



Newsletter

1st June 2023

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Message From the Chairman

Hello! Summer is just around the corner and the swifts are back—I love this time of year. Great weather for walking and field trips for our Archaeology, Photography and Geology groups. Well worth checking out availability of up and coming Away Days.

We're holding the AGM in July and you will shortly be receiving your invitation and papers. (These will be sent by email where possible.) 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. Your pack includes a nomination form and instructions.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Monthly Meeting on 8th June.

Maggie



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, 13th June at 10am - Lockington—Led by Jim Stockwell. For more information contact Jim on 07443 911750

Thursday, 22nd June at 1pm - Lund—Led by Paul Grinstead For more information contact Paul on 07932 494357





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

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

2nd June Sue Clarkson - 07762 782082 **Kiplingcotes** 7th July Kilnwick Percy Keith and Jill Pick Gill Lamb-07880 830235 4th August Lund 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

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 6th June—Beverley Beck—For details contact the walk leader Steve at stevebluesman@yahoo.com or on phone/text 07766198912

Thursday 15th June—East Ayton—For details contact the walk leader Geoff at geoffrey.hughes@hotmail.co.uk or on phone/text 07761036093



For more details please contact the Group Leader **Steve Whitaker**—07952 981786 sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk



Full Moon in June 2023-**Strawberry Moon**

On the evening of Saturday, June 3 just after sunset—look towards the southeast to watch the full Moon rise above the horizon. It will appear large and golden-hued and will reach peak illumination at 11:43pm.

June's full Moon is the last full Moon of spring or the first of the summer and is traditionally known as the **Strawberry** Moon—so named by Native American tribes to mark the ripening of strawberries ready to be gathered.

June Birthstones Pearl, Alexandrite and Moonstone



The primary birthstone of June is Pearl, symbolizing faith and purity.

However, Alexandrite and Moonstone share this honour.

Alexandrite represents longevity and health, while Moonstone is





more closely linked to luck, love, and passion.



Photography Group

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

Monday, 19th June

The Digital Photography Group is 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 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

Archaeology/History Group

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

6th June—King Aldfrith—Simon Weaver 20th June—Members' Short Presentations—Rose/Gill/Ruth/Sheila/Susan/Kathy/Bob

For more information, please contact Susan Adamson - 01377 270429

Local History Group

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

ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday, 21st June—The much anticipated, Dr Ruth Beckett will give a presentation on The History of The Alfred Bean Hospital—Not to be missed—Her book will be on sale on the day

For more information please contact

Ross Weekes - 01377 253832 Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com

Geology Group

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

Thursday 15th June—Field trip to the Scarborough area
For further details please contact the Group Leader
Kathy Chilver— 01377 255052

Growlery [GRAU-luhr-ee]

- (n.) I. A place to which to retreat, alone, when ill-humoured; a quiet sanctuary from the world.
 - 2. A man-cave or she-shed.



On 15th June 1215 King John and his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and signed the Magna Carta thus remeoving total authority from the Monarchy for ever. It is one of the most important documents of all time .

The document underpins our notion of the rule of law – and set a basic set of principles for western liberties. The Magna Carta itself is around 3,350 words long (all in latin) and lays down a basic rule of law and human rights – i.e. that everyone has the right to a free and fair trial.

It decrees: 'No free man is to be arrested, or imprisoned, or diseised [dispossessed], or outlawed, or exiled, or in any way destroyed, nor will we go against him, nor will we send against him, save by the lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land.' It adds: 'To no one will we sell, to no one will we deny or delay, right or justice.'

This was laid down by the King John – and was originally designed as a way of maintaining peace between royalists and the rebels. The document was signed in a meadow in Runnymede somewhere near the River Thames. The then Archbishop of Canterbury is believed to have drafted the words. The site is thought to have been chosen as it was between Windsor, which was the royal base, and Staines, the base of the rebels.



£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.



