



Your u3a Committee

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Message From the Chairman



Hello!

Well it's nice to have seen a bit of the sun lately and I'm sure you are looking forward to the warmer weather as much as I am. You might want to join one of our walking groups, and of course there are the Away Day trips – two to come. Would you like to share your interest/expertise with other members? If so, you could get together to set up a group. Do you have ideas for events we might organise? Would you like to get involved in running your local u3a, or helping out at individual events? Contact any member of the committee for more information.

This month's meeting is followed by the celebration of the King's Coronation. I hope to see you there.

Maggie Bray

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.



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, 9th May at 10 am - Huggate—Walk leader Kathy Chilver - 01377 255052

Thursday, 25th May at 1 pm - Ulrome—Walk leader Jim Stockwell - 07443911750 or jimstockwell@hotmail.co.uk

NEW GROUP LEADER NEEDED

You do not need to already be a member of this group and you do not have to lead walks or go on every walk—we just need one (or two) people willing to coordinate events. For more information about what this role involves please contact Jim Stockwell—01377 232025 jimstockwell@hotmail.co.uk



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

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

Please could Strollers contact Sue the week before to confirm arrangements

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



Be₃Al₂SiO₆

AKA Emerald



Emeralds signify youth and rebirth and are the birthstone for May.

Emeralds were mined in Ancient Egypt at locations on Mount Smaragdus since 1500 BC. The mines were exploited on an industrial scale by the Roman and Byzantine Empires, and later by Islamic conquerors. Mining in Egypt ceased with the discovery of the Colombian deposits and today only ruins remain

They are still found in many countries but Columbia is the world's largest producer followed by Zambia.



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 2nd May Hunmanby (West).

For details contact walk leader Pamela at sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk or on 07952981786

Thursday 18th May North Cave.

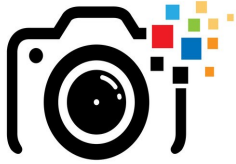
For details contact walk leader Paul at p.grinstead2@btinternet.com or on 07952494357

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

**May
 Bank
 Holidays**

Monday, 1 May - May Bank Holiday
 Monday, 8 May - Coronation Bank Holiday
 Monday, 29 May - Spring Bank Holiday





Photography Group

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

Friday, 5th May—(Weather permitting) A visit to Northcliffe Woods to photograph the bluebells
Monday, 15th May—The theme for our monthly meeting will be “Patterns” plus some black and white photos

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.
If you are interested in joining our Group please contact

Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166

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

Bank Account

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

ATTEMPTED MURDER



Archaeology/History Group

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

2nd May—“Archaeology and History of Spinning and Weaving—Part 2—Chris and Penny Renn

16th May—“YAA Drone Mapping—Archaeological Aerial Mapping” - Tony Hunt YAA

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

Geology Group

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

A Field Trip to Sutton Bank is planed for Thursday, 18th May

For further details please contact the Group Leader
Kathy Chilver— 01377 255052

Local History Group

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

ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday, May 17th -

“Beverley—A Town Guide—From a Driffield Perspective

Professional presentation by top local guide
Paul Schofield

For more information please contact

Ross Weekes - 01377 253832

Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com



National u3a Online Learning Events

u3a members can join a wide range of online talks, workshops and courses for free with their membership! Most of these opportunities are presented by members themselves; sharing their knowledge or skills with others across the movement. There is also a wide range of talks on offer from well-known speakers and organisations, plus in-person events at venues like the Royal Institution.

For full details of all events and how to join in go to
<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>



Hadrian's Wall: The Unification of the British Isles: A Lesson in Geology

A discussion of how England and Wales collided with Scotland, then Europe with Britain and finally the breakaway of America.

Thurs 4 May at 10am

Free - online via zoom (part of the 'Off the Wall' Online Programme)

QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night



Paul Atkin
01377 241678

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 29th May

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

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



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 9th and 23rd May

***** 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.

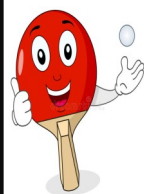
Don't worry if you've never played before as instruction can be given. Bring your own Rummikub or share ours.

