





Message From the Chairman

Hello and Welcome to the September Newsletter.

As usual we have our Open Day in place of the Monthly Meeting on 14th September. Come along to the Community Centre and check out groups, bring friends who may be interested in joining us and have tea and a piece of cake!

We are also holding a stall in the market the week before, on Thursday 7th – do pop by to say hello and if you can spare a few minutes to chat to passers by about your experience of u3a so much the better. If you can help to run the stall please do let me know, however short the time you can manage.

As announced at the August meeting, renewal of your membership will not be due until 1st April 2024, this is to use up a small amount of excess reserve. The committee felt this was the fairest way of benefiting the whole membership.

Maggie Bray

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 9th September

to discuss suggestions from members for future outings and activities

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



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, 12th September—meet in the Eastgate car park by 10 am. The walk will be led by Liz and Sue venue TBA. Contact Liz Wiles: lizwiles51@gmail.com

Thursday, 28th September—Lockington—meet at Eastgate car park by 1 pm. Walk led by Lynn and Jim Stockwell.

Contact <u>jimstockwell@hotmail.co.uk</u> or on 07443911750

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

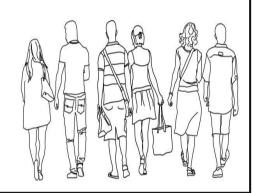
PROGRAMME FOR 2023

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 only contact Sue if they are unable to take part

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

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

Tuesday 5th September—HORNSEA and ATWICK—for details contact the walk leader Paul p.grinstead2@btinternet.com or Mobile 07932494357 or 01377255272

Thursday 21st September—TICKTON and WEEL—for details contact the walk leader Steve stevebluesman@yahoo.com or mobile 07766198912

For more details please contact the Group Leader **Steve Whitaker**—07952 981786 sp.whitaker@yahoo.co.uk





September's Harvest Moon

Harvest Moon is the name given to the full Moon that happens closest in date to the first day of autumn, known as the autumn equinox in the northern hemisphere. This is when day and night are the same length. The last Harvest Moon occurred on 10 September 2022 and the next will occur on 29 September 2023 and this will be the last supermoon of 2023.

Local History Group

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

ALL WELCOME!

20th September—"RAF Driffield"

The complete History - successes and tragic bombing Andrew Dunne (ex Driffield school)

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



Archaeology/History Group

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

The first meeting after our summer break is on **19th September**

A welcome back to present Members and a welcome and outline of this season's meetings and speakers for new Members

For more information, please contact

Susan Adamson - 01377 270429

September

September is the most popular month to be born. Nine out of ten of the most popular birth dates are in September with the 9th being the most popular date.

The Lost Days

In 1752 Britain decided to abandon the Julian calendar in favour of the Gregorian. By doing so, the 3rd September instantly became the 14th September - and, as a result, nothing whatsoever happened in British history between 3rd and 13th September 1752.

Geology Group

Indoor Geology Group meetings will resume on Thursday 14th September

and will then 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 Thursday 14th December

Help at the U3A Open Afternoon on 14th September will be needed, please let Kathy know if you are available for all or part of the afternoon.

Our meeting on **Thursday 12th October** will be a presentation by our friend Richard Myerscough titled "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

Dates in History

2nd September 1666 The Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for five days killing nine people.
4th September 1962 The Beatles start their first recording session at EMI's Abbey Road Studios in London
6th September 1620 The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, Devon, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers to America
11th September 1915 Britain's first Women's Institute opens in Wales

18th September 1709 Birth of Samuel Johnson, compiler of the first English dictionary.

22nd September 1735 Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, moves into 10 Downing Street

23rd September 1848 Chewing gum is produced commercially for the first time.

24th September 1776 The first St. Leger horse race is run at Doncaster.

25th September 1818 First transfusion of human blood is performed at Guy's Hospital, London.



£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 25th September

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 September** 6th. 20th and 27th

For more details please call Melanie Campbell —01377 250235

Reading Group

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

Our first meeting back after the summer break will be on Thursday, 28th September and we will be discussing Richard Osman's Thursday Murder Club novels.

For more details please contact our **Group Leader**

Julia Spencer-Jones Tel: 07726 264712

Email: charles.juliasj@gmail.com



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

September 6th, 13th and 27th October 4th. 11th and 25th

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



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



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

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11th September

"Dead Before They Were Forty!"

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

Your Photos



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!



