



### WELCOME TO YOUR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

#### *Introducing our new Committee Member - Richard Neale*

Me? Join u3a! You've got to be kidding!

I have lived a somewhat nomadic life but our move last year to Driffield has been a great life choice for us.

I am quite an independent person, can look after myself and enjoy a few hobbies. After retiring, I missed the companionship of colleagues and the 'what's going to happen today?' aspect of work. Volunteering seemed a good way forward.

I enjoyed my time as a community transport driver and also a first aider. My work skills were well utilised when volunteering with the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends and running a dementia café.

After getting the house sorted here in Driffield, I decided that I needed to do something for myself, get out a bit more and meet some people.

How? Where? What? were the questions I asked myself.

I took an 'about turn' and thought maybe, after all, u3a would have something to offer.

And yes, it was the answer I was looking for - the rest, as they say, is history!

The first group I joined was New Age Kurling - nice people, good craic and a fun game.

I love taking photographs so the Digital Photography group was an obvious choice

I am learning new techniques at each session and able to contribute also.

A month or so ago, I offered to help Driffield & Wolds u3a in any way I could.

I am relatively new but was nominated to be a member of the Committee.... So here I am!

My hope is that my life experiences and skills will be of benefit to our u3a and I look forward to helping, in my small way, to see Driffield & Wolds u3a continue to grow and go from strength to strength.

*learn, laugh, live - Richard*

**\*\*\* u3a CHARITY STALL - DRIFFIELD MARKET \*\*\***

**THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER**

**Come along and chat to prospective 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  
Digital Photography



### PROGRAMME

2026

**Thursday 13th August**

**Malton Museum**

**Thursday 10th September**

**Our u3a**

**OPEN DAY**

**Thursday 8th October**

**Garden Disasters**

**Mike L'Anson**

**All Members Welcome**

**£1.50 Admission**

**Doors Open  
from 1.30pm**

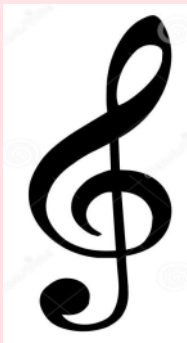


### *What's in a Name*

*History/Origin of Names*

*Those members who have  
experienced a visit from  
Malton Museum in the past  
will remember how  
entertaining the audience  
participation is!*

## CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



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

**There will be NO meeting in August.**

Group Leader: Colin Bickerdyke: Email: [c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net](mailto: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 11th August** - Scenic stroll around **FILEY**.

Walk leaders: Bill & Sandra Troy

Email: wtroy6789@gmail.com Mob: 07397 068377

**Thursday 27th August** - An interesting route around **DRIFFIELD**.

Walk leaders: David & Gillian Congreve

Email: gillian.j@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07990 356409



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 7th August - LOCKINGTON**

Leader: Jan Hoskins

Mob: 07800 755393



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 4th August** - an easy 7.5 mile walk from the **HUMBER BRIDGE**

Further details from walk leader:

Godfrey: Email: sikelike@yahoo.co.uk

**Thursday 20th August** - An easy 8 mile walk from **WANSFORD**

Further details from walk leader:

Louise: Email: hollyhouse33a@gmail.com Mob: 07399 575507

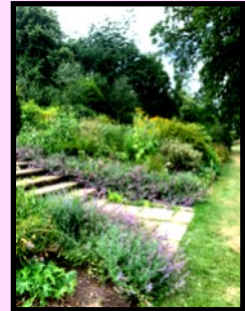


For more details contact Group Leader **Steve Whitaker** Email: sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07952 981786

## INDEPENDENT PERSONS' GROUP

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

A few of us visited Nunnington Hall in July.



