

WELCOME TO YOUR JUNE NEWSLETTER

Introducing Steve Sansom one of our newest Committee Members.

The Call of the Wild

I am not a gardener, and frankly I joined the u3a so I could avoid becoming one.
I have a garden which needs to be regularly lowered so that
I can find the veg patch and the shed.

I don't understand nature – stuff just grows, and in all the wrong places.
I've got chives growing in the cracks on the patio, tulips and bluebells on paths,
and that evil, insidious creepy stuff trying to grab the garden furniture.
My nieces call me Uncle Steve, but I'm definitely anti-ivy.

Lawns are a mystery to me. If anyone wants moss, I believe I might have
cornered the world market, especially now that the Straits of Hormuz are jammed up.
Those vital moss supplies are simply not getting through, so I should be quids in.

And whoever came up with No Mow May is a genius.
At our house, we also have Jungle June, Not Today Josephine July, and Anarchy August.
That way, the bees have a good go at the clover, and I can brag about my
pyramidal orchids to my u3a chums.

I didn't mention the leylandii. That's because a) it's hard to spell, and b) it is actually
Latin for misery. Despite my purchase of semi-agricultural implements from
the middle of Lidl, we remain hemmed in on three sides, and the sunlight is
diminishing in fast-forward like a Harry Potter movie.

I know I've let it go for far too long, and now it's a case of getting The Men in.
I've been saving up. It's called a hedge fund.

Please enjoy your garden responsibly. I will be otherwise engaged.

Pip Pip *Steve*

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

As you will have read in the covering email the **THIRD AGE MATTERS** magazine
is now available to you online at either *u3a Matters* or
<https://www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/u3a-matters>

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 Bridge Group



PROGRAMME

2026

Thursday 11th June

A.G.M. followed by:

'Time for Rhyme'

Jenny Woods

Thursday 9th July

Traditional Medicine

Hedgerows, plants and beyond

Sam Coleman

Thursday 13th August

Malton Museum

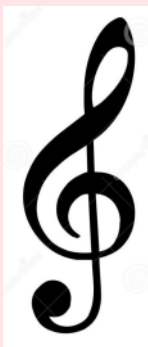
All Members Welcome

£1.50 Admission

TIME FOR RHYME

*"My name is Jenny Woods
mum, grandma and part time poet.
I began writing poems in the 1990's
prompted by a book gifted to me by
my sister. My early poems were
light-hearted but over time some
have become more serious.
Though not originally intended for
performance I have, on requests
from friends, previously read for
charitable organisations."*

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



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

MONDAY JUNE 22nd

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 June 9th - new route: **DUNNINGTON & BREWHOLME**

Leader: Ian Banks Mob: 07388 463992

Email: ibankx@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday June 25th - **POCKLINGTON**

Leader: Gillian Johnson & David Congreve Mob: 07990 356409

Email: gillian.j@hotmail.co.uk



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 June - Thwing

Leader: Jill Pick Mob: 07415 825270



Group Leader - Sue Clarkson:

Tel: 01377 256857 Mob: 07762 782082 Email: clarksonsus40@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 June - 7.5 mile moderate walk round

SANCTON Further details from walk leader:

Paul: Mob: 07932 494357

Email: p.grinstead2@btinternet.com

Thursday 18th June - 8 mile fairly strenuous walk from

WINTRINGHAM Further details from walk leader:

Steve: Mob: 07952 981786

Email: sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk



May walk around
Wintringham

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



Our mystery walk in Helmsley was punctuated by thunder, lightening and heavy rain. We did however really enjoy the day. But we will need to go back to finish the mystery walk! 😊

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

AWAY DAYS



Proposed Away Day trip **FRIDAY 17th JULY** to
GRIMSBY FISHING HERITAGE MUSEUM and CLEETHORPES

Cost: Coach: £22.00 / Museum: £6.50 / Ross Tiger Trawler Tour £2.50

Options: Visit museum or take the bus into Cleethorpes.

Proposed details have been emailed to members.

**Bookings will be taken prior to the start of the
June Monthly Meeting on Thursday 11th June.**

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

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!

You are the **sum of all the information** you let into your life.
The people you surround yourself with, the food you eat, the decisions you make, the information you watch & listen to. Your environment itself.
Choose Wisely!

Dates for June
Mondays: 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th
Thursdays: 4th, 18th & 25th

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
until more equipment is available.**

**We are looking forward to showcasing the game of Kurling at the
u3a York Festival and helping people to play.**

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 26th June



We enjoyed a lovely morning of crafting making wooden hanging vases. Wood sanded and painted or stained. We then cut and attached metal to hold glass vase in place. Embellished using ribbon or paper flowers.

