





Message From the Chairman

Welcome to November's newsletter.

At our October meeting Stuart Bradshaw gave a fascinating insight to the history of milling in and around Driffield including of course Bradshaws and Bell Mills. This was extremely well received.

This month's talk promises to be an education; Dr John Ridley will talk us through his experiences in over twenty years as a village headmaster.

Following the Open Day and our Market Stall, we have seen more interest in our groups, and our new Tai Chi Group has its first meeting on 2nd November! There was plenty of interest too for the Bird Watching Group and we are hoping to have a meeting to discuss this at the end of November. If you would like to have a group to meet your particular interest, please do contact Teresa and we will sound it out and help to get it started.

We had a good response to the call for volunteers to help with the Christmas party. We will be in touch with those of you who have offered your services following the Committee meeting to discuss how you can help. Thank you to you all



If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your body, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the entire world.

If you have money in the bank, your wallet, and some spare change you are among 18% of the world's most wealthy people.

If you are alive today and healthy, you are more blessed than the millions of people who will not survive this week.

If you can read and understand
this message you are more
fortunate than the 3 billion
people in the world who cannot
read it at all.

Life is not about complaining.

Life is about the thousands of reasons to be grateful and happy.



Tai Chi

Due to a high level of interest we are delighted to say we are starting two Tai Chi Groups

* Booking is Essential! *

Both Groups will be at the Community Centre in the main hall on the first, third and fourth Thursday of the month starting on **2nd November**.

Group 1 will be 12.30pm for 1 hour

Group 2 will be 1.45pm for 1 hour

Both Groups will be Beginners classes and will include warm up exercises, Qigong, Meditation and Lee style Tai Chi form.

Tai Chi can help you improve your health by learning to breathe correctly, improve flexibility and balance and help calm the mind.

If you would like to join a group please contact the Group Leader.

Each Group will be limited to 20 members.

Group Leader: Maggie Bray Tel: 07753 224793

Email: maggie.bray@hotmail.co.uk

Health is the greatest possession.

Contentment is the greatest treasure.

Confidence is the greatest friend.

Non-being is the greatest joy.

'Lao Tzu'

Classical Music & Opera Group

Regrettably The Classical Music & Opera Group is taking a break from Vonthly Meetings. We hope to be back in action very soon!

If anyone is interested in helping with the research and IT preparation for these meetings please contact

Mary Wells

Tel: 07521 795688 Email: cs896@btinternet.com



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, 14th November—Rudston led by Kathy Chilver—Meet in Eastgate car park by 10am. For details please contact Kathy on 07800810873 or turrell2007@btinternet.com

Thursday, 23rd November—Hornsea led by Paul Grinstead

NB This walk will also be a morning start. Meet at Eastgate car park by 10 am.

For details please contact Paul on 07932494 or p.grinstead@btinternet.com

For more information please contact the Group Leader Paul Grinstead by email on p.grinstead2@btinternet.com or call 07932 494357



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



3rd November—Driffield Margaret Briggs—01377 250183

1st December—Beverley Bus and Lunch!!

Please could Strollers only contact Sue if they are unable to take part



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

The group on a stroll round historical Sledmere before delightful refreshments at the Coach House Cafe on 6th October

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.

Tuesday 7th November - THIXENDALE

For details contact walk leader Steve on 07962981786 or sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 16th November—WARTER

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

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

For more details please contact the Group Leader

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





Independent Persons' 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 10th November

to discuss suggestions from members for future outings and activities





been five of us but, due to circumstances, only two were able to go. We caught a very early 'Dales Bus' from Pocklington, Kathleen got off and spent the day in York, and I went on to Fountains Abbey. I've always wanted to go there and this was an ideal day. The weather was very pleasant and, apart from a hiccup returning, we both had a great time at our respective venues. Can't wait for the service to resume next summer." (M Carter)

"A Sunday outing for two IPG Members. There should have

Kathleen on York Walls/Red Tower







The Old Hall The Old Mill Fountains Abbey

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

Members not on email are always phoned and updated



Birth Flowers for November—Crysanthemum and Peony

Chrysanthemums come in a wide variety of colours which represent different meanings. Red chrysanthemums may be given as a declaration of love and passion; Yellow signify optimism for joyous times ahead; White flowers are symbols of purity and innocence and also truth, loyalty and honesty. Green—Much like the four leaf clover, green chrysanthemums mean good luck, rebirth, and good health. Purple symbolizes thoughtfulness and care making them the perfect "get well soon" flower. Pink—symbolizes friendship and affection.



