

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN

On Friday the 17th we met with a large group of people who had recently joined our Driffield & Wolds u3a. The new members, who were welcomed by the committee, were then given a broad outline of the workings and activities on offer in u3a as well as a brief resume of the ethos underpinning the organisation. It was very encouraging for everyone involved to see how much interest and goodwill had been generated since our Open Day in September. New members were also told of the realities of u3a and how volunteers were absolutely essential for the smooth running and maintenance of the 25 or so groups which we currently have. So please, when you are reading this, consider seriously if you can make a contribution in some way so as to enhance your own experience and that of others.

Regards Eamon

Half Year Membership currently £7.50 to 31st March 2026

For details contact carolesalmon@hotmail.com

‘CHRISTMAS SPECIAL’ - THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

Due to our increased Membership we have secured a new location for our Christmas Special - we are holding it in the

RIX PAVILLION - at the Showground

Members only - See Page 14 for details

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 Card/Crafting group



PROGRAMME

2025

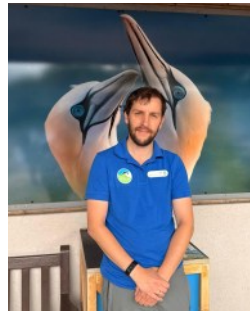
Thursday 13th November
RSPB - Bempton

Thursday 11th December
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
Members ONLY
FREE Entry

Thursday 8th January
Tophill Low Nature Reserve

All Members Welcome
£1.50 Admission

Doors Open
from 1.30pm



Scott Davison-Smith is the Commercial Operations Manager at RSPB Bempton Cliffs in East Yorkshire. A lifelong nature enthusiast and casual birdwatcher, Scott has worked with the RSPB for 17 years, including the past 12 at Bempton Cliffs. Alongside his professional role he volunteers on a kittiwake plot, contributing to the site's annual seabird research. Scott is passionate about ensuring every visitor to Bempton Cliffs has a memorable and positive experience.

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



All members welcome!

Our meetings are now being held on the
4th Monday of the month in the
All Saints Rooms at All Saints Church.

Next Meeting: Monday 24th November - 10.00am

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 11th November: from STAMFORD BRIDGE
and includes a stretch along the viaduct.

Thursday 27th November: from BAINTON
this will be our final walk for 2025!

Both walks are being led by: Paul Grinstead:

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



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 7th November - Sewerby
Leader: Sue Clarkson Mob: 07762 782082



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.

PLEASE NOTE BOTH WALKS ARE ON A THURSDAY THIS MONTH

Thursday 6th November - 7.5 mile walk round SETTRINGTON & NORTH GRIMSTON - Further details from walk leaders: Gillian & David
Contact: Email: gillian.j@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07990 356409

Thursday 20th November - 7 mile walk round LONDESBOROUGH
Further details from walk leader: Godfrey
Email: sikelike@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07960 755389



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

Looking forward to our autumn lunch date
which will follow the November meeting.
Members have been sent details.

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

18 of us had a very enjoyable meal at the Trout Inn at Wansford on Sunday. 16th November we are going to the Wolds Inn at Huggate. Group Members will be emailed.



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.

The Master has no possessions
The more he does for others,
the happier he is
The more he gives to others,
the wealthier he is
'Tao Te Ching'

Dates for Nov:
Mon - 3rd, 17th & 24th
Thurs - 6th, 20th & 27th

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 Drifffield 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.

Hopefully we can get a u3a competition organised soon with either
Bridlington or Filey & Scarborough if they are up for it.

It this happens we can also meet up for lunch afterwards!

We will keep you in the loop of progress on this.

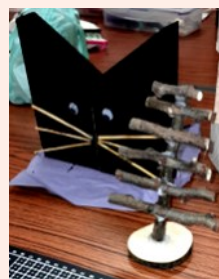
Regards Ann

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-12.45pm
£5.00 per person to cover rent, materials and refreshments.

***Our next meeting is Friday 28th November
Come and meet Netty who is starting a SEWING group***



The last of our pop up Christmas craft sessions ***Friday 28th November***
Drifffield 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



THE ARTS SOCIETY - DRIFFFIELD WOLDS

Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm - Drifffield Rugby Club

"Mid-century Modern - Curves, Colour and Cool"

Lecturer: Mark Hill (Antiques Roadshow expert)

More information: <http://theartsociety.org/drifffield-wolds>

GEOLOGY GROUP

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

Thursdays: 13th & 27th November

The group will continue its study of Plate tectonics. However on November 27th we have a special presentation by Richard Myerscough on "Hildenley Limestone"

If anyone is considering joining us now is the time to come along and see if geology is for you as we have several new members and are running some introductory activities along side our usual programme.

