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We need another Committee Member—if you would like to join us please get in touch

Message From the Chairman

Hello! Having joined the u3a Committee in October and taken on the role of Beacon Administrator I now find myself as Chairman! Many thanks to Chris for stepping up after Malcolm’s unexpected resignation - I am very pleased to say he will be continuing in the role of Vice Chairman.



We are a Committee member short so, if you feel you could make a contribution to the running of our u3a, please do get in touch.

We have a full programme of Monthly Meetings for the rest of the year and, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III we invite you all to afternoon tea following on from our meeting on 11th May. Looking forward to meeting you all - please do come and say “Hello!”

Maggie Bray

What? When? Where?

Details of all our events can be found in this Newsletter, on our Website, in the Driffield & Wolds Weekly and from Stephen’s weekly “Dates for Your Diary” emails



Study & Discussion Group

The group meets every Friday at 9:30 am in the Driffield Community Centre
All u3a members are welcome to join us

For most of our meetings we will not have a speaker—we will just start out with a discussion. Each week I will try to include a few questions in an email as a starting point.

7th April is Good Friday and there will be no Meeting

For more details please contact
Chris Taylor— 07484 160660

Pink Moon for April 2023

The Pink Moon is the first full moon of April signifying that we have fully entered spring.

Venture outside on the night of Wednesday, 5th April, to catch a glimpse of April’s full Pink Moon which reaches peak illumination at 12:37am on Thursday, 6th April.



425 Milers Group

Meets each month throughout the year except December on the
2nd Tuesday at 10am and the **4th Thursday at 1pm**
in the Eastgate Car Park, Driffield.

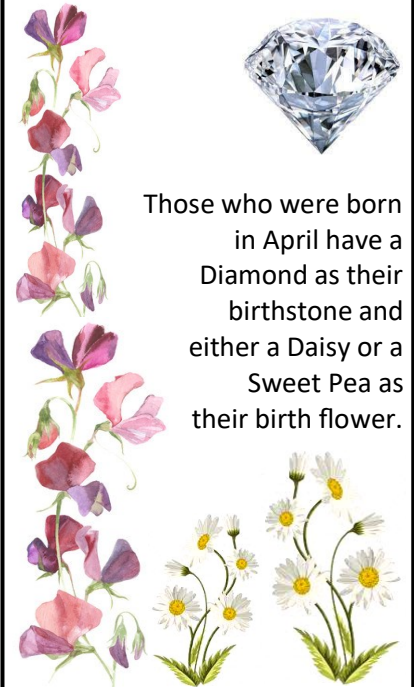
Tuesday 11th April—10am—DRIFFIELD
Thursday 27th April—1pm—FILEY

Leaders for both walks will be Bill and Sandra Troy—for more details please
contact Bill by email at wtrov6789@gmail.com or on 07397 068377

NEW GROUP LEADER NEEDED

You do not need to already be a member of this group and you do not have to
lead walks or go on every walk—we just need one (or two) people willing to
coordinate events. For more information about
what this role involves please contact

Jim Stockwell—01377 232025
jimstockwell@hotmail.co.uk



Those who were born
in April have a
Diamond as their
birthstone and
either a Daisy or a
Sweet Pea as
their birth flower.



Walking Group

Meets at 9.30am on the 1st Tuesday and the 3rd Thursday of each
month at the Coach Parking area of the Eastgate Car Park in Driffield.
Walks are around 8 miles within a 30 mile radius of Driffield
Please bring a Picnic Lunch. Car sharing available if required.

**PLEASE LET THE WALK LEADER KNOW IF YOU INTEND GOING
STRAIGHT TO THE WALK LOCATION**

Tuesday 4th April—HUNMANBY—for details contact walk leader Bill at
wtrov6789@gmail.com or on 07397 068377

Thursday 20th April—WARTER—for details contact walk leader Peter at
peterpmwrightson@btinternet.com or on 0779 452236

Group Leader—Steve Whitaker—07952 981786 sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk



Find us on
Facebook

Sociable Strollers Group

Meets on the first Friday of each month in the Eastgate Car Park, Driffield
Leaving at 1pm unless informed of a different time.

