



Message From the Chairman

October already!

Well, our market stall and Open Day both proved to be a success with lots of interest and new members both for the groups and to our u3a. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it all possible.

At our October meeting we will hear from Stuart Bradshaw about the History of Bradshaws and Bell Mills, followed by tea, biscuits and a chat.

We'd love to see you there.

Maggie Bray



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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, 10th October: meet in the Eastgate car park by 10 am. Ulrome walk led by Lynn and Jim Stockwell.
Contact jimstockwell@hotmail.co.uk or on 07443911750

Thursday, 26th October: meet at Eastgate car park by 1 pm. Bracey Bridge led by Sue Hudson.
Contact Sue at suepeahudson@gmail.com or on 07923 431609

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

6th October Sledmere Norma Fassnidge—07484 212826
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



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 3rd October—ALLERTHORPE for details contact walk leader Steve Whitaker
on sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk or 07952981786

Thursday 19th October—MOLESCROFT for details contact walk leader Steve Share
on stevebluesman@yahoo.com or 07766198912

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

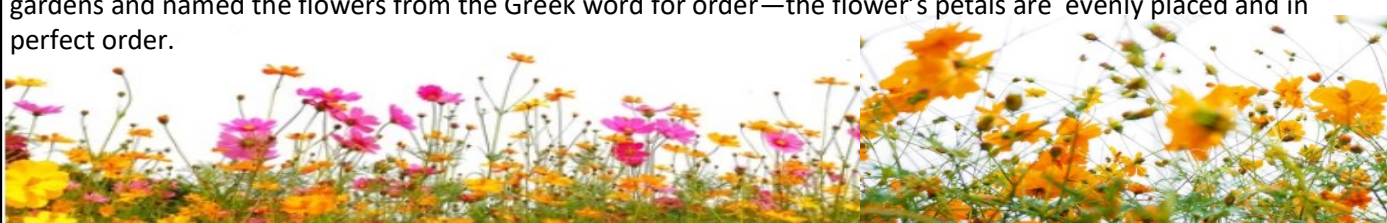


October Birth Flowers—Marigolds and Cosmos



Marigolds are a very sturdy flower, surviving and thriving all throughout autumn no matter the weather conditions so they have a meaning of stubbornness and determination and, because they are so bright and colourful, they also symbolise warmth, passion and creativity.

Cosmos come in a range of colours—orange, yellow, pink, white, red and purple. They symbolise peace, tranquillity and harmony. They originated in Mexico, where Spanish priests cultivated them in their mission gardens and named the flowers from the Greek word for order—the flower's petals are evenly placed and in perfect order.



Independent Persons' Group

We meet on the second Friday of each month at the
Cricket and Recreation Club, Kings Mill, Driffield
10.30am—12pm

A small group from IPG spent a day at Helmsley and Rievaulx Abbey. Two members tackled the walk to Rievaulx and spent a lovely day there and had lunch while the rest of us decided to stay in Helmsley. We stopped for coffee on the way, had a good explore round all the shops, had lunch and then had a cuppa on the way home. It was a very pleasant day, good weather and everyone enjoyed their trip.



Our Next Meeting will be held on Friday 13th October

to discuss suggestions from members for future outings and activities

Members not on email are always phoned and updated

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

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!



Harvest time near Wansford—7th September



A Red Admiral butterfly and a Comma butterfly who was trying out a newly made butterfly feeding station.

Photos taken in Driffield on 15th September by Paul Davies



Classical Music & Opera Group

Classical Music and Opera Appreciation has become a very popular interest Group and meets at 2pm in the Committee Room at the Community Centre

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October

“Dead Before They Were Forty!”

(Postponed from last month)

A tribute to the great classical composers who all died in their thirties. The music of Mozart, Butterworth, Mendelssohn, Schubert and more

If you have never been to any of our classical music programmes, please come and join us - You will be made very welcome

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



Local History Group

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

ALL WELCOME!



18th October—**“Life of Young Workers on Wolds Farms in the Days of Horses”** - Dr Stephen Counce

Stephen obtained his doctorate from extensive interviews with farm workers and farming families in our area and has produced some stunning books. He has lots of ideas for some of us to do fresh research before it's too late ... <https://stephencounce.wordpress.com/>

15th November—**“Aspects of our local History”** - Dr Barbara English—Hull University and the OU

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

A great big thank you was given at the September meeting to Diana Thompson who has reluctantly resigned from tea duties at our Local History meetings.

