



WELCOME TO YOUR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

I would like to give a big thank you to Group Leaders and all our volunteers who made our Open Day a success. Also, of course, a big welcome to all our new members. I'm not sure we had quite the footfall that we had last year but our membership is now comfortably above 500, which is great. We also had many potential members on the day who took information packs.



Regards
Carole Salmon
Membership Secretary



SHARE YOUR u3a

Do you know anyone who could benefit from joining our u3a?
If so contact me and I will send them details. Don't forget we currently offer
half year membership - to 31st March 2027 - for £7.50

carolesalmon@hotmail.com

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 served by the Local History group



PROGRAMME 2026

Thursday 8th October
Garden Disasters
Mike L'Anson

Thursday 12th November
Wildlife Photography
Andrew Allport

Thursday 10th December
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

All Members Welcome
£1.50 Admission

Doors Open
from 1.30pm

MIKE L'ANSON

After 25 years as a police officer he retrained as a horticulturist. This led to a Head Gardener role at a large private house and the restoration of a five acre walled garden. He later became an adult tutor at Askham Bryan College, where he had studied, and garden manager at Helmsley Walled Garden. His talk looks at the 'Garden Disasters' he has discovered in his 25 year horticultural journey. But always with an eye to learning from them.

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



Due to other commitments the leader of
This group has had to step down.

Would YOU be willing to lead this group?
The Committee would give any help you required.
Classical Music has always been a popular group
it would be a great shame to lose it.

Please contact: carolesalmon@hotmail.com

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 13th October - will be from RUDSTON

Walk Leaders: Jill & Keith Pick

Email: jill_pick2001@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07415 825270

Thursday 22nd October - A walk in the MELBOURNE area, including a stretch of the Pocklington Canal. Walk Leader: Godfrey Middlewood

Email: sikelike@yahoo.co.uk Mob: 07960 755389



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 2nd October

BAINTON

Led by Ruth Pearson - Tel: 01377 253926



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 6th October - An easy 7.6 mile walk from ELLOUGHTON

along the Humber Estuary and Wolds Way. Walk Leader: Paul

Email: p.grinstead2@btinternet.com Mob: 07932 494357

Thursday 15th October - An easy 8.25 mile walk from ALLERTHORPE

taking in the Pocklington Canal. Walk Leader: Steve

Email: sp.whittaker@yahoo.co.uk Mobile: 07952 981786



For more details contact Group Leader **Steve Whitaker** Email: sp.whittaker@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**

Rather quiet at the moment with many of our members on holiday but we are planning for the Autumn meal and already making plans for the Spring one.

We really must organise some exercise as well!!

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

Please note that Membership is currently £7.50 for half year to 31st March 2027.

Tell your friends!!

If you would like information sent to anyone just let me know.

carolesalmon@hotmail.com



WALKING TENNIS



As Autumn approaches and the courts need restorative work and treatments we will be taking a rest from walking tennis until Spring 2027.

Players who came along to the Friday afternoon sessions, often in the sweltering heat, enjoyed the drills and games in the fresh air, had lots of fun along the way and without exception all improved their strokes and fitness. Well done!

Hoping to see existing and new players next May. **Regards Anita**

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!

He is the **RICHEST** who is content,
with having the **LEAST** in life.
For **CONTENT** is having
WEALTH in NATURE.
Socrates

Dates for October
Monday: 5th, 19th & 26th
Thursday: 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th

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

NEW AGE KURLING

Our regular weekly playing sessions are at the
Drifffield 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 - 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Back to usual playing each Tuesday - good to see everyone back, it's been a long summer and we are a bit out of practice but getting into the swing of things again.

Tuesdays are pretty full but excitingly we now have a Monday group.

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

MONDAY GROUP - 2.30pm - 4.30pm

We did have a waiting list for Kurling so if you would like to join the Monday group please contact Richard the group leader directly for more information.

Group Leader: Richard Neale on Mob: 07748 260648 Email: reneale@btinternet.com

It would be really good to organise a friendly 'in house' team competition once the Monday group gets settled in.

Richard - I am throwing down the gauntlet!! Ann

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 30TH OCTOBER

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

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

******* REMINDER *******

Please check the JUNK / SPAM folder in your Email App. on a regular basis.

You will often find documents go into this type of file in error, don't risk missing out on important documents!

GEOLOGY GROUP

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

October meetings are: 8th & 22nd

Topics to be studied this term will include Earth History,
Economic Geology and Geological Hazards as well as
basic study of rocks for members new to Geology.
Do feel free to come along and join us! *Regards Kathy*

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!

Special event: Saturday October 3rd - 10.00am

Guided tour of Fridaythorpe church by Ruth Becket
(author of the new definitive guide - books etc available on the day).
Please confirm to Ross Weekes if you are attending!