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 19th November

Mike Wynn is going to continue his presentation on the
History of Driffield & East Yorkshire
after briefly recapping his talk earlier in the year.

*With Christmas not far off hopefully Mike will bring some of his books on the
Above subject and the History of Railways in East Yorkshire - ideal gifts!*



Mark Blakeston
gave us a fascinating
talk in October

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

ARCHAEOLOGY/HISTORY GROUP

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

Sadly, due to seating constraints we are temporarily closing this group to new members.

Tuesday 4th November

"Beyond 1190: the untold stories of York's Jewish communities
and their role in the second city" *Dr. Louise Hampson*

Tuesday 18th November

'More on Roman Roads' *Mike Haken*

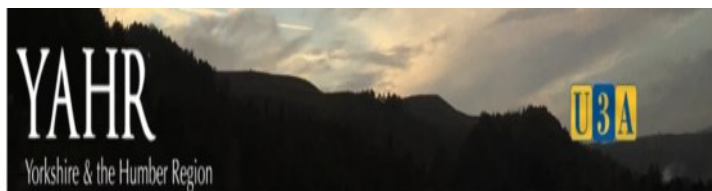
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: **01377 270429**

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>



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>

READING GROUP

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

We will be meeting on Thursday 27th November and we will be reading:

"The wren, the wren" by Anne Enright



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 November

will be on:
5th, 12th, 19th
and 26th

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



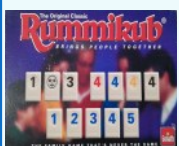
SCRABBLE

Mike Smith - 07955 733514



MAH JONGG

Mike Smith - 07955 733514



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 11th & 25th of Nov.
We look forward to seeing you!**

u3a HOLIDAYS 2025 - 2026

NORTHUMBERLAND - MAY 2026

There is still 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.

4th OCTOBER 2026

**Departing 4th October 2026 this is a 5 day holiday staying at the
4* Blunsdon House Hotel in Swindon.**

Price £470 pp (single supplement is £34 pp per night)

The holiday is on a Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis with 3 excursions included.

Our itinerary includes a visits to Oxford, Bath and a River Cruise
(fare included) on the River Wye via the Cotswold Scenic Drive!

This lovely hotel has indoor spa facilities, free Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. We have been offered
18 twin/double rooms and 10 sole occupancy rooms so it's a case of first come first served!

**Ring Cairngorm on 01405 761334 quoting 4th October 2026/Driffield & Wolds u3a holiday -
with a £50 pp deposit by the 20th November 2025 if you would like to join us.**

The coach company will need to know type of room, dietary requirements
and any mobility issues on booking.

Thank you so much - Ann and Sue

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

AWAY DAYS



**We have been very encouraged by the response to our planned visit
to Sheffield Christmas Market on Tuesday December 16th.**

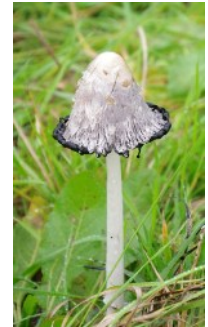
**We still have a few places available and will be taking bookings at the
monthly meeting on Thursday 13th November.**

**Following that we are considering a trip to
Kiplin Hall and Gardens, Richmond, North Yorkshire in early May 2026.**

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

NATURE GROUP

Below some photos from our visit to Kilnwick Percy in October. We have decided we need a full day at Filey in November. Details will be emailed to group members.



**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



Sadly , we have come to the end of our Croquet Season rather abruptly when our groundsman announced that the lawn was no longer fit for play. We do need to heed his advice. He has been tending the tennis and croquet lawn at Driffield Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club for over 20 years. The Club now boasts that it is the finest croquet lawn in East Yorkshire ... lucky us!!

I visited the club at the beginning of the month and indeed the lawn looks in poor shape with winter maintenance already started. I was greatly looking forward to an 'end of season session' - but, it was not to be.