Scrabble Gerald Massey - 01377 257063



Mah Jongg Denise Massey - 01377 257063



Rummikub

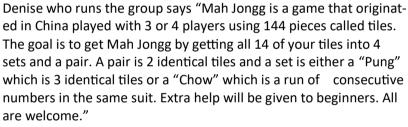
Carole Salmon—07905 682103 Kay Maslen—07838 208025

The Rummikub group is organised by Carole and Kay. "Kay and I started this group after Kay taught me Rummikub a few months ago and I became totally hooked. If you have played the card game Gin Rummy you will find Rummikub is similar but using numbered tiles. It is great fun and the group has a mix of people, some play regularly and others only twice monthly with the group. It certainly keeps your mind active and you would soon pick it up. We are happy to give you all the help you need, so don't be shy, come along and give it a try."

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.





Gerald runs the scrabble group. He says "it is a thought provoking game where you have to think and also have a bit of luck in the tiles you choose. Words are created and a score kept on a friendly social basis."

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 12th and 26th September We look forward to seeing you!





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Answers to August's Picture Puzzle

- 1. Forget it
- 2. Jack in the box
- 3. Somewhere over the rainbow
- 4. Back door
- 5. Read between the lines
- 6. Blood is thicker than water
- 7. Bee line
- 8. Cancelled cheque
- 9. Once upon a time
- 10. Green eggs and ham
- 11. Try to understand
- 12. Downtown
- 13. Bump in the night
- 14. First aid
- 15. One in a million
- 16. Apple pie
- 17. Ice cube
- 18. Rocking around the Christmas tree
- 19. Think outside the box
- 20. Six feet underground
- 21. Won by a nose
- 22. Too big to ignore
- 23. Half baked
- 24. Neon lights

Across

- 1. Consigns (8)
- 4. Upkeep (4)
- 8. Majestic (5)
- 10. Young swans (7)
- 11. Svelte (7)
- 12. Short letter (4)
- 14. Musical interval of eight tones (6)
- 16. Plant fibre (6)
- 19. Long narrative poem (4)
- 21. Kind of nonfictional prose (7)
- 24. Nonattendance (7)
- 25. Sound (5)
- 26. Large woody plant (4)
- 27. Mental state induced by
- suggestion (8)

Down

- 1. Ridicule (8)
- 2. Still legally acceptable (5)
- 3. An extreme attainment (6)
- 5. Alarm (5)
- 6. Facilitate (4)
- 7. Order of business (6)
- 9. Outstanding (5)
- 13. Famished (8)
- 15. Empty (6)
- 17. Confronted (5)
- 18. Seldom (6)
- 20. Ski run (5)
- 22. Public transport (5)
- 23. Immense (4)

Answers in October's Newsletter

September Birthstone

The September birthstone is sapphire – a gem that's been cherished for thousands of years. Although the term *sapphire* usually refers to the blue variety of corundum (ruby is the red variety), this birthstone comes in a rainbow of other colours.

Sapphires have been long associated with royalty and romance and are also said to symbolise fidelity and the soul. "Sapphire" comes from the Greek word *sappheiros* and blue sapphire is one of the most popular coloured stones.

Kashmir, Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Sri Lanka are three historically important sources for the September birthstone. Significant quantities of the sapphire have also been found in Australia, Thailand, Cambodia, Madagascar and the United States (Montana), among other countries in Asia and Africa.





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

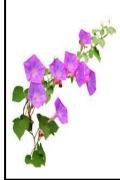
Friday 15th September—Thorp Perrow Arboretum—£30 per person
If you have booked to go on this trip but not yet paid please arrange payment as soon as possible.
There are still a few seats available





Take a stroll in the Arboretum, enjoy the wonderful Bird of Prey displays, or hand feed the wallabies in the Mammal Centre. There is a lot on offer including fun seasonal trails, 100 acres of beautiful Arboretum and woodland gardens with one of the finest collections of trees in the North of England. Thorp Perrow is also a leading centre for raptor conservation.

24th October—Annual Planning Meeting at the Community Centre—2.30pm Everyone interested in the trips for 2024 is welcome to attend.



September Birth Month Flowers

September has two birth month flowers, the **morning glory** and **the aster**. Morning glories are adorable little flowers full of colour that represent love, affection and longing. They have been used as medicine and as important symbols for hundreds of years, especially in China. Asters are wonderfully vibrant wildflowers, ranging from white and red to pink and yellow. Asters were named after the Greek word for 'star' because, when the Greek god, Astraea, was upset by how few stars there were in the sky she started to cry. And where her tears hit the ground, they turned into asters.



