

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to our April newsletter!

Again produced and edited by Paul, our Treasurer and what a fab job he has done yet again. We are still looking for a regular editor - Paul has enough to do as Treasurer and cannot continue to do this additional task.

So, if you think you could help with this, please do let us know.

We are also in need of members willing to participate in running the organisation as committee members. If you think you could help, please let us know, all our contact details are on the website and at the end of this newsletter.

Spring has officially sprung, still looking forward to evidence of a sustained improvement in the weather though. Maybe after the bank holiday weekend!

Unfortunately the Classical Music group has had to close for lack of enthusiasm; nobody has stepped forward to take over or to help with the running of the group. If you would like the group to restart, please consider how you might be able to help, and if you can, do get in touch, support is available.

Many activities are ramping up for the warmer weather, I am sure there will be renewed interest from some of you in the outdoor activities, not least our Awaydays, see more below.

Here's looking forward to the longer days.

Maggie Bray

Membership Renewal

For those who have not already renewed their membership, it is now due and is £15.

Payment can be made by BACs to our bank account

Lloyds - sort code: 30-99-50 acc no: 22339168

Cheques to my home address (details on renewal form)

Made payable to: Driffield & Wolds u3a

Cash only at meetings - please do not post cash

Renewal form only required if details have changed

For more information please contact:

Carole Salmon - 07905 682103

Daisies are the birth flower for April



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 5th April - Londesborough

Leader - Hazel Senior - 07934 489501

Friday 3rd May - Lund Bluebell Wood

Leader - Will & Gill Lamb - 07880 830235

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 9th April - Lund

Walk leader - Paul Grinstead, details below

Thursday 25th April - Cranswick

Walk leader - Bill & Sandra Troy, m: 07397 068377 e: wtroy6789@gmail.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 2nd April - Hunmanby

Walk leader - Bill Troy, M: 07397 9068377 E: wtroy6789@gmail.com

Thursday 18th April - Barmston

Walk leader - Bill Troy, M: 07397 9068377 E: wtroy6789@gmail.com

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:

Tuesday 16th April 2pm

Meeting to discuss way forward for the group

Outdoor meetings:

Monday 8th April - Wassand Woods - Led by Mike Smith

Meeting at the Cricket Club car park at 12:00 noon

Those going direct, follow B1244 to Hornsea. Shortly after Seaton village there is a sign on the right for Wassand Hall. Turn right, in a couple of hundred yards there is parking either side of the road.

For more information contact Mike on: 07955 733514 or mikes2906@gmail.com



For More information please contact Gerald Massey:

Email: gdmasssey28@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 01377 257063

The Discussion group

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



5th April - What should we spend our money on?

Our government spends our money, hopefully for our benefit. There isn't an infinite amount of the stuff. What should our priorities be? Education? Defence? Health? Research? Social Care? Foreign Aid? Law & Order? Transport? Energy? Should we keep more of our own money or do governments know what's best?

12th April - Do we need a monarchy?

Is our system of a constitutional monarchy the reason for our relative stability as a nation, with no violent revolution? Or is it just a system that keeps a privileged few in unmerited luxury?

19th April - Are charities now having to do things that the state should be doing?

We have food banks and charities that try to care for the homeless, the terminally ill, the lonely etc.? Should such charities be needed in a properly run society, or is their existence evidence that our society does actually care?

26th April - Our scariest or most embarrassing experiences

Unfortunate experiences can be educational. They can be funny when they happen to somebody else. Will any of our members have the courage to tell us about events that filled them with horror or embarrassment?

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.

April meeting dates:

3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

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



Easter cake for Bridge club made by Debbie Ireland-O'Neill



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 12th April

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

(Members not on email are always phoned and updated)

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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 group



We have 2 groups, both are for 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 April:
4th, 18th and 25th

World Tai Chi Day Saturday 27th April
10am outdoor free class
Field at end of Clematis Close
No matter what the weather

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

The Mind is like water,
when it's turbulent, it's difficult to see.
When it's calm everything becomes clear
Buddha



World Tai Chi Day Saturday 27th April



10am in field at end of Clematis Close just off Bracken Road, YO25 6XQ

You are invited to celebrate World Tai Chi Day by doing our Tai Chi outside

All over the world at 10am local time people perform Tai Chi and Qigong outside in parks, beaches etc. It is a totally different feeling to doing Tai Chi in a room and much healthier.

