

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well, what a lovely start to spring, lets hope it continues. Take advantage and get outdoors while it lasts! All outdoor groups and meetings are due from this month, including our 3 walking groups, Tennis, Croquet, Nature group and Geology will be arranging field trips.

If you think anything is missing perhaps you could get together with like minded members and work to set up a group. There is plenty of support from the committee and Ann Wilkinson our Groups Supporter, just ask! I am sure many of our members will be sad to hear that Stephen Wells, our recent Chairman and a very active member, passed away on Thursday, April 24th. Stephen retired from the committee due to ill health. He had lead and supported several interest groups and we benefitted more than once from his performances, one Christmas magic show was particularly memorable. I know he will be missed by anyone who knew him.

Can you help to run your u3a? There are opportunities for committee members and volunteers to help with meetings and other events - contact one of us through the details listed at the back of this newsletter.

All the best, MAGGIE

****** MEMBERSHIP NEWS ******

Do you regularly check your JUNK/SPAM email folder for important emails?
Please ensure noreply@u3abeacon.org.uk is set as a 'safe sender' in your email account to ensure you get your u3a communications safely.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Drifffield Community Centre - Second Thursday of each month - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

All Members Welcome



FREE BOOK SWAP

Bring along your old books and help yourself to new ones!



FREE REFRESHMENTS

This month provided by the Table Tennis Group



PROGRAMME

2025

Thursday 8th May

Paul Kerrigan
Moments in Motion

Thursday 12th June

Work of the RNLI in Yorkshire
John Porter

Thursday 10th July

Burton Constable Hall
Jenny Scruton

All Members Welcome

£1.50 Admission

**Doors Open
from 1.30pm**



PAUL KERRIGAN

Paul Kerrigan is an experienced and accomplished Broadcast Lighting Cameraman with a career spanning over 45 years.

During this time he has captured thousands of hours of film and video footage from many and varied destinations both in the UK and around the world.

His talk will encompass his aspirations as a child through to documentaries and dramas filmed over the years including meeting and working with many well known individuals from all walks of life.



Drifffield Community Cinema

FREE FILM SHOWINGS

All Saints Church Hall

7.00pm Friday 2nd May:

WICKED (PG)

4.00pm Saturday 3rd May:

MUFASSA THE LION KING (PG)

**Important Reminder
to Group Leaders!**

If you hire a venue to hold your meetings and have to cancel, for whatever reason, please ensure that you inform them. otherwise you may be charged!

425 MILERS GROUP

The 425 Walking Group (2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month)

Meeting at Eastgate South Car Park (coach parking area) at 9.30am - car sharing available £2.00

We walk the Wolds, Holderness and the East/North Yorkshire coast. Most of our walks are within a 25 mile radius of Driffield

During May we are sticking to coastal routes.

Tuesday 13th May - Bill & Sandra Troy will take us to FILEY

Email: wtroy6789@gmail.com Mob: 07397 068377

Thursday 22nd May - Destination HORNSEA

Contact: Paul Grinstead Email: p.grinstead2@btinternet.com Mob: 07932 494357



For more information about the group please contact the Group Leader Paul Grinstead
by Email on p.grinstead2@btinternet.com or call 07932 494357 or 01377 255272

SOCIABLE STROLLERS GROUP

Meets on the first Friday of each month in the Eastgate Car Park, Driffield Leaving at 1.00pm unless informed of a different time. Walks are usually between 2-3 miles ending with refreshments at a café.

Strong footwear is advised for the walks.

Friday 2nd May - Tophill Low

Walk leader: Fay Shimmin Mob: 07858 458192

Please note there is a £2.50 entry fee at Tophill Low

Group Leader - Sue Clarkson: Tel: 01377 256857 Mob: 07762 782082

Email: clarksonsusan40@gmail.com



WALKING GROUP

Meets at 9.30am prompt on the 1st Tuesday and the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Coach Parking area of the Eastgate Car Park in Driffield. Walks are around 8 miles within a 30 mile radius of Driffield.