Wednesday October 21st

Local Friendly Societies - precursor to the Welfare State - *Dr. Chris Renn*

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

Tuesday 6th October

Coins, tokens and funny money - *David Marchant*

Tuesday 20th October

'A little on Scarborough' - *Hilary Walker*

'The Brecon Beacons' - *Matthew*

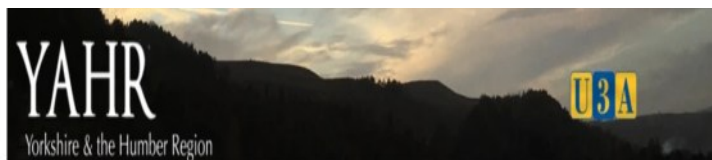
For more information contact Group Leader: **Susan Adamson Tel: 01377 270429**

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.

Meeting on 29th October

This month reading any book by Niall Williams



For more details please contact:

Julia Spencer-Jones

Mob: 07726 264712

Email:

charles.juliasj@gmail.com

Maybe you would like to start another reading group!!



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 October are:

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th



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

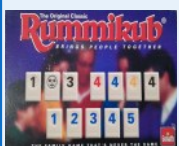
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MAH JONGG

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!

October dates: 13th & 27th

u3a HOLIDAYS 2026 - 2027

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

12th/13th December 2026

Your travel team still have a few places on our Christmas trip.

See flyers at meetings or request details by email.

Don't worry about travelling alone - we are a friendly bunch.

WEST COUNTRY HOLIDAY - 4TH OCTOBER 2026

For those joining us on this trip the coach leaves at 9.00am
from the Car Wash Bus Stop, Middle Street.

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

Think there is only 1 Twin Room left for this holiday.

Details from: wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk

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 Driffield Rugby Club at 9.00am with a 2nd pick up
at bus stop opposite car wash (old bus station) at 9.05 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.

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

In September we have a delightful trip to Hunmanby Gap.
We walked along the beach looking for fossils and pretty stones!



TECH SUPPORT CLINIC

In view of low attendance in September
we will reconvene this group in January.

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

TABLE TENNIS

Mindful of safety for the current Tuesday & Thursday groups both sessions are now full to capacity. We are now looking to set up a new session which will run for the first 3 Wednesdays of October between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.
Please contact John if you require further information: Mob: 07584 041909



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: chricrosby40@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 19th October

Theme:

Tell a story in 6 pictures

I shall be retiring as leader of this group at the end of the year. Can members please consider being the new facilitator. Thank you, Penelope

For more details contact group leader: Penelope Kinsley Mob: 07837 604166



The Discussion Group

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

Friday 2nd October - What can you see from your window?

A brick wall? Herds of wildebeest? Tell us why you like or hate the view (sketches optional) .

Friday 9th October - How could we improve democracy?

Friday 16th October - Have we become ungovernable?

Friday 23rd October - Should first aid be taught in schools?

Friday 30th October - Are we ready for the "Robo-taxi"?

Self driving vehicles are being tested. Are we ready? Would we trust them?

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.

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 Session 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

MONDAY Session at Driffield Methodist School Room

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, Tony & James 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

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

We are currently awaiting the call from the groundsman,
who will decide when the season ends.
I will keep members informed by email when I have a final date.

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

SUNDAY DINING GROUP

The Sunday lunch group met for the first time after their summer recess at
The Wolds Inn in Huggate on 20th September.

Nine members shared both excellent food and company. We also discussed the future
direction of the group as some felt that meeting monthly was becoming too expensive.

It was therefore decided to switch to bi-monthly gatherings.

Our next meal will be 22nd November and is kindly being arranged by Sheila West.

Group members will be emailed with details in due course.

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

FUN QUIZ



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

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Our Quiz Master is David Lundy

Good old fashioned fun - pen & paper - no Apps, no phones, no cheating!

Fun quiz with free raffle and refreshments £3.00 pp

**All members welcome to come along, make up a team
and have a fun afternoon!**

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

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

DO NOT THROW AWAY IMPORTANT INFO

ALL ABOUT SCAM ALERTS

TELEPHONE CALLS If you get a phone call from HMRC (tax office) or your BANK or any other business. Do NOT give any Bank or personal details, these people do not ring they send letters to you. If you are asked to phone a certain number, DO NOT ring on the phone you are using, use a different phone or hang up, talk to a neighbour or relative and phone the bank or whoever on the phone number you know.

TEXT MESSAGES NEVER answer a text from HMRC (tax office) or your Bank that says you are entitled to a rebate or they need your Bank Account details to verify anything, NEVER click on a link they give you. HMRC or your Bank would send a letter; Once again get in touch with the Bank etc on a number you trust or talk to someone you trust.

LETTERS IN THE POST If you get a letter through the post and you are not sure, ask a neighbour or relative to look at the letter. Never take it at face value. Phone the number you trust to verify that it is not a scam.

*These Businesses's are thankful to hear
these scams are being circulated.*

Facebook If you are in any doubt do not click on a link, go to the website to check they are legitimate.

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	VACANT	
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 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 Maggie'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 the venue otherwise you may be charged!

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