I attended a DLT&CC EGM to discuss the club's future plans. Briefly, they have been allocated a grant of £127k to build a 3rd hard court and fit lighting to all 3 hard courts.

The work is planned to be carried out over the winter with a completion date no later than July 2026. The siting of the new court has not been fully approved, but it is likely to be immediately adjacent to the school wall. The croquet lawn may move either on a temporary or permanent basis nearer the pavilion.

We have been given every assurance that croquet will be available next season.

And, that is about all I know ...

Enjoy the winter and some other u3a activities and I look forward to meeting up with everyone in the spring.

With very best wishes, Peter

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

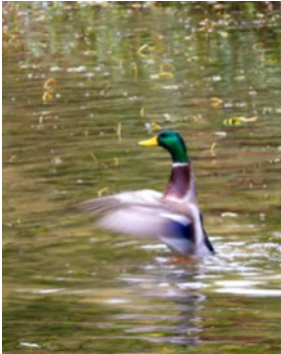
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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?



Theme: movement - aim for blur



For more information please contact:
Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166

**Our next meeting will be on
Monday 17th November
Theme: "Lines"**

TABLE TENNIS



Methodist School Room

Westgate, Driffield

Every Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm

**Our numbers have increased since the Open Day event.
Good to welcome some new members.
We have now secured a long term arrangement to use
the Methodist School Room.**

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

Winter Fuel Allowance Fraud

Fraud Alert



Humberside police have advised that Fraudsters are sending out winter fuel payment scam texts claiming to be from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Victims have received a winter fuel allowance scam text, with an attached link. When you click on the link you will be asked to fill out a form which includes your personal bank details.

If you have been a victim and lost money, call 101 and report it.

Visit fraudwatch.org.uk for more information about fraud and where to get support.

Remember:

- The Government will not ask you for your bank details in this way.
- Never share personal or financial details in response to unsolicited messages.
- Most eligible people don't need to apply, and the recipients will get the Winter Fuel Payment automatically.
- If you want to check eligibility on Winter Allowance - DO NOT click on the link sent to you in the text message.
- Always check information via the official GOV.UK website.

Community VISION



This project is funded by HUMBERSIDE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

**PLEASE
READ
THIS
FRAUD
ALERT**



We're Jammin'

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

Due to the popularity of this group we are currently full
and there is no waiting list. We will update you here
should the situation change.

Regards Chris Crosby

Group Leader: Chris Taylor: chri_taylor@btinternet.com Mob: 07484 160660



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 7th November - Interesting Object

We recently had an entertaining meeting where group members brought in a Mystery Object, and spoke about it. This time we ask people to bring in something, be it rare or commonplace, which they think is interesting.

Friday 14th November - Quiz

Each member will bring in some (5?) questions for the others to have a go at. Perhaps they will explain why they think the question is interesting. We'll devise a scoring system to make sure I win!

Friday 21st November - "My beloved country"

Love of one's country seems to be a somewhat old fashioned sentiment in recent times. Have people really lost feelings of love for their country, or do they express this differently and perhaps more critically?

Friday 28th November - If you could change one event?

If you could go back in history and change one event, what would it be? It has to be a single event, not a process like the industrial revolution or the renaissance.

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.

Friday 21st November - 1.30pm-3.30pm

Many thanks to Bill & Sandra Troy for hosting October's Quiz
In November the Quiz will be hosted by Stuart Nelson

Please come along and pit your wits for a fun afternoon!

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

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

DRIFFIELD & WOLDS u3a
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

NEW VENUE

Rix Pavillion

The Showground, Driffield

2.00pm - 4.00pm

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

Doors Open -1.30pm

Entertainment commences 2.00pm

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

FREE ENTRY

BUFFET

Bucks Fizz on arrival

RAFFLE

ENTERTAINMENT

Singing from the "Farmers Daughters"

Music from "We're Jammin"

Plus much more!!

Your u3a Committee

CHAIRMAN	Vacant	
SECRETARY	Amanda Evans	07932 759262
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ACCORD ADMINISTRATOR	Vacant	
SPEAKER FINDER	Eamon McGeough	07950 057373
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Steve Sansom	07714 178832

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](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	Mike Smith	07955 733514
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	Mike Smith	07955 733514
Sociable Strollers	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
Table Tennis	John Cawley	07584 041909
Tai Chi	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
Walking Group	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447
We're Jammin'	Chris Taylor	07484 160660