They are one of several flowers in the *Asteraceae* family that are edible. The chrysanthemum flower has also been used for its medicinal properties and Chrysanthemum tea is still a common herbal remedy used to treat chest pain, high blood pressure, diabetes, headaches and inflammation.

Chrysanthemums represent a 13th wedding anniversary.



Peonies also come in a variety of colours with different meanings. Red—these peonies were once prized by the emperors of China and represents passion and the epitome of honour, respect, and prosperity. Pink peonies are the most common, ranging in hue from pale blush pink to coral to a vivid fuchsia and signifies love, beauty and friendship. White represent shyness and timid flirtations but can also be apology flowers. Yellow peonies symbolise new beginnings and fresh starts, as well as optimism and happiness.

Peonies represent a 12th wedding anniversary.



We've had a great response to our enquiry about forming a Bird Watching Group. We are hoping to have a meeting of all those of you who are interested to discuss your needs and to appoint a Group Leader.

Monday, 27th November at 10am in the Cricket Club

Please let Gerald Massey know if you will be able to attend

Dates in History				
2nd November 1936	The world's first regular TV service was started by the British Broadcasting Corporation. An estimated 100 TV owners tuned in.			
4th November 1843	The 5.5 metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of its 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square, London.			
5th November 1605	Guy Fawkes is arrested beneath the Houses of Parliament as a plot to blow up England's King James I is uncovered.			
6th November 1429	Henry VI is crowned King of England			
8th November 1656	Birth of Edmond Halley the English astronomer and mathematician, best known for identifying the comet named after him.			
20th November 1947	Princess Elizabeth (Queen Elizabeth II) married her cousin Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten (Duke of Edinburgh) at Westminster Abbey.			
22nd November 1963	The world mourns at the news that President John F Kennedy had been shot and killed in Dallas, Texas.			
24th November 1859	Charles Darwin publishes his book Origin of the Species.			
30th November 1936	One of London's best-loved landmarks, the Crystal Palace, burned down. The huge glass building originally housed the Great Exhibition of 1851.			



Guy Fawkes We all know the story about Guy Fawkes and his plan to blow up King James I, his family and a good many politicians attending the state opening of the Houses of Parliament in 1605. Guy Fawkes had been a soldier and was an explosives expert. He was caught in the vaults beneath the Houses of Lords along with 36 barrels of gunpowder. Fawkes was imprisoned and tortured before he and his fellow conspirators were tried for high treason and sentenced to

death by hanging, drawing and quartering. Their heads and other body portions were set up at various places around London as a reminder not to fool around with gunpowder or conspiracies.

Today, one of the ceremonies accompanying the opening of a new session of Parliament is a traditional searching of the basement by the Yeoman of the Guard, although the original cellar where the gunpowder was stored has long gone. As you would expect, there are more effective up to date scientific anti-terrorism measures taken as

In 2003, explosives experts from the University of Wales estimated that Fawkes' gunpowder stash would not only have taken out parliament and its occupants but much of the surrounding area too. They estimated there was 2500 kg of gunpowder packed into the barrels, and that it would have had similar destruction capabilities as an equivalent amount of the current day explosive, TNT. That would be enough to destroy the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey and damage buildings as far down Whitehall as the Prime Minister's residence at 10 Downing Street several hundred metres away. Their estimate of the massive destruction wasn't based on guess work. They used data from damage caused to London buildings by bombing during World War II, as well as by IRA bombs in the 1970s and 1980s.

Archaeology/History Group

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

7th November - Master Carpenters of London: a case study by Harry Houldsworth(A change from previously advertised)

21st November—"Hanging Grimston 8 years on"—Marcus Jecock, Historic England



For more information, please contact Susan Adamson - 01377 270429

Field meeting in Driffield North End on 17th October led by group member, Simon Weaver, who specializes in Driffield and Wolds history and archaeology

Geology Group

Indoor Geology Group meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in the Driffield Town Cricket and Recreation Club 10am-12noon until our last meeting of the year on 14th December

Our next meetings will be held on 9th November and 23rd November

For further details please contact the Group Leader Kathy Chilver— 01377 255052 "Fairy Garden" taken at the farm at the top of Spellowgate by George Ansell on 22 October



Local History Group

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

ALL WELCOME!

15th November—"Aspects of the pre history and history of East Yorkshire"
(A change from previously advertised)

The controversial, infamous, but fascinating geologist, archaeologist and historian, Richard Myerscough

20th December—"The Brontes in East Yorkshire"
An original film by Bickerdyke-Grinstead Productions

17th January—"The Origins of East Yorkshire Railways and The Railway King"
David Walford, Railway Historian and Polymath

21st February—"The Driffield-Beverley Historical Axis"

Josh and Chris Rees

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

For more information please contact Ross Weekes - 01377 253832 Email: rossweekes@btinternet.com

The Local History Group

Is still needing one more volunteer to assist with making refreshments on a regular basis at our meetings—or we are very willing to ask folks to help on a rota basis. That would give us two to serve teas and we always get volunteers to wash up afterwards.

