



**Your u3a Committee**  
**hope you have enjoyed your Christmas Festivities**  
**and we wish you All The Very Best for 2023**  
**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

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### Local History Group

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

Next Meeting—18th January

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 meeting will be held on Thursday 12th January**

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



### 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.

**Our first meeting of 2023 will be on Friday 13th January**

For more details please contact  
**Chris Taylor— 07484 160660**

### Archaeology/History Group

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

**Our first meeting of 2023 will be Tuesday, 17th January, "Secrets and Surprises" The Story of Driffield through Artefacts and Anecdotes**

Caroline Coath, Cultural Historian, Treasure House, Beverley

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

## Independent Person's Group

We meet on the second Friday of each month at The Cricket and Recreation Ground on Kings Mill, Driffield 10am to 11.30am to discuss suggestions for activities found in local press, library, online and other venues.

**Our first meeting of the New Year will be held on Friday 13th January**  
when we will start to plan the rest of the year!

**For more information please contact Marian Carter—01377 821374 or Penelope Kinsley—07837 604166**  
**Members not on email are always phoned and updated**

## Happy New Year!!

The people of Kiritimati (also known as Christmas Island) in the Pacific Ocean are the first to bring in the New Year. Twenty six hours later, Baker Island, an uninhabited island 1320 miles away, enters the New Year.

There are 38 time zones around the World at this time of year, so New Year's Eve is celebrated at 38 different times.



## 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.

**To current members and anyone interested in joining us**  
We recommence in January with our first meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> which will be a planning meeting to be held at 10am in the Community Centre to finalise walks and leaders for the coming year.

**Please make every effort to attend.**

The meeting is intended to take one hour only.

For more information  
please phone Phil Dunn  
(01377 272491)



## Sociable Strollers Group

Meets on the first Friday of each month at 1pm in the Eastgate Car Park, Driffield

Our first meeting of 2023 will be a Planning Meeting to be held on **January 6th** at Ruth Pearson's home



Any further enquiries to  
Margaret on 01377 250183  
or Norma on 01377 232765

**Please could Strollers contact Margaret the week before to confirm arrangements**

## The u3a Walking Groups' Christmas Party in Bridlington

## 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. Please bring a Picnic Lunch.

Walks are around 8 miles within a 30 mile radius of Driffield - this has been increased from 20 miles at the request of our Members.

Car sharing available if required.

Our first walk for 2023 will be on Thursday 19th January from Beeford—approx 7.5 miles.

For more details please contact  
Steve Whitaker—07952 981786  
[sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk)

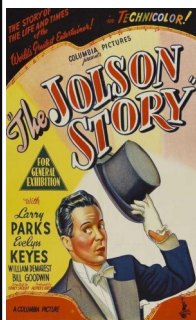


## U3a Film Group—Monthly Movie Matinees

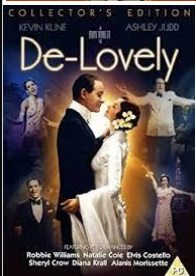
Driffield Community Centre - 2.00pm  
Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month



Stephen Wells  
01377 259166



**Wednesday January 11th—THE JOLSON STORY**—a 1946 American musical biography film which purports to tell the life story of singer Al Jolson. It stars Larry Parks as Jolson, Evelyn Keyes as Julie Benson (approximating Jolson's wife, Ruby Keeler), William Demarest as his manager, Ludwig Donath and Tamara Shayne as his parents, and Scotty Beckett as the young Jolson. In its day it was the most popular musical film ever made, packed with wonderful songs.  
(Originally scheduled for December but postponed due to the icy road conditions.)



### Wednesday February 8th—DE-LOVELY

De-Lovely is a 2004 American musical biopic based on the life and career of Cole Porter, from his first meeting with his wife, Linda Lee Thomas, until his death. It stars Kevin Kline as Cole Porter, with Ashley Judd and Jonathan Pryce.

## Jazz & Blues Group

Monday 2nd January  
2pm at the Driffield Community Centre



### LOUIS ARMSTRONG

All the way from the HOT FIVE in the 1920's to HELLO DOLLY in the 1960's.

Louis Armstrong, nicknamed "Satchmo", "Satch", and "Pops", was an American trumpeter and vocalist. He was one of the most influential figures in jazz. His career spanned five decades and several eras in the history of jazz.