Diana has been faithfully serving teas for very many years and we are so thankful for her loyal service!

We need someone to replace her (one well attended meeting a month) - if you think you would like to help please contact Ross Weekes.





Archaeology/History Group

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

3rd October—“Recent Research on the Later Prehistoric Landscape of the Western Wolds” - Dr Peter Halkon

17th October—Guided Tour of the Archaeology and History of Driffield North End” - Simon Weaver

For more information, please contact
Susan Adamson - 01377 270429

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

Thursday 12th October—A presentation by our friend Richard Myerscough—“Geo-Archaeology of Roman Sites”

(NB reminder that we are on refreshment duty at the monthly meeting that afternoon)

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



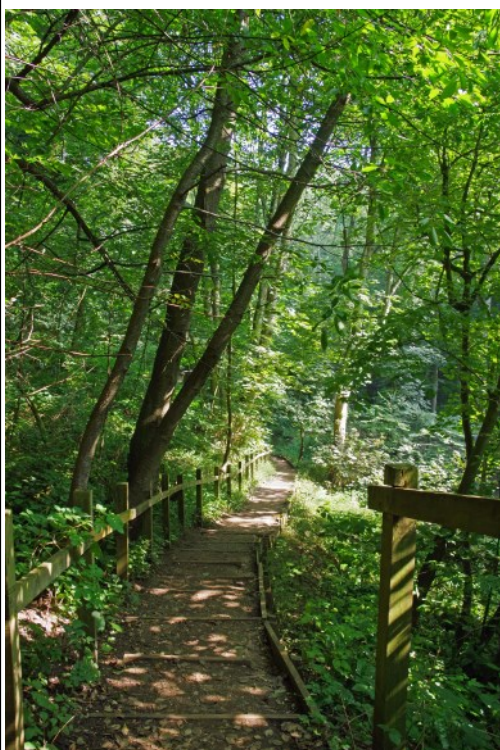
Digital Photography Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 16th October

At our September meeting we welcomed new members and then showed members’ images from our two monthly Themes (Transport and Still Life) on the large screen followed by presentations on “The Early History of Kodak” and the 2023 Portrait Competition in the Guardian newspaper.

Once a month we have a Photo Walk where we meet at a pre-arranged place, weather permitting. We went to Danes Dyke where the cafe was very welcome following a stroll taking photos around the area.

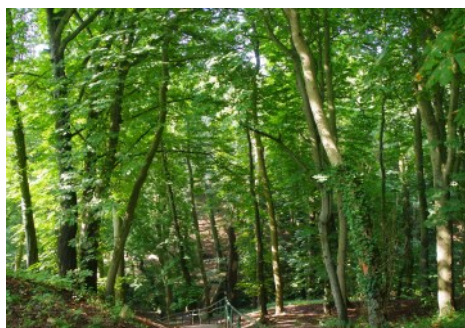


The photos were taken by one of our members at Danes Dyke.

We have a diverse mix of members from beginners to experienced photographers, using all types of digital photography devices both cameras and phones.

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

For more information please contact
Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166





Quiz Night

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



Paul Atkin
01377 241678

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

Our next Quiz Night will be held on Monday 30th October
All u3a members are welcome to come along and join a team

Table Tennis Group



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

**Dates for October
4th, 18th and 25th**

For more details please call
Melanie Campbell—01377 250235

Bridge

For 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



October 4th, 11th and 25th

For more information please
contact Group Leader
George Ansell - 07929 299362



Reading Group

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

Our next meeting will be on 26th October
We will be discussing "Victory City"
By Salman Rushdie

For more details please contact our
Group Leader Julia Spencer-Jones
Tel: 07726 264712
Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



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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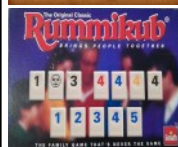
Scrabble

Gerald Massey - 01377 257063



Mah Jongg

Denise Massey - 01377 257063



Rummikub

Carole Salmon—07905 682103
Kay Maslen—07838 208025

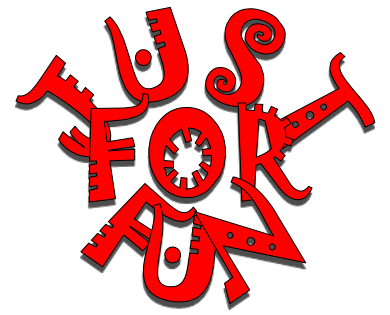
The Games Group

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.

