

WELCOME TO YOUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Committee has some news to share with you this month.

From today, 1st November, one of our newest Committee Members, Richard Neale, will take over the role of Membership Secretary.

I have enjoyed over three years in the role of
and I will miss that initial contact
with new members as they join our u3a.

Richard is going to make an excellent Membership Secretary and I am sure everyone will make him welcome in his new role.

Regards *Carole Salmon*

SHARE YOUR u3a

Do you know anyone who could benefit from joining our u3a?

If so contact me and I will send them details.

Richard Neale: Email: reneale@btinternet.com

Please note Membership is currently:

Half Year - to 31st March 2027 - for £7.50

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
425 Milers Group



PROGRAMME 2026

Thursday 12th November
Wildlife Photography
Andrew Allport

Thursday 10th December
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Thursday 14th January
16th/17th Century Medicine
Steven Turner-Bone

All Members Welcome
£1.50 Admission

Doors Open from 1.30pm

ANDREW M ALLPORT

Realm of the Polar Bear
(Svarlbard and into the Pack Ice)

"A graduate Zoologist, Photographer and Traveller, I have travelled extensively to all seven continents looking for wildlife encounters and in pursuit of my passion.

Very keen to promote interest in the natural world through my images many of which appear in publications from books, magazines, brochures to websites and scientific papers across the world.
I have extensive knowledge and particular interest in birds, mammals, moths and dragonflies."

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



On Monday 26th October interested members met at the home of Jacy McFadyen to discuss a way forward for the group. It was decided that the next meeting would be:

10.00am on Monday 23rd November

Anyone not at the October meeting who wishes to attend should contact: Jacy at Email: jcmac8@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 10th November - At **BRANDESBURTON** - flat mainly hard surface on footpaths, minor roads and tracks.

Thursday 26th November - We return to **FIMBER** on a route including one hill and a stretch of Malton to Driffield disused railway line.

Walk Leader for both walks: Paul Grinstead

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



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 6th November

SPELLOWGATE

Led by Janet Clark - Tel: 07775 537425



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 3rd November - A 7.5 mile moderate walk from **NUNBURNHOLME** along the Wolds Way. Walk Leader: Andy Mob: 07758 092801 Email: andy-puszkiewicz@talktalk.net

Thursday 19th November - An 8 mile moderate walk from **HUNMANBY** along the Wolds Way. 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**

We are making plans for the Spring including finishing our mystery tour of Helmsley. In the meantime there are plenty of things going on locally for us all to enjoy.

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



WALKING TENNIS



This group is closed for the winter.

Hoping to see existing and new players next May.

Regards Anita

More information available from: Anita Oxtoby: email: anita_oxtoby8@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!

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!

Don't set into one form, adapt it and build your own and let it grow, be like water.
Change is constant in life. It's important to learn how to explore and dance with change. Embrace it.
Be flexible in order to make the best of the circumstances in life.
Bruce Lee

Dates for November

Monday: 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Thursday: 5th, 19th & 26th

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 - 1.00pm - 3.00pm

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

MONDAY GROUP - 2.30pm - 4.30pm

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

New members are very welcome.

If you haven't tried it before come along and give it a go at either session.

Just turn up at the Leisure Centre.

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 27th November

Last month we made wooden pumpkins and Autumn decorations based around a section of a tree branch.



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

AWAY DAYS

We were blessed with very fine weather on our trip to the Arboretum in October.
This was our last trip for 2026.

Our next trip will be Spring 2027 late April/early May to
Nostell Priory, in Wakefield, to see the house, gardens and bluebell walks.

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



GEOLOGY GROUP

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Cricket Club, King's Mill Road, Driffield

November meetings are: 12th & 26th - 10.00am-12 noon

We shall continue our study of British Geology history and Geological hazards whilst also encouraging members' contributions on topics of their own choice. We are happy to welcome complete beginners to join us, all that is needed to enjoy Geology is an interest in the physical world and a willingness to learn more about it!

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!

