



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**WELCOME TO
DAVID HOLMAN**



**THANKS & FAREWELL
MAGGIE BRAY**

Hello everyone my name is David Holman and for my sins you have elected me as the new Chair of Driffield & Wolds u3a. This is my first newsletter and I thought what on earth am I going to write?

Well firstly I would like to thank Maggie Bray and all the committee for the great work they have done throughout the past year keeping the group on an even keel and moving forward. Secondly thank you to all who attended the AGM and those who couldn't make it but sent in apologies, our u3a is only as strong as its members and participation is an essential of that strength, so well done.

We are now almost half way through the year and for some of the groups it is a relatively quiet time but things will start to take off again after the school holidays I'm sure.

Others, such as Croquet, are just getting going again.

Our next meeting is 10th July and is a talk on Burton Constable Hall by Jenny Scruton which should prove very interesting. I look forward to meeting everyone at the next meeting and wish you all the best.

David

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 French Group



PROGRAMME

2025

Thursday 10th July

Burton Constable Hall

Jenny Scruton

Thursday 14th August

Solo Walk Across Africa

Fran Sandham

Thursday 11th September

OPEN DAY

Details to follow

All Members Welcome

£1.50 Admission

Doors Open

from 1.30pm



Jenny Scruton

I have volunteered at Burton Constable Hall for 16 years and have undertaken a lot of research on subjects relating to the house and family and produced the room information books for visitors.

UPDATE ON

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 15th July - 1.00-2.00pm in the Main Hall at the Drifffield Community Centre.

The meeting will be to decide if the group can be restarted and what format it will take. All Members are invited.

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

425 MILERS GROUP

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

NEW MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

9.30am in Driffield Community Centre Car Park - 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 8th July - Ian Banks will take us round Skipsea Brough.
Contact details: Email: ibanx@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07388 463992

Thursday 24th July - Back to the Wolds & West Heslerton with
Jill & Keith Pick. Contact details: jill_pick2001@yahoo.co.uk
Mob: 07415 825270



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 at 1.00pm

NEW MEETING ARRANGEMENTS - Community Centre Car Park

Leaving at 1.00pm unless otherwise informed. Strong footwear is advised for the walks.

Walks are between 2-3 miles ending with refreshments at a café.

Friday 4th July - Kiplingcotes

Leader: Sue Clarkson - Mob: 07762 782082

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Email: clarksonsusan40@gmail.com



WALKING GROUP

Meets on the 1st Tuesday and the 3rd Thursday of each month.

NEW MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

9.30am prompt in Driffield Community Centre Car Park for car sharing.

Please bring picnic lunch.

Tuesday 1st July - FRIDAYTHORPE this will be a 7.5 mile fairly strenuous walk
along the Wolds Way/Thixendale/Water Dale & Brubber Dale.

Further information available from walk leader:

Steve Whitaker: Email: sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07952 981786

Thursday 17th July - SLEDMERE this will be a 7.5 mile walk from
Sir Tatton Sykes Monument and out towards Cottam.

Further details available from walk leader:

Jill Pick: Email: churchcot@gmail.com Mob: 07415 825270



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

The Group has a few events planned:
Including a visit to a Lavender farm, a walk at Scarborough
and our annual 'Tea Party'.
Do you wish you had someone to spend some social time with
then this group introduces you to likeminded people.

Our next meeting is Friday 11th July

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

Members not on email are always phoned and updated!

u3a Peak District Family History Conference

For any of you researching your family tree this may be of interest:
Apparently this event has been running for 13 years and this year is being held
on 6th September at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6AG
Tickets are £30 which includes a light lunch and refreshments.

More details can be found at:

<https://peakdistrictnetwork.wixsite.com/familyhistory/about-5>

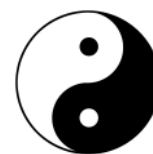
Tai Chi



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.

Where breathing is deep,
life is long.
Where the Tiantien burns,
the spirit soars.
'Taoist proverb'

Dates for July:
Mondays: 7th, 21st & 28th
Thursdays: 3rd, 17th, 24th & 31st

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

NEW AGE KURLING

Our u3a Kurling season will now finish on Tuesday 1st July (and not the 15th July as originally planned). This is due to holidays and commitments from our current team of players. We will not start again until Tuesday 16th September due to even more holidays and commitments!

It is a long break - so enjoy a lovely long summer everyone and remember:

KEEP KURLING!

New players always welcome - especially when you can't play outside games during autumn and winter. **Regards Ann**

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.



**DYE
CUTTING**



Our next meeting is Friday 26th July

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

AWAY DAYS



Thursday 28th August

Proposed 'Away Day' to Ripon museums and market.

This outing is still in its preliminary stages and we will try and get all the final details/cost to you as soon as we can. We should definitely have all the information by the July monthly meeting - when you will be able to secure your place and pay.

The Coach would leave Driffield Rugby Club at 9.00am but all details will be networked to Members as soon as possible. Please bear with us.

Leader details: Terence Jarvis: Email: thejarve@googlemail.com

Tel: 01377 254615 Mob: 07484 847816

Geology Group

Indoor sessions at the Cricket Club have now finished until September 2025.
We plan to organise monthly Field Trips throughout the summer!

We hope to run a Field Trip to Mappleton

Thursday 24th July

Details will be sent to group members or contact group leader.

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!

We cannot meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month as usual as it coincides with
Driffield Show Day - therefore we are having our annual History trip on:

WEDNESDAY 9th JULY

A guided tour of Historic Hull by Paul Schofield - local history aficionado.

Please book a place through Ross Weekes as soon as possible!

Thank you to everyone for your splendid efforts and support throughout our academic year!

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

This group will resume after the summer on

16th September

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

FUN



The monthly quiz is taking a break for summer 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

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



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.



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 July
will be on:
2nd, 9th, 16th,
23rd & 30th



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

find us on **facebook**



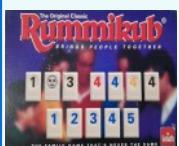
SCRABBLE

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 8th & 22nd of July
We look forward to seeing you!**



The Discussion Group

The Group meets every Friday at 9.30am in the Driffield Community Centre.
All u3a Members are welcome to join us.

**This group is taking a break for the summer.
We will resume on 5th September.**

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

U3a HOLIDAYS 2026

Thursday 21st May 2026 x 5 days / 4 nights

At the White Swan Hotel in Alnwick, travelling with Cairngorm Travel
on dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Cost per person is £519 with a £30 pppn single room supplement.

The holiday includes 3 excursions:

A Farne Island boat cruise (entrance included) known for its unforgettable wildlife.

Bamburgh Castle (entrance included) explore this wonderful fortress steeped in history.

*A visit to Holy Island (Lindisfarne) a tranquil and spiritual escape rich in
history and natural beauty.*

As we invite u3a members on this holiday we have twin, double and single rooms
available. The hotel has no lift - therefore anyone with mobility issues will
need to request a ground or a low floor room.

Alnwick is a lovely place to stay with its castle, beautiful gardens and the
rambling quirky Barter bookstore.

To book this holiday for 2026 a £50pp deposit is required by 31st July 2025 (this year).

Please contact: Cairngorm Travel direct:

Tel: 01405 761334 - quoting 'Driffield u3a Holiday' to secure your place.

State your choice of room type, preferred coach seating,
dietary needs and any mobility requirements.

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

**** MEMBERSHIP ****

Do you have friends/neighbours who you think might benefit from hearing more about our u3a?

Just let me know and I will send them details: carolesalmon@hotmail.com

NATURE GROUP

For our June outing we had a lovely afternoon at Flamborough, the weather was perfect, plenty of seabirds including Puffins.

Our July trip is hopefully a guided walk to find butterflies.



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.

Entrance between 8-10 Manorfield Avenue.

We have lost a few members since the end of last season. Looking on the bright side, it means that we can use the whole lawn, rather than playing 2 half lawns.

We will be playing full lawn for the next few weeks, to see if we like it.

You are most welcome to join us. The first 3 sessions are free!

Looking forward to seeing you - Regards Peter

For more information: Peter Mathews:

Email: peter_mathews@gmx.com Mob: 07740 780933

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>

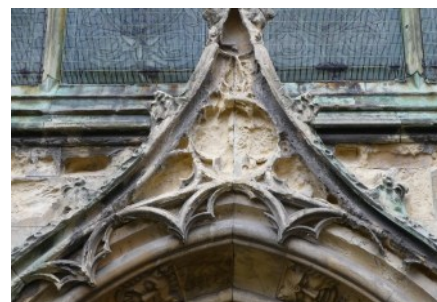
Digital Photography Group

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:
Pollution**



Our next meeting will be on

Monday 21st July

Theme: 'Wheeled Transport'

For more information please contact:

Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166



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 and improves balance.

Improved mindfulness and sense of well being, may delay the onset of dementia.

We have space for 3/4 new members - why not come along and give it a try!!

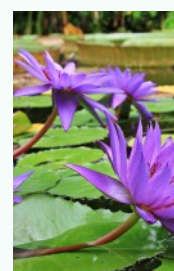
All equipment is provided - you just need suitable clothing and footwear.

For more details please contact Group Leader: Chris Crosby: chricrosby40@aol.com



JULY BIRTH FLOWERS

Both the Larkspur and the Water Lily embody the heart and soul
of summer with their beauty and symbolic meanings - positivity,
love and an open heart.





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 JULY 11th and FRIDAY JULY 25th - 2.00pm-3.30pm

No walking Tennis on 4th July as we're preparing the ground for our Gala on Sunday 6th July.

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



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

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

Currently 2/3 spaces available in the group.

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

Your u3a Committee

CHAIRMAN	David Holman	07543 491129
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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 and on our Website - details above.

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.



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!

Registered Charity Number:

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Non Committee Roles

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

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
	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
	Peter Mathews	07740 780933
Croquet	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
Digital Photography	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
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Quiz Afternoon	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
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