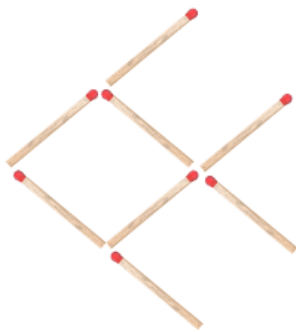
Our next meetings will be on 10th and 24th October
We look forward to seeing you!



1. Move two matchsticks so the glass is reformed without the coin inside.



2. Can you make the fish swim in the opposite direction by moving only three matchsticks?



3. Move one matchstick to make a correct equation.



4. Change three matchsticks into six without breaking any of them.



5. Using just six matchsticks, make four equilateral triangles.



6. Move three matchsticks to make four equilateral triangles.



Answers in November's Newsletter

Dates in History

4th October 1957—The Space Age began as the Russians launched the first satellite into orbit. Sputnik I weighed just 184 lbs and transmitted a beeping radio signal for 21 days.

7th October 1920—Women became eligible for admission as full members of Oxford University and were given the right to take degrees.

13th October 1884—Greenwich was established as the universal time from which standard times throughout the world are calculated.

28th October 1831—English physicist Michael Faraday demonstrates the dynamo founding the science of electro-magnetism

30th October 1925—The first television transmission of a moving image is made by Scottish inventor John Logie Baird

September's Crossword Solution

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Away Days

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

Coach departs from Driffield Rugby Club Car Park at 9.00am

and approximately 4pm from venue arriving back in Driffield at approximately 6pm

Food may be available at or near the Venue or you can take a picnic lunch with you

Please book early by emailing: maureenblackwellu3a@gmail.com or by phoning 01377 253183

Thorp Perrow

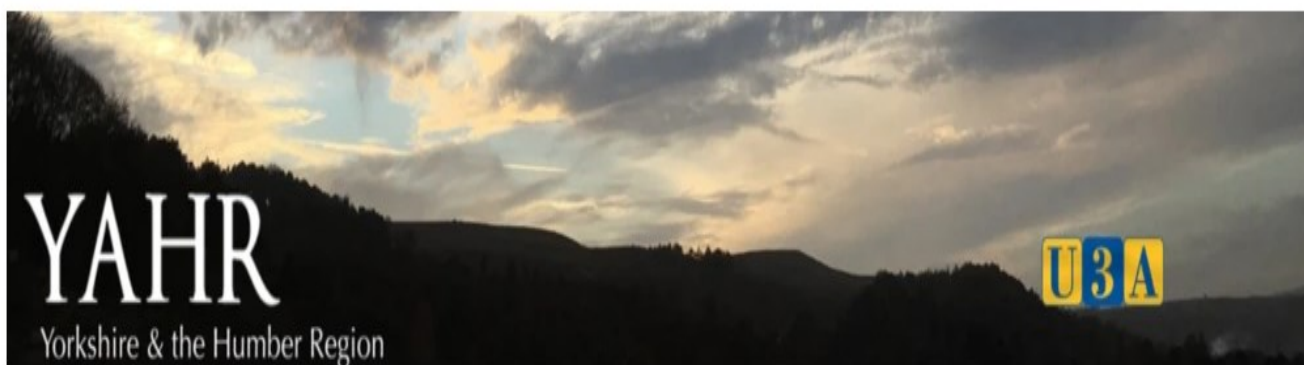
Our last outing of the season was to Thorp Perrow and we had an enjoyable day out visiting this vast Woodland Park. The day was punctuated by the Birds of Prey flying demonstrations and delightful woodland walks, mostly accessible to all. The well kept small mammals area completed a good day out.

Many thanks to BusKing for their efficient transport.



