

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to our March newsletter! This month produced and edited by Paul, our Treasurer. I think he has done a wonderful job, but someone else will be needed to do next month's, and we do need a dedicated editor. **Could this be you?**

As I write this, the prospect of Spring around the corner is encouraging to say the least - let's hope we get a lovely one. A good time to take on a new activity - if you would like to know how the committee works, do let me know and you could observe a meeting.

Most groups are up and running from this month, so there's plenty to do - why not try a group you never have before? Or is there a topic you would like to share with the membership? To discuss the possibility please contact any committee member.

Our monthly meeting promises to be very interesting, when Ray Clarke will talk about his exploration of the North Yorkshire Moors focussing on the Geology and Wildlife - more details below.

And finally, we really do need volunteers to help with the Classical Music Group.

Maggie Bray

Wanted! Newsletter Editor

Your u3a NEEDS YOU

If you would like to have a go at the role of Newsletter Editor please let one of the committee members know and we will help you with all the aspects of the role. It is a varied and interesting role that gets you involved in all aspects of your u3a.

Newsletter Editor (temporary)
Paul Davies

Daffodils are the birth flower for March



Sociable Strollers

Meets on the first Friday each month at the Eastgate car park, Driffield. Setting off at 1pm unless otherwise stated. Walks usually 2-3 miles ending with refreshments at a café.

Sturdy footwear is advised for the walk.

Friday 1st March - Garton & Kirkburn churches

Leader - Ruth Pearson - 01377 253926

Friday 5th April - Londesborough

Leader - Hazel Senior - 07934 489501

For More information please contact Group Leader Sue Clarkson:

Email: clarksonsusan40@gmail.com

Tel: 01377 256857 M: 07762 782082



425 Milers group

The 425 Milers group meet on second Tuesday and fourth Thursday each month. Meet at 9:30am at Eastgate South car park (Coach parking area).

March walks are:

Tuesday 12th March - Beverley

Walk leader - Steve Share, m:07766 198912 e: stevebluesman@yahoo.com

Thursday 28th March - Huggate

Walk leader - Peter Wrightson, m: 07799 452236 e: peterpmwrightson@btinternet.com

For More information please contact Group Leader Paul Grinstead:

Email: p.grinstead2@btinternet.com

Tel: 01377 255272 Mobile: 07932 494357



Walking group

Meets at 9:30am on the first Tuesday and Third Thursday each month at the Coach parking area of the Eastgate car park, Driffield. Walks are around 8 miles within a 30 mile radius of Driffield. Please bring a picnic lunch. Car sharing available if required.

Tuesday 5th March - Fridaythorpe 8.5 miles

Walk leader - Steve Whitaker, M: 07952 981786 E: sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 21st March - Flamborough 7.5 miles

Walk leader - Geoff Hughes, M: 07761 036093 E: geoffrey.hughes@hotmail.co.uk

Please let the walk leader know if you intend going straight to the walk location

For More information please contact Group Leader Steve Whitaker:

Email: sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk

M: 07952 981786



Nature group

Indoor meetings:

Monday 18th March 2pm

Driffield Cricket Club

Guest speaker - Richard Hampshire

Head Warden of Tophill Low nature reserve

Monday 15th April 2pm

Meeting to discuss way forward for the group

Outdoor meetings:

Monday 11th March 1pm

Filey Dams

Monday 8th April 10:30am

Wassand Woods



For More information please contact Gerald Massey:

Email: gdmasssey28@yahoo.com

Tel: 01377 257063

The Discussion group

Meets every Friday at 9:30am in the Driffield Community Centre.
All u3a members welcome to join us.



1st March - Challenging Authority: In the UK we can, to some extent, challenge authority.

Does our right to do this go far enough, or would this be a road to anarchy? Are 'Extinction Rebellion' and 'Just Stop Oil' our benefactors or just a nuisance?

8th March - Childhood: Older people remember a time when children had much more freedom to roam and play unsupervised. Was this freedom or neglect? Would we now regard what we used to do as children as trespassing?