Walks are usually between 2-3 miles ending with refreshments at a café
Strong footwear is advised for the walk

PROGRAMME FOR 2023

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| 7th April | Londesborough | Hazel Senior—07934 489501 |
| 5th May | Lockington | Gill Lamb—07880 830235 |
| 2nd June | Kiplingcotes | Sue Clarkson—07762 782082 |
| 7th July | Kilnwick Percy | Keith and Jill Pick |
| 4th August | Lund | Gill Lamb—07880 830235 |
| 1st September | Watton | Ruth Pearson—01377 253926 |
| 6th October | Sledmere | Norma Fassnidge—07484 212826 |
| 3rd November | Driffield | Margaret Briggs—01377 250183 |
| 1st December | Beverley | Bus and Lunch!! |

Please could Strollers contact Sue the week before to
confirm arrangements

Sue Clarkson—01377 256857 / 07762 782082
clarksonsusan40@gmail.com



April in History

1st April 1662—King Charles II grants royal patronage to a group of scientists and academics founding the Royal Society of London.

1st April 1918—The Royal Air Force is founded

3rd April 1721—Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain

7th April 1739—Dick Turpin is hanged in York

12th April 1606—The Union Flag becomes the official flag of Britain

21st April 1509—Henry VIII becomes King of England, following the death of his father Henry VII

23rd April 1616—William Shakespeare dies aged 52

QUIZ NIGHT

Admission £2.00
per person

**ALL MONEY IS
RETURNED AS PRIZES**

Quiz Night

Our Quiz Nights are held on the last Monday of the month starting at 7.00pm in The Lounge Bar of The Bell Hotel in Driffield.

***** There will be no Quiz in April *****

Our next Quiz Night will be held on Monday 29th May

All u3a members are welcome to come along and join a team



**Paul Atkin
01377 241678**

One of the most well-known dates of April, is April Fools' Day on the first of the month. Its origins are unsure but it has become acceptable to play practical jokes on family, friends and work colleagues. Even television news programmes have taken part. In France it is known as Poisson D'Avril and children stick paper fishes on the backs of as many adults as they can! This opportunity for practical jokes is recognised around the world



- **Brazil:** "Dia da Mentira" (Day of Lies)
- **Denmark:** "Første april" (First of April)
- **Finland:** "Huhtikuun ensimmäinen päivä" (First of April)
- **Germany:** "Narrenschiff" (Ship of Fools)
- **Japan:** "エイプリルフール" (loanword from the English "April Fool's")
- **Netherlands:** "De Dag van de Dolleman" (The Day of the Fool)
- **Norway:** "Første april" (First of April)
- **Russia:** "День дурака" (Fool's Day)
- **Spain:** "Día de los Santos Inocentes" (Day of the Holy Innocents)

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

[www.u3asites.org.uk/
driffieldwolds](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/driffieldwolds)

Bank Account

Our Bank Account details are as follows

Lloyds Bank
Sort Code: 30-99-50
Account No: 22339168

Local History Group

Meetings are held on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Driffield Community Centre

ALL WELCOME!

