



Welcome to your March Newsletter

A message from our Treasurer

I have been in the u3a since April 2022, having retired a year earlier and moving to Driffield from Leeds I had a lot of new things to get used to, no job just time on my hands, not knowing anyone in a new place, fast pace of life replaced by a sedentary country town pace.

Then the u3a stepped in, starting with Geology group, my first newsletter said they needed people for the Committee (I had no idea what a committee did!) so I stepped up. My first Committee meeting we were told we need a new Treasurer, yes, I stepped up (my wife handled all our money and I hated banks!)

The first year was a very steep learning curve but it kept me busy and I met an awful lot of new people.

I had already taken up 2 different Tai Chi classes doing 2 different styles plus starting to go to New Hope church which meets at the Community Centre.

The committee roles are only for a certain period so I am handing the baton of Treasurer on in June. This will give me more time for things I would like to do.

My main learning from retirement is that you should retire from work not life, keeping the mind and body active is essential and yet giving up material things actually gives you more.

I hope you enjoy your u3a as much as I do.

All the best, Paul.



***** MEMBERSHIP NEWS *****

WE NOW HAVE 500 MEMBERS



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 Tai Chi group



PROGRAMME

2026

Thursday 12th March
MALTON MUSEUM

Thursday 9th April
Nutrition & Health

Thursday 14th May
To be confirmed

All Members Welcome
£1.50 Admission

Doors Open
from 1.30pm



MALTON MUSEUM

Many of you will have attended a Malton Museum presentation previously and will know how entertaining it is.

Their presentation for our March meeting is:

*“WHAT’S IN A NAME”
History/Origin of Names*

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



Meetings are now being held on the
4th Monday of the month in All Saints Church Hall.

Next meeting: Monday 23rd March at 10.00am

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 £3.00

We walk the Wolds, Holderness and the East/North Yorkshire coast. Most of our walks are within a 25 mile radius of Driffield

Tuesday March 10th - BOYNTON

Leaders: Jill & Keith Pick:

Email: jill_pick2001@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07415 825270

Thursday March 26th - ELMSWELL

Leader Colin Bickerdyke:

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



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 6th March - Our walk will be at Sewerby

Walk Leader: Sue Clarkson

Contact: 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.

Tuesday 3rd March - a fairly strenuous 8 mile walk from FLAMBOROUGH

Further details from walk leader:

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

Thursday 19th March - an easy 7.5 mile walk from TIBTHORPE

Further details from walk leader:

David: Email: davidcongreve@hotmail.com Mob: 07394 361188



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

It was great to welcome new members to the group this month.
We have our Spring meal organised for the end of March and
have put in place dates for other various adventures.

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

Members not on Email are always phoned and updated!

AWAY DAYS



Tuesday 28th April - Kiplin Hall

Our next Away Day trip is to Kiplin Hall with intermediate stops at Sutton Bank
(a drop off point for walking enthusiasts) then Thirsk (for town enthusiasts).

An email has been sent to group members and giving full details.

ONLY SIX PLACES REMAINING

Leave Driffield Rugby Union Club at 9.00am, Thirsk at 10.30am - Returning at 6.00pm

Cost: Bus only: £22.00 pp Kiplin Hall: £10.00 pp entry

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

Tel: 01377 254615 Mob: 07484 847816 or Sue Hudson: Mob: 07923 431609

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.

Tai Chi Chuan, the great ultimate,
strengthens the weak, raises the
sick, invigorates the debilitated
and encourages the mind

Dates for March:

Mon: 2nd , 16th 23rd & 30th

Thurs: 5th, 19th & 26th

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 - 3.00pm
at the Driffield Leisure Centre, Bridlington Road.

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

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

You just need indoor shoes/trainers - all equipment provided.

Kurling continues term time only so no Kurling during school summer and Easter holidays.

We now have our "personalised" polo shirts and hoping to showcase our Kurling skills at the Regional u3a Festival in July at York!

This group is now FULL as numbers limited due to equipment available.

Group Leader: Ann Wilkinson: Email: wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07747 102635

CARD MAKING, CRAFT & SEWING 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 CRAFTING meeting is Friday 27th March



This month was decoupage and making canvas tote bags.

Squashed tins and jars
next month!



Crafting contact: Debbie Ireland-O'Neill - 07917 447974 - d.ireland-oneill@hotmail.com

Or Adrienne Bailey - 07530 714186 - adrienne.bailey@outlook.com

Sewing contact: Nettie Austin: Mob: 07803 504298

SUNDAY DINING GROUP

In February we had a lovely meal at the Cross Keys in Nafferton.

**Our March lunch will be on Sunday 22nd
at Driffield Golf Club.**

All group members will be emailed with
details in due course.



If you would like more information please contact the Group Leader:

Eamon McGeough: Email: eamonm56@gmail.com

GEOLOGY GROUP

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

March meetings are on 12th and 26th

12th March

Paul Hildreth will be speaking on:

“The Rocks and Birds of Flamborough Head”

This should be of interest to both the geologists and the birdwatchers or anyone who has ever wondered why the birds nest where they do!

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 18th March

Everything you wanted to know about

East Yorkshire History, Archaeology & Geology

Come and meet the omniscient Richard Myerscough

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 3rd March

‘Picturesque Thaxted Past and Present’ - Val Dolan

Tuesday 17th March

‘University College 1877-1881’ - Harry Houldsworth

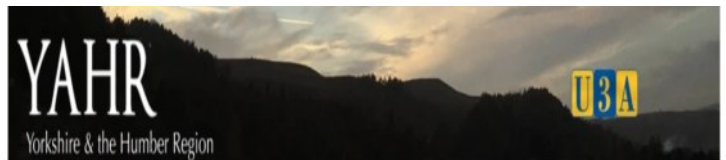
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: 01377 270429

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.

Currently Reading: The Red Tent
By Anita Diamant

But as we meet in each other's homes our Group is currently at capacity.



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 for March are:

4th, 11th, 18th & 25th



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

find us on facebook

If you use Facebook please take a look at the Driffield & Wolds u3a site.

Ann Wilkinson's posts are interesting and informative. They keep you up to date with what is happening in our u3a and others around the country.



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 for anyone who is interested in any of our three groups to drop into one of our meetings there is no obligation. Patient help will be given to anyone interested in any of the games even if you have no experience.

March meetings are Tuesday: 10th & 24th
We look forward to seeing you!

u3a HOLIDAYS 2026 - 2027

NORTHUMBERLAND - MAY 2026

This holiday is now completely full and exclusive to our u3a members.

West Country - 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)

We still have twin and double rooms available for this holiday.
Double rooms will be released for single occupancy (at an extra cost).

We need 6 more travellers to make this a u3a exclusive holiday,
failing which it will be opened up to non members
in order to fill the coach!

Contact Ann for any further details: Mob: 07747 102635

Northern Ireland - Spring 2027

Still in the planning stage. Will keep you posted.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

The weekend of 12th/13th December 2026



Everyone should have received an email about this event giving full details.

It is one of the biggest Christmas shows in Europe, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing and dazzling costumes, music humour and variety from a huge cast.

This trip includes staying at the 4* Knights Hill Hotel (B&B only), entry to the show, drop-off in Kings Lynn for lunch on Saturday and stopping 'somewhere of interest' on the way home Sunday.

Cost: £249pp (single supplement £27) - £50 deposit.

We have 5 single rooms, 9 double and 11 twin. First come first served!

To be offered out if we cannot fill with our own members. Pick up/Drop off Driffield

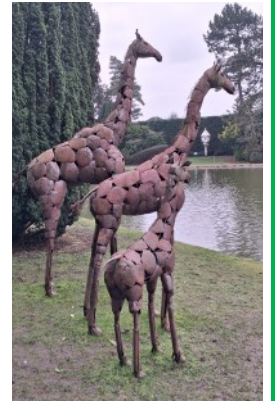
Call Buckleys Travel direct on Tel: 01302 770379 Quoting: **TOUR 26SH021**

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

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

After a quick change of plan, lots of our group members had a very enjoyable day at Burnby Hall. The snowdrops and cyclamen made a wonderful display and the sun even made an appearance. Let's hope our luck with the weather continues as it did last year!



TECH SUPPORT CLINIC



The second Tech Support Clinic was well attended. It has therefore been decided to hold a further session in March. Previous visitors are very welcome to come again!

**Next meeting Wednesday 11th March 2.00pm - 4.00pm
in the main hall at the Driffield Community Centre**

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

CROQUET

Driffield Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club



Looking forward to meeting up with everyone again in the spring.
With very best wishes - Peter

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

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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:

Cups:
ceramic &
glass



For more information please contact:
Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166

Our next meeting will be on
Monday 16th March
Theme: *Roads & Paths*



TABLE TENNIS

Methodist School Room Westgate, Driffield

Every Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm **This session is now FULL**

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

We now have a second session available:

Thursday 10.00am - 12 noon

For more details please contact Group Leader:
Chris Crosby Mob: 07594 414681 Email: chrisrosby40@aol.com

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



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.

**A group for everyone whether you can paint - but
haven't done it for a while - or can't paint but would like to.**

Working together we can help one another in a pleasant and easy going atmosphere.

Why don't you come along and see what we do.

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.

**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

**The sessions are held in Driffield Community Centre
Mondays 10.00am - 11.30am**

Guitar: "Starting Out" has changed. It was apparent that many of the group were no longer absolute beginners, meaning new starters felt out of their depth.

So from Monday 2nd February we started from the beginning.

New Members welcome, especially absolute beginners.

Tony who will normally lead the teaching is taking a holiday so
Chris and Paul will be doing the teaching for most of March.

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 6th March - Why are we so worried about ID cards

Would a requirement for citizens to have an ID card be an invasion of privacy?
Would it matter when so many of us share much of our personal data anyway?

Friday 13th March - Is humanity sowing the seeds of its own destruction?

How much does humanity's presence on the planet damage the natural world?
Should we be changing our behaviour?

Friday 20th March

Has professional sport sold its soul for corporate riches?

Friday 27th - Should politicians have had a "proper job"?

Politicians are often criticised for having gone straight from university to politics without ever having experienced the "real" world.
Should they be required to have had a career elsewhere before taking power?
What would constitute a "proper job"?

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

FUN QUIZ

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

Friday 20th March - 1.30pm-3.30pm

All Members are very welcome,
come along and make up a team!

Tea and biscuits - Free Raffle - £3.00 per person

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

Your u3a Committee

CHAIRMAN	Vacant	
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Non Committee Roles

GROUP SUPPORT	Vacant
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Groups and Group Leaders

425 Milers	Paul Grinstead	07932 494357
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>

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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