



Newsletter
1st July 2023

Message From the Chairman



Hello and Welcome to July’s newsletter, packed with information about the next few weeks’ activities and opportunities.

As you know by now the AGM follows the speaker John Sharman (more on him below) and this is your chance to take a more active part in running the Driffield and Wolds u3a, by considering joining the committee. The nomination form is included with the AGM agenda, with full instructions.

We will be taking a stall at Driffield Market in September in advance of our Open Day in an attempt to improve awareness of our u3a. Please let me know if you would like to take part, either on the day or to help organise this event.

Looking forward to seeing you on 13th July

Maggie Bray

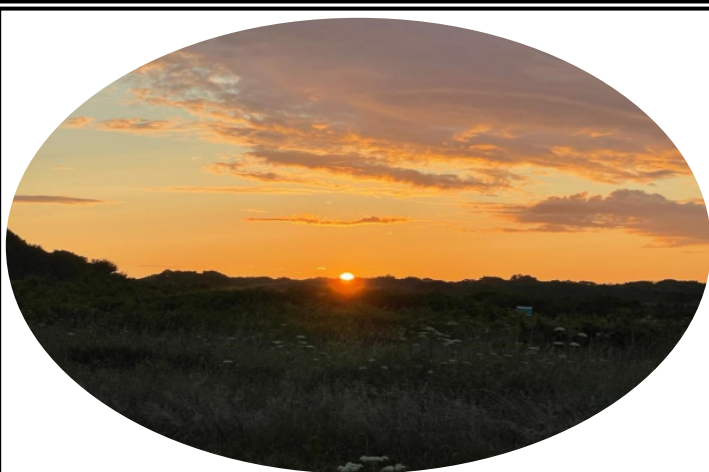
Your u3a Committee

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Your Photos of Driffield & The Wolds!!

Thank You for such a great response to my request for photos of our lovely town and beautiful surrounding villages and countryside! Keep sending them with a note of when and where they were taken and I will include as many as possible in the Newsletter to share with fellow Members.



Sewerby—Summer Solstice Sunrise



Driffield Canal taken on 3rd June by Andra Batchelor

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

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 only contact Sue if they are unable to take part

Sue Clarkson—01377 256857 / 07762 78208;
clarksonsusan40@gmail.com



Burnby Hall and Gardens taken by Tanya Harber Stuart on 26th 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 July—Huggate led by Peter Wrightson

Meet by 10 am in Eastgate car park. For more information contact Peter
peterpmwrightson@btinternet.com or on 07799452236

Thursday, 27th July—Harpham led by Jill Pick and Shelagh Stamp

Meet by 1pm in Eastgate car park. For more information contact
Jill jill-pick2001@yahoo.co.uk or on 074158825270 or Shelagh shelagh.stamp@btinternet.com or on 07742884883



NEW GROUP LEADER

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

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 July—RUDSTON

for details contact walk leader Paul at p.grinstead2@btinternet.com or on 07932494357

Thursday 20th July—SLEDMERE/COTTAM

for details contact walk leader Jill at jill-pick2001@yahoo.co.uk or on 07415825270

Tuesday 1st August—MILLINGTON/NUNBURNHOLME

for details contact walk leader Peter at peterpmwrightson@btinternet.com or on 07799452236

For more details please contact the Group Leader

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





Photography Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 17th July

Theme: "Trios and Odds" Technique: Shadows

FIELD TRIP: Monday 3rd July—Kilnwick Percy Buddhist Centre—Meet there at 10am

All members are interested in progressing their knowledge and expertise, each contributing to our meetings. We have a monthly theme, and one or two informative videos to expand our knowledge and experiment with taking pictures out of our comfort zone! If you are interested in joining our Group please contact

Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166



July Birth Flowers

The birth flower for July is the delphinium, also known as larkspur. There are over 400 different varieties and some can grow up to 6 feet tall! Delphiniums are said to symbolize joy, warmth and fun but, as with every flower, the colours play an important part in their meanings. Dark blue delphiniums represent dignity, while white, pink and light blue delphiniums mean youth and renewal.