We now have our garden party to look forward to!!  
**The August meeting is open to current members ONLY.**

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

## 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.

## 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!



July - Tai Chi on the beach

**"Be kind,  
for everyone you meet  
is fighting a hard battle"  
Socrates**

**Dates for August:**  
**Monday: 3rd, 17th, 24th & 31st**  
**Thursday: 6th, 20th & 27th**

**Group Leader: Maggie Bray**  
**Mob: 07753 224793 Email: [maggie.bray@hotmail.com](mailto: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.**

**WE ARE TAKING A BREAK AND WILL RESTART - 8TH SEPTEMBER**



### YORK FESTIVAL



**Group Leader: Ann Wilkinson: Email: [wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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 28th August***



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

## SUNDAY DINING GROUP

**In July the group had lunch at the  
Manor Court in Carnaby.  
There will be no Sunday Lunch in August.**



**For more information contact the Group Leader: Eamon McGeough: Email: [eamonm56@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Our final field trip of the season will take place on

**THURSDAY 13th AUGUST**

when we will follow the Hull Fish Trail! The Geological interest of this trail is provided by the fact that each fish is mounted on a different rock.

Further details from Group Leader.

**Our Autumn season of study will recommence on Thursday 10th September.**

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 Driffeld Community Centre

**ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST - 2.00pm start**

**MIKE SMITH'S: Rhythmic Rhyming Variety Show**

**With laughs... and Sighs... & the Singing of Songs**

**Please contact Ross on**  
**[rossweekes@btinternet.com](mailto:rossweekes@btinternet.com)**  
**to reserve a seat on the 19th**



Excursion to Rudston with guided tour by Richard Myerscough.

For more information contact **Ross Weekes** Tel: 01377 253832 Email: [rossweekes@btinternet.com](mailto:rossweekes@btinternet.com)

## ARCHAEOLOGY/HISTORY GROUP

Meets on the first and third Tuesday each month at the Driffeld Community Centre 10.00am to 12 noon

**This group currently full but we are planning to reopen it shortly.**

**The group is closed for the summer and will resume**

**on Tuesday 15th September 2026**

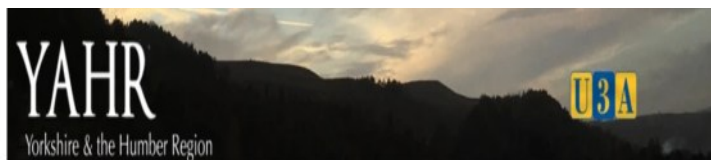
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: **01377 270429**

### Drifffield 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://drifffieldwolds.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](mailto: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 AUGUST are:**

**5th, 12th, 19th & 26th**



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 Drifffield & 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

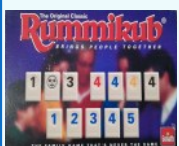
Tel: 01377 257063



### MAH JONGG

Mike Smith

Mob: 07955 733514



### RUMMIKUB

Carole Salmon

Mob: 07905 682103

Kay Maslen

Mob: 07838 208025

## The Games Group

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!

**August dates: 11th & 25th**

## u3a HOLIDAYS 2026 - 2027

### WEST COUNTRY EXPLORER HOLIDAY - 4th OCTOBER 2026

5 day holiday staying at the  
4\* Blunsdon House Hotel in Swindon £470 pp  
Due to a cancellation through illness we have just one double room left.  
Please contact Cairngorm Travel direct or  
Ann Wilkinson on Mob: 07747 102635 for further details.  
This option is now open to friends/family.

### 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

Enquiries to: Ann Wilkinson: email: [wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk) Mob: 07747 102635

## AWAY DAYS



**The plan for our next trip is: The National Memorial Arboretum**  
(from September known as Royal British Legion National Remembrance Garden)  
**Thursday 15th October 2026**

**More than 400 memorials set in a 150 acre landscaped arboretum.**  
**The memorials are for Armed Forces, Emergency Services and Civilian Organisations that supported our nation in times of need, all set among a splendid selection of trees and shrubs.**

**Exhibitions include:**

**25 years of Celebrating Women / Landscapes of Life / Far East Prisoners of War Building**

**Admission is FREE**

There is a large café with a good selection of meals and snacks.  
There is transport around the arboretum.  
More details to follow.