15th March - New Age Jobs: People these days can make a living doing things we had never heard of until the last few years, for example 'Influencers' and 'Personal Trainers'. Do these jobs benefit society? Are they an inevitable result of the decline in more traditional jobs?

22nd March - Were things better in 'the old days': 90 years ago, Cole Porter wrote: "The world has gone mad today, and good's bad today and black's white today and day's night today..." It's easy to look back with fondness to a time when things were simpler. There is evidence that older generations have always criticised the young people of their day. Are we still doing it?

For More information please contact Group Leader Chris Taylor:
M: 07484 160660



Bridge group

For beginners to more advanced

We meet every Wednesday at 2pm in the
Committee room, Driffield Community Centre.

March meeting dates:
6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

For More information please contact
Group Leader George Ansell:
M: 07929 299362



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Independent Persons' group

We meet on the second Friday each month at the
Cricket & Recreation Club, Kings Mill, Driffield
10:30am - 12pm

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 8th March

For More information please contact
Marian Carter - 01377 821374
or Penelope Kinsley - 07837 604166

(Members not on email are always phoned and updated)

u3a National online learning

u3a members can join a wide range of talks, workshops & courses for free as part of your membership.
Most of these are presented by u3a members, sharing their knowledge or skills.
There are also a wide range of talks from well known speakers and organisations,
plus in-person events like the Royal Institution.

Details of the National u3a online learning events can be found on their website:

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

Tai Chi



Tai Chi group



We have 2 groups, both are aimed at beginners so turn up and have a go!
 Entry is £1
 We meet on Thursdays in the main hall at Driffield Community Centre
We do not meet when the u3a monthly meeting is on

Group 1 starts at 12:30pm **Group 2** starts at 1:45pm, both are for 1 hour

Dates for March:

7th, 21st and 28th

The classes consist of warm up, balance exercises, meditation, Qigong and Lee style form

Through gentle slow movement you can improve your health

For More information please contact Group Leader Maggie Bray:
 Mobile: 07753 224793

**Mastering others is strength.
 Mastering yourself is True Power.
 'Lao Tzu'**

Classical Music & Opera group

It is with regret that we will have to close this group if we do not get any volunteers to help run the group.



Please contact:
Maggie Bray
Mobile: 07753 224793



York Ice Trail

Local History group

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

ALL WELCOME!

20th March - "The Wild Wolds - A Heathen Heartland?" - Rev Robert Amos

17th April - "York Minster - an illustrated guided tour" - Paul Medford - official guide (and local lad!)

15th May - "The Cathedrals of England (by bike)" - Derek Megginson

19th June - "The Horrible History of Driffield" - Phil Gillbank

10th July - Summer outing to Stamford Bridge - Meet a Viking - view the tapestry, watch its making - guided tour

For More information please contact Group Leader Ross Weekes:
 Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com Tel: 01377 253832



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

If you can help with teas for this group please contact Ross Weekes



Archaeology/History group

We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at
the Community Centre, Driffield

10am - 12noon

Next meetings are:

5th March - "More adventures in Archaeology"

Alison Spencer (FFWAP)

19th March - Alfred Buchanan Cheetham

fisherman and later worker with Shakleton & Scott

Shiela Cadman

For More information please contact Group Leader

Susan Adamson - 01377 270429

Geology group

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at
the Cricket & Recreation Club, Kings Mill, Driffield

10am - 12noon

Our next meetings will be held on:

14th March - Life and work of William Smith

by Jane Sewell

plus short talk on Captain Edmund Topham

by Kay Cox

28th March - presentation on Carbon

plus a summary of Geological mapping

For More information please contact Group Leader

Kathy Chilver - 01377 255052



York Ice Trail

YAHR

Yorkshire & the Humber Region

U3A

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGION U3A

Details of regional activities for u3a's in the Yorkshire and Humber region

can be found on their website: <https://yahru3a.uk/>

Table Tennis group

We meet on the 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday
each month at the Community Centre, Driffield