The kitchen is set up in advance.

If you are willing to help Please Contact Ross Weekes





£2.00 per person
ALL MONEY IS
RETURNED AS PRIZES

Quiz Night

Our Quiz Nights are held on the last Monday of the month starting at 7.00pm in The Lounge Bar of The Bell Hotel in Driffield

Our next Quiz Night will be held on Monday 27th November

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



Paul Atkin 01377 241678

Table Tennis Group

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

Dates for November 1st. 15th and 22nd

For more details please call Melanie Campbell —01377 250235

Reading Group

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

Our next meeting will be on 30th November We will be discussing "The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak

For more details please contact our Group Leader Julia Spencer-Jones Tel: 07726 264712

Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com

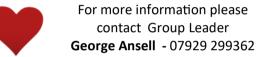


BridgeFor Beginners to the more Advanced

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

Our next meetings
will be held on

1st, 8th and 22nd November





French Conversation Group

Meets every other Wednesday morning 10am—12noon in Driffield



This is a small group so please contact
Group Leader Jenny Canning
regarding available places
Email—tinribs_fr@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile—07949799666



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Scrabble Gerald Massey - 01377 257063



Mah Jongg Denise Massey - 01377 257063



Rummikub
Carole Salmon—07905 682103
Kay Maslen—07838 208025

The Games Group

The Games Group is an amalgamation of three separate groups (Mah Jongg, Rummikub and Scrabble) who meet together to defray costs. They all meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Cricket Club from 2pm—4 pm.

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 three groups to drop into one of our meetings with no obligation. 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 14th and 28th November We look forward to seeing you!



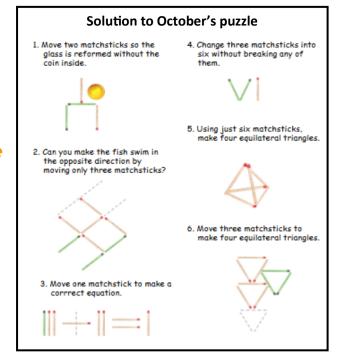
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NO IDEA

Which word or phrase is the odd one out? CATWOMAN DEUS EX MACHINA PARISHIONER **PYROMANIA SCUBA**

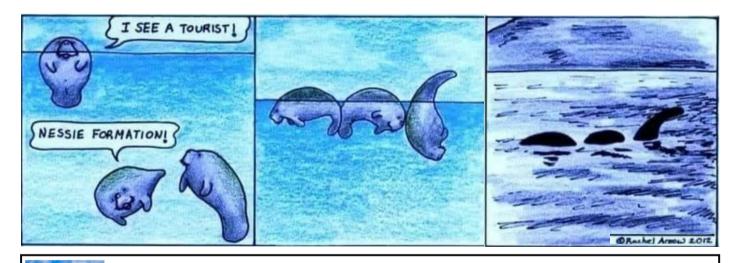
Which word is the odd one out? FIRST SECOND THIRD FORTH FIFTH SIXTH SEVENTH EIGHTH



Which word is the odd one out: Seventy, Brawl, Clover, Proper, Carrot, Swing, Change, Travel, Sacred, Stone?

What number comes next in the sequence? 7 8 5 5 3 4 4?

Answers in December'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 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

Details of Away Days for 2024 will be announced soon!

For more details please contact maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com or phone 01377 253183

U3a Holidays—2024





Scotland—6th January 2024

We still have a couple of double/twin rooms if anyone would like to join us on our trip to bonny Scotland in January. Its not too late! Please contact Ann.



Southern Ireland September 2024

Just two double/twin rooms are available on this popular holiday (due to late change of mind/cancellation). If you would like to join us or if you need any more information please contact Ann.

For all enquiries please contact 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





Your Photos

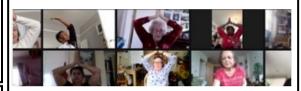
Many thanks to all those
Members who have shared their photos to
show us what you get up to at your Group
meetings and activities.

Please keep them coming!



National u3a

Details of the National u3a Online Learning Events can be found on their website https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning



Learn Online

Our online learning programme can connect you with other learners wherever you are. We offer lessons, resources and an exciting schedule of online events to get you learning at your pace.





