

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Welcome to the **64** new Members who joined this month.

Those of you who attended the Open Day on 11th September will know that it was tremendously busy. It was great to see so many people there, both Members and guests, interested in knowing more about our u3a.

Our group representatives obviously did a great job when talking to prospective members because I was inundated on the Membership table with people wishing to sign up.

**Please note we are now offering Half Year Membership
£7.50 for Membership up until our year end of 31st March 2026.**

The nights are closing in fast so it's a perfect time to find new daytime interests. Tell your friends and let's welcome even more new faces to our ever expanding u3a.

Kind regards Carole



*****OPEN DAY*****



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 Nature Group



PROGRAMME

2025

Thursday 9th October

'Schoolreaders'

Susan Lawrie

Thursday 13th November

RSPB - Bempton

Thursday 11th December

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

All Members Welcome

£1.50 Admission

**Doors Open
from 1.30pm**



Schoolreaders

Susan Lawrie is a Schools and Volunteer Coordinator at Schoolreaders, the UK's leading literacy charity dedicated to in-school support. Schoolreaders play a crucial role in improving children's literacy, helping to boost their confidence and reading abilities. Susan's role focuses on connecting local primary schools with passionate volunteers. She will introduce to us the recently launched East Yorkshire programme and explain the difference Schoolreaders can make to children's lives.

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

The 2nd meeting will be in the Driffield Community Centre meeting room on

MONDAY 13th OCTOBER - 11.30 - 12.30

A discussion on future meetings will be preceded by

ANDRE RIEU and his Strauss Orchestra

All members welcome!

Group Leader: Colin Bickerdyke: Email: c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net

425 MILERS GROUP

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

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 14th October: Holbeck (Scarborough) Hike

Walk Leader: Paul Grinstead:

Mob: 07932 494357 Email: p.grinstead2@btinternet.com

Thursday 23rd October: Rudston Ramble

Walk Leader: Colin Bickerdyke

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



Group Leader Paul Grinstead - Email: 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 in the 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 3rd October - Hutton Cranswick

Leader: Ruth Pearson Tel: 01377 253926

Group Leader - Sue Clarkson:

Tel: 01377 256857 Mob: 07762 782082 Email: clarksonsusan40@gmail.com



WALKING GROUP

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

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

Please bring picnic lunch.

On 2/9 10 members of the walking group did a 7.5ml circular walk in the Skipsea area in glorious weather. It started and finished at Mr Moo's and took in Skipsea Village, the grounds of Skipsea Castle, Ulrome village and then a 1.5ml of beach back to Skipsea. Finally Mr Moo's for ice cream!!



Tuesday 7th October - 7.5 mile walk from STAMFORD BRIDGE this is an easy level walk towards Kexby.

Walk leader: Paul: p.grinstead2@btinternet.com Mob: 07932 494357

Thursday 16th October - 8.5 mile walk from WEST LUTTON towards Kirby Grindalythe. Moderate walk with couple of short steep climbs.

Walk Leader: Steve: 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

We welcomed two new members, Miriam and Jill, at our September meeting.
Followed by an interesting chat about various options for future ventures.
Our Autumn meal is booked for November and we have even settled on a date and a venue for our Spring meal in March.

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

Members not on Email are always phoned and updated!

SUNDAY DINING GROUP

We lunched at St. Quintin Arms, Harpham in September.
The next lunch is scheduled for Sunday 19th of October.
Group members will be kept informed of the details.



It is intended that these lunches will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
If you would like more information please contact the Group Leader:
Eamon McGeough: Email: eamonm56@gmail.com

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 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.

Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it. We are all unique in our own way, so just be you and do you. It adds to the great mix of diversity in the world. Stop comparing yourself to others, as there will always be someone who is better than you or not as good as you in something. Life gets easier, when you love yourself and be yourself.

Bruce Lee

Dates for Oct:

Mon - 6th, 20th & 27th

Thurs - 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th

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

NEW AGE KURLING

Our regular weekly playing sessions are Tuesday afternoons - 1.00pm to 3.00pm
(**term time only**) at the Driffield Leisure Centre, Bridlington Road.

Cost £3.00 per person and refreshments/biscuits
will be provided by the Leisure Centre at 50p each.

Please pay for the session on the court - not at reception.

New players welcome. Non u3a members welcome to come along
and try free for their first two sessions before deciding to join us.

We are all a little out of practice after the summer break!!

