

WELCOME TO YOUR MAY NEWSLETTER

As newcomers to Driffield late last May, myself and my wife Mary only joined u3a following the happy accident of walking through the market on a September Thursday and picking up a leaflet following a chat with Membership Secretary, Carole Salmon.

I took retirement in 2022, and was never really a joiner-of-clubs, but for me u3a has changed all that - in short order I was enrolled in groups for history/archaeology, geology, local history, discussion and jamming (guitar and vocal mainly).

The guitar jamming group helped me resurrect the longstanding desire to be able to play songs "all the way through" following many years of occasional dabbling with music and not getting very far. Other "jammers" relate similar stories, though a few of us are more accomplished, having a track record of performing. Those of you who went to the Christmas Social will have seen us presenting eight songs in a 40 minute set and getting a small crowd dancing. All great fun, and I find the groups each reflect the u3a "laugh, learn, live" ethos in their own way, and as we now have around 500 members it's obvious that the benefit to the wider community of Driffield is significant.

Mary and myself enjoy u3a so much that we both wound up on the Committee and I started the Tech Support Group (with a number of other members giving important contributions in helping the wider membership with technology issues).

So now we are to be found with Committee lanyards around our necks at the monthly meetings see you there!

Regards Gavin

*** MEMBERSHIP NEWS ***

Membership Renewal was due on 1st April 2026.

Thank you to those who have already paid their contributions.

Unfortunately those who have not paid will have their Membership Lapsed.

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 Walking Group



PROGRAMME

2026

Thursday 14th May

Fraud Prevention

Humberside Police

Thursday 11th June

Poetry

Jenny Wood

Thursday 9th July

Traditional Medicine

Hedgerows, Plants and Beyond

Sam Coleman

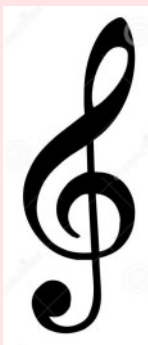
All Members Welcome

£1.50 Admission



This should be of interest to all members. We are in a time where fraud is something that could easily affect our lives. It is important that we are able to identify fraudulent activity before it causes financial or reputational damage. We must learn to spot the red flags and halt scammers in their tracks!

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



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

**There will be NO meeting in May
as it is a Bank Holiday.**

The Composer selected for our JUNE meeting is Grieg
Peer Gynt Suite etc

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 May 12th - FORDON

Leader: Paul Grinstead Mob: 07932 494357

Email: p.grinstead2@btinternet.com

Thursday May 28th - MOLESCROFT

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 1st May - Tophill Low

Please note entry charge of £ 3.00 - payable by CARD

Leader: Fay Shimmin Mob: 07858 458192



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 5th May - 7.5 mile easy walk round SKIPSEA

Further details from walk leader: Ian:

Email: ibanx@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07388 463992

Thursday 21st May - 8 mile fairly strenuous walk from WINTRINGHAM

Further details from walk leader: Steve

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

Second Friday of each month at the Cricket Club, King's Mill Road, Driffield 10.30am - 12 noon

April a small group of us visited Castle Howard. We had a wonderful few hours in the vast grounds and gardens. Several things being planned for later in the year, including our usual 'garden party'.



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

AWAY DAYS



Everyone enjoyed an interesting and sunny day at Kiplin Hall this week.

Already thinking about our next trip and hoping to visit Grimsby Fishing Heritage Museum, Cleethorpes and Mablethorpe sometime in July.

More information at the May Monthly Meeting.

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

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



TAI CHI

Meetings are held in the Driffield Community Centre main hall on the first, third and fourth Monday & Thursday of the month.

Entry fee £1.00

WORLD TAI CHI DAY - 25th April

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. Come along and have a go!

Be content with what you have;
rejoice in the way things are.
When you realise there is nothing lacking,
the whole world belongs to you.
Lao Tzu

Dates for May:
Mondays: 18th ONLY
Thursdays: 7th, 21st & 28th

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. **TERM TIME ONLY**
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. We are attempting to get more equipment so we can have more players so bear with us!

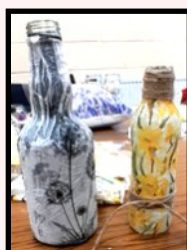
**We are looking forward to the regional u3a event in York on 1st July. Our team of 12 will be representing Driffield u3a in our very smart matching polo shirts!
This event is open to anyone to attend - just google 'u3a York Event 2026'.
Plenty to do and workshops to participate in.**

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

CARD MAKING, 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 May 29th



This month we decouped various glassware with napkins and cardboard mâché.



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

SUNDAY DINING GROUP

The meal in April at the Bosville Arms was excellent and enjoyed by all.

**Our next lunch will be at the Triton, Sledmere
Sunday 17th May**

Details have been emailed to all group members.



For more information contact the Group Leader: Eamon McGeough: Email: eamonm56@gmail.com

GEOLOGY GROUP

Indoor sessions at the Cricket Club have now finished for the Spring Term and will resume in September 2026.

A programme of monthly summer Field Trips is planned, the first of these will be:

Thursday 7th May to Pannett Park Museum in Whitby
followed by field work on the beach.
Details will be sent to Group members.

