

NOW WE ARE 473 !

Chairman's Report

The disruptive snow, windy and cold winter is hopefully behind us. It is always reassuring to now see the snowdrops and early daffodils as the herald of spring.

The snow's critical timing led to the cancellation of our Dec. 3rd General Meeting at the last moment. The meeting on Feb. 18th – **Ray Allen –writer of TV series 'Some Mothers.....'** should be most entertaining. **Richard Smout the Island Archivist** has very generously agreed to be our speaker at the AGM on April 8th at the Riverside Centre. His talk **'Under the Solent – Tunnel schemes to the IW 1850 - 1950,** - having been transferred from the ill fated Dec. meeting.

Do come along and support your committee at the AGM. There are three known vacancies and we need and would welcome new committee mem-

bers. If you consider joining the committee, speak to any of us about it, in time to be nominated.

Our current U3A membership is **473 (423 Feb 2010)**. The New Members coffee morning on Nov. 18th was a great success – a relaxed and enjoyable morning. 29 new members were supported by several committee members. Nearly all the new members had, or were joining groups.

After the success of last year's informal Group Leaders coffee morning, this will be repeated again on the 12th. May 10 –12 at Wootton Community Centre.

Our IWU3A editorial under 'have your say' in Jan.2011 Beacon resulted in about 10 immediate enquiries to join the U3A.

The Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the IWU3A has been postponed until 2013 – being 20 years from the 1st AGM when our U3A was formally established. Enjoy your U3A activities and remember as Mark Twain said, **"Age is a question of mind over matter, if you don't mind, it doesn't matter"**.

Lionel Alexander 852688

Eight New Groups for 2011 !

Group Co-ordinators Report

What an exciting start to the new year.....**8 NEW GROUPS**. Something for everyone, I believe. A big thank you goes to all 8 Group Leaders for volunteering their time and enthusiasm.

Take a look below as to what is on offer and then you will find within the newsletter the relevant article telling you about the group and how to get in touch. ***Knit and Yarn (for beginners and experienced), *Another Book Club, *Astronomy, *Plant Swap Group, *D & A Group (Discuss & Argue! – no fallings out though please!), *Camera – Action!, *a second IT group based in Ryde and last but by no means least *Mathematics.**

In addition, the Bonchurch Book Club have informed me that they have a vacancy for 1 person, so if interested please contact Ann Allen on 852037.

With good news there often comes some sad news. I am sorry to report that Roi Milburn who ran the French Inter Group has decided to close his group for personal reasons and I would like to take the opportunity to thank him for all his hard work over the years.

Jan Tavill

562565

SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Pay now- enjoy later

IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2011.

Thank you, to the 345 members who have, but there are a large number who have forgotten, are you one of them ? If so you would have received another application form with this newsletter. Our system requires that we re-register members in each year, which ensures we are always up to date with numbers and capitation to the central office.

If you wish to continue your membership in 2011 please fill in the form and return it with your membership subscription (£10 single or £17 joint) by 31st March or your membership will lapse. Remember also to fill in the details for our Gift-Aid reclaim.

Please write details clearly, especially postcodes and e-mail addresses. A copy of the accounts and my report for the year ended 31 December 2010 should be enclosed with your Newsletter.

If you have any queries please ring me on 872276 or e-mail me at **r.williams929@btinternet.com**
Roy Williams, 24 Dove Close, St Helens, Ryde PO33 1TQ

IWU3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(papers enclosed with this Newsletter)

**Friday, 8th April 2011
2.15 for 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.**

**Riverside Centre, The Quay,
Newport**

and afterwards
Guest Speaker.

Richard Smout

County Archivist
'Under the Solent'

**(Tunnel Schemes to the Isle of Wight
1850 to 1950)**

**Members and Visitors welcome
Free refreshments
Raffle Bring and Buy**

Lucy- Enjoys a challenge and writes a book!

ART WORKSHOP

Lucy Love has been a member of our Art Group for 20 years and has painted all her life. Her interests are many and include calligraphy, poetry, bowling and music. She has learned to play ten instruments over the years because "she has always enjoyed a challenge".