Water lilies are another July birth month flower. These exotic flowers are native to the Amazon region. They have different meanings in many cultures but mainly represent rebirth and enlightenment.



Local History Group

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

ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday, 12th July—Local History Guided Tour of Burton Agnes Hall

Please note change of date due to Driffield Show

For more information please contact

Ross Weekes - 01377 253832

Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com

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 July to discuss suggestions from members for future outings and activities



A few IPG Members having a go at Petanque (Boule) in Lund - 23rd June

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

Members not on email are always phoned and updated

Archaeology/History Group

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

This Group is taking a Summer break and will be back in September

For more information, please contact

Susan Adamson - 01377 270429

Geology Group

Indoor Geology meetings have stopped for the summer and will restart in September.

Thursday, 20th July—Field Trip to Hackness

For further details please contact the Group Leader

Kathy Chilver— 01377 255052

QUIZ NIGHT

£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.

Our next Quiz Night will be held on Monday 31st July

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



Paul Atkin
01377 241678



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

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 July

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

Mah Jongg Group

Denise Massey - 01377 257063



Rummikub Group

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.

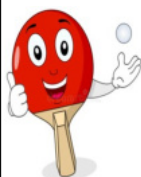
Don't worry if you've never played before as instruction can be given. Bring your own Rummikub or share ours.

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

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

Table Tennis Group

Meets 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Driffield Community Centre 7.15pm-9.15pm



**Dates for July—
5th, 19th and 26th**

There will be no meetings in August—we are having a Summer break

We will be back in September

For more details please call
Melanie Campbell—01377 250235

Bridge

For Beginners to the more Advanced

We meet at 2pm in The Committee Room of the Community Centre

Currently we meet on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of each month
Mini Bridge is available for Beginners

Our next sessions are July 5th and 26th

From August we are changing to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month

August 9th and 23rd
September 13th and 27th
October 11th and 25th
November 8th and 22nd
December 13th



For more information please contact Group Leader
George Ansell - 07929 299362

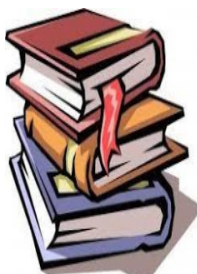
Reading Group

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

**The Group is taking a summer break.
We will be back in September.**

For more details please contact our Group Leader

Julia Spencer-Jones
Tel: 07726 264712
Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



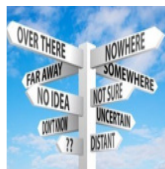
French Conversation Group

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12pm in Driffield



This is a small group so please contact **Jenny Canning** regarding available places

Email—tinribs_fr@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile—07949799666



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 Driffeld Rugby Club Car Park at 9.00am

and approximately 4pm from venue arriving back in Driffeld 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: maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com or by phoning 01377 253183

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



Shibden Hall's architecture is a mix of styles reflecting its interesting and varied history. The adjacent 17th century aisled barn and workshops house a carriage collection and displays relating to different crafts, including a blacksmiths, coopers, wheelwrights and saddlers.

The Hall is surrounded by the beautifully restored gardens and estate that forms Shibden Park. There are a range of features and attractions, including a cafe and visitor facilities, miniature railway, boating lake, walking trails, play area, orienteering course and woodland in which to roam. Shibden Hall is the focus of the

BBC drama series written by Sally Wainwright, 'Gentleman Jack' exploring the life of Anne Lister (1791 - 1840) and those who lived in the Hall and Estate. The first series aired in 2019 and the second series in 2022.

The Piece Hall in Halifax is a unique Grade I listed building dating back to 1779, originally built to support the trading of 'pieces' of cloth and now reimagined as a new heritage and cultural destination. Home to one of the most striking piazzas in Europe, the stunning Georgian trading hall hosts independent shops, cafés, galleries, bars and heritage spaces. A year-round events programme attracts visitors from far and wide for concerts, street performance, spectacles, film screenings and much more. The Piece Hall is the only surviving intact cloth hall in the UK and an iconic symbol of the important role played by Georgian Halifax at the booming centre of the world's woollen trade.



Friday 15th September—Thorp Perrow Arboretum—£30 per person



Take a stroll in the Arboretum, enjoy the wonderful Bird of Prey displays, or hand feed the wallabies in the Mammal Centre. There is a lot on offer including fun seasonal trails. 100 acres of beautiful Arboretum and woodland gardens with one of the finest collections of trees in the North of England a leading centre for raptor conservation.





We set off from Driffield in beautiful sunshine which persisted until our last day when it was raining as we left the Island. After a very pleasant lunch in Chorley we had a exceedingly smooth crossing accompanied by dolphins! On arrival at our comfortable seafront hotel in Douglas, we were just in time for our evening meal. Our visits included a rail trip to the summit of Snaefell, the highest point on the Island, the Laxey Wheel, the largest waterwheel in the world, a train journey to Ramsey and a relaxing time in Peel with lovely ice creams. The coach picked us up in Peel and took us back to the hotel along the TT Race route. It was amazing that motorbikes had been using these normal rural roads at speeds of over 200 mph. After a very hot few days at 30 degrees we left the island in rain which we hoped would follow us home for the sake of our gardens. The holiday was excellent with a nice hotel, friendly staff and first class food. We thank the organizers of this trip which was made so relaxing with our wonderful driver, Les.

Feelers for proposed coach trip to Scotland staying at the Duke of Gordon Hotel in the village of Kingussie in the Cairngorm National Park. Trip includes Breakfast and Evening Meal x 4 and optional excursions to Cairngorm Mountain via the funicular railway and a visit to Ben Nevis distillery. Excursion which is included in holiday price to 'Off the beaten track Deer Safari via the Corrieyairack Pass. This is **early** January 2024 and am not sure if there is a single supplement. However, it should blow the old cobwebs off after Christmas and we can get our dancing shoes on! The hotel was featured in Monarch of the Glen but has been recently refurbished and modernised - with evenings of Celidhs, folk nights and dancing in their Ballroom. We may even be piped into dinner by a piper! Just liaising with coach company for further details - approximate price £239.00 Pick up and drop off in Driffield. If there are any members interested could they please let me know by email wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk or via the website (speaker finder) or text 07747 102635 As soon as we have more details I will confirm.

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

Monday 10th July

FABLES, FAIRYTALES AND FOLKLORE

This selection has been suggested and planned by our member Beryl Cole
Classical works that were inspired by Myth and Legend
With works by Rossini, Grieg, Prokofiev, Humperdinck and more

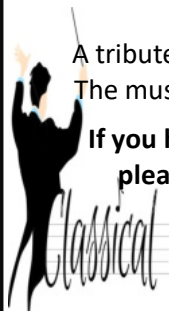
There will be no meeting in August as we are taking a Summer Break

Monday 11th September

DEAD BEFORE THEY WERE FORTY!

A tribute to the great classical composers who all died in their thirties
The music of Mozart, Butterworth, Mendelssohn, Schubert and more

**If you have never been to any of our classical music programmes,
please come and join us and you will be made very welcome**



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

National u3a

Details of the National u3a Online Learning Events can be Found on their website

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning>



Online Learning Events

Members can enjoy a diverse range of talks, workshops and courses on Zoom at no extra cost. These events are a great opportunity to try something new, led by members with a passion or talent to share or specialist guest speakers.

What? When? Where?

Details of all our events can be found in this Newsletter, on our Website, in Chris's weekly email and in the Driffield & Wolds Weekly

Articles for the Newsletter

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



Flowers along the driveway into the Aldgate Veterinary Surgery, Driffield—taken on 8th June



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.