**New Members Welcome!**

Stephen Wells—01377 259166

## 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 9th January**

### A NEW YEAR VIENNESE CONCERT

Wonderful music from Vienna from Strauss, Mozart, Schubert and more.

Join us for a wonderful start to 2023

**All u3a members are welcome**

Further information is available from

Mary Wells

Tel: 07521 795688

Email: cs896@btinternet.com



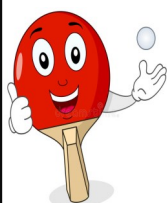
## Table Tennis Group

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

### Dates for January

18th and 25th  
(there will be no meeting on 4th)

For more details please call  
Melanie Campbell  
01377 250235



## Bridge for Beginners Group



**New Year Resolution? Learn to play Bridge**  
**Absolute beginners or occasional players always welcome**

The Bridge Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Community Centre.

**Our first meeting in 2023 will be 4th January**

For more information please contact the Group Leader

Mary Wells Tel: 01377 259166

Email: cs896@btinternet.com



## 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 meeting will be on Tuesday 10th January**

**\*\*\* 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.

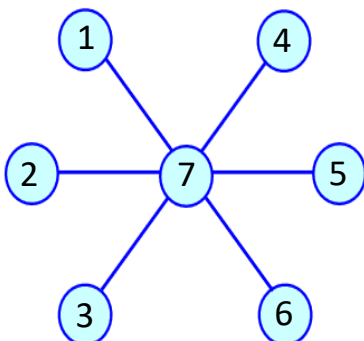
Bring your own Rummikub or share ours.

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th January**

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

### Answers to December's Puzzles

1. 26 Letters of the Alphabet
2. 7 Wonders of the World
3. 1001 Arabian Nights
4. 12 Signs of the Zodiac
5. 54 Cards in a Deck (with Jokers)
6. 8 Planets in the Solar System
7. 88 Piano Keys
8. 13 Stars of the American Flag
9. 32 Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes
10. 18 Holes on a Golf Course
11. 90 Degrees in a Right Angle
12. 200 Pounds for Passing Go in Monopoly
13. 12 Disciples of Jesus of Nazareth
14. 3 Blind Mice (See how they Run)
15. 4 Quarts in a Gallon
16. 24 Hours in a Day
17. 1 Wheel on a Unicycle
18. 3600 Seconds in an Hour
19. 11 Players in a Cricket Team
20. 57 Heinz Varieties



Put the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the circles so that each straight line of three numbers adds up to the same total.

## \* JUST \* FOR \* FUN \*

### SUDOKU

The Easy One!

1			4	8	9			6
7	3							4
					1	2	9	5
		7	1	2		6		
5			7		3			8
		6		9	5	7		
9	1	4	6					
	2						3	7
8			5	1	2			4

Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.

(Solution will be printed in February's Newsletter)

### SUDOKU

The More Difficult One!

	2		6	8				
5	8			9	7			
			4					
3	7					5		
6								4
		8					1	3
				2				
		9	8				3	6
			3	6			9	

## Groups and Group Leaders

425 Miler	Phil Dunn	01377 272491
Archaeology/History	Susan Adamson	01377 270429
Away Days	Maureen Blackwell	01377 253183
Bridge for Beginners	Mary Wells	01377 259166
Card Making and Crafts	Maureen Blackwell	01377 253198
	Debbie Ireland-O'Neill	07917 447974
	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
	Mary Wells	01377 259166
Classical Music and Opera	New Leader Needed!!	
Cycling	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
Digital Photography	Stephen Wells	01377 259166
Film Group	Jane Payne	janepjanet@gmail.com
French Conversation	Kathy Chilver	01377 255052
Geology	Marian Carter	01377 821374
Independent Persons	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
	Stephen Wells	01377 259166
Jazz & Blues Appreciation	Ross Weekes	01377 253832
Local History	Denise Massey	01377 257063
Mah Jongg	Paul Atkins	01377 241678
Quiz Group	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Reading Group	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
Rummikub	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Scrabble Group	Margaret Briggs	01377 250183
Sociable Strollers	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
Study and Discussion	Melanie Campbell	01377 250235
Table Tennis	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447
Walking Group		

## 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

Join us on Facebook!