Our next meetings will be on 9th and 23rd May

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 7pm-9pm



**Dates for May
3rd, 17th and 24th**

For more details please call
Melanie Campbell—01377 250235

French Conversation Group

Meets Wednesday mornings in Driffield

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

janepjanet@gmail.com



Bridge

For Beginners to the more Advanced

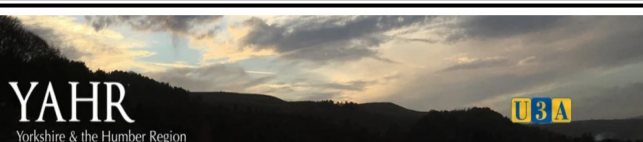
We meet on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2pm in The Committee Room of the Community Centre



Our next sessions are 3rd and 24th May

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

For more information please contact Group Leader
George Ansell
07929 299362



Yorkshire and Humber Region u3a Music Festival

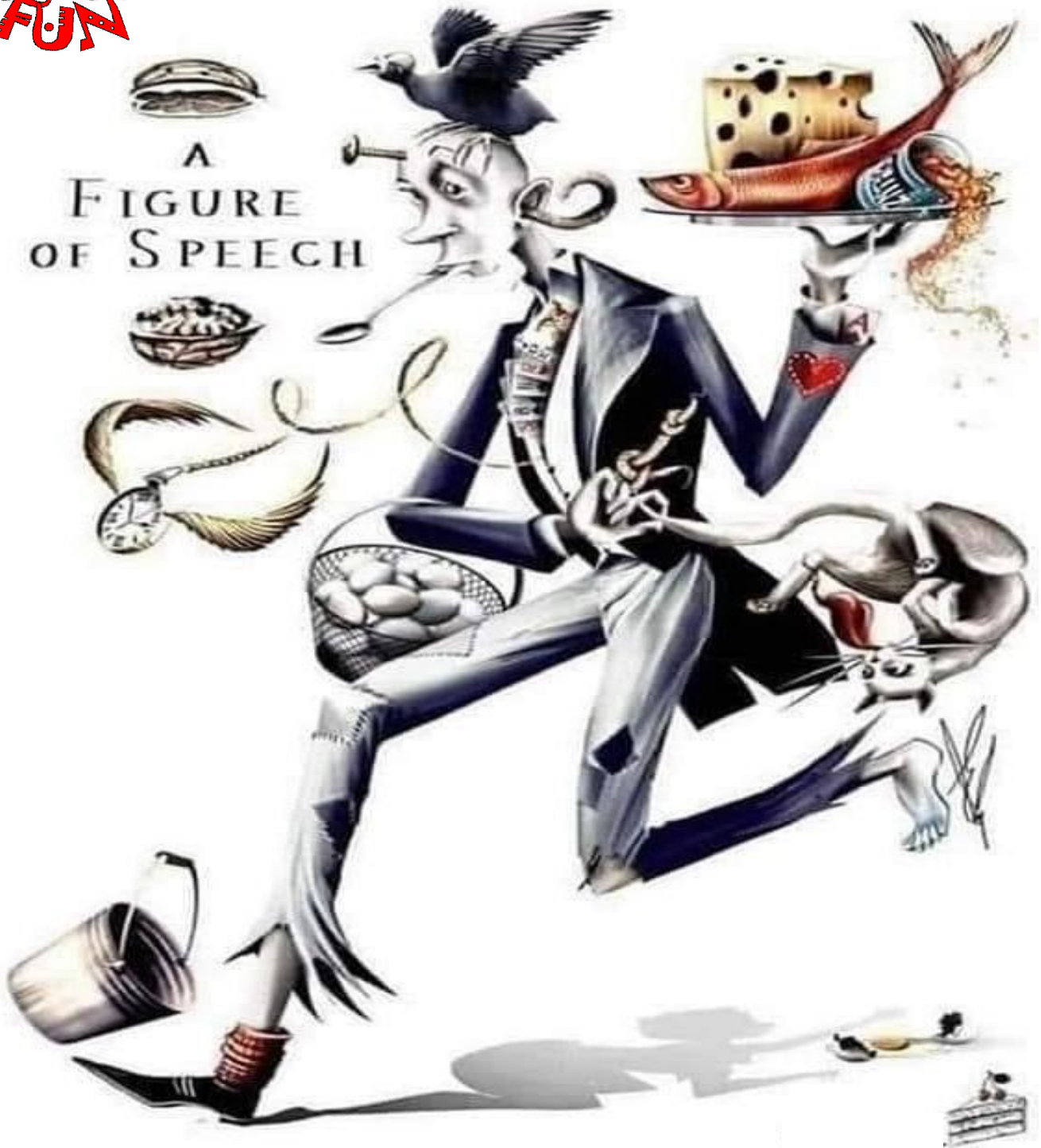
The management team of the Yorkshire and Humber Region are organising a music festival on 13th June 2023. The aim of this 1-day event is to showcase and celebrate the musical talent in our region, providing an opportunity for members of our u3a music groups to perform, and to listen to, and socialise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