**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

In May everyone enjoyed a lovely meal at the Triton in Sledmere.
Our next meal is being held at the
Victoria Inn in Wetwang on 21st June
Details will be emailed to 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. Currently we are taking field trips.

Thursday 18th June

HORNSEA and SKIPSEA

Further details available from Group Leader

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 June

Sewerby Hall in all its glory

Hilary Walker

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 June

Quarries and Pits in East Yorkshire

Gill Carrick

**The group will then be closed for the summer and resume
on Tuesday 2nd September 2026**

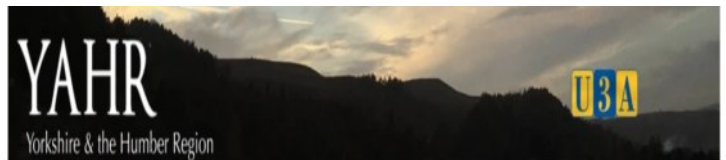
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: **01377 270429**

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.

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

Next meeting September after summer break.



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 JUNE are:

3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th



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.

The Games Group



SCRABBLE

Gerald Massey

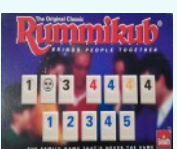
Tel: 01377 257063



MAH JONGG

Mike Smith

Mob: 07955 733514



RUMMIKUB

Carole Salmon

Mob: 07905 682103

Kay Maslen

Mob: 07838 208025

The Games Group is an amalgamation of groups (Mah Jongg, Rummikub & Scrabble).

New games to include Backgammon and Upwords.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Cricket Club on King's Mill from 2.00pm - 4.00pm

This is a friendly social occasion with tea, coffee and biscuits. If you are interested drop in for one of our afternoon sessions. Patient help will be given to anyone interested in any of the games, previous experience not required!

June dates: 9th & 23rd

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)

Book direct with Cairngorm Tel: 01405 761334 Quote: TOUR WC26

2 double rooms / 3 twin rooms / 2 doubles for sole occupancy left!!

For details contact Ann: Mob: 07747 102635

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

The weekend of 12th/13th December 2026

Still places available - this has excellent reviews for those who have not been!

Non u3a members welcome. Cost: £249pp (single supp £27) - £50 deposit.

Book direct with Buckleys quoting: TOUR 26SH021

Further details from Ann: Mob: 07747 102635

Irish Craic & Culture Tour

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

This has proved to be a most popular holiday and it has been booked up very quickly. We are delighted with the response and have just

5 twin rooms, 2 doubles and 2 singles (with supplement) still available.

Deposits required by 15th June at the latest to secure your place!

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

Deposits will be collected at the next monthly meeting on Thursday 11th June.

Thank you Ann & Sue

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

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.

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 May we had a few hours at Burton Constable.
It was a very chilly and windy day but we
had a lovely walk followed, as always,
by coffee and cake.
Unfortunately we are temporarily closing
the group to new members.



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



TECH SUPPORT CLINIC

**Technical Support is pausing for the summer.
We will reconvene in September 2026
when once again we hope to offer an advice
service to our members.**

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.

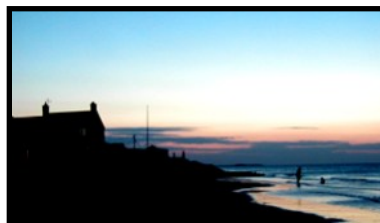
on the third Monday of each month 10.00am - 12 noon
We have a varied membership, all with experience to share.

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

Our next meeting will be on

Monday 15th June

**Theme: Your Favourite
Things**



**Theme:
Silhouettes**



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

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

Available fortnightly 2.00-3.30pm

Dates for June: 5th & 19th

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

Friday 5th June - Memes: How do they affect our social behaviour?

The word meme was first defined in 1976 as an idea or behaviour pattern that spreads by imitation.
It's now often used to mean an internet meme. How do memes affect our behaviour?

Friday 12th June - Do we think for ourselves?

Do we really form our own opinions?
Or do we select from what's on offer from our chosen media platform?

Friday 19th June - Why do some dreams memories stick and others fade?

Friday 26th June - Are we saving the planet by covering our
green and pleasant land with solar panels and wind turbines?

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

FUN QUIZ

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

Friday 19th June - 1.30pm-3.30pm

One of our Members is kindly hosting this quiz.

All Members are welcome along and make up a team.

A big thank you to guest question master David Lundy for
hosting our May quiz - another busy, fun afternoon.

Tea and biscuits - Free Raffle - £2.00 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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Groups and Group Leaders

425 Milers	Paul Grinstead	07932 494357
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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
Sunday Dining Group	Eamon McGeough	07950 057373
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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