Dress for the weather, come rain or shine (or snow!)

We will do our normal routines and maybe try some new?
We will finish about 11am or later if you want to stay on for more

Feel free to bring a chair to have a sit down if needed

Archaeology/History group

We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month at
the Community Centre, Driffield
10am - 12noon

Next meetings are:

2nd April - Entrenchments in East Yorkshire
Dr John Deverell

16th April - The Great Sheffield Flood 1864
Shiela Cadman

For More information please contact Group Leader
Susan Adamson - 01377 270429

Classical Music & Opera group

It is with regret that this group has now closed



Please contact:
Maggie Bray
Mobile: 07753 224793

Local History group

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

ALL WELCOME!

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



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:

11th April: "Geology News" - Steve Sansom

"Captain Edmund Topham" - Kay Cox

"Winsford Salt Mine" - Mathew Harrison

25th April: Last indoor meeting of season

"Geology News" - Steve Sansom

"Field Trip Planning" - Group

For More information please contact Group Leader
Kathy Chilver - 01377 255052



2023 field trip to Sutton Bank

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

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

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!

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
Mobile - 07949 799666

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
3rd, 17th & 24th April**



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 25th April 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

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:
9th & 23rd April
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 22nd April
is joining us and giving a talk**

**Our theme for April is 'Old Buildings - Technique 'Pictorialism'
ideas on both have been suggested via video**

We have a varied membership, all with experience to share.
Tea, coffee and treats are included! Why not join us?

**Anyone interested in finding out more about us, please come along
you'll be very welcome**

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 27th April

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

**Adrienne Bailey - 07530 714186 - Adrienne.bailey@outlook.com
or Debbie Ireland-O'Neill - 07917 447974 - D.Ireland-Oneill@hotmail.com**



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Details of regional activities for u3a's in the Yorkshire and Humber region
can be found on their website: <https://yahru3a.uk/>



Away Days group

Outings will take place approximately every six weeks throughout the summer months.

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

Urgent notice - the coach for Beamish is now leaving at 8:30am

NOT 9am as previously advertised

Tuesday 11th June - Gainsborough Old Hall - ~~£35~~ per person Reduced to £18 per person



Gainsborough Old Hall is a medieval manor house in Lincolnshire. The surviving structures were built by Sir Thomas Burgh II in the late 15th century. The hall was the seat of the Burgh's from 1430 to 1596, and then sold to the merchant Hickman family, who lived there until around 1730. The building since has been leased for various purposes, including residential, workshops and businesses, even a theatre space and civic institutions.



**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 alpines 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. 09.50) 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

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)
Chris at:
chris.taylor@btinternet.com



Monthly Meetings

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

Everyone welcome - £1.50 admission

FREE REFRESHMENTS

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"

12th September - OPEN DAY event



*** 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



Thanks a Million' Afternoon Tea

The Mayor of Driffield invited some u3a members to join her for Afternoon Tea to say thank you for all the work people do to make help make Driffield a great place to live.

Maggie Bray, Carole Salmon, Paul Davies, Teresa Hollins, Kathy Chilver and Malcolm Batchelor were representing u3a and enjoying the hospitality that was laid on.



Also on our table was Anne Firth (u3a committee), Gareth and Tina Shelton (u3a members) and Ray Jones all representing the Probus Group.

Charity Fundraising Evening



Charity Hair Cut

Denise Massey is donating her hair to make a wig for a cancer patient.

Guests can sponsor the cutting of small sections of her hair, as it is cut **VERY short!**

Justgiving.com
search: denise-massey-1709376327940
or scan QR code to the right >>>



The Saint Catherine's Quiz

To book a table for 4 at £16/table contact Gerald Massey on 01377 257063

Gill Ulliyott on 01377 256511 at Saint Catherine's Driffield Support Group,
or Pam Woodcock on 01377 257070 at Driffield Cricket Club



Light refreshments will be available and the bar will be open.



Win a prize in The Grand Raffle

At Driffield Cricket & Recreation Club

Thursday 18 April
from 7.30 for 8.00pm



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.

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



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.

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

Your u3a Committee

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 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

Groups and Group Leaders

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|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |
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| Independent Persons | Marian Carter | 01377 821374 |
| | Penelope Kinsley | 07837 604166 |
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| Mah Jongg | Denise Massey | 01377 257063 |
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Articles for the Newsletter

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We would give you all the support and equipment you need