Full details are available on their website

<https://yahru3a.uk/2023/02/09/yahr-musicfest-june-2023/>

How many Figures of Speech can you find in this picture? (Answers in June's Newsletter)

A FIGURE OF SPEECH



April's Wordsearch solution

U	L	A	U	G	H	T	E	R	E	L	P	X	T
N	P	A	I	J	O	K	E	R	J	M	R	K	K
R	Y	G	A	S	I	L	L	Y	L	I	A	R	C
A	L	I	K	L	Y	L	A	P	W	S	N	S	I
K	P	T	A	K	L	P	N	G	I	C	K	E	R
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Sudoku—Medium

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

Sudoku—Hard

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

Answers in June's Newsletter



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 me at: maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com or by phoning me on 01377 253183.

Tuesday 9th May—East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley

£30 per person—NT members can deduct £3 from the cost

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



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

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.



Card Making and Craft Group

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

The next meeting will be held on Friday 26th May

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**



May Birth Flowers—Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn

Traditionally, lily of the valley is known to symbolise humility, sweetness, the return of happiness and motherhood. With its delicate flowers and sweet scent it is a real favourite. The flower is also known as the May lily, May bells, or French "Muguet des bois." The scientific name is **Convallaria majalis**. The genus name means "valley" and the species name means "belonging to Maia" since May is its month of flowering.



There are many myths and legends surrounding where lily of the valley comes from. Some say they appeared where Eve's tears fell after she was evicted from the Garden of Eden but others say that when St. Leonard fought a terrifying dragon for hours, the lilies grew wherever the brave warrior's blood fell.

In England, in May, you can't miss the Hawthorn. It is an extremely common tree in the countryside, especially in hedges. As many as 200,000 miles of hawthorn hedge were planted in the Parliamentary Enclosure period, between 1750 and 1850. The name 'Haw' derives from 'hage', the Old English for 'hedge'. The tree gives its beautiful display of flowers in late April/early May. It is known as the May Tree and the blossom itself is called May.

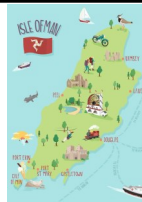


Ne'er cast a clout 'til May be out

"Clout" is from an Old English word for cloth or clothing, and the saying was a reminder, based on our unpredictable weather, not to be too quick to put away the winter woollies! It's not clear whether "'Till May be out" means "until the month of May is over" or "until the May blossom is out".

2023—Isle of Man

It's all systems go for our coach holiday in June to the Isle of Man. If you would like any information about the trip please email wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07747 102635.



U3a Holidays

2024—Southern Ireland

Expressions of Interest please!!!