Group Leader: 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 31st October



The Card and Craft Group are holding 'pop up' sessions dedicated
To Christmas crafts. The dates for these sessions are as follows:

Friday 31st October & Friday 28th November

Driffield Community Centre (small room) 1.30pm - 3.30pm - £5.00 per session

Please contact: Adrienne Bailey - 07530 714186 - adrienne.bailey@outlook.com
or Debbie Ireland-O'Neill - 07917 447974 - d.ireland-oneill@hotmail.com

**** 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

GEOLOGY GROUP

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
at the Cricket Club between 10.00am and 12 noon

Thursdays 9th & 23rd October

Our summer field trips ended with a most
informative visit to Hildenley Quarry
led by Richard Myerscough.

This term our main topic of study will be
"Plate Tectonics"



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!

Wednesday 15th October

'The Wolds Rangers' - Mark Blakeston

The man behind the whole scheme/project

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 7th October

'Me and my Past' - Archaeology and History

David Brear

Tuesday 21st October

'Voyage on the Matra'

Sheila Cadman

For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: 01377 270429

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
'The Butcher's Dog'
Driffield

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

READING GROUP

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

We will be meeting on Thursday 30th October and we will be reading:

'The Year of the Runaways'
By: **Sanjeev Sahota**



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 October
will be on:
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
and 29th

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



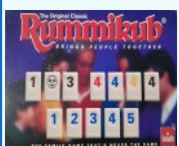
SCRABBLE

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 14th & 28th of Oct.
We look forward to seeing you!

u3a HOLIDAYS 2025 - 2026

Llandudno - last month



NORTHUMBERLAND - MAY 2026

There is only one twin room left for this holiday!

If you are interested please contact: Cairngorm Travel direct on Tel:01405 761334
with a £50 deposit to secure this room.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

We are still negotiating with travel companies for a holiday end September/early
October 2026. Hope to be able to give you details soon!

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

AWAY DAYS



We are planning a trip to Sheffield Christmas Market
on 16th December.

Watch your emails for more details! Regards Terry

Leader: Terence Jarvis: Email: thejarve@googlemail.com Tel: 01377 254615 Mob: 07484 847816

NATURE GROUP

We took a break this month due to holidays so meeting again in October for a visit to Kilnwick Percy Buddhist Centre for a walk around the gardens, woods and lake. Followed, of course, by coffee and cake!

We meet on the 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 play every Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Driffield Lawn & Croquet Club, near the Fire Station.
Entrance between 8-10 Manorfield Avenue.

After so long without news, simply playing croquet in the sun... we have much to report as we enter the last few weeks of the season. The arbiter of the season is, of course, our groundsman, Peter Banks, and, once he decides to scarify the lawn it will be unfit for play.

Sadly, Beverley u3a Croquet Club has now been disbanded. After losing their ground at Rowley Manor they moved to Springhead Golf Club. Distances and traffic were too much for many. They did play one season here in Driffield but felt it too far in spite of it being a nicer journey than that to Springhead. Their leader, Anne Gower, decided to step down, and with no one willing to take her place the club is no more. Last year they had 30 members - a sad loss. A handful of players are continuing at Springhead as part of the Beverley CC rather than the u3a. I have offered a cordial welcome to any of their players wishing to join us. With the No.41 bus stop outside the door, it couldn't be easier.

We have also had a nasty scare after our hosts, Driffield Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, announced plans for a new tennis hard court, they did not include a croquet lawn in the plan! Following a very 'lively' committee meeting, it was agreed this was a wrong decision. A croquet lawn will be included with work on the new hard court now scheduled to start after the 2026 season. How can a tennis club with only 50 members need 8 courts? And, how did they justify a grant?



I was delighted to hear from Croquet England that I am now qualified and registered as a 'Club Coach'. One year on from where we started, our players have shown excellent progress and games are becoming more tactical.

We would like to see a few more members along to enjoy a pleasant afternoon hitting balls through hoops and out positioning opponents!

Looking forward to seeing you
Regards Peter

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

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Please note our change of venue: The Cricket Club, King's Mill Road.

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 20th October

Theme:

"Show movement using different shutter speeds - aim for blur"

For more information please contact:

Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166



TABLE TENNIS

Methodist School Room

Westgate, Driffield

Every Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm

We are enjoying the bigger space provided by the Methodist School Room. Group numbers are averaging 10/12 but I expect this to increase slightly when the darker evenings begin. We also received a lot of interest at the Open Day. We have two tables in the hall and I am hopeful that we may be able to relocate our 3rd table soon!



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

For more details please contact Group Leader: John Cawley: Mob: 07584 041909

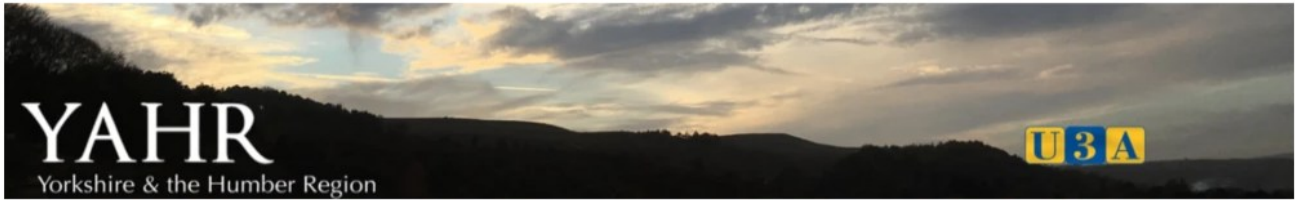


WALKING TENNIS



This option, kindly made available to us by Driffield Cricket & Recreation Club, is now closed for the year. Hoping to restart mid to late May.

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



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>



FLOWERS REPRESENTING OCTOBER

Marigolds are known for their vibrant colour and are associated with warmth, creativity and success. While the sweet scented **Cosmos** flowers symbolise harmony and beauty.



We're Jammin'

We meet every Wednesday at Driffield Methodist School Room
10.00am to 12 noon - Doors open 9.30 for setting up.

**Membership is now fully open again - so no waiting list!
It is open to anyone who can play an instrument or sing.**

The Jammers will be performing at our u3a Christmas party. In addition some of us will have performed at a McMillan event in Bridlington on September 25th. We are making ourselves available to perform at charity events.

Group Leader: Chris Crosby Contact: chris Crosby40@aol.com

Guitar: Starting Out



'Starting Out' is a group for beginners. If you have a guitar but can't yet tell major from minor or sharp from flat, then this group can help. All you need is a guitar and some enthusiasm.

**The sessions are held in Driffield Community Centre
Mondays 10.00am - 11.00am**

Group Leaders: Chris Taylor: chri_taylor@btinternet.com Mob: 07484 160660
Paul Patterson: Mob: 07802 513175



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 3rd October - Is Capitalism bankrupt

Some say that the capitalist system has brought all of the modern benefits and affluence that we enjoy today. Others say that it makes a few people rich at the expense of the many.
Has Capitalism had its day? What could replace it?

Friday 10th October - Happiness and Contentment

Are they the same thing? What makes us happy? Health? Money? Friends? Security?
Or is it just down to the chemicals and electrical impulses in our brains?

Friday 17th October - What do young people think about us "oldies"

This question was asked for a newspaper article, and Jane will give us some quotes.

Friday 24th October - Do we need a Monarchy?

Does our constitutional monarchy serve a purpose? Would we be better off without it?
Is it a financial drain or does it pay for itself by attracting tourists?

Friday 31st October

Which historical figures would catch the imagination of a school class on a wet afternoon?

This was the subject of an article in the BBC History Magazine in June 2025. Members are invited to nominate their chosen people and say a few words about them.

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

FUN QUIZ

The third Friday of the month at the Driffield Recreation Club, Kings Mill Rd.

October 24th - 1.30pm-3.30pm

(In this case the 4th Friday)

This quiz is being hosted by: Bill & Sandra Troy

Please come along and support them! Bring a friend and make up a team.

Tea and biscuits - Free Raffle - £3.00 per person - All Welcome

If any of our members are interested in hosting a future quiz please let me know!

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

Your u3a Committee

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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:

1183231

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	Susan Adamson	01377 270429
Away Days	Terence Jarvis	07484 847816
Bridge	George Ansell	07929 299362
Card Making and Crafts	Debbie Ireland-O'Neill	07917 447974
	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
Classical Music	Colin Bickerdyke c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net	
Croquet	Peter Mathews	07740 780933
Digital Photography	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
Discussion Group	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
French Conversation	Jenny Canning	07949 799666
Geology	Kathy Chilver	01377 255052
Guitar Starting Out	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
Independent Persons	Marian Carter	07702 317441
	Penelope Kinsley	07837 60416
Local History	Ross Weekes	01377 253832
Mah Jongg	Denise Massey	01377 257063
New Age Kurling	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
Nature Group	Marian Carter	07702 317441
Quiz Afternoon	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
Reading Group	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Rummikub	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
Scrabble Group	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Sociable Strollers	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
Table Tennis	John Cawley	07584 041909
Tai Chi	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
Walking Group	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447
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