Please bring a Picnic Lunch. Car sharing available if required.

Tuesday 6th May - MILLINGTON PASTURES

Approx 7 miles round Millington Pastures. (Meet at car park, see above).
There will be some steep climbs. Bring a picnic lunch and car sharing is available.
If you intend going direct to Millington please inform the walk leader.
Walk Leader: Peter Wrightson for further information.
Email: peterpmwrightson@btinternet.com Mob: 07799 452236

Thursday 22nd May - GOODMANHAM

Approx 8.25 miles mainly level but with one short steep road uphill climb.
The walk will start from Goodmanham. (Meet at car park, see above). If you are going direct to Goodmanham please notify walk leader and meet at 10.15am.
Walk Leader: Steve Whitaker.
Email: sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07952 981786



For more details contact Group Leader **Steve Whitaker** Email: sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07952 981786

INDEPENDENT PERSONS' GROUP

We meet on the second Friday of each month at the Cricket Club, King's Mill Road, Driffield
10.30am - 12 noon

A small group of us enjoyed a trip to Bridlington old town in April and we are all now looking forward to our Spring meal being held this month.



Our next meeting is Friday 9th May

For more information contact:

Marian Carter - Mob: 07702 317441 / Penelope Kinsley - Mob: 07837 604166

Members not on email are always phoned and updated!

THE ARTS SOCIETY DRIFFIELD WOLDS

Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm - Driffield Rugby Club

"Music in Art" Lecturer: Sophie Matthews

Visitors are welcome.

For more information: <http://theartsociety.org/driffield-wolds>

Follow on **FACEBOOK** The Arts Society Driffield Wolds

Tai Chi



We have two Groups - Feel free to turn up and have a go!!

Entry Fee - £1.50

Meetings are held in the Driffield Community Centre in main hall
on the first, third and fourth Monday & Thursday of the month.



MONDAYS: 2.00pm - 3.00pm THURSDAYS: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Both groups are suitable for beginners and will include warm up exercises, Qigong, Meditation and Lee style Tai Chi form. Tai Chi can help you improve your health by learning to breathe correctly, improve flexibility and balance and help calm the mind.

Be content with what you have;
rejoice in the way things are.
When you realize there is nothing lacking,
the whole world belongs to you.
Lao Tzu

Group Leader: Maggie Bray
Mob: 07753 224793
email: maggie.bray@hotmail.com

DATES FOR MAY
Mon: 19th
Thurs: 1st, 15th, 22nd
& 29th

Election Day Tai Chi

Thursday 1st May at 1pm,
in the park at the end of
Clematis Close
Experience Tai Chi outside
no matter what the weather

NEW AGE KURLING

We restarted our new Kurling season on 22nd April with a new set of stones!

We are delighted we now have three decent sets to play with.

We intend to have Drifffield Teams pitted against each other and the highest scoring team will get a prize! This will stand us in good stead for some inter u3a Kurling competitions to be held around June - awaiting final details.

Any members wishing to 'try before they buy' are very welcome to come along and have a go.

You will still have some energy left so why not go straight on to the Table Tennis at 3.30 in the Community Centre!



Our regular weekly playing sessions are Tuesday afternoons. From 1.00pm to 3.00pm (term time only) with limited places, at the Drifffield Leisure Centre, Bridlington Road. Cost is £3.00 per person and refreshments/biscuits will be provided by the Leisure Centre at 50p

For further information please contact:

Ann Wilkinson: email: wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07747 102635

CARD MAKING and CRAFT GROUP

Meetings are held in the Community Centre on the last Friday of the month from 10.45am-12.30pm
£5.00 per person to cover rent, materials and refreshments.

Our next meeting is Friday 30th May

If you are interested in joining this Group or would like more details please contact:
Adrienne Bailey - 07530 714186 - Adrienne.bailey@outlook.com
or Debbie Ireland-O'Neill - 07917 447974 - D.Ireland-ONeill@hotmail.com

FUN

Last Friday of the month 1.30pm-3.30pm

**At the Drifffield Town Cricket & Recreation Club,
Kings Mill Road, Drifffield YO25 6TT**



Our friendly monthly quiz is growing every month!

