

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to your June newsletter.

The important bit first - this month's meeting includes the AGM - and we really need your participation to ensure our u3a keeps going. Nominations are still open for several committee vacancies including Chairman. You have already received your notice of the AGM and included are instructions and a nomination form, as well as the agenda etc.

So get thinking, and take some positive action!

Our speaker this month is John Porter from the RNLI and his talk comes highly recommended!

Many of us will be heading off for holidays in the coming weeks, so some groups are slowing down or even pausing for the summer. Others are just getting into their stride, especially all the outdoor activities which will be making the most of the warmer weather.

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

Driffield 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 Kurling Group



PROGRAMME

2025

Thursday 12th June

AGM followed by
Work of the RNLI in Yorkshire

John Porter

Thursday 10th July

Burton Constable Hall

Jenny Scruton

Thursday 14th August

Solo Walk Across Africa

Fran Sandham

All Members Welcome
£1.50 Admission

Doors Open
from 1.30pm



RNLI - John Porter

John Porter is a retired lifeboat crew member with 35 years of service, during which time his crew saved the lives of 175 people.

Total service with the RNLI (so far) is 45 years!

Awarded British Empire Medal by HM King Charles III, awarded Queens Platinum Jubilee Champions Medal and 40 Year Long Service Medal from the RNLI.

This promises to be a very interesting talk!

National u3a - Online Learning

u3a members can join a wide range of online talks, workshops and courses for free with their membership!

Most of these opportunities are presented by members themselves; sharing their knowledge or skills with others across the movement. We also have a wide range of talks on offer from well-known speakers and organisations, plus in-person events at venues like the Royal Institution.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning>

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

Tuesday 10th June - Colin Bickerdyke - Driffield Nafferton circular route.

Email: c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net Mob: 07506 596474

Thursday 26th June - Paul Grinstead - North Frodingham/Emmotland/
Bethel's Bridge circular walk.

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 6th June - Tibthorpe Camp Site

Walk leader: Ruth Pearson

Tel: 01377 253926



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 3rd June - NORTH CAVE

Approx 7.5 miles

Further details from walk leader: Paul Grinstead

Email: pgrinstead2@btinternet.com Mob: 07932 494357

Thursday 19th June - PRIMROSE VALLEY

Approx 7.5 Miles

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

Many of us enjoyed a lovely Greek meal in a Nafferton restaurant this month.
Planning various activities for the summer. The high spot of which is
afternoon tea in Kathleen's wonderful garden this August.

Our next meeting is Friday 13th June

For more information contact: Marian Carter - Mob: 07702 317441 / Penelope Kinsley - Mob: 07837 604166

Members not on email are always phoned and updated!

Guitar: Starting Out



Due to the immense success of the 'Keep on Strumming' Group,
Guitar: 'Starting Out' is born. (GSO)

*Have you every wished that you could play a Guitar, maybe never had the opportunity? Maybe you have a guitar gathering dust, or maybe you could play years ago? The u3a, GSO, is here for **beginners**, where you will receive a great learning experience from three separate Mentors, so a good Pupil/Tutor ratio.*

The classes are held in Driffield Community Centre

Mondays 10.00am - 11.00am

Hurry - only a few places left

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

Tai Chi



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

Entry Fee - £1.00

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.

In the end,
the Treasure of Life,
is missed by those who hold on
and gained by those who let go.
Lao Tzu



DATES FOR JUNE:

**Mondays:
2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

**Thursdays:
5th, 19th & 26th**

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

NEW AGE KURLING

Kurling continues until Tuesday 15th July when we break up for the summer and do not resume our playing until Tuesday September 16th. (TBC)

The proposed inter u3a competition has been deferred until the end of September/beginning of October due to illness and increased costs!

Going to need to get practising after all that time off Kurlers!

We still have space for any members wishing to come along and have a go.

Contact Ann: Mob: 07747 102635

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 Driffield 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 27th June



Monochrome cards and decoupage boxes.

Please contact: Adrienne Bailey - 07530 714186 - Adrienne.bailey@outlook.com
or Debbie Ireland-O'Neill - 07917 447974 - D.Ireland-ONeill@hotmail.com

FUN QUIZ!

The monthly quiz is taking a break for June, July and August and will resume again in September.

Watch for details - we may change to a different time and venue!

Have a good summer everyone!

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 26th June

Hoping to run a field trip to Whitby
details will be sent to members.



May trip
to 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 18th June

Elephants and Tritons - Dr David Neave

Sledmere: Family, Estate and Village 1720-1919

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 3rd June

Conservation of major church buildings - Alan & Tracy Micklethwaite

Tuesday 17th June

The biography of a brooch from Danes Graves - Dr Melanie Giles

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Jim Foster and the team at 'Men in Sheds' for the wonderful
new Notice Board they produced for us - which now takes
pride of place at the Driffield Community Centre.



JUNE BIRTH FLOWERS

*Roses, particularly red roses are often associated
with love and passion, while honeysuckle
symbolises happiness and lasting connections.*



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.

We are taking a break
until September.

For more details please contact:
Julia Spencer-Jones Mob: 07726 264712
Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



AWAY DAYS



Rumour has it that some wonderful members of our u3a are considering taking on this previously very popular group.

Fingers crossed - we will keep you posted on progress.

find us on **facebook**



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 June
will be on:
4th, 11th, 18th & 25th



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



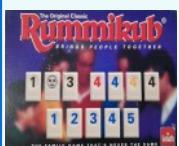
SCRABBLE

Gerald Massey - 01377 257063



MAH JONGG

Denise Massey - 01377 257063



RUMMIKUB

Carole Salmon - 07905 682103
Kay Maslen - 07838 208025

The Games Group

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 10th & 24th of June
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?



**May Theme:
PORTRAITS**



**Our next meeting will be on
Monday 16th June Theme: 'Pollution'**

For more information please contact:
Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166

u3a HOLIDAYS - 2025-2026

LLANDUDNO - 7th September 2025

We very recently had a twin room cancellation due to illness. We have just **one** single room (with no supplement) left and about five twin/double rooms. Time is moving on and we would love more bookings from our own members! If you are interested please refer to flyers for full details (paper copies available in the Community Centre).

To book please ring Buckleys direct: Tel: 01302 770379

with room choice, dietary/mobility requirements, coach seating. Quote: Driffield u3a.

If we are unable to fill this holiday it will be opened up to Hornsea and Bridlington u3as and the residents of Driffield.

At the moment we only have one pickup/drop off point in Driffield, but this may be subject to change if we cannot fill all our rooms.

Proposed Holidays 2026

We are waiting for confirmation of two holidays next year. May and September 2026.

There will not be a waiting list - it will be first come first served as soon as the full details of both holidays are sent out to you by Email and Newsletter in order to make it fair.

We are reverting back to Cairngorm Coach Travel for next years' holidays.

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

NATURE GROUP

We enjoyed a lovely walk around the south end of Tophill Low in May. The weather couldn't have been better. Lots of Marsh Frogs sounding off, Little Ringed Plovers nesting, saw Temminck's Stint.
Great afternoon with lovely people.



**In June we are visiting
Flamborough North Landing**
Where we will hopefully see the
wonderful little puffins along with the
stunning gannets and many
other beautiful seabirds.

**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



We continue to play every Monday, meeting at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start at the Driffield Lawn & Croquet Club, near the Fire Station. Our numbers are rather reduced from the high we saw at the end of last season - but we have quality!

We also have plenty of room for newcomers with an offer of the first 3 sessions FREE.

Two other u3a Croquet groups, namely Beverley and Swanland, used to meet at Rowley Manor as guests of Beverley & East Riding Croquet Club.

They are now homeless after a change of owners at Rowley Manor. The Driffield Club offered Beverley the use of the lawn on Fridays, and they enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon, but they decided that the distance was a bit too much. They were, though, hugely complimentary about the quality of the lawn and other facilities.

As a group they are not taking up the offer, but we may see one or two of their keener players join our Monday Group.

Looking forward to seeing you - Regards Peter

**For more information: Peter Mathews:
Email: peter_mathews@gmx.com Mob: 07740 780933**



The Discussion Group

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

All u3a Members are welcome to join us.

Our planning meeting was on 30th of May.

Hoping we will run a couple of Discussion group sessions in June, then take a break for the summer.

Members of the Group will be notified.

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



WOLD RANGERS WAY - WALKING FESTIVAL

14th to 27th June 2025

Book tickets online at <https://woldrangersway.org>

Follow on Facebook @ Wold Rangers Way



TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis is now being held during the day at the Driffield Community Centre.

Every Tuesday 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Now you can play every week for better continuity.

There are no experts here, just those who want to benefit from the following:

- Social bonding & friendship
- Burn calories - lose weight
- Gentle on the joints
- Improve balance
- Improved mindfulness and sense of well being, may delay the onset of dementia.

Come and join us - all equipment is provided - you just need suitable clothing and footwear.

For more details please contact Group Leader: **Chris Crosby: chriscrosby40@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 a waiting 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 - Lawn 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 JUNE 6th and FRIDAY JUNE 20th - 2.00pm-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 2nd 'Have a Go' session was, once again, very successful with 15 Members Enjoying the experience.

Watch this space for possible updates!

Contact: Paul Davies: email: haven4angels@hotmail.com

Your u3a Committee

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GROUP SUPPORT	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635

Groups and Group Leaders

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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
Guitar Starting Out	Kathy Chilver	01377 255052
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Keep on Strumming	Marian Carter	07702 317441
Local History	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
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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
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Walking Group	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
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	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447

Membership

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

Please contact:

Carole Salmon:
carolesalmon@hotmail.com

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

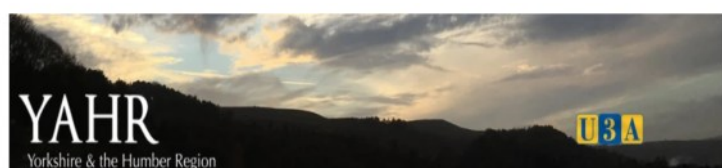
Gift Aid

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.



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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 - Learn Online

Details of the National u3a Online Learning Events can be found on their website:

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning>

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