Wednesday 18th November

"World War 1 - Wold's Waggoners"

later a member of 'Pal's' regiment

Arthur 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 10.00 to 12 noon

MEETING ROOM, CATHOLIC CHURCH, Westgate, Driffield

Tuesday 3rd November

Balls, Drums & Figurines

Richard Myerscough

Tuesday 17th November

Scarborough Hotel - *Susan Adamson*

The Little Lost Girl on the Train - *Jane Cammish*

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, 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 26th November reading:

"The God of Small Things"

By Arundhati Roy



For 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 November are:
4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

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!

November dates: 10th & 24th

u3a HOLIDAYS 2026 - 2027

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

12th/13th December 2026

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

All booked and very much looking forward to this trip!!

AUTUMN 2027 HOLIDAY

Look out for details:

"Cathedrals, Castles & Gardens of Kent"

As soon as we have details members will be emailed with dates and prices.

END NOVEMBER 2027

Also in the offing: **"Beamish @ Christmas" weekend**

We have just returned from a break in the Cotswolds - Visits to Oxford and Bath and on to Monmouth followed by our River Wye boat trip.











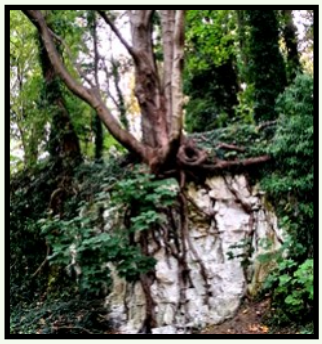
Great hotel, good food and we enjoyed the fabulous company of our passengers. Thank you for your support!

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 October we had a really lovely walk exploring all that Humber Bridge Country Park had to offer. Very interesting history through the old chalk pit, down to Whiting Mill and into places we'd never been before. *Marian*



TECH SUPPORT CLINIC

We will reconvene this group in January.

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

TRIALING - NEW - Wednesday group 1.00pm - 3.00pm

4th, 11th & 18th November

Group Leader: Lesley Plummer - Email: lplummer555@gmail.com Mob: 07752 613951

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 16th November

Theme:

Young and Old









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



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 6th November - Reclaim the streets

If you had responsibility for addressing congestion and parking problems, what would you do?

Friday 13th November - Should we eat more venison?

The UK produces less of its own food than it used to and prices are increasing.

Should we make more use of animals that might need culling?

Friday 20th November - Why do we conform?

Businesses close for things like a state funeral, often at considerable cost.

Why is there so little resistance to this practice?

Friday 27th November - Lies and spin

How is news presented by the various media outlets and

does this significantly influence public opinion?

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

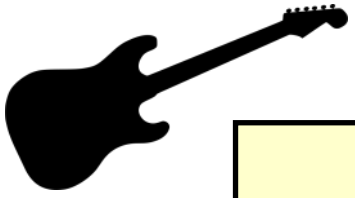


ART GROUP

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 have decided, on the advice of the groundsman, to close this group until next Spring. I will be in touch with group members in due course and I look forward so seeing you all again next year.

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

SUNDAY DINING GROUP

Our next meal will be on 22nd November at the Driffield Golf Club and is kindly being arranged by Sheila West.
Group members will be emailed with details.

For more information contact 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 27th November - 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!

There will not be a Quiz in December as it is a busy month for everyone.

Three lovely members have offered to host a quiz in 2027
can they please contact me on number below to arrange dates.

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

DRIFFIELD & WOLDS u3a

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

RIX PAVILLION

The Showground, Driffield

2.00pm - 4.00pm

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER

Doors Open - 1.30pm

Entertainment from 2.00pm

u3a MEMBERS ONLY

FREE ENTRY

ENTERTAINMENT

Singing from

The Hornsea Shanty Lasses

Music from our very own

We're Jammin'

BUFFET

Bucks Fizz on Arrival

RAFFLE

Your u3a Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBER	Sue Dixon	07712 567659
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Barry McKay	07765 014349

Non Committee Roles

GROUP SUPPORT	**Vacant**

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	Jacy McFadyen	jcmac8@hotmail.com
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	07952 981786
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

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.

Find us on Facebook

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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