24th October—Annual Planning Meeting at the Community Centre—2.30pm

Everyone interested in the trips for 2024 is welcome to attend.



YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER REGION U3A

Details of regional activities for u3as in the Yorkshire and Humber Region can be found on their website <https://yahru3a.uk>

U3a Holidays—2024

Holiday to Scotland—6th January 2024

We have just a few double/twin rooms left for Scotland if anyone would like to join us. Holiday date is 6th January 2024 with a central Driffield pick up and drop off. £239 per person for 5 days (4 nights half board) staying at the Duke of Gordon Hotel in Kingussie. All our single rooms have been booked. There is still time for a last minute booking to the coach company so, if you would like to join us, please let us know as soon as possible. Further details on request from wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk or 07747 102635 . Thank you to everyone who has booked so far and will be joining us—giving us something to look forward to during dark nights and winter weather!!



Holiday to Southern Ireland September 2024

Southern Ireland holiday - everyone on our “Expression of Interest” list has been contacted and given first chance. We are now contacting our standby/cancellation list members. If there is any space left at all on this we will let you know as soon as we can and give you the booking details. This is proving to be a popular destination and a popular holiday! Thank you to everyone so far who has booked and will be joining us.

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



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 27th October

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

6 October: In our Time—The BBC has hundreds of episodes of its radio 4 programme “In our time” available on BBC Sounds (used to be iPlayer). It’s a discussion programme chaired by Melvyn Bragg and it covers a wide range of topics: art, sciences, religion, history etc. A bit like our discussion group, but perhaps not so learned. A group member will suggest an episode for the rest of us to talk about. We can even listen to it beforehand if we want.

13 October: What have the Romans done for us? - They’ve influenced our language, our laws and our transport systems. Or have they? Would we have developed much the same society without their influence?

20 October: What did the Normans do for us? - ...apart from invading and taking over. Arguably their influence is more recent than the Romans’ and maybe it’s therefore more important. I’m sure one of us will know and the rest will argue with them.

27 October: Big numbers—We’re all bamboozled by big numbers. Anything more than a thousand and our brains struggle to cope with appreciating the size of it. How do we express numbers once we get past a trillion? How many grains of sand are there on a beach? Can you think of a number that no one else ever has? (Yes. It’s easy)

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: 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?

24 November: 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?

1 December: Sainthood—If you had the power, is there anybody you would nominate for Sainthood? What do you think it means for somebody to be a saint?

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

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.

Pumpkin carving

The tradition of carving faces into vegetables dates back to the Celts. As part of their autumnal celebration, they wanted to light the way to their homes for the good spirits, so they carved faces into vegetables such as turnips and squash.



Ireland was where this custom originated when jack-o-lanterns were made from turnips or potatoes. When Irish immigrants arrived in America and discovered the pumpkin the Halloween tradition of the pumpkin carving was born.

Monthly Meetings

Drifffield 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 yourself to new ones!

FREE REFRESHMENTS



12th October—Stuart Bradshaw

“Modern Millers with Generations of Milling Experience”

“With over 125 years of milling experience, and a state of the art 2018 mill, we mill over 4,000 tonnes of wheat per week. We pride ourselves in producing quality flour to satisfy the needs of our many and varied customers.”

The talk covers the history of Bell Mills from the Domesday Book to the present day. The milling heritage of the Bradshaw family is also covered along with the UK flour milling industry in general.

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!



14th December - Christmas Party

If any of our members have a suggestion or a request for a particular or favourite speaker for a Monthly Meeting could they please contact Ann Wilkinson our Speaker Finder—wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk—07747 102635



WE ARE APPEALING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

Would any of our members like to serve refreshments and wash up after our Monthly Meetings in the Community Centre held on the second Thursday of each month? We do have a rota and, if we can fill it, your turn might only come up once a year!!! It can be fun meeting everybody, chatting through the hatch and even washing up! Of course if any of our lovely interest groups would like to help us out, we would be very grateful too!

If you can help at all please see Ann Wilkinson (Tel 07747 102635 or email wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk) or I am around at most of the meetings.

Thank you so much!



Your u3a Committee

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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
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

Articles for the Newsletter

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

Gift Aid

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www.u3asites.org.uk/driffieldwolds



Our Website

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