**Leader: Terence Jarvis:**  
**Email: [thejarve@googlemail.com](mailto:thejarve@googlemail.com)**  
**Tel: 01377 254615 Mob: 07484 847816**  
**or Sue Hudson: Mob: 07923 431609**

**Away Day trip in July to  
Grimsby Heritage Museum  
was a great success!**



# 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 August we ventured to Kiplingcotes Quarry to look for butterflies.  
It was a lovely afternoon, cool wind so great to be outside.  
Saw many species of butterfly including: Peacock, Holly Blue and Marbled Whites  
amongst others. 6 spot Burnet Moths everywhere!



## 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](mailto:gavinlcutler@gmail.com)

## TABLE TENNIS



**Methodist School Room** Westgate, Drifffield

**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: [chris Crosby40@aol.com](mailto:chris Crosby40@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?**



Theme: JULY  
WATER



There will be NO meeting at  
the cricket club in August

Our next meeting will be on  
**Monday 21st September**  
Theme: Panning

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

Penelope Kinsley Mob: 07837 604166



## The Discussion Group

The Group meets every Friday at 9.30am  
in the Driffeld Community Centre meeting room.  
All u3a Members are welcome to join us.

**We are taking a summer break and will resume  
on Friday 4th September.**

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



## WALKING TENNIS



Kindly made available to us by Driffeld Cricket & Recreation Club.

Lawn Tennis section, Kingsmill Road YO25 6TT

**Available fortnightly 2.00-3.30pm Dates for August 14th & 28th**

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.

Please note we are taking a break  
we will restart on Thursday 10th September.

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

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

# 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**

Last month we had the excitement of the visit from the England Ladies Croquet Champion, Alison Maugham. We are now back to our regular weekly games of a Monday afternoon.

We are beginning to play a variant of standard Golf Croquet which is popular in Florida.

This involves a ricochet shot to gain an extra turn. Although this is only a minor variant, the tactics are very different.

I am pleased to say that ball skills are improving and we have some strong players, Hazel provided us with a spectacular 60° deflection to score. But, the shot of the season came from Alison who achieved the remarkable by scoring 2 hoops with a single shot.

We still have a few places on Monday afternoon and a lot of places for a possible Friday afternoon session.

For more information: Email: [peter\\_mathews@gmx.com](mailto: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](mailto:carolesalmon@hotmail.com)

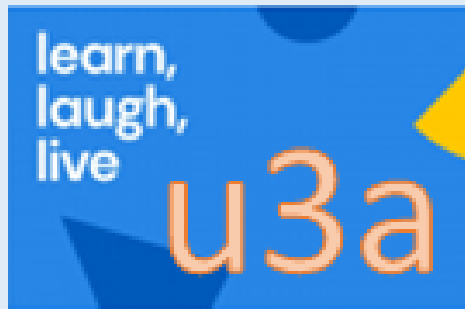
## **FUN QUIZ**

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

**THE QUIZ IS TAKING A REST UNTIL OCTOBER**

**Look forward to seeing you all then!**

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



# OPEN DAY

**Come and join us**

**THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER**

u3a is a group aimed at people who are retired or semi retired, but equally suited to anyone who has time on their hands! u3a is a perfect place to make new friends, have fun, share skills and learn new ones. We have over 25 interest groups, something to suit everyone.



**FIND OUT WHAT  
YOUR LOCAL u3a  
CAN OFFER YOU!**



**2.00pm to 3.30pm**

**Driffeld Community Centre**

Join us for coffee and cake.  
Bring your friends, and learn more  
about our interest groups.



Full details can be found on our website:

[driffeldwolds.u3asite.uk](http://driffeldwolds.u3asite.uk)

