraya - to some extent they use their own software for their community/project website including various modules such as the one for user wiki.
- When Tiki is upgraded, all the features are supported and the upgrade is smooth. In Xaraya it is very similar.
- In Tiki, forums and social networking are done with built-in (optional) features. So does Xaraya, they have xarbb module for forums (based on PHPBB ?), dynamicdata module simmilar to Tiki's tracker feature, data hooks, complex roles (like Groups and Permissions in Tiki), etc.

Different

- Tiki is Wiki-centric, whilst Xaraya is more CMS (based on unpublished 0.8 branch of PostNuke, but completely rewritten). Please see (if) Why Wiki Syntax Is Important to your project.
- Xaraya is GPL, Tiki is LGPL. The main difference between the GPL and the LGPL is that the latter can be linked to (in the case of a library, 'used by') a non-(L)GPLed program, which may be free software or proprietary software.
- Both projects started on CVS VCS but while Tiki moved to Subversion Xaraya moved to Monotone.
- Differences in themeing
  - Tiki uses the Smarty template engine (which has many benefits), and by default, Smarty security settings prevent the use of PHP in Tiki templates, but you can override this if you need. Xaraya uses own XML/XSLT based templating engine called BlockLayout - both try to separate content and data logic from the layout.
  - Xaraya seems more strict regarding the development code and has developed a lot of RFCs for its XML based system
- Tiki is a very large and popular SF.net hosted project (over 250 contributors to main code base and over 900 000 downloads) and Xaraya has for the same time span only about 250000 downloads and just few core developers.
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Active contributors
Number of contributors who made changes to the project core source code each month.

Tiki is in red
Xaraya has a very large number of non-core developers and the stats for them do not appear here.

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