Card Making and Craft Group

Meetings are 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 29th September

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



U3a Holidays—2024





Holiday to Scotland—6th January 2024

We have secured this holiday with Cairngorm Travel. Total cost is £239 pp. We are booking direct through the coach company Cairngorm and deposits are required before 30th August 2023. We will be staying at the Duke of Gordon Hotel in Kingussie - with full highland breakfasts, 5 course candle lit evening meal, hotel porterage and entertainment every night. Pick up and drop off is in Driffield. We have some excursions on our itinerary and entrance fees/fares are not included. The deer Safari is restricted to 30 passengers so we may need to split this between different days. Hopefully, unless the weather is particularly bad, the funicular railway should be running to take us up the mountain. We have just had a couple of late cancellations and therefore there are still some places available if any of our members would like to join us. There is only one single room left (with a very small surcharge) but some twin/doubles are still available. We would like to travel as one group and may open this out to non-members if we can't make this viable—just to top up numbers. There is a time limit for late booking/ deposits so please contact Ann Wilkinson on 07747 102635 or by email wilkynaff@yahoo.co.uk in the first instance for details of how to book.

Holiday to Southern Ireland September 2024

Please would all those members who expressed an interest in joining us on this holiday please check their emails/junk/spam as we are sending out details of how to book/reserve your place and pay a small deposit to secure your holiday by email and by letter to those without email. The attachment should be self explanatory - the booking team are extremely helpful and keen to meet everyone's individual needs. We have negotiated the single traveller supplement down as much as possible. Please do not pass your individual emails/letters on how to book on to others - we are over subscribed for this holiday and everyone on our original list gets priority - this is only fair. If we find that we have any spare places then we will open it up to those on our cancellation list. This information will also be available in our monthly newsletter.



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



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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, 18th September

All members are interested in progressing their knowledge and expertise, each contributing to our meetings. We have a monthly theme, and one or two informative videos to expand our knowledge and experiment with taking pictures out of our comfort zone!

If you are interested in joining our Group please contact

Penelope Kinsley on 07837 604166



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

15 September: Happiness—What makes us happy? Friends? Family? Security? Wealth? Achievements? Academic studies often find that people think they are less happy than they used to be. Is this true? Is the pursuit of happiness futile?

22 September: Power hungry—There are proposals to ban petrol powered cars and rely on electric ones. Similarly there are plans to replace gas boilers with heat pumps for domestic heating. Can our electricity supply system cope? What are the consequences if it can't?

29 September: The NHS—This year is the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the NHS. Is it still doing a good job? Was it ever? If it isn't, what's the reason? What are the implications for people who need long term care?

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



Online Learning Events

Members can enjoy a diverse range of talks, workshops and courses on Zoom at no extra cost. These events are a great opportunity to try something new, led by members with a passion or talent to share or specialist guest speakers.



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

Monthly Meetings



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

*** FREE BOOK SWAP ***

More books always needed—bring along your old books and help yourself to new ones!



Thursday 14th September 1.30 - 3.00pm Driffield Community Centre



Come along and find out about the different interest groups in our u3a—or invite someone who might be interested in joining the u3a. Free admission and refreshments.

Please note that because we have extended the membership year to April 2024, we won't be doing membership renewals at the open day.

12th October—Stuart Bradshaw—History of Bradshaws and Bell Mills 9th November—Dr John Ridley—Teaching in a Rural Primary School 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

From The Treasurer—How your funds are managed.

As a committee, we make sure that your funds are managed to make your u3a run as smoothly as possible. As Treasurer, I deal with the income and payments and report monthly to the committee.

The main income is by way of membership fees. We then get a small top up by claiming Gift Aid on the fees (only when a member has completed a form to allow this).

The main outgoings are:

£4 per member to Third Age Trust

£1 per member for the use of Beacon (Internet website and membership database)

£4 per member for those who receives the magazine

Monthly meetings – the entry fee covers some of the costs

Assets – items such as laptops, PA system, projector etc have to be replaced from time to time Special events – Open Days, Christmas party, Coronations etc.

Printing – newsletters, welcome leaflets etc.

As reported at the AGM, last year's income was £14,390.50 and outgoings were £12,398.96. This meant that we could extend membership for 6 months to align membership with the financial year as it was before covid.



If anyone would like more details, I would be happy to provide them. You can contact me via the website email link or Beacon email link.



Your u3a Committee

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	Adrienne Bailey	07530 714186
Classical Music and Opera	Mary Wells	01377 259166
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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
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 runs to 30th September you will get six months free. If you have any queries please contact Carole Salmon on 07905 682103

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