Registered Charity No. 1183231

## Your u3a Committee

|                              |                |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>CHAIRMAN</b>              | Eamon McGeough | 07950 057373               |
| <b>SECRETARY</b>             | Amanda Evans   | 07932 759262               |
| <b>TREASURER</b>             | Mary O'Neill   | 07977 040944               |
| <b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>         | Steve Sansom   | 07714 178832               |
| <b>BEACON ADMINISTRATOR</b>  | Maggie Bray    | 07753 224793               |
| <b>WEBMASTER</b>             | Maggie Bray    | 07753 224793               |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY</b>  | Carole Salmon  | 07905 682103               |
| <b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>     | Carole Salmon  | 07905 982103               |
| <b>ACCORD ADMINISTRATOR</b>  | Eamon McGeough | 07950 057373               |
| <b>SPEAKER FINDER</b>        | Eamon McGeough | 07950 057373               |
| <b>VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR</b> | Janet Kish     | 07896 113301               |
| <b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>      | Paul Davies    | haven4angels@hotmail.co.uk |
| <b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>      | Gavin Cutler   | 07977 042021               |
| <b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>      | Sue Dixon      | 07712 567659               |
| <b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>      | Richard Neale  | 07748 260648               |
| <b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>      | Barry McKay    | 07765 014349               |

## Non Committee Roles

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| <b>GROUP SUPPORT</b> | <b>Vacant</b> |
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## Groups and Group Leaders

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>425 Milers</b>             | Paul Grinstead         | 07932 494357              |
| <b>Archaeology/History</b>    | Susan Adamson          | 01377 270429              |
| <b>Art</b>                    | Colin Seddon           | 07443 002450              |
| <b>Away Days</b>              | Terence Jarvis         | 07484 847816              |
| <b>Bridge</b>                 | George Ansell          | 07929 299362              |
| <b>Card Making and Crafts</b> | Debbie Ireland-O'Neill | 07917 447974              |
|                               | Adrienne Bailey        | 07530 714186              |
| <b>Classical Music</b>        | Colin Bickerdyke       | c.bickerdyke@talktalk.net |
| <b>Croquet</b>                | Peter Mathews          | 07740 780933              |
| <b>Digital Photography</b>    | Penelope Kinsley       | 07837 604166              |
| <b>Discussion Group</b>       | Chris Taylor           | 07484 160660              |
| <b>Geology</b>                | Kathy Chilver          | 01377 255052              |
| <b>Guitar: Starting Out</b>   | Chris Taylor           | 07484 160660              |
|                               | Paul Patterson         | 07802 513175              |
| <b>Independent Persons</b>    | Marian Carter          | 07702 317441              |
|                               | Penelope Kinsley       | 07837 60416               |
| <b>Local History</b>          | Ross Weekes            | 01377 253832              |
| <b>Mah Jongg</b>              | Mike Smith             | 07955 733514              |
| <b>New Age Kurling</b>        | Ann Wilkinson          | 07747 102635              |
| <b>Nature Group</b>           | Marian Carter          | 07702 317441              |
| <b>Quiz Afternoon</b>         | Ann Wilkinson          | 07747 102635              |
| <b>Reading Group</b>          | Julia Spencer-Jones    | 07726 264712              |
| <b>Rummikub</b>               | Carole Salmon          | 07905 682103              |
|                               | Kay Maslen             | 07838 208025              |
| <b>Scrabble Group</b>         | Gerald Massey          | 01377 257063              |
| <b>Sociable Strollers</b>     | Sue Clarkson           | 01377 256857              |
| <b>Sunday Dining Group</b>    | Eamon McGeough         | 07950 057373              |
| <b>Table Tennis</b>           | John Cawley            | 07584 041909              |
|                               | Chris Crosby           | 07594 414681              |
| <b>Tai Chi</b>                | Maggie Bray            | 07753 224793              |
| <b>Tech Support</b>           | Gavin Cutler           | 07977 042021              |
| <b>Walking Group</b>          | Steve Whitaker         | 01377 271447              |
| <b>Walking Tennis</b>         | Anita Oxtoby           | anita_oxtoby8@hotmail.com |
| <b>We're Jammin'</b>          | 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 Driffeld & Wolds u3a and full details of our events.

<https://driffeldwolds.u3asite.uk>

## What? When? Where?

Details of all our events can also be found in this Newsletter, on our Website, in Maggie's weekly 'Dates for your Diary' email and in the Driffeld & Wolds Weekly.

## Gift Aid

Donating through Gift Aid means The Driffeld & 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!

Registered Charity Number:  
**1183231**