Paul Atkin 01377 241678

Our next Quiz Night will be held on Monday 26th June
All u3a members are welcome to come along and join a team

A COMPANY TO THE

Scrabble Group

Gerald Massey - 01377 257063

Mah Jongg Group

Denise 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 13th and 27th June

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



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 13th and 27th June

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

In History—5th June 1783

The first sustained flight occurred as a hot-air balloon was launched at

Annonay, France, by brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier. Their 33-foot diameter globe aerostatique ascended about 6,000 feet. In September, they repeated the experiment for King Louis XVI, using a sheep, rooster and duck as the balloon's passengers.

Table Tennis Group

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

Dates for June 7th, 21st and 28th

For more details please call Melanie Campbell—01377 250235

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



Bridge

For Beginners to the more Advanced Changes to our timetable

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
June 7th (Opening Bids) and 28th
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

Quiptic Crossword

The Across clues are general knowledge The Down clues are cryptic Solution in July's Newsletter



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Agrace

- 5 A Latin American dance, popularly performed in single file (5)
- 7 The largest member of the deer family, also known as the elk (5)
- 8 The tenth of the creatures in the Chinese zodiac (7)
- 9 The second tallest living bird in the world (3)
- 10 The most populous city in the US state of New Mexico (11)
- 12 A unit of currency in the value of one tenth of a chinese yen, an endangered bird endemic to the islands of Samoa, or the leader of China from 1949-1976 (3)
- 14 People confined to an institution, such as a prison (7)
- 16 Animated animated adversary of Scratchy in The Simpsons (5)
- 17 Of or relating to ancient Scandinavia (5)

Down

- 1 Mark's small vehicle (4)
- 2 Inter...net disrupted by duck, doctor (6)
- 3 Bird swooped down (4)
- 4 Guarantee rescue at sea (6)
- 6 Antediluvian worker to resign after one year (9)
- 7 Potential victim, one with tattoos? (6,3)
- 10 I tramp around a horrible place (6)
- 11 Middle easterner found in Iraq at a riot (6)
- 13 Regularly focus on endless ache that hurt (4)
- 15 Cats and dogs perhaps climbing stair (4)

Answers to May's Puzzles

With the help of some friends I have compiled a list of 38 Figures of Speech from the picture—please let me know if you have any more!!

- 1. In a nutshell
- 2. Sitting duck
- 3. Bird brain
- 4. Bald as a coot
- 5. Bird's eye view
- 6. Big cheese
- 7. Hard cheese
- 8. Served on a silver platter
- 9. He's got a lot on his plate
- 10. Red herring
- 11. Spill the beans
- 12. Nailed it
- 13. Hit the nail on the head
- 14. Ear worm
- 15. Born with a silver spoon in his mouth
- 16. Stiff upper lip
- 17. The joker in the pack
- 18. Play your cards close to your chest
- 19. He's got an ace up his sleeve
- 20. Tying the knot
- 21. Time flies
- 22. Time runs away from you
- 23. Cat's got his tongue
- 24. Tongue tied
- 25. Wear your heart on your sleeve
- 26. Got the cat by the tail
- 27. Not enough room to swing a cat
- 28. Don't put all your eggs in one basket
- 29. Run ragged
- 30. The boot's on the other foot
- 31. Baring his soul (sole)
- 32. Needs to pull his socks up
- 33. Kick the bucket
- 34. A shadow of his former self
- 35. Cherry on the cake
- 36. A piece of cake
- 37. Walking on eggshells
- 38. Can't make an omelette without breaking eggs

	Sudoku—Medium								Sudoku—Hard									
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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: maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com or by phoning 01377 253183.



We had a very pleasant day out at East Riddelsden Hall on 9th May. It was sunny and warm, lovely old house with a small garden. Quite a long journey as we had to do a detour but the scenery was glorious so no one minded.



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 he 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.

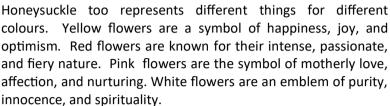
Birth Flowers For June are Rose and Honeysuckle

Roses are enjoyed in bouquets or grown in back gardens up and down the country and has obvious ties to romance, love and beauty and was once associated with the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. Roses have different meanings, depending on their colour. Red roses are for

love and passion, while yellow roses indicate friendship. Orange roses are not only pretty but are also said to represent enthusiasm which makes them the

ideal good luck gift and finally, white roses symbolise sympathy

and innocence





U3a Holidays 2024—Southern Ireland

Our Southern Ireland holiday for 2024 is now fully booked which is fantastic! If you are interested in joining us we are keeping a waiting list so please do get in touch. We are aiming for early/mid September 2024 and we are still negotiating with various coach companies to get the best deal for you which will include 7 days. ferry travel, hotel with a lift and hopefully other facilities and evening entertainment.

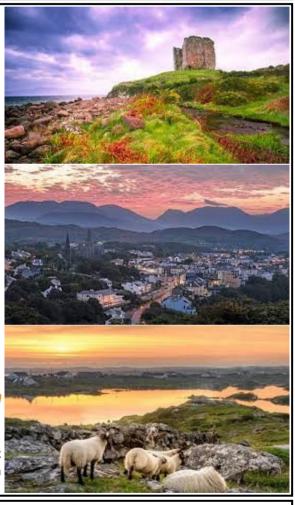
We are trying our hardest to get as many single rooms as we can but sadly, there will be a single room supplement - always is in Ireland! Therefore it would be first come first served for these and I do apologise but this is the best we can do!

You would need up to date passports and travel insurance as Southern Ireland is still in the EU.

Please contact me with any questions and I will do my best to answer them—Ann Wilkinson—wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07747 102635.



Thank You All for Your Support! **Ann Sue and Liz** Your Driffield & Wolds U3A Holiday Team



National u3a

Full details and how to enter are on their website

https://www.u3a.org.uk/ learning/short-storycompetition-2023

Short Story Competition 2023

Enter the national u3a Short Story Competition

Deadline: 26 June 2023



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/

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 9th June 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

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 12th June at 2pm

The theme for the June is

Great Choirs and Choral Works



All u3a members are welcome

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

Driffield Market Place—c1905



Photo credit: http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/leisure/archives-family-and-local-history/

French Conversation Group



Meets Wednesday mornings in Driffield

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

janepjanet@gmail.com

Card Making and Craft Group

Meetings held in the Community Centre on the last Friday of the month from 10.30 - 12.30

The next meeting will be held on Friday 30th June
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

Weird Fact

No other month ever begins on the same day of the week as June.



What? When? Where?

Details of all our events can be found in this Newsletter, on our Website, 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 Tel: 07840 818983



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.

2nd June—Fashion: Discrimination and Tribalism 9th June—Planning Meeting

We shall then be having a Summer Holiday!

For more details please contact Chris Taylor— 07484 160660

Monthly Meetings

Driffield Community Centre

Second Thursday of each month—2pm-4pm

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



8th June—Gina Wright—The Coastal Celebrant

Gina Wright is a former Assistant Head Teacher who worked primarily in SEN in the East Riding. Having taken early retirement she embarked on her career as The Coastal Celebrant four years ago. She now creates unique and heartfelt ceremonies for weddings, funerals, and other significant events – working with families and couples in the local area.

www.thecelebrantdirectory.com/find-a-celebrant/weddings/show/the-coastal-celebrant

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.





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

Your Photos of Driffield and The Wolds!!



While you're out and about this summer please take photos of our lovely town and beautiful surrounding villages and countryside and send them to me with a note of when and where they were taken. I will include as many as possible in the Newsletter to share with our Members.



Driffield Station by Paul Davies—9th May



Bluebells at Millennium Green by Carole Salmon—8th May



Laundry Lane by
Paul Davies - 9th May

Groups and Group Leaders

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425 Miler 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		ojanet@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
Reading Group	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Rummikub	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
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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

Important Reminder to Group Leaders

If you hire a venue for your Group but are taking a summer "holiday" please let the venue know.

The Community Centre have advised that all bookings will remain in the diary unless they hear from you and it will be assumed that your meetings are going ahead and you will be charged.

Bank Account

Our Bank Account details

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



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

National u3a—Online Learning Events

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.



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

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. Further details in the July newsletter.

If you have any queries please contact Carole Salmon on 07905 682103.