## 50 Years Ago

The UK is admitted into the European Community. (1st Jan 1973)

## 100 Years Ago

Britain's Railways are grouped into the Big Four: LNER, GWR, SR, and LMS. (1st Jan 1923)

## 250 Years Ago

Captain James Cook and his crew become the first Europeans to sail below the Antarctic Circle. (17th Jan 1773)

## National u3a Online Learning Events

The National u3a offers a number of workshops, webinars and interactive sessions delivered by members for members, which are free to join.

Full details of these courses and how to join can be found on the National u3a website:

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

## Newsletter

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

 UK Government

Help for Households

Even if you own your home or have savings you might be entitled to Pension Credit



## Are you missing out on extra cash?

u3a is encouraging members to find out about the Pension Credit they may be missing out on. On average, a successful Pension Credit claim could provide an additional £3,300 a year and act as a gateway benefit, so could activate additional help. This includes reduced heating bills, rent and council tax, free NHS dental care and free TV licences for the over-75s. Find out more on [the pension credit website](http://the-pension-credit-website).



## Quiz Group

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.



Paul Atkin  
01377 241678

Admission £2.00  
per person  
**ALL MONEY IS  
RETURNED AS PRIZES**

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

**Our next Quiz Night will be on Monday 30 January**

## Card and Craft Group

Preparations are progressing for this new group. We would love to hear from you with your ideas. 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**



## The World is Getting Faster!

The Earth has been spinning faster and days have become shorter. On 29th June 2022 Earth set a new record for the shortest day of the atomic-clock era by completing one spin in 1.59 milliseconds less than 24 hours.

## Proposed New Health & Wellbeing Group

This new Group is still in the planning! We are hoping to hold our first meeting in March. Details to follow

## Our Christmas Party

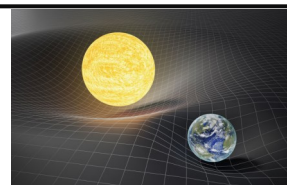
Our Christmas Party was a huge success with 78 Members attending despite sub-zero temperatures outside! Thanks to Eric at the Community Centre for decorating the room. The tables looked lovely—thanks to Carole for the table decorations. Middle 8 Singers were a perfect blend of music for the season. Stephen performed a fascinating Magic Tale—a true story about Harry Houdini. Huge thanks to the caterers for doing such a fantastic job and to Ann and her team for working so hard in the kitchen while the rest of us enjoyed the show!



## National u3a—online event Relativity - Numerical Illustrations

Wednesday 18 January, 10am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relativity-numerical-illustrations-tickets-466363655247>



In this talk by Bromley u3a member David, members will learn about the strange relativity effects in space and time, and how to calculate these with everyday maths.

Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity predicts strange effects in the behaviour of space and time as speed approaches that of light.

Because of our restriction to comparatively low speeds, this behaviour is counterintuitive and has led to apparent paradoxes such as the pole-barn and twin paradoxes, of which, several versions are to be found on the internet.

The talk will show how to simply calculate numerical values of times and distances for relativity situations such as a high speed journey to a distant star, and will show how the apparent paradoxes may be resolved.

### About our speaker:

David Price, from Bromley u3a, is a retired electronics engineer with a background in physics and an interest in relativity.

***This event is for u3a members only***

Your holiday team hope you've all enjoyed your Christmas and we wish you a great 2023 with our U3A holidays to look forward to! A lot of us are now booked for the Isle of Man in June and are looking forward to the visit and to enjoying each others company whilst we are there. There are still a couple of places if you are interested—just email or message me [wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07747 102635 for more info.



## U3a Holidays 2023



We are just gathering interest at this stage to offer a U3A holiday with Cairngorm Travel in **September 2023** which has been the usual time of year for us to go (Isle of Man holiday is a bonus!) Suggested destinations are:

1. **Northern Ireland** 5 days 4 nights £499 per person with (sorry folks) £27 per night single room supplement. Busy itinerary! Luxury coach/ferry crossings.
2. **Somerset & Dorset** (date not confirmed) 6 days 5 nights £379 pp with (sorry again) Single room supplement of £80. Again quite a busy itinerary. Luxury coach
3. **Northumberland - includes trip to Holy Island /Hadrians Wall** - no details/dates/prices as yet - still negotiating. Luxury coach.



We would like to see how much interest there is out there. Therefore could you please email your replies to [wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk) sooner rather than later! and we can get going with your requests. Thank you!