19th April—Dr Ruth Becket will give an illustrated talk on her long awaited / eagerly anticipated new book "A History of The Alfred Bean Hospital "

For more information please contact
Ross Weekes - 01377 253832
Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com

Geology Group

Indoor Geology meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in the Driffield Town Cricket and Recreation Club
10am—12noon

Field Trips are organized during the summer months

**Our next meetings will be held on
13th and 27th April**

For further details of these events
please contact Group Leader
Kathy Chilver— 01377 255052

Archaeology/History Group

Meets on the first and third Tuesday morning of each month at the Driffield Community Centre—10am to 12 noon

Our next meetings will be held on

4th April—"Hands on History" - Margaret Shaw, Malton Museum Education Department

**18th April—"Archaeology and History of Spinning and Weaving Part 1—Chris and Penny Renn
(Part 2 on 2nd May)**

For more information, please contact **Susan Adamson - 01377 270429**

Articles for the Newsletter If you have any articles for inclusion in the next Newsletter please email them to teresahollins17@gmail.com Tel: 07840 818983



Scrabble Group

Gerald Massey - 01377 257063

The Scrabble Group and the Mah Jongg Group meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Driffield Cricket and Recreation Club from 2pm to 4pm



Mah Jongg Group

Denise Massey - 01377 257063

If you've never played before, or are out of practice, we are happy to give a lesson, or lessons, before starting

Our next meetings will be on 11th and 25th April

***** NEW MEMBERS INVITED! *** FIRST SESSION FREE! *** ALL WELCOME *****



Rummikub

Never heard of Rummikub? Now's your chance to find out more and have a go!

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Driffield Cricket & Recreation Club from 2pm to 4pm sharing the venue with the Scrabble and Mah Jongg Groups.

Don't worry if you've never played before as instruction can be given.

Bring your own Rummikub or share ours.

Our next meetings will be on 11th and 25th April

For more information please contact Carole Salmon—07905 682103 or Kay Maslen—07838 208025

Bridge

For Beginners to the more Advanced



We meet on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2pm in The Committee Room of the Community Centre



**Our next sessions are
5th and 26th April
3rd and 24th May**

Exercise those little grey cells in a welcoming and enjoyable social atmosphere

For more information please contact Group Leader

George Ansell
07929 299362

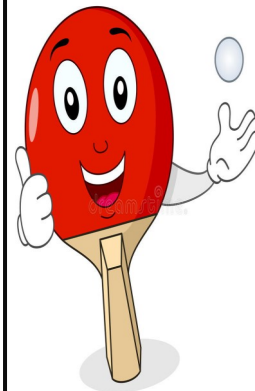


Table Tennis Group

Meets 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Driffield Community Centre 7pm-9pm

Dates for April
5th, 19th and 26th

For more details please call
Melanie Campbell—01377 250235

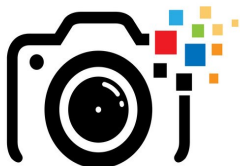


French Conversation Group

Meets Wednesday mornings in Driffield

This is a small group so please email **Jane Payne** regarding available places

janepjanet@gmail.com



Digital Photography Group

We meet in the Community Centre on the third Monday of each month from 10am-12pm

The theme for our next Meeting on 17th April will be "Signs of Spring"

The Digital Photography Group is developing into a multi faceted and interesting part of the Driffield u3a. All members are interested in progressing their knowledge and expertise, each contributing to our meetings. We went around town recently in the evening, taking night shots which we discussed at our February meeting.

If you are interested in joining our Group please contact

Penelope Kinsley on 07837604166

April Fools' Day Wordsearch

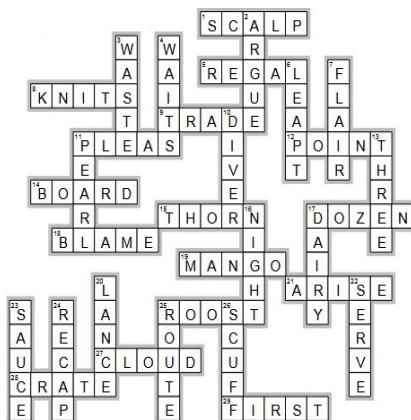


Find the following Words in the Grid

(Solution in May's Newsletter)

FUNNY
MISCHIEF
SURPRISE
LAUGHTER
FOOL
HOAX
PRANK
APRIL
TRICK
WACKY
SILLY
JOKE
FIRST
BAMBOOZLE

March's Anagram crossword solution



March's Sudoku solution

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Best April Fools' Day Hoax

The spaghetti-tree hoax was a three-minute hoax report broadcast on April Fools' Day 1957 by the BBC current-affairs programme Panorama, purportedly showing a family in southern Switzerland harvesting spaghetti from the family "spaghetti tree". Hundreds of viewers called the BBC to find out more information and ask how they could grow their own spaghetti tree!