7:15pm - 9:15pm

Our next meetings will be on

6th, 20th & 27th March

For More information please contact Group Leader

Melanie Campbell - 01377 250235



Reading group

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

Our next meeting will be on:

Thursday 28th March at 2pm

We will be discussing

'The Heart's Invisible Furies'

'by John Boyne

For more details please contact

our Group Leader Julia Spencer-Jones

Tel - 07726 264712

Email - charles.juliasj@gmail.com



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 7pm in the Lounge Bar of The Bell Hotel in Driffield

No meeting in March

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

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



Paul Atkin
01377 241678

French Conversation group

We meet every other Wednesday morning
10am - 12 noon in Driffield



This is a small group so please contact
Group Leader **Jenny Canning**
regarding available places
Email - tinribs_fr@yahoo.co.uk
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Your Photos

Many thanks to all those members who have shared their photos so members can see what is great in the area and what your Groups get up to



Please keep sending them in

Send photos to:
Newsletter editor (Temporary)
Paul at:
haven4angels@hotmail.co.uk



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Scrabble



Gerald Massey
01377 257063

Games group

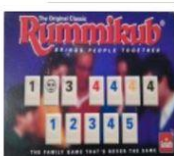
The Games group is an amalgamation of three separate groups (Mah Jongg, Rummikub & Scrabble) who meet together to defray costs. They all meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at the Cricket Club from 2 - 4pm



Mah Jongg
Denise Massey
01377 257063

This is a friendly social occasion with tea, coffee and biscuits.

We would be pleased to see anyone who is interested in any of our groups to drop into one of our meetings with no obligation.



Rummikub
Carole Salmon - 07905 682103
Kay Maslen - 07838 208025

Patient help will be given to anyone interested in any of the games even if you have no experience.

Our next meetings will be on:
12th & 26th March
We look forward to seeing you!

Digital Photography group



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

Our next meeting will be:

Monday 18th March when Ernie Howard is joining us and giving a talk

Our mid month photo walk will be:

Monday 4th March in Bridlington

Our theme for March is windows and doors

We have a varied membership, all with experience to share.

Tea, coffee and treats are included! Why not join us?

For more information please contact Group Leader

Penelope Kinsley - 07837 604166



Card Making & Craft group

We meet on the last Friday of the month at the Community Centre, Driffield

10:45am - 12:30pm

£3 per person to cover refreshments, rent & materials

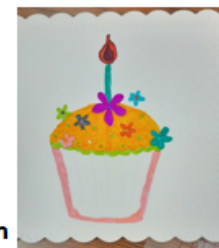
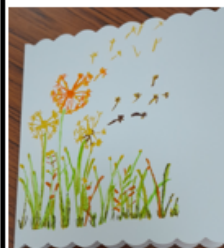
Our next meeting will be held on Friday 29th March

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more details 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



York Ice Trail

Group Leaders

Important reminder

If you hire a venue to hold your meetings and have to cancel for whatever reason, please ensure that you inform the venue and get confirmation.

Otherwise you may be charged!

Special dates in March

8th - International Women's Day

15th - Ides of March!

17th - St. Patrick's Day

19th - Vernal Equinox

24th - Palm Sunday

25th - Full Worm Moon

29th - Good Friday

31st - Easter Sunday

31st - British Summertime begins



Away Days group

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

Coach departs from Driffield Rugby Club car park at 9am 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.



Tuesday 16th April - Beamish Museum - £35 per person

Beamish is a world famous, open air museum which brings the history of North East England to life at its 1820's Pockerley, 1900's town, 1900's Pit village plus many more. An interesting day out with plenty to see and do.



11th June - Gainsborough Old Hall £30pp



17th September - Harewood House £33.50pp



23rd July - Wakefield Sculpture Park £30pp



For all enquiries please contact Maureen Blackwell:

Tel - 01377 253183

Email - maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com

Fill your heart with Ireland



u3a Holiday group

September 2024

Southern Ireland Holiday



Polite reminder

Please make sure that your UK passports are current, valid and in date before we go!
(Check the passport website for full details)
We will be needing them on the ferries!!