Last year her family suggested she should compile a book. Her granddaughter, Vicky, chose a lot of the content and also organised the printing of fifty copies, which were given to family and friends. It includes poems, bedtime stories for her grandchildren and humorous sketches that Lucy composed for a special occasion, usually associated with one of her clubs. She has been in The Mothers Union for over 50 years, a member of Bembridge Village Band, Bowling Club, and Art Society and the W. I. to name but a few.

The book also contains many pieces of Lucy's artwork, she works mostly in watercolour, pen and ink, and coloured pencils. She likes to draw wild life, flowers, buildings and people. Her sense of humour always seems to surface in her people pictures. I personally love her "Van Gogh" man and woman sepia sketches.

The production of her book was the highlight of her year. She loves coming to the group, where friendships have deepened over the years, and always goes home in good spirits. Lucy has not been able to attend for a few weeks but can't wait to get back and we all look forward to her return.

Barbara Edmunds 862108
Eileen Ellis - Williams 613389

OUT AND ABOUT WITH U3A

No need to sit around if you want to be active and meet new people. Apart from our Folk Dancing group there is plenty of get up and go activity available for U3A members.

As you will see below, lunches or dinners out, places you can eat by using your bus pass, walking tours of the Island, visits to the mainland and at home, theatre trips locally (and to Chichester in the summer) Sign up for them now !

Days Out

Inclement weather has so far discouraged any Outings so far this year but hopefully, I will be arranging a lunch in the near future at which we can discuss ideas for the year. I will contact our group for this. I would like to pay a tribute to Ray Ealey who sadly died recently. Ray and his wife Brenda came to the Island from Swindon a few years ago, and he quickly became involved in organising outings for our Island group - a memorable one being to the Tip at Lynbottom which was most interesting. His cheery presence will be much missed.

Wendy Williams 872276

Walking With Mike

Monday March 7th -
2pm Main Car Park in Godshell.

Monday April 4th 2pm Cranmore. Layby at Grid ref; 397902

(head for the Caravan Park and turn left just before it)

Monday May 2nd National Trust Car Park Shalfleet

Mike Beardmore. 754327

Pub lunches by bus

Tuesday Pub lunches
1st Tuesday of each month
12 for 12.30pm

April 5th Wetherspoons
Union St Ryde
Buses 3,4,8,9

May 3rd
Woodmans Arms.
Station Rd Wootton
Bus 9

Maggie Howe will be returning from Australia in March. Please contact her on **292689** to book for April/May Lunch
Rosemary Marks

Dining out Pub Lunches for fun by Bus (2)

In November and January we had good evenings at Yelfs Hotel and the New Holmwood Hotel. Our next visit we look forward to will be at Valentinos on February 23rd.

The venues after that will be 30th March. Morgans. Shanklin
27th April. The Little Gloster . Marsh Rd Gurnard
25th May. Highdown Inn.
Totland Bay
29th June. Mojacs .Shooters Hill
Cowes

I will need your orders in advance please for Little Glosters and Mojacs; so I will pass around menus at the previous venues as usual.

We meet at 6.30-7pm and if you have to cancel please let me know as soon as possible.

June Reddix 294628

Although the 2nd Group of Pub Lunches by Bus has only been going for two months it is proving to be popular and going from strength to strength.

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th March at the "Taverners" in Godshell followed by the "Sloop Inn " at Wootton Bridge on Monday 11th April and on Monday 9th May we hope to be dining at the "Worsley" in Carisbrooke. The times for the 1st and 3rd venues is 12 for 12:30. It would be advantageous to be at the Sloop at 11:45 before it gets really busy.

If you would like to join other diners at the above venues please ring **Christine Addison on 282570** after 6pm or a message can be left on answer phone one week before the meeting date

ISLE OF WIGHT THEATRE VISITS

All members of this group, and any who plan to join, PLEASE NOTE: our COFFEE MORNING will be on MONDAY MARCH 21st from 10am at the cafe of the QUAY ARTS CENTRE, NEWPORT.

Good coffee, home-made cakes etc parking opposite, also in Quay St, and on the quay past the Riverside centre. Please come and express your likes and hopes for the group. ALL WELