



Welcome to your APRIL Newsletter

A look back at last year:

- ◇ The Committee are delighted that as of March this year we have reached 500 members.
- ◇ We have seen the start of several new Groups and existing Groups have grown.
- ◇ Our first Christmas Special at the Rix Pavillion was a great success.

A look into the future:

- ◇ YOUR u3a is run by YOU volunteering for various roles such as:
- ◇ Leading or assisting the running of a Group.
- ◇ Taking care of Group Finances.
- ◇ Assisting in the running of the monthly meetings.
- ◇ Becoming Committee Members and having a say in making your u3a even better.

What about NOW:

- ◇ The larger our u3a becomes the more volunteers we need to help with all aspects.
- ◇ If you are a Member of a Group(s) give some thought as to how you could help run the group. It is amazing how rewarding it is to give back!
- ◇ The Committee has recently come close to announcing that we do not have sufficient active Committee Members to keep things going. However, we have had a new Treasurer come forward to take over in June and now have a Chairman and Deputy Chairman.
- ◇ But there are still roles that need filling and we would love to talk to anyone who has some time and enthusiasm to offer. Please contact:

Paul Davies: haven4angels@hotmail.com or
Carole Salmon: carolesalmon@hotmail.com

*** MEMBERSHIP NEWS ***

You will have received notification of Membership Renewal, due on 1st April 2026.

Thank you to those who have already paid their contributions.

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 Croquet Group



PROGRAMME

2026

Thursday 9th April
Nutrition & Health

Anne Clark

Thursday 14th May
Fraud Prevention
Humberside Police

Thursday 11th June
Poetry
Jenny Wood

All Members Welcome
£1.50 Admission



Eating to protect against age related illness.

I became a Nutritional Therapist to improve my own health through diet. I now help people with a range of health conditions allowing them to take control of their own health through small changes.

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

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

Next meeting: Monday 27th April at 10.00am
Handel - Music for the royal fireworks etc.

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 April 14th - HUGGATE

Leader: Peter Wrightson Mob: 07799 452236

Email: peterwrightson@btinternet.com

Thursday April 23rd - from FORDON

Leader: 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 3rd April (Good Friday)

Hornsea

Leader: Kathy Chilver Mob: 07800 810873



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 7th April - 8 mile, fairly strenuous, walk from THIXENDALE to WHARAM PERCY Further details from:
Walk leader: Jim: Email: jim@jarustel.co.uk Mobile: 07706 798439

Thursday 16th April - 7.5 mile easy walk from HARPHAM
Further details from:
Walk Leader: Jill: 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

**Our Spring meal at Elwells Catering College
in Beverley was excellent.**

Various other outings are being organised by smaller
groups of our members so all tastes are catered for.



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.

THERE ARE 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.

WORLD TAI CHI DAY

Saturday 25th April

*You are invited to celebrate at 10.00am
in the field at the end of Clematis Close
just off Bracken Rd. YO25 6XQ
Come rain or shine - dress accordingly.*

Dates for April:

Mondays: 6th, 20th, 27th
Thursdays: 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 - 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.

**This group is now FULL to capacity with a waiting list
until we are able to purchase more equipment.**

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

We now have a smaller team (in training) who will take part in the u3a Festival on

Wednesday July 1st in York on the University Campus, we are looking forward to this.

Details of the Festival are available online or on the Facebook page as any members can attend!

We are hoping to take part in some of the other activities/workshops on the day.

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 meeting is Friday 24th April

In April we will be decoupageing napkins onto
glass jars, glasses etc and making cards
using the backgrounds we made in February.



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

The March Sunday Lunch was held at Driffield Gold Club and
was a great success. The April meal is again being organised by
Stuart Nelson and will be held at the

Bosville Arms in Rudston on Sunday 19th April.

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



For more information 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

April meetings are on 9th and 23rd

At our April meetings we hope to finish our current study of Plate Tectonics and plan our summer Field Trips

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 April

**'How to use your phone to recapture local history
through historical photos'**

Sam Bartle - East Riding Archives

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 7th April

**'Strange 18th/19th & 20th Century stories
from the East Riding - *Caroline Coath***

Tuesday 21st April

'Historical Women' - *Elaine and Susan*

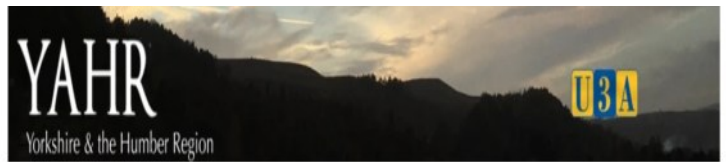
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: **01377 270429**

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.

30th April: Reading: "Thunderclap"
by *Laura Cumming*

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 April are:

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th



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.

April meetings are Tuesday: 14th & 28th
We look forward to seeing you!

u3a HOLIDAYS 2026 - 2027

West Country Explorer - 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 some places available please contact Ann: Mob: 07747 102635.
If needed this holiday will be advertised in the local paper in order to fill all the places.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

The weekend of 12th/13th December 2026



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.

