

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to announce that we have two new committee members in Janet Kish and Gavin Cutler.

At the time of writing we now have a full program of speakers for 2026. In organising this I have tried to attract as broad a spectrum of interests as possible, but if there is a topic or a cause that you feel to be under represented or that you yourself have an expertise that would make for a good meeting then I would be delighted to hear from you. Finally as we draw to the end of 2025 I would like, on behalf of all our committee members, to send my thanks and appreciation to everyone who has assisted, supported and participated in our wonderful u3a activities this year.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and every blessing in 2026.

Regards Eamon

‘CHRISTMAS SPECIAL’

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

RIX PAVILLION - at the Showground

MEMBERS ONLY - See Page 2

Doors open 1.30pm - Entertainment commences at 2.00pm

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 Committee



PROGRAMME

2025

Thursday 11th December

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Members ONLY

FREE Entry

Thursday 8th January

Tophill Low Nature Reserve

Thursday 13th February

Green Growers - Nafferton

All Members Welcome

£1.50 Admission

**Doors Open
from 1.30pm**

DRIFFIELD & WOLDS u3a
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

NEW VENUE
Rix Pavillion
The Showground, Driffield
2.00pm - 4.00pm

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MEMBERS ONLY EVENT
FREE ENTRY

BUFFET
Buds Fizz on arrival
RAFFLE

ENTERTAINMENT
Singing from the "Farmers Daughters"
Music from "We're Jammin"
Plus much more!!

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



**We are not meeting in
December or January.
Members will be contacted
in the New Year.**

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



**Christmas Tree Festival
OPEN FOR VIEWING**

10.00am - 4.00pm

Nearly every weekday

12 noon - 4.00pm

Sundays

Final day 4th January

12 noon - 4.00pm

Our u3a Christmas Tree at All Saints Church

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

We are NOT meeting in December

The 425 group will hold a meeting in January
(date to be confirmed)
to plan walks for 2026.



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 5th December - Hull on the bus

Leader: Hazel Senior - Mob: 07934 489501



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.

Tuesday 2nd December - A rather strenuous 6.5 mile walk from Cloughton to Hayburn Wyke Waterfall and back on the Cleveland Way. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST WALK OF 2025.**

Thursday 15th January 2026 - Easy 7 mile walk from Barmston.

Leader for both walks is 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

We had a delicious meal at 'The Old Star' pub in Nafferton after our November meeting. Highly recommended! Our meeting on 12th December will be the last before the festivities start so everyone please bring snacks to share.

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

This month the Dining Club gathered at the beautifully situated Wolds Inn in Huggate. A dozen members enjoyed good food and excellent company.

There will be no meeting in December but details of the January venue will be circulated to Group Members in due course.



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.

Do not dwell in the past.
Do not dream of the future.
Concentrate the mind on the
Present Moment.
'Buddha'

Dates for December:
Mondays: 1st & 15th
Thursdays: 4th & 18th

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.

**Our last session before Christmas is Tuesday 16th December 2025.
We will resume on Tuesday 6th January 2026**

**May I wish all our lovely Kurlers a very
Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**

Keep Kurling!! 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 30TH JANUARY



Christmas Craftathon!



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

NEW - TECH SUPPORT GROUP



Those members who responded regarding this group will
have received an email about the launch of Tech Support.
The first meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday 14th January 2026.
More details will be forthcoming in the January Newsletter.

Group Leader - Gavin Cutler: Email: gavinlcutler@gmail.com

GEOLOGY GROUP

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

Last meeting of 2025 - Thursday 11th December

When we will continue with our theme of plate tectonics and also take a more light hearted look at Christmas geology with appropriate goodies - rock cakes etc!

We will recommence on Thursday 8th January 2026

If any of our past members have a copy of "Understanding Geology" by David Webster which they are happy to donate to the Group Library we would be most grateful, as this book is now out of print and there is no suitable replacement.

Please contact Kathy Chilver if you can help.

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 17th December

Christine Petrowski from Malton Museum will give a presentation on:

The Forsyth Saga. The story of a special Wolds artist, her GP husband and family back in the 19th century.

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 2nd December

An introduction to Iron Age Coinage - *Dr. Reb Ellis-Haken*

Tuesday 16th December

The Biography of Place:

Late Anglo-Saxon and Norman Settlement at Skipsea, East Yorkshire

Dr. Elaine Jamieson

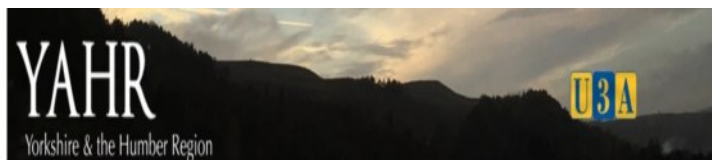
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: **01377 270429**

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 18th December

To discuss which one book we would take to a desert island.



For more details please contact:

Julia Spencer-Jones

Mob: 07726 264712

Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



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 December will be on: Wednesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th and **MONDAY** 22nd December

We will resume on Wednesday 7th January



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



Happy 94th Birthday
Malcolm Winn
from the Bridge Group
and all of your u3a friends



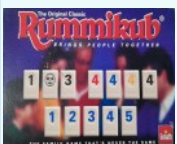
SCRABBLE

Gerald Massey - 01377 257063



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 only meeting in December is on the 9th
We look forward to seeing you!

u3a HOLIDAYS 2025 - 2026

NORTHUMBERLAND - MAY 2026

THIS HOLIDAY IS NOW FULLY BOOKED

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)

Places still available!

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!

Please contact Cairngorm Travel direct on 01405 761334
or Ann for further details.

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

AWAY DAYS



**Bus to Sheffield Christmas Market on Tuesday December 16th
is filling nicely - there are still a few places left so contact
Terry or Sue if you are interested.**

*For your information the Crucible Theatre has a production of 'A Christmas Carol'
at 2.00pm that day. You will need to book your own tickets if you wish to go.*

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

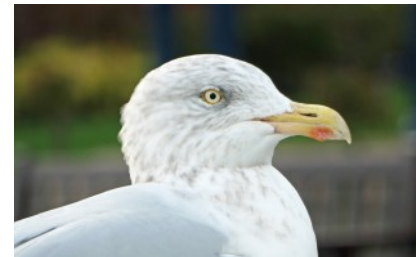
Leader: Terence Jarvis: Email: thejarve@googlemail.com Tel: 01377 254615

Terry Jarvis Mob: 07484 847816 Sue Hudson: Mob: 07923 431609

NATURE GROUP

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

This month we had a lovely few hours in Filey. The weather forecast was not great but once again we beat the odds and had lovely weather until it was time to head home. We were even lucky enough to see a pod of dolphins!!



In December we are visiting Bempton Cliffs in the afternoon for a walk around the Nature Trail.

January we shall be meeting to discuss plans for 2026 so get your thinking caps on!

CROQUET

Driffeld Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club



Sadly, we have come to the end of our Croquet Season. Enjoy the winter and 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.

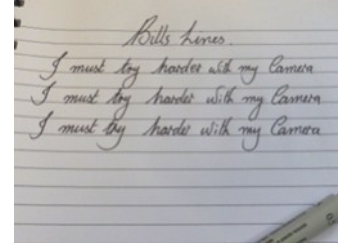
on the third Monday of each month 10.00am - 12 noon

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 15th December
Theme: People at Play/Leisure

TABLE TENNIS



Methodist School Room

Westgate, Driffield

Every Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm

**Our last session of the year will be 16th December
and we will return on 6th January.**

*The group is now at full capacity so anyone wishing to join
will need to contact me in the first instance. Regards John*

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



ART GROUP

Meeting every Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
at the Roman Catholic Church Hall, Westgate, Driffield.

At the inaugural meeting for this new group we agreed the aim would be a group for everyone whether you can paint - but haven't done it for a while - or anyone who can't paint but would like to. Working together we can help one another in a pleasant and easy going atmosphere.

Group Leader: Colin Seddon: Email: colinseddon@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07443 002450



We're Jammin'

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

Expected meeting dates in December are 3rd and 10th
with a probable restart on 7th January.

**As this group is currently full members will be
kept fully informed of any changes.**

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**

December meeting dates are 1st, 8th and 15th.

Restart to be decided - either 5th or 12th January.

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 5th December - Faith and Belief

Faith is sometimes defined as accepting as true something that cannot be proven for certain.
It is the foundation of most religions. How has that affected individuals and societies throughout history?

Friday 12th December - Planning meeting

We will need some more topics for 2026. This is when we decide what they will be!

Friday 19th December - Christmas today and in our childhood

What were the main differences? Was it better then or now?

**We will resume in the New Year on either the 9th or 16th of January.
Yet to be decided.**

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 19th December - 1.30pm-3.30pm

If anyone would like to volunteer to host
the December Quiz please let me know. If not you get me!! 😊

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

**Half Year Membership currently £7.50 to 31st March 2026
For details contact: carolesalmon@hotmail.com**

Your u3a Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBER	Gavin Cutler	07977 042021

Non Committee Roles

GROUP SUPPORT	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
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Archaeology/History	Susan Adamson	01377 270429
Art	Colin Seddon	07443 002450
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
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	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Sociable Strollers	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
Table Tennis	John Cawley	07584 041909
Tai Chi	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
Tech Support	Gavin Cutler	07977 042021
Walking Group	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447
We're Jammin'	Chris Taylor	07484 160660

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 also be found in this Newsletter, on our Website, in Chris's weekly 'Dates for your Diary' 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.



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!

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