You can see it again on You Tube—https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVo_wkxH9dU





Away Days

Outings will take place approximately every six weeks starting in March through the summer months with a Christmas outing to include a Christmas market and a meal.

Coach departs from Driffield Rugby Club Car Park at 9.00am and approximately 4pm from venue arriving back in Driffield at approximately 6pm
Food may be available at or near the Venue or you can take a picnic lunch with you

Please book early by emailing me at: maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com or by phoning me on 01377 253183.

Our Visit to Elsecar

On a wet, miserable Tuesday the u3a Away Days group headed off to Elsecar near Barnsley, part of the Earl Fitzwilliams estate at Wentworth Woodhouse. If you enjoy learning about the Industrial Revolution this is the place to go. From the 1790's collieries were sunk and ironworks built. There is the oldest steam engine still working in its original place. Iron works making bridges, armour for battleships and engines. Very interesting place which you could combine with a trip to Wentworth. The industrial buildings are now used as shops. There is a large antique market as well as nice tea rooms. Very enjoyable day had by all.



Tuesday 9th May—East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley £30 per person—NT members can deduct £3 from the cost

A 17th-century manor house and historic Great Barn, telling the tales of the ambition, success and failure of those who lived and worked here. Intimate and peaceful green spaces. Seasonal highlights of scented herb border in spring, cottage garden flowers in summer and trees laden fruit in autumn. Homemade cakes, seasonal lunches and freshly brewed drinks served in the tea-room. A range of plants, gifts, homeware and local products can be found in the shop.



Tuesday 25th July Shibden Hall and Piece Hall, Halifax - £28 per person



National u3a—"Off the Wall"—10th May 2023

u3a members from all over the UK will descend on Hadrian's Wall on 10 May 2023 to celebrate the building of the wall and the influence that the wall has had on our creative lives.

The wall extends from coast to coast across Northumberland and Cumbria - from Wallsend on the River Tyne in the east to Bowness-on-Solway in the west, and once marked the north western border of the Roman Empire.

For more information about this event and details of how to book go to <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/off-the-wall>



Isle of Man

We are all looking forward to our coach holiday in June to the Isle of Man. If you would like to join us there are still a few places left so please email wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07747 102635.

Can those of you already booked to travel with us to the Isle of Man check your inboxes please!!



We are still negotiating with various coach companies trying to get a good deal on other holidays for this year and 2024 and hopefully we will have something positive to report in the next Newsletter.

Thank You for your support!

Ann Sue and Liz—Your Driffield & Wolds U3A Holiday Team



U3a Holidays 2023



Card Making and Craft Group



Meetings held in the Community Centre on the last Friday of the month from 10.30 - 12.30 £3 per person to cover refreshments, rent and materials .

The next meeting will be held on Friday 28th April

If you are interested in finding out more please contact

Maureen Blackwell—01377 253183—maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com

Adrienne Bailey—07530 714186—Adrienne.bailey@outlook.com

or **Debbie Ireland-O'Neill—07917 447974—D.Ireland-ONeill@hotmail.com**

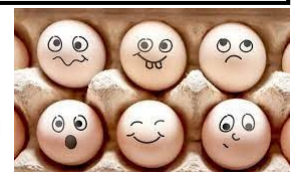
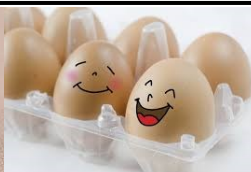
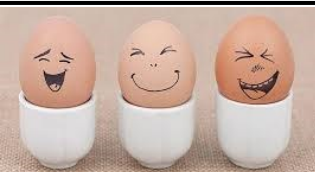
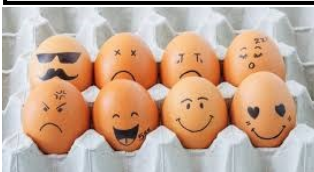
Easter—This year Easter Sunday is 9th April

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the New Testament, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died in roughly 30 A.D. The holiday concludes the “Passion of Christ,” a series of events and holidays that begins with Lent—a 40-day period of fasting, prayer and sacrifice—and ends with Holy Week, which includes Holy Thursday (the celebration of Jesus’ Last Supper with his 12 Apostles, also known as “Maundy Thursday”), Good Friday (on which Jesus’ crucifixion is observed) and Easter Sunday. Although a holiday of high religious significance in the Christian faith, many traditions associated with Easter date back to pre-Christian, pagan times.

Originally the eating of eggs was not allowed by church leaders during the week leading up to Easter (known as Holy Week) so any eggs laid that week were saved and decorated to make them Holy Week eggs, that were given to children as gifts. Victorians adapted the tradition with satin-covered cardboard eggs filled with Easter gifts. This has now developed into the tradition that many people enjoy today. The first chocolate eggs appeared in France and Germany in the 19th Century, but they were bitter and hard. As chocolate-making techniques improved, hollow eggs like the ones we have today were developed. The first hollow chocolate Easter eggs to be sold in the UK were released by Fry’s in 1873.

The story of the Easter Bunny is connected to Pagan tradition, and is thought to have become common in the 19th Century. Rabbits usually give birth to a large litter of babies which are seen as a symbol of new life. In Germany in the 1700s children would build nests, and leave carrots out for the “Osterhase” - the Easter bunny. Legend has it that the Easter Bunny lays, decorates and hides eggs for good children—hence the tradition of Easter Egg Hunts.

Easter is a “moveable feast” between 22nd March and 25th April which falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox.

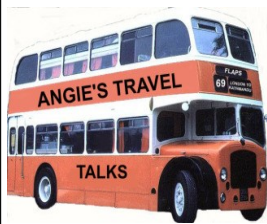


Monthly Meetings

Drifffield Community Centre

Second Thursday of each month—2pm-4pm

All Members Welcome ** £1.50 admission ** Free Refreshments ** RAFFLE ** Free Book Swap!



13th April—Angela Beaumont

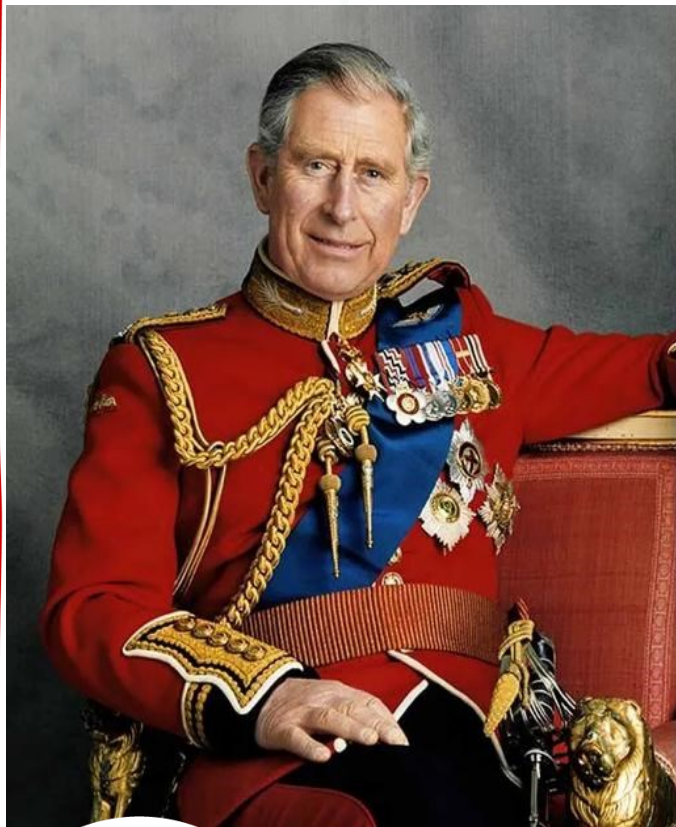
"London to Kathmandu on a Double Decker Bus—The Wheels Off the Bus"

Eighteen people from England, Australia and New Zealand travelling in an orange and white double decker bus that started its days in Kilmarnock and should have been retired rather than embarking on a dangerous overland trip. Cooking, sleeping and travelling on this very unreliable bus called Flaps led to three months of trials, tribulations and thrills on a very exciting road. www.angietalks.co.uk

11th May—Margaret Shaw, Malton Museum

"What's in a Name?" - Looking at Old Words in a Fun Way

"Many wonderful old words have fallen into disuse and are crying out to be rediscovered! We'd like to introduce you to a few of them and tell you of their origins and uses over the centuries and their links to Malton's history. Along the way we'll bamboozle, befuddle and bewilder you in a light-hearted game of 'Call my Bluff'!



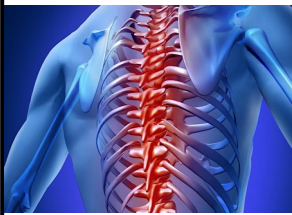
To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III
the Committee would like to invite all members to join us
for Afternoon Tea following on from our Monthly Meeting on 11th May



National u3a Online Learning Events

u3a members can join a wide range of online talks, workshops and courses for free with their membership! Most of these opportunities are presented by members themselves; sharing their knowledge or skills with others across the movement. We also have a wide range of talks on offer from well-known speakers and organisations, plus in-person events at venues like the Royal Institution. These are just two examples of the events available—For full details of all events and how to join in go to

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF YOUR SPINAL CORD—Monday, 3rd April—2.00 - 3:15pm

This talk describes how brain nerves work and how our sensations travel from their source through the spinal cord to the brain. Bob will also explain how our movements start in the brain and pass through the spinal cord to our muscles. It also covers sensations and movements of the head and face



SCIENCE NETWORK MEETING—Tuesday, 18th April—11am - 3:30pm

This wide ranging event will include the following talks and will be a great introduction all things science related

Anti-Oxidants—The Good, The Bad and The Fraudulent—Paul England, St Albans u3a

Earthquakes—Why they happen, how they're measured—Pete Webb, New Mills u3a

Get Rid of that stink! Joseph Bazalgette and Development of London Sewer System—Mike Trevethick, Thanet u3a

U3a Members Only

Independent Person's Group

We meet on the second Friday of each month at the Cricket and Recreation Club, Kings Mill, Driffield
10.30am—12pm

Our Next Meeting will be held on Friday 14th April to discuss suggestions from members for future outings and activities

For more information please contact
Marian Carter—01377 821374 or
Penelope Kinsley—07837 604166

Members not on email are always phoned and updated

Meteor Showers



April is a great month for meteor showers. The best time to see them is after midnight on the peak day from an unlit area with a clear view of the sky.

Lyrids—visible from 14th –30th April. Peak viewing 22/23 April with 18 meteors per hour expected.

Eta Aquariids—visible from 19th April—28th May. Peak viewing 6th May with 50 meteors expected per hour.

Classical Music & Opera Group

Classical Music and Opera Appreciation has become a very popular interest Group and meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 2pm in the Committee Room at the Community Centre

The next meeting will be on
Monday 17th April—2pm

Please note a change from our usual day!

