

WELCOME TO YOUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Introducing Sue Dixon - our new Committee member

A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Hello, I'm Sue, and I have been given the pleasure of introducing this month's Driffield u3a newsletter.

September has always felt like a time of new beginnings. The days are shortening, autumn is approaching and, perhaps because of our school days, September still carries that sense of a fresh start – a new term and an opportunity to learn something new.

But the idea of marking a new beginning at this time of year goes back much further. Anyone who knows me will soon discover my fascination with ancient Egypt.

For the ancient Egyptians, the appearance of the star Sirius was associated with their New Year and the annual flooding of the Nile. As the waters receded, they left behind rich, dark silt, bringing fertility and new growth to the land they called **Kemet – the Black Land**.

It was a time of renewal and the beginning of another cycle of life.

Perhaps that idea still has something to offer us today.

As autumn approaches, rather than simply thinking about summer ending, we might also think about what could be beginning.

That is one of the joys of u3a. There are no exams and no qualifications to gain – just opportunities to remain curious, learn, share our interests and, importantly, connect with other people. So perhaps this September is the perfect time to try a new group, attend a talk, rediscover an old interest or simply meet someone new.

The wheel of the year keeps turning, and with it comes another opportunity to learn, connect and grow.

I look forward to seeing what this new season brings for us all at Driffield u3a.

Sue

****** 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



FREE REFRESHMENTS

This month organised by our volunteers



PROGRAMME 2026

Thursday 10th September
Our u3a OPEN DAY

Thursday 8th October
Garden Disasters
Mike L'Anson

Thursday 12th November
Wildlife Photography
Andrew Allport

All Members Welcome
£1.50 Admission

Doors Open
from 1.30pm

Our Annual **u3a OPEN DAY**

This is your opportunity to chat to group leaders and learn about what they offer. Bring your friends, family and neighbours and introduce them to our u3a.

We are always looking to increase our membership and open up new opportunities for fun, learning and socialising.

Details on our poster see Page 13 of this Newsletter

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month in
All Saints Church Hall at 10.00am

Monday 28th September

Composer: RAVEL (Bolero etc)

Due to other commitments this will be my last month as group leader. I do hope someone will step up and take my place!!

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 8th September - Sends us to **SKIPSEA & ULROME**

Walk leader: Ian Banks

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

Thursday 24th September - We will be walking in the **BEVERLEY** area.

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 4th September - KILNWICK

Leaders: Will & Gill Lamb

Mob: 07880 830235



Group Leader - Sue Clarkson:

Tel: 01377 256857 Mob: 07762 782082 Email: clarksonsusan40@gmail.com

LONG 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 1st September - Fairly strenuous 8 mile walk from **KIRBY UNDERDALE**

Further details from walk leader: Jim

Email: jim@jarustel.co.uk Mob: 07706 798439

Thursday 17th September - an easy 7.5 mile walk from **SCARBOROUGH**

Further details from walk leader: Steve

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



August on Humber Bridge after walk around Far Ings Nature Reserve on the south bank.

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**

In August we had our annual garden party, generously hosted,
as always, by Kathleen in her beautiful garden.

Company great and food plentiful!!!!



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



WALKING TENNIS



Driffield Cricket & Recreation Club, Kingsmill Road YO25 6TT

Available fortnightly 2.00-3.30pm Friday September 11th & 25th

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

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!

Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight,
Oh Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.
Psalms 19:14 KJV

Dates for September:
Monday: 7th, 21st & 28th
Thursday: 3rd, 17th & 24th

Group Leader: Maggie Bray
Mob: 07753 224793 Email: maggie.bray@hotmail.com

NEW AGE KURLING

Our regular weekly playing sessions are at the
Driffield Leisure Centre, Bridlington Road.

Cost £3.00 per person. Please pay for the session
on the court - not at reception.

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



TUESDAY GROUP

Weekly playing sessions restart on Tuesday 8th September

1.00pm - 3.00pm with a break for refreshments and a chat.

For further information contact: Ann Wilkinson on Mob: 07747 102635

Email: wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk

MONDAY GROUP New Kurlers wanted!!

We are pleased to announce a second weekly Kurling group

will start on Monday 21st September 2.30pm - 4.30pm

The first few sessions will be about 'having a go', learning the game
and getting to know each other.

For further information contact: Richard Neale on Mob: 07748 260648

Email: reneale@btinternet.com

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.

NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

We look forward to seeing you all at the Open Day on the 10th.

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

Our next Lunch will be on

Sunday 20th September at the Wolds Inn - Huggate

Details will be emailed to group members.



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

GEOLOGY GROUP

**2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Cricket Club,
King's Mill Road, Driffield - 10.00am - 12 noon**

**Geology Group will restart indoor meetings on
September 10th with a further meeting on September 24th**

We look forward to seeing everyone again and will review
the summer trips and make plans for further study topics.

Please bring with you any "geology" related items
you have found over the summer!

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 16th SEPTEMBER

The History of public Health in Driffield and District

By 'Our very own' Harry Houldsworth

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 10.00 to 12 noon

New venue: MEETING ROOM, CATHOLIC CHURCH, Westgate, Driffield

There will NOT be a meeting in September.

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th October

Coins, tokens and funny money

David Marchant

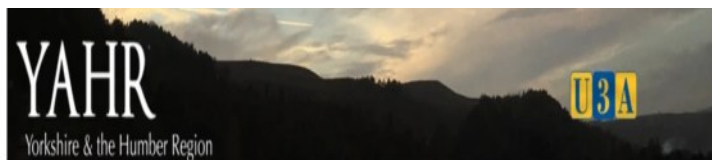
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson** Tel: 01377 270429

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.

24th September

"Still Life" Sarah Winman



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 September are:

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th



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

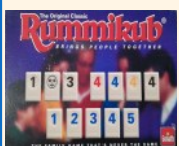
Tel: 01377 257063



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!

September dates: 8th & 22th

u3a HOLIDAYS 2026 - 2027

WEST COUNTRY EXPLORER HOLIDAY - 4th OCTOBER 2026

Rooms still available: 1 Single, 1 Double and 1 Twin.

Is anyone is interested in an autumn break? At this late stage it is also open to non u3a members. Please contact Cairngorm direct
On: 01405 761334 Quoting: Tour Ref: WC26 in you are interested. Thank you.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR - 12th/13th December 2026

Still some places available if anyone is feeling festive already!
Full details at the Holiday stand at the Open Day. All welcome!

IRISH CRAIC & CUTURE HOLIDAY - 12th-17th April 2027

Still a few places left: 1 x single, 1 x twin, possibly 1 x double.
£100 deposit pp required, balance due 18th January 2027.
Again full details at the Open Day or contact Ann

We are liaising with the coach company about our Autumn 2027 holiday and a possible weekend break somewhere mid year. Details as soon as we get them.
If you have any suggestions for destinations please let us know at the Open Day!

Regards Ann & Sue - Travel Team

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

AWAY DAYS

NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM (near Burton)

Thursday 15th October 2026

More than 400 memorials set in a 150 acre landscaped arboretum.

Leaving from Driffeld Rugby Club at 9.00am return by 5.30pm

Cost: £25.00 to cover cost of coach - Admission is FREE

There is a large café with a good selection of meals and snacks.

There is transport around the arboretum.

Please contact me or book on 10th September at the Open Day

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



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

Our August walk changed venue due to the heat. We had a lovely cool walk in North Cliffe Wood, lots of blackberries which Paul picked - so hoping for crumble!!



TECH SUPPORT CLINIC



We are restarting our Technical Support group:

Wednesday 23rd September

Available between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

In the main hall of the Driffeld Community Centre

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

Please note: gavinlcutler@gmail.com

TABLE TENNIS



Methodist School Room Westgate, Driffeld

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

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?

For more details contact group leader.

Penelope Kinsley Mob: 07837 604166

Our next meeting will be on

Monday 21st September

Theme: Panning



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.

Friday 4th September - Save our High Street

How would you make Driffeld town centre more attractive to visitors and residents?

Friday 11th September - Does the UK need to be a player on the world stage?

Friday 18th September - Excuses and scapegoats

How much do people blame government or other organisations for their own shortcomings?

Friday 25th September - Good intentions?

Government (and commercial) initiatives and policies sometimes achieve the opposite of what is intended. Can we avoid these outcomes?

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

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.



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'

WEDNESDAY at Driffield Methodist School Room
10.00am to 12 noon - Doors open 9.30 for setting up.

Group Leader: Chris Taylor: chri_taylor@btinternet.com Mob: 07484 160660

NEW MONDAY SESSION: 1.00pm-3.00pm

Group Leader: Steve Sansom Email: ssansom191@gmail.com



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

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

There is no need to tell you that it has been a very hot and dry summer. Sports played on grass have been seeing incredibly fast conditions. This has made Croquet a bit of a challenge.

The slightest tap to manoeuvre the ball into position has seen it flying off the lawn into the distance. There are players who struggle with achieving distance on a full lawn, but not this year!

Please get in touch if you would like to join us in the closing weeks. Like most u3a groups we play Gold Croquet, which is nothing like golf. We have also started playing one or two variants which involve quite different tactics - having us all confused.

A break for tea and biscuits invariably helps.

As I write I am aware that we are nearing the end of the season. I am hoping that we might play into October - the key word 'hoping'. As always so much depends on the weather and the opinion of our groundsman, Peter Banks. He will have a lot of repair work to do in preparation for next season with October and November being the key months in the scarifying and reseedling schedule.

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

FUN QUIZ



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

RESTARTING: FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

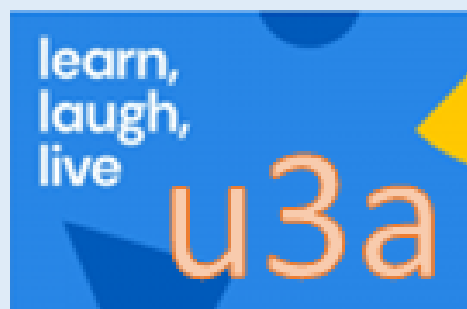
Our Host for October and November is David Lundy

Fun quiz with free raffle and refreshments £3.00 pp

All members welcome to come along and make up a team!

*Anyone fancy hosting a quiz in 2027? Please let me know,
more than happy to support you in this!*

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

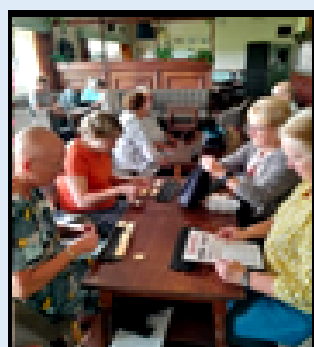


OPEN DAY

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

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Your u3a Committee

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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
Holidays	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
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
Walking Tennis	Anita Oxtoby	anita_oxtoby8@hotmail.com
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 Driffeld & Wolds u3a and full details of our events.

[https://
driffeldwolds.u3asite.uk](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 the venue otherwise you may be charged!

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