Thursford Christmas Spectacular

We are currently negotiating with Acklams for a 4 day tour staying at 3* Palm Court hotel in Great Yarmouth. This tour offers coach travel, B&B and evening meals at the hotel plus entrance to the Spectacular Christmas Show on the Saturday night, an excursion to Norwich and some spare time in Great Yarmouth itself.

Acklams have double/twin rooms available at £299pp, Single £329 (only 5 left) inc single supplement.

We will be booking direct with Acklams but hopefully if we can get enough members interested we can all travel together as a group. At this stage we need confirmation of numbers and then we would need to secure the holiday with a £20 deposit. Pick up/drop off would be at Driffield Car Wash.



We need feedback as soon as we can, please let us know by return so we can see if this tour is viable

Thank you all - Ann, Sue & Liz

For all enquiries please contact Ann Wilkinson:

Tel - 07747 102635

Email - wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk

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Garden Lovers two day treat! limited tickets - book direct with Ashley Adams Travel Agents in Driffield



RHS Gardens
Sunday 9th June 2024
2 Days
£156pp
£20 single supplement

2 RHS gardens that change every year

Ok Garden lovers do we have a wonderful two day treat planned for you!

RHS Harlow Carr spans 68 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, showcasing a diverse range of plant collections, from woodland flora to alpinas and herbaceous borders. Its picturesque setting, featuring tranquil streams and stunning vistas, provides visitors with a serene escape to nature. The gardens also boast educational facilities, hosting workshops, talks, and demonstrations to inspire both novice and seasoned gardeners alike.

On the other hand, RHS Bridgewater, the newest addition to the RHS family, has breathed new life into a historic site in the heart of Salford. Formerly the grounds of Worsley New Hall, this 154-acre garden aims to transform communities through gardening, offering a rich tapestry of horticultural displays, community gardens, and therapeutic spaces. Its diverse landscape, including woodlands, wetlands, and walled gardens, provides a haven for biodiversity while nurturing a sense of well-being and connection to nature among visitors

Provisional Itinerary

Day 1
Departing from Driffield (approx. 09.30) to the Harlow Carr Gardens. Evening meal and time to relax

Day 2
After breakfast we head to the newest edition to RHS, Bridgewater. Free Time to explore. Before heading back to Driffield

What's Included :

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
Hotel Accommodation
Coach Travel Throughout
Entrance to RHS Gardens

u3a Holiday group

9th June 2024

RHS Harlow Carr & RHS Bridgewater



We have some places available to join a church group/choir group on a wonderful trip to the two RHS gardens.

Booking is directly with Ashley Adams

Monthly Meetings

2nd Thursday every month at Drifffield Community Centre 2pm - 4pm

Everyone welcome - £1.50 admission

FREE REFRESHMENTS

14th March - Ray Clarke - "North Yorkshire Moors Geology & Wildlife"

Ray lived in Richmond, North Yorkshire when he became a volunteer Ranger at the North York Moors National Park Authority. After a spell down South, he and his family returned North to Scarborough, where Ray resumed his relationship with the North York Moors, this time as a conservation volunteer. Ray travels all over to share his passion for the Moors.



11th April - Pauline Waslin - "Burton Agnes Hall"

The life and work of a tour guide through a whole year at Burton Agnes Hall

9th May - Lis Hallett MBE - "Life & Times of a District Nurse"

13th June - Tony Collinson - "The Lad from Leodis" an audio visual presentation

11th July - Marion Gamble - "Yorkshire Air Ambulance"

8th August - Margaret Parkin - "Either failure can be funny or travel can be tedious"



*** FREE BOOK SWAP ***
More books are always needed—bring along your old books and help yourself to new ones!

Any suggestions/requests for speakers
Please contact:
Ann Wilkinson our Speaker Finder:
T: 07747 102635 E: wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk



Monthly Meetings

Last Months' Murder Mystery winners



Congratulations to Adrienne & George Bailey for winning not only the best outfits but also for correctly solving 'Who Done It'

Thank you to everyone who attended and took part.