If any members are interested in a group holiday to **Southern Ireland** in early/mid September 2024 could you **please email your expression of interest to me asap - wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk**

We are negotiating to visit Southern Ireland with at least 3 coach companies, for a competitive quote to include 7 days, ferry travel, hotel with a lift and hopefully other facilities and evening entertainment. We need a minimum of 30 travellers.

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.

At this stage I can't get prices/details or itinerary but I need to know if you would be interested in joining us. Please contact me with any questions and I will do my best to answer them.

Ann—wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07747 102635.



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



“Mayday! Mayday! Mayday” is a well-known distress call. It originated in 1923 when a senior radio officer at Croydon Airport in London, Frederick Stanley Mockford, was asked to think of a word that would indicate distress and would easily be understood by all pilots and ground staff in an emergency. Much of the traffic at the time was between Croydon and Le Bourget Airport in Paris, so he proposed the expression “mayday” from the French “m’aidez “ (help me). Convention requires the word be repeated three times in a row during the initial emergency declaration to prevent it being mistaken for some similar-sounding phrase under noisy conditions, and to distinguish an *actual* mayday call from a message *about* a mayday call.



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 12th May 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

Reading Group

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

Our next meeting will be on **25th May** and we are reading **"Late Train to Gipsy Hill" by Alan Johnson**

This will be our last meeting before our summer break. We start back in September.

For more details please contact our Group Leader

Julia Spencer-Jones
Tel: 07726 264712

Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



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

Due to the Bank Holiday our next meeting will be on Monday 15th May at 2pm

“The Operas of Puccini”

All u3a members are welcome

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



Classical



May the Fourth be With You!

The 4th of May, or rather May the Fourth (may the force be with you) is commonly known by fans as Star Wars Day—giving them a good excuse to rewatch the movies.



What? When? Where?

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



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

What do you call a magic dog?



A Labracadabrador.

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.

- 5 May Discussion of an editorial from one of this week’s newspapers
- 12 May Artificial Intelligence
- 19 May Debate—Do we need the Monarchy? - John –v– Digby
- 26 May Is technology creating a two tier society?
- 2 June Fashion: Discrimination and tribalism

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

Groups and Group Leaders

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Archaeology/History	Susan Adamson	01377 270429
Away Days	Maureen Blackwell	01377 253183
Bridge	George Ansell	07929 299362
Card Making and Crafts	Maureen Blackwell	01377 253198
	Debbie Ireland-O'Neill	07917 447974
	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
Classical Music and Opera	Mary Wells	01377 259166
Digital Photography	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
French Conversation	Jane Payne	janepjanet@gmail.com
Geology	Kathy Chilver	01377 255052
Independent Persons	Marian Carter	01377 821374
	Penelope Kinsley	07837 604166
	Ross Weekes	01377 253832
Local History	Denise Massey	01377 257063
Mah Jongg	Paul Atkins	01377 241678
Quiz Night	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Reading Group	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
Rummikub	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Scrabble Group	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
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

Monthly Meetings

Driffield Community Centre

Second Thursday of each month—2pm-4pm

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



11th MAY—CORONATION CELEBRATIONS!

Details on Page 10



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

Monthly Meeting Speakers

If any of our members have a suggestion or a request for a particular or favourite speaker to come along to a

Monthly Meeting could they please contact Ann Wilkinson our Speaker Finder—wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk—07747 102635



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11th MAY—CORONATION CELEBRATIONS!

2pm—Margaret Shaw, Malton Museum

“What’s in a Name?” - Looking at Old Words in a Fun Way

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



From 3pm—Coronation Afternoon Tea

Buffet style selection of savoury sandwiches and pastries followed by an assortment of cakes—with tea and coffee

Approximately 3.15-3.30pm

Diana Arundale “The Majesty and Mishaps of Coronations” - What could possibly go wrong?!



*First Prize in our
Coronation Raffle
Afternoon Tea for Two
at Molly & Jean's
in Driffield*



NB Normally our Meetings close by 4pm but we have booked the room until 4.30pm to allow us to fully enjoy the buffet and a chat