Ann Sue and Liz

Your Driffield & Wolds U3A Holiday Team



## Away Days

For more details please contact

**Maureen Blackwell—01377 253183—maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com**

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.

Most trips will have a pick up time of 9am at the Driffield Rugby Club.

### These are the possible venues for 2023

Thorpe Perrow Arboretum Bedale \* Worsborough Mill / Country Park Barnsley  
 Canal boat trip with lunch Skipton \* Shibdon Hall / Piece Hall Halifax \* Lincoln  
 Scarborough Fairground Museum \* Elsecar Heritage Centre Barnsley  
 Hepworth Gallery / Wakefield Cathedral Wakefield \* Newby Hall \* The Teesside Princess  
 Cleethorpes Coast Light Railway \* Helmsley Castle \* Hull Street Life Museum  
 Yorkshire Sculpture Park Wakefield



## Digital Photography Group

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

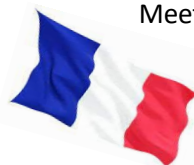
Our first meeting of the New Year will be on 16th January—our theme is, inevitably, "Winter"

If you are interested in joining our group please contact

**Penelope Kinsley on 07837604166**

## French Conversation Group

Meets Wednesday mornings in Driffield



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

[janepjanet@gmail.com](mailto:janepjanet@gmail.com)

## Reading Group

Meets on the last Thursday of the month in Members' homes.

Our next meeting will be on **26th January** January's book is "Giving up the Ghosts" by Hilary Mantel.

For more details please contact our new Group Leader

Julia Spencer-Jones—07726 264712

Email: [charles.juliasj@gmail.com](mailto:charles.juliasj@gmail.com)



# Monthly Meetings

Drifffield Community Centre

Second Thursday of each month—2pm-4pm

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

## 12th January—Karen Adams— “Trials and Executions in York”

**About Karen—**“I am an archaeologist and historian. I grew up in York and became very interested in the history of that city. I love looking at old maps and seeing how the area has changed, and which historical gems still survive. I started working in archaeology on an excavation in York in the mid 1980’s, and by 2000 I had moved into the East Riding area. Archaeological work has allowed me to excavate sites of many different periods, from Iron Age to modern, discovering items left behind by the people who lived and worked in those areas generations ago. Personal research still reflects the interest of York’s history, and from this work and research I have created a number of talks, the list keeps growing, as I create a new one each month.”



**About the Talk—**Discover where the gallows of York once stood, and find out about some of the criminals whose trials took place in this city, and for those found guilty – their executions. Some you will have heard of, such as Dick Turpin and Sir Robert Aske, others, although perhaps known at the time, their fame did not last through history quite so well, such as John Bartendale. Criminals from the local area will be included!



## 9th February— Yorkshire Air Ambulance

As a rapid response air emergency service the Charity serves a population of approximately 5 million people across 4 million acres. Their two air ambulances operate from their airbases at The Nostell Priory Estate near Wakefield and RAF Topcliffe near Thirsk and together with their two Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs) cover the whole of the region.

## 9th March—Wolds Hedgehog Rescue

Have you ever wondered what you should do if you find a baby hedgehog? Or who to call if you injure one while strimming your garden? Wolds Hedgehog Rescue take in hundreds of hedgehogs each year and look after them until they are healthy enough to be returned to the wild.



If you have a favourite speaker who you would like invited to one of our meetings, please let our Speaker Finder know—Ann—[wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk)

## How Can We Help?

If you would like to come to our Monthly Meetings or join one of our Groups but find it difficult, either because of transport problems or any other reason, please contact me— we will do our best to help.

Teresa Hollins - [teresahollins17@gmail.com](mailto:teresahollins17@gmail.com) - Tel: 07840 818983



Join Our Facebook Page!  
You need a Facebook Account.

Look for Drifffield & Wolds U3A and request to join.  
We hope that Group Leaders and other Members will post information about their group activities. This is a great way for us to stay in touch.

**What?**  
**When?**  
**Where?**

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

## Membership Renewals

If you haven’t already renewed your u3a Membership please could you do so as soon as possible.  
If you pay your Membership fee by Standing Order, Direct Debit or by BACS, please be aware that our Bank details have changed

## Bank Account

Our Bank Account details are as follows

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

## Gift Aid

Donating through Gift Aid means The Drifffield & 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/drifffieldwolds](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/drifffieldwolds)