Special thanks to Colin Bickerdyke for all his hard work in presenting this to our members.



Wanted! Committee Members

Your u3a NEEDS YOU

At the end of this year 2 Committee members will be stepping down after serving on the Committee for 6 years. We therefore need new members to join the Committee asap.

To run our u3a we have to have a minimum of five Committee members, if we do not get new members we may get to a position where we have to close the charity.

Newsletter Editor (temporary)
Paul Davies

Last months puzzle

Puzzling behaviour

This wasn't a puzzle, but an item in a newspaper. Somebody received a Christmas present that they found disappointing and frustrating. So disappointing in fact, that they bought themselves another identical article even though the first one was in perfect condition.

What could explain this strange behaviour? Why might it be a logical thing to do?

Answer next month.

ANSWER

"Socks"

The news item was about the problem of socks that go missing, leaving you with a number of odd socks.

Most of us just shrug and get on with life, but some people try and do something about the problem.

One solution is always to buy the same socks. This way, so long as you have at least two socks you have a matching pair. Others are more rebellious, they never wear matching socks, so don't care about odd ones.

Sellers have realised there is a market here, you can now buy packs of odd socks. The person who bought the present was a rebel. The recipient was a conformist and searched the internet until they found the same pack of odd socks for sale and bought a pack so they now had matching socks.

Wanted!

Our Speaker Finder retires in December so we are looking for somebody amongst our members to find and book speakers for our monthly meetings. If you would like to "Shadow" the current post holder (who has enjoyed the role) to see how it's done then please contact one of the Committee members.



Beverley Minster Luxmuralis display

Your u3a Committee

Chairman/Beacon Administrator	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
Secretary	Amanda Evans	07932 759262
Treasurer	Paul Davies	
Vice Chairman	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
Membership Secretary	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
Membership Team	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
Accord Administrator	Denise Massey	01377 257 063
Speaker Finder	Ann Wilkinson	07747 102635
Group Liason	To be appointed	
Newsletter Editor	To be appointed	
Committee Member	Anne Firth	

If you would like to join the committee you would be most welcome
Just speak with any of us - we are always looking for new members

Gift Aid

Donating through Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It is completely free and the form is on our website or at our monthly meetings. For more information please contact: Treasurer - Paul Davies
Email: haven4angels@hotmail.co.uk

Your Membership

This year's membership will end on: 31st March 2024.
You will receive an email to remind you that you are due to renew 1st April 2024. Membership is £15 for a year and ends 31st March 2025.
For more information please contact: Carole Salmon - 07905 682103 or Kay Maslen - 07838 208025

Groups and Group Leaders

425 Milers	Paul Grinstead	07932 494357
Archaeology/History	Susan Adamson	01377 270429
Away Days	Maureen Blackwell	01377 253183
Bridge	George Ansell	07929 299362
Card Making & Crafts	Maureen Blackwell	01377 253183
	Debbie Ireland-O'Neill	07917 447974
	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
Classical Music & Opera	Mary Wells	07521 795688
Digital Photography	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
Discussion Group	Chris Taylor	07484 160660
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
Nature Group	tbc	
Quiz Night	Paul Atkins	01377 241678
Reading Group	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Rummikub	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
Scrabble	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Sociable Strollers	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
Table Tennis	Melanie Campbell	01377 250235
Tai Chi	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
Walking Group	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447

Your Website

Your u3a website contains information about Driffield & Wolds u3a. It has full details of all groups/activities and all events and monthly meetings.

For more information or if there are any changes you would like made please contact: Chris Taylor - 07484 160660
www.u3asites.org.uk/driffieldwolds

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If you have any articles/photos for inclusion in the next Newsletter please email them to haven4angels@hotmail.co.uk

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