“How Magic has Influenced Classical Music”

All u3a members are welcome

Further information is available from
Mary Wells—Tel: 07521 795688
Email: cs896@btinternet.com

Reading Group

We meet on the last Thursday of the month in Members' homes.

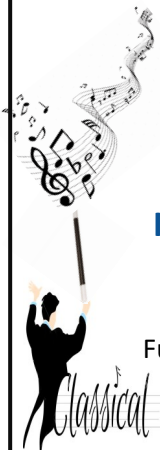
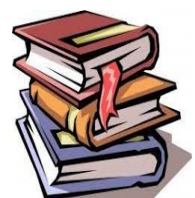
Our next meeting will be on **27th April** and we are reading **“The Conclave”** by Robert Harris

For more details please contact our Group Leader

Julia Spencer-Jones

Tel: 07726 264712

Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



Groups and Group Leaders

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| 425 Miler | Jim Stockwell | 01377 232025 |
| Archaeology/History | Susan Adamson | 01377 270429 |
| Away Days | Maureen Blackwell | 01377 253183 |
| Bridge | George Ansell | 07929 299362 |
| Card Making and Crafts | Maureen Blackwell | 01377 253198 |
| | Debbie Ireland-O'Neill | 07917 447974 |
| | Adrienne Bailey | 07530 714186 |
| Classical Music and Opera | Mary Wells | 01377 259166 |
| Digital Photography | Penelope Kinsley | 07837 604166 |
| French Conversation | Jane Payne | janepjanet@gmail.com |
| Geology | Kathy Chilver | 01377 255052 |
| Independent Persons | Marian Carter | 01377 821374 |
| | Penelope Kinsley | 07837 604166 |
| Local History | Ross Weekes | 01377 253832 |
| Mah Jongg | Denise Massey | 01377 257063 |
| Quiz Night | Paul Atkins | 01377 241678 |
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| | Kay Maslen | 07838 208025 |
| Scrabble Group | Gerald Massey | 01377 257063 |
| Sociable Strollers | Sue Clarkson | 01377 256857 |
| Study and Discussion | Chris Taylor | 07484 160660 |
| Table Tennis | Melanie Campbell | 01377 250235 |
| Walking Group | Steve Whitaker | 01377 271447 |

Polite Reminder to Group Leaders!

If you hire a venue to hold your meetings please could you inform them immediately of any changes or cancellations to your bookings—otherwise you may still be charged!



Our Website

Our u3a website contains full details of all our current and forthcoming events.

You can find it at

**[www.u3asites.org.uk/
driffieldwolds](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/driffieldwolds)**

Details of all events are also shown weekly in the Driffield & Wolds Weekly newspaper

YAHR MusicFest

The management team of the Yorkshire and Humber Region are organising a music festival on 13th June 2023. The aim of this 1-day event is to showcase and celebrate the musical talent in our region, providing an opportunity for members of our u3a music groups to perform, and to listen to, and socialise with, members of other u3a music groups in the region.

We will have at least 25 performing groups, covering a wide range of music. Non-performers will also be able to attend, but numbers will be limited by the size of the venue.

The event will be held in York St John University, which is in the centre of York, and has easy access by public transport, with buses from the railway station and the park and ride facilities. There is also a large carpark directly opposite, with spaces for coaches.

Catering will be provided, comprising coffees, teas, and a buffet lunch. To cover the cost of catering and venue hire the overall cost is £15 per head, depending on final numbers. The cost will be the same for performers and non-performers.

To register for the event please fill in the registration form and return to Trevor Barrowcliffe at the address shown on the registration form.

There is also a flyer which gives details of the event and can be downloaded by any interested member. If you have any questions please contact Trevor via email twbarrowcliffe@yahoo.co.uk or on 01947 600963.

* Full details of this and other events are available on the YAHR website—<https://yahru3a.uk>

* YAHR u3a Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/groups/yahru3a>

* Useful links for u3a members—<https://www.u3a.org.uk/keeping-in-touch-links>



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