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 20th May
The Vikings in East Yorkshire - a new angle

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 5th May
A chariot burial from Wales - *Melanie Giles*
Tuesday 19th May
'These Peaceable Times are the Devil'
Royal Navy Officers in the Post-War Slump 1815-1825
Dr Martin Wilcox, Hull University

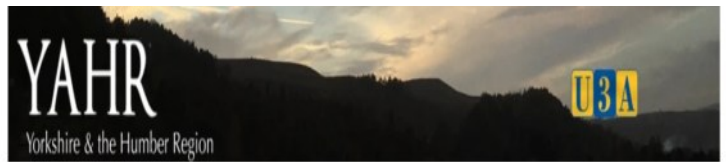
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson Tel: 01377 270429**

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.

28th May: Reading: "The Girl in Blue"
By P G Wodehouse

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

Next meeting September after summer break.



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 May are:
6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th



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.

May meetings are Tuesday: 12th & 26th
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.

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

This trip is slowly filling up but still places left if you are considering an
Autumnal short break. If you are on your own we are a friendly bunch!

Contact Ann: Mob: 07747 102635

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

The weekend of 12th/13th December 2026



Still places available but this trip will be opened up to the Driffield general public
if we can't get enough of our own members to fill the weekend.

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

Further details from Ann: Mob: 07747 102635

Irish Craic & Culture Tour

12th - 17th April 2027 - 6 days 5 nights

You will by now have received an email with full details of our proposed
Northern Ireland jaunt. The flyers have gone out and now all we need
are people to book with a deposit of £100 pp - which will be collected either
cash or cheque (payable to Driffield & Wolds u3a) at our May and June
monthly meetings between 1.30 to 1.55pm to secure your place.

It is a new coach company to us but a full and busy itinerary and
we feel "a good value for money" holiday.

Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

If you have further questions please contact Ann Mob: 07747 102635.

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 April seventeen of us visited Millington Woods. Once again we had perfect weather and it was a delight to see all the spring flowers and listen to the bird song. In May we are visiting Burton Constable. Unfortunately we are temporarily closing group to new members.



TECH SUPPORT CLINIC

Come along with your technical problems and we will be there to help and advise you.

**Next meeting Wednesday 13th May
in the main hall at the Driffield Community Centre**

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

TABLE TENNIS



Methodist School Room Westgate, Driffield

Every Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Group Leader: John Cawley - Mob: 07584 041909

Every Thursday 10.00am - 12 noon

Group Leader: Chris Crosby - Mob: 07594 414681 Email: chriscrosby40@aol.com

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

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The Cricket Club, King's Mill Road.

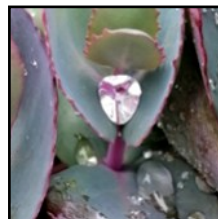
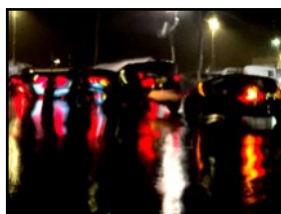
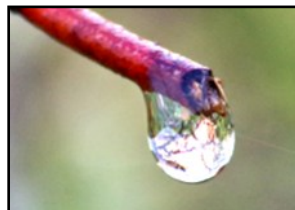
on the third Monday of each month 10.00am - 12 noon
We have a varied membership, all with experience to share.

Tea, coffee and treats are included! Why not join us?

Our next meeting will be on

Monday 18th May

Theme: Silhouettes



Theme:

Rain



This group currently has a waiting list - so please contact group leader.

Penelope Kinsley Mob: 07837 604166

CROQUET

Driffield Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club



Manorfield Avenue, Driffield YO25 5HN

Entrance between Nos. 8 and 10 Manorfield Ave.

Every Monday 1.30pm for a 2.00 start All equipment provided - please wear flat shoes

We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon for our return to the Croquet Lawn.

We are now playing full lawn which limits our numbers somewhat.

The option is to play two half lawns, or have a second session on Friday afternoons.

Please get in touch if you would like to join us and let me know if you like the idea of playing on Friday afternoons!

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



WALKING TENNIS



This option, kindly made available to us by Driffield Cricket & Recreation Club.

Lawn Tennis section, Kingsmill Road YO25 6TT

Walking Tennis is starting again: FRIDAY 8th MAY & 22nd MAY

Available fortnightly 2.00-3.30pm

If you don't feel up to full on tennis, why not try Walking Tennis, it's safe, fun and inclusive.

Suitable for beginners and those in need of more time to get to the ball.

Larger rackets and lighter balls are provided. Tea, coffee etc included £3.50 per session.

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
No session on Bank Holiday Monday - 4th May
Bank Holiday Monday 25th May - to be confirmed

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 1st May - If you could have another go at life, would you still choose the same job?

Any of us might choose to be a rock star or a professional sports person. But what other career choices could we have made? Did we choose our jobs or did our jobs choose us?

Friday 8th May - "One year in my life"

Was there one particular time in your life that was the most significant?
Will you share that with the group?

Friday 15th May - Planning meeting

We will put together our programme for the Autumn, and find a couple of topics to take us through June and July.

Friday 22nd May - Has Britain ever been prepared for war?

At the start of both WW1 and WW2, the country was unprepared for conflict.
Has this always been the case? Is it still the case now?

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 15th May - 1.30pm-3.30pm

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

It's just for fun!

Anyone want to host a quiz - I can offer help if you need it!

Tea and biscuits - Free Raffle - £3.00 per person

THE QUIZ WILL TAKE A REST FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

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

Your u3a Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBER	Gavin Cutler	07977 042021
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Mary O'Neil	07977 040944

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GROUP SUPPORT	Vacant
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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
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](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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