Card Making and Craft Group

Meetings are held in the Community Centre on the last Friday of the month from 10.45am - 12.30pm £3 per person to cover refreshments, rent and materials

The next meeting will be held on Friday 24th November

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



The Discussion Group

The group meets every Friday at 9:30 am in the Driffield Community Centre All u3a members are welcome to join us

3 November: Member's Choice—A group member will suggest a topic for us to discuss. No prior warning given. A bit like in our time but you don't have to listen to a radio programme.

10 November: Unintended consequences—Decisions have consequences. Sometimes they are what we expect, but sometimes you get something entirely different. If governments do this the outcome can be serious. We'll discuss a few examples, and I'm sure members will bring their own examples.

17 November: Member's Choice

24 November: Forgiveness—People do bad things and are punished. Sometimes it doesn't end there. The person might lose their job, their family and friends, and their reputation. As a society should we be more forgiving? Or do wrongdoers get what they deserve?

1 December: Prison and punishment—Imprisonment has been used as a punishment for hundreds, if not thousands of years. Is there a better way of dealing with those who offend?

For more details please contact Chris Taylor— 07484 160660



ANOTHER WINTER'S TALE

A Ghostly New Play With Live Music

Two characters, eternally on the run, but from whom or what? Sheltering from the storm outside, they share tales of distant times and places ...

Driffield Community Centre—Sunday 19th November—7.30pm
Tickets £12.50 (£7.50 under 18) from Sokell's, Driffield—01377 252101
or Online at www.dogwoodproductions.co.uk/boxoffice
More Information: www.dogwoodproductions.co.uk/anotherwinterstale



Digital Photography Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 20th November



At our October meeting we showed members' images submitted for our monthly Theme and Technique, Framing and Portraits.

These photos were submitted by one of our members.





We then had a presentation on the Victorian portrait photographer Julia Margaret Cameron. A couple of instructional videos to help with ideas for next month's submissions completed a busy and enjoyable meeting.

Once a month we have a Photo Walk where we meet at a pre-arranged place, weather permitting.

In October we went to Tophill Low reservoir and wildlife centre.

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 Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166

Monthly Meetings

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



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

FREE REFRESHMENTS





9th November—Dr John Ridley—"A Village Headmaster"

John's talk 'A Village Headmaster' is set against a backdrop of rapid and unrelenting educational change following the 1988 Education Reform Act. The establishment of Ofsted, the National Curriculum and compulsory testing for primary school children, redefined what was expected of teachers. Even with these pressures village primary schools continued to nurture their pupils and provided first class education which allowed children to grow and yet retain their individuality. John spent twenty-one years in a small village primary school and, through his stories, told with gentle humour, takes us through his experiences as a village headmaster. In his first term as head, and on the day of his first parents' meeting, he discovered that the father of two of his pupils was not only an HMI but also Ofsted's senior staff inspector! John



tells of early pioneering links with city schools in Birmingham and Newcastle, working with and firing clay, making a BBC TV programme for schools, his love of outdoor education, the murder of Saint Alkelda, the legend of the Phantom Bagpiper of Great Fryup Dale and, of course, the amazing things that children say!





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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

We are still looking for members to volunteer to help serve refreshments at our Monthly Meetings (second Thursday each month) for 2024. Our interest groups are very kind in helping us out and your turn would only be once a year—possibly even less!!!!!

The kitchen is always set up in advance - duties are serving refreshments with a smile and then washing up. If you would like to help us please contact Ann on 07747 102635 or email wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk (or in person at a Monthly Meeting—usually in the kitchen!). Thank you in advance.



PRKSHIRE 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



Our Bank Account

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

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	Debbie Ireland-O'Neill	07917 447974
	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
Classical Music and 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
Quiz Night	Paul Atkins	01377 241678
Reading Group	Julia Spencer-Jones	07726 264712
Rummikub	Carole Salmon	07905 682103
	Kay Maslen	07838 208025
Scrabble Group	Gerald Massey	01377 257063
Sociable Strollers	Sue Clarkson	01377 256857
Table Tennis	Melanie Campbell	01377 250235
Tai Chi	Maggie Bray	07753 224793
Walking Group	Steve Whitaker	01377 271447

Polite Reminder to Group Leaders!

If you hire a venue to hold your meetings and need to cancel for whatever reason please ensure that you inform them—otherwise you may still be charged!

Thank You!

Your Membership

This year's membership will extend to 31st March 2024.
This means that if your current membership ran out on 30th September you will get six months free.

New Members will pay £7.50 for the half year.

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



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What? When? Where?

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

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

Articles for the Newsletter

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

Our Website

Our u3a website contains information about the Driffield & Wolds u3a and full details of all our events. You can find it at www.u3asites.org.uk/driffieldwolds