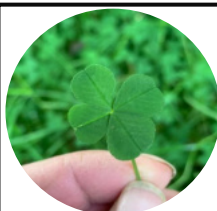
The Group is enjoying a Summer Holiday and will be back in action in September!

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



Full Buck Moon

The next full moon, the seventh of the year, will rise on July 3rd and will peak at 0038am on the 4th. Generally known as the 'Buck Moon' because male deer, who shed their antlers every year, begin to regrow them in July. It is also known as the thunder moon, due to the summer storms and the hay moon, after the July hay harvest.



This four leaf clover was found in Nafferton on 17th June

Lucky Four Leaf Clovers

were Celtic charms, presumed to offer magical protection and ward off bad luck. Children in the Middle Ages believed if they carried a four-leaf clover, they would be able to see fairies, and the first literary reference to suggest their good fortune was made in 1620 by Sir John Melton. According to the legend, the leaves of a four-leaf clover represent hope, faith, love, and a fourth for good luck. The four-leaf clover (*Oxalis deppei*) is a small plant with four distinct leaves. It's a rare variation of the common three-leaf clover, and because your chances of finding one with four leaves is about 1 in 10,000, they are considered lucky.

Monthly Meetings



Driffield Community Centre - Second Thursday of each month—2pm-4pm
All Members Welcome * £1.50 admission * Free Refreshments * RAFFLE

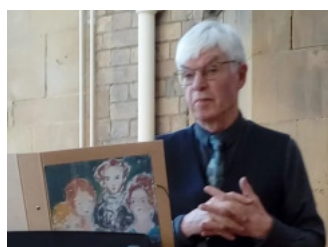
*** FREE BOOK SWAP ***

More books always needed—bring along your old books and help yourself to new ones!

13th July—“Living in Space” - John Sharman—Father of Helen Sharman the British Astronaut. After a short spell of applied research in industry as a graduate physicist, John spent most of his working life teaching undergraduates a variety of aspects of pure and applied physics. An interest in cosmology was awakened with his daughter’s training and subsequent space flight to the space station Mir and his trips to Russia to see the training facilities.



Following John Sharman’s talk we will hold our Annual General Meeting—You will all have already received the Agenda and information regarding our AGM either by email or by post. This is your opportunity to nominate/volunteer to be nominated for committee positions. By our Constitution all committee members step down at the AGM, so there are opportunities for the election of new committee members.



10th August—Eddie Lawler—Entertaining account of the Bronte family

A migrant from West Yorkshire to Scarborough, Eddie writes songs, plays and poetry. He wrote a musical – performed in two West Yorkshire towns - about the Brontë family for young people entitled “Bells”. This talk uses some of the songs from that musical in combination with the railway journeys undertaken by the Bronte siblings, supported by slide-projections.

14th September—Open Day

12th October—Stuart Bradshaw—History of Bradshaws and Bell Mills

9th November—Dr John Ridley—Teaching in a Rural Primary School

14th December—Christmas Party

If any of our members have a suggestion or a request for a particular or favourite speaker for a Monthly Meeting could they please contact

Ann Wilkinson our Speaker Finder—

wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk—07747 102635



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Card Making and Craft Group

Meetings are 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 July

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**



Groups and Group Leaders

425 Milers	New Group Leader Needed	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		Jenny Canning	07949 799666
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
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
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 and are planning a Summer break please ensure that you inform them—otherwise you may still be charged!
Thank You!

Driffield Show Wednesday 19th July 9am-4pm



Tawny Owl

Taken on 11th June by Paul Davies from his garden in Driffield

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



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

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

Our Bank Account

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

Saint Swithin's Day

- July 15
- Saint Swithin was England's Bishop of Winchester.
- 40 days of bad weather will follow if it rains on this day.



Important Information About Your Membership

The membership year has changed and will now run from 1st April to 31st March and, therefore, this year's membership will extend to 31st March 2024.

This means that if your current membership runs to 30th September you will get 6 months free.

If you have any queries please contact

Carole Salmon on 07905 682103