A weekend to put you in the Christmas Spirit:

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

Further details from Ann: Mob: 07747 102635

EXCITING NEWS - Irish Craic & Culture Tour

Provisionally booked for 12th-17th April 2027 - 6 days 5 nights

Awaiting Flyer and further details from our coach company.

To give you a taster:

Return ferry crossings, 2 nights in the Dublin area (dinner & breakfast inc.) with a guided tour of Dublin and then free time for you to roam around the city.

3 nights in Belfast (dinner & breakfast inc.).

Excursion to Giants Causeway, scenic train journey from Coleraine to Derry - Londonderry.

Self guided tour of the Guinness Storehouse Brewery and entrance to Titanic Belfast included.

It's a busy itinerary - coach pick up may be early to catch the ferry!

Full details will be given out to our members as soon as we receive them.

Any suggestions for Autumn 2027 holidays would be gratefully received!

Thanks Ann & Sue

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



In March we ventured across the Humber bridge to Watersedge. Weather was rather dull but we still enjoyed a lovely walk around the Nature Reserve and along the bank of the river Hull.
In April we hope to visit Millington Woods.



TECH SUPPORT

TECH SUPPORT CLINIC

Once again several members attended the Tech Support Clinic last month, making it worthwhile to put on another session.
Previous visitors are very welcome to come again!

**Next meeting Wednesday 22nd April
in the main hall at the Driffield Community Centre**

Group Leader - Gavin Cutler: Email: gavinlcutler@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.

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:

Roads & Paths



Our next meeting will be on

Monday 20th April

Theme: RAIN

For more information please contact:

Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166

TABLE TENNIS

Methodist School Room Westgate, Driffield

Every Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm

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



We now have a second session available: Thursday 10.00am - 12 noon

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 currently 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.

This is a Group for everyone, from beginner to
experienced returners and currently practising artists.

A sociable space to make art and share ideas.

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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

There will be NO meeting on Easter Monday.

Chris and Paul (and maybe Tony) will provide the teaching for
the group and we'll keep trying to match the teaching to the
level of our learners.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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 Drifffield Community Centre meeting room.
All u3a Members are welcome to join us.

Friday 3rd April

GOOD FRIDAY - NO MEETING

Friday 10th April - Why do some people never have enough money?

Some wealthy people seem to have a need to acquire more wealth, even though they are richer than nearly everyone else. Why? Are the rest of us just jealous?

Friday 17th April - Why does power so often corrupt?

Many of those who achieve great power end up abusing it. Why?

Friday 24th April - Is sin an anachronism?

Is the concept of sin something that has been lost or replaced by our concepts of illegality or criminality? Do people feel shame any more?

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

FUN QUIZ

Third Friday of the month at the
Drifffield Cricket & Recreation Club, Kings Mill Rd.

Friday 17th April - 1.30pm-3.30pm

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

It's just for fun!

Another of our members will be hosting this quiz.

Tea and biscuits - Free Raffle - £3.00 per person

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



As I write this we are rapidly approaching the start of the new season. All down to the weather and our super groundsman, who maintains the lawn in such super condition.

He has now confirmed that play can start on:

MONDAY 13th APRIL

(Subject to 'normal' weather conditions.)

The sessions will be every Monday afternoon from 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start, to finish about 4.00pm

Coming a little early gives the opportunity for some coaching and a warm up before play starts.

News at the club is that we will be playing on the same lawn as last summer.

Plans are now in hand for building a 3rd hard court for tennis which will be immediately adjacent the school (rather than on the croquet lawn).

One outcome of this will be an all weather half lawn which we can use through the winter - it will be a very different game - the same rules but very different!

I look forward to meeting up with you all again and to welcoming a few new faces who have expressed interest through the winter months. I passed my coaching exam last summer and will continue coaching new players and discussing tactics with those with more experience. Unfortunately I need minor surgery on my hand, hopefully straight after Easter. Chris Atkinson has offered to come along to assist - he is an outstanding player and is the club Association Croquet Coach.

Last year we stepped up to playing on the full lawn and this proved very popular. It means that we are more limited on numbers, but, the good news is that we have been offered an overflow slot on Friday afternoon should be need it.

Tell all your friends and bring them along!

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

Tell your friends about your u3a. They would be welcome to attend one of our groups as a guest before deciding whether to become a Member. If you know someone who would like more details let me know: carolesalmon@hotmail.com

Your u3a Committee

CHAIRMAN	Eamon McGeough	07950 057373
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WEBMASTER	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Carole Salmon	07905 982103
MEMBERSHIP TEAM	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
ACCORD ADMINISTRATOR	Eamon McGeough	07950 057373
SPEAKER FINDER	Eamon McGeough	07950 057373
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	Janet Kish	07896 113301
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Gavin Cutler	07977 042021

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
	Paul Patterson	07802 513175
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
Sewing	Netty Austin	07803 504298
Scrabble Group	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Sociable Strollers	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
Table Tennis	John Cawley	07584 041909
	Chris Crosby	07594 414681
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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