It's all good fun - hoping even more people join in on Friday 30th May.

You don't need to be part of a team, we sort that on the day so that you get to know other members. We break half way through for a cuppa and a biscuit.

£3.00 per person - and a free raffle.

If you would like more details call: Ann Wilkinson - Mob: 07747 102635

Geology Group

Indoor sessions at the Cricket Club have now finished until September 2025.

We plan to organise monthly Field Trips throughout the summer!

Thursday 8th May

The morning will be spent at the National Stone Centre near Cromford and in the afternoon a visit to Matlock Mining Museum - which will include a trip down a lead mine!

For further details contact the Group Leader: **Kathy Chilver: 01377 255052**

Local History Group

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in the Driffield Community Centre

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st May

Immigration into the East Riding through the centuries
(from long before you Anglo-Saxon invaders right up until the present day Celtic influx.
Caroline Coath - County Archivist

For more information contact **Ross Weekes** Tel: 01377 253832 Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com

Archaeology/History Group

Meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Driffield Community Centre 10.00am to 12 noon

Tuesday 6th May

Who was Jack Tar? The "Poor Decay'd Seamen" of Greenwich Hospital

Tuesday 20th May

The Archaeology, Geology, History and Folklore of Flamborough

For more information contact: **Dr. Christopher Renn: chris.renn@yahoo.co.uk**

BIRTHSTONE FOR MAY

THE EMERALD

Emeralds are known for their vibrant green colour, making them a perfect symbol for spring.



MAY BIRTH FLOWERS

Lily of the Valley - Symbolises humility, sweetness and the return of happiness.

Common Hawthorn - Symbolises hope and happiness, and is often associated with love and new beginnings.



Driffield and Wolds u3a website

The Newsletter is up to date as of the first of each month, but sometimes things change. To get the latest news, visit our website at:

<https://driffieldwolds.u3asite.uk>

French Conversation Group

Meets every other Wednesday morning
10.00am - 12 noon in Driffield



This is a small group please so contact:
Group Leader **Jenny Canning**
regarding available places
Email: tinribs_fr@yahoo.co.uk
Mob: 07949 799666

READING GROUP

We meet on the last Thursday of the month in Members' homes.

Thursday 29th May - will be discussing:

"How it all Began" by Penelope Lively

We will then take a break until September.

For more details please contact:

Julia Spencer-Jones Mob: 07726 264712

Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



AWAY DAYS



Are there any members, or possibly a small group of members, who could take on organising Away Days?

These were always very popular and usually full between March and October time. Could you seriously think about it? We can give you all the help and support you need to get this up and running!!

Contact: Ann Wilkinson

Email: wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk



Bridge Group



For Beginners to the more Advanced

We meet every Wednesday at 2.00pm in the Committee Room of the Community Centre

Our meetings in May will be on:

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th



For more information please contact
Group Leader - **George Ansell**
Mob: 07929 299362

find us on facebook

The Games Group



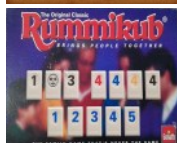
Scrabble

Gerald Massey - 01377 257063



Mah Jongg

Denise Massey - 01377 257063



Rummikub

Carole Salmon - 07905 682103

Kay Maslen - 07838 208025

The Games Group is an amalgamation of three separate groups (Mah Jongg, Rummikub and Scrabble) who meet together to defray costs. They all meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Cricket Club from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

This is a friendly social occasion with tea, coffee and biscuits.

We would be pleased to see anyone who is interested in any of our three groups to drop into one of our meetings with no obligation. Patient help will be given to anyone interested in any of the games even if you have no experience.

Our next meetings will be on 13th & 27th May
We look forward to seeing you!

Digital Photography Group

We meet in the Community Centre on the third Monday of each month
10.00am - 12 noon We have a varied membership, all with experience to share.

Tea, coffee and treats are included! Why not join us?

**Our next meeting will be on
Monday 19th May**

For more information please contact:
Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166



The Discussion Group

The Group meets every Friday at 9.30am in the
Driffield Community Centre.

All u3a Members are welcome to join us.

Friday 2nd May - What can be done to save television?

Who still watches live television? Do we rely on it for news? Can it compete with the various online sources of entertainment?

Friday 9th May - What are the attractions of living in Driffield and the surrounding area, and could we make it even more attractive?

Many of those I know have chosen to move to the East Riding, even though they had no ties to the area. What makes the area attractive?
Do incomers make life better or worse for the "native" population?

Friday 16th May - What can each of us do to impress our Grandchildren?

I could impress my grandson when he was 2 or 3 years old. Now he's 6 I'm not so sure. Tales of "when I wor a lad" certainly won't do it. Is there an unbridgeable gap between generations?

Friday 23rd May - Would each of us benefit from writing a book?

It is said that everyone has a book inside them, Others say that it's where it should stay. Would putting our thoughts in a book benefit us in any way? Would it benefit anyone else?

For more details of planned discussions contact: **Chris Taylor: Mob: 07484 160660**

SUNDAY DINING GROUP

It has been decided that this idea would be best revisited later in the year.

We will discuss it again in September.

However, if you have any suggestions or comments please contact me:

Eamon McGeough: eamonm56@gmail.com

NATURE GROUP

For our April foray we had an amazing visit to Spurn Point and enjoyed a trip on the Unimog. Once again the weather was better than forecast and we all really enjoyed the experience. Group Members have now been sent a full itinerary of trips for the rest of the year.



We meet 2nd Monday of the month. For more information contact Group Leader:

Marian Carter: Mob. 07702 317441 or Carole Salmon: Mob. 07905 682103

CROQUET

Driffield Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club



As I write this, we have had two enjoyable sessions in the new season. We seem to have lost a few players from last year, which means that we have space for anyone new who would like to take up the game.

Please let me know if you are interested in coming along.

We meet every Monday at 1.30pm for a little warm-up before a 2.00pm start.

We play at Driffield Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club in Manorfield Avenue.

In other news, Beverley u3a Croquet Group have lost their venue at Rowley Manor, and are hoping to be joining us, playing all day Friday (they have 30+ members).

Looking forward to seeing you.

For more information: Peter Mathews: mathews@homeemail.com Mob: 07740 780933

u3a HOLIDAYS - 2025-2026

Still some places for **Llandudno** holiday - **7th September** - 6 days half board, but no single rooms left!

We are hoping the hotel will release some double rooms for single use (with a supplement) as we have a waiting list of single travellers. I will keep you posted.

To book ring Buckleys direct on 01302 770379 with room choice, dietary requirements, any mobility problems and coach seating, quoting: *Driffield u3a*.

Don't leave this too late members have first refusal then we will open it out to fill the coach.

2026 - Isle of Wight holiday (by popular request - no passport required!)

We are currently liaising with coach companies. Hoping to get as many single rooms as we can for this one. I will start a waiting list as soon as I get confirmation of date and price.

To keep the price down need 40 passengers. First come first served!

Anyone interested in a mystery weekend away by coach??

It can be done but we need passengers!!

Let Ann or Sue know at our next members meeting!!

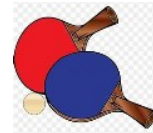


'Fun & Games' in Torquay

**For all further enquiries please contact Ann Wilkinson:
email: wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07747 102635**



TABLE TENNIS GROUP



The Table Tennis group is changing. We are moving from an evening setting to an afternoon one, and we are increasing the number of sessions so that they can happen every week. The first session took place on Tuesday 22nd April.

Future sessions will be every Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm

and will currently continue to be at the Driffield Community Centre.

Why not come along and give Table Tennis a try, it's a great way to participate in a sport.

All the equipment is provided - you just need suitable clothing and footwear.

For more details please contact: Chris Crosby: chris Crosby40@aol.com



Keep on Strumming

**We meet every Wednesday at the Driffield Community Centre
10.00am to 12 noon**

This group is going from strength to strength which sadly means that currently membership is closed.

Should you wish to join awaiting list please contact me.

Group Leader: Chris Crosby Contact: keeponstrumming@proton.me



WALKING TENNIS



This option is kindly being made available to our u3a by:

Driffield Town Cricket & Recreation Club - Tennis Section, Kingsmill Road YO25 6TT

If you don't feel up to full on tennis, why not try WALKING TENNIS safe, fun and inclusive, a great way to keep body and mind active in a friendly, social setting.

Suitable for complete beginners and those in need of more time to get to the ball.

Give it a try! It's for fun!!

FRIDAY MAY 9th and FRIDAY MAY 23rd - 2.00-3.30pm

Racquets and larger, lighter balls provided. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits included - £3.50 per session

More information available from: Anita Oxtoby: email: anita_oxtoby8@hotmail.com



ARCHERY

The first 'Have a Go' session was very successful with 20 members having a great time. The 2nd session is on:
Tuesday 13th May 7.00-9.00pm



Paul Davies: email: haven4angels@hotmail.com

Your u3a Committee

CHAIRMAN / BEACON ADMINISTRATOR	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
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COMMITTEE MEMBER	Mike Smith	07955 733514
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Chris Crosby	07594 414681

Membership

If you have any questions about Membership or would like details sent to a friend:

Please contact:

Carole Salmon:
carolesalmon@hotmail.com

Non Committee Roles

WEB MASTER	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
GROUP SUPPORT	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635

Our Website

Our u3a website contains information about the Driffield & Wolds u3a and full details of our events.

<https://driffieldwolds.u3asite.uk>

What? When? Where?

Details of all our events can be found in this Newsletter, on our Website, in Chris's weekly email and in the Driffield & Wolds Weekly

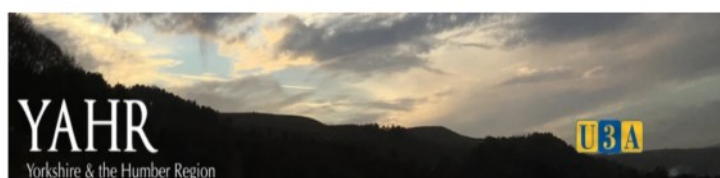
Gift Aid

Donating through Gift Aid means The Driffield & Wolds u3a can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It is completely free and the form is available on our website or at our monthly meetings.



Groups and Group Leaders

425 Milers	Paul Grinstead	07932 494357
Archaeology/History	Chris Renn	chris.renn@yahoo.co.uk
Bridge	George Ansell	07929 299362
Card Making and Crafts	Debbie Ireland-O'Neill	07917 447974
Croquet	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
Digital Photography	Peter Mathews	07740 780933
Discussion Group	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
French Conversation	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
Geology	Jenny Canning	07949 799666
Independent Persons	Kathy Chilver	01377 255052
Keep on Strumming	Marian Carter	07702 317441
Local History	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
Mah Jongg	Chris Crosby	keeponstrumming@proton.me
New Age Kurling	Ross Weekes	01377 253832
Nature Group	Denise Massey	01377 257063
Quiz Afternoon	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
Reading Group	Marian Carter	07702 317441
Rummikub	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
Scrabble Group	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Sociable Strollers	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
Table Tennis	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
Tai Chi	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Walking Group	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
	Chris Crosby	chris-crosby40@mail.com
	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447



YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGION U3A

Details of regional activities for u3as in the Yorkshire and Humber Region can be found on their website <https://yahru3a.uk>

National u3a

Details of the National u3a Online Learning Events can be found on their website:
<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning>

Learn Online

Our online learning programme can connect you with other learners wherever you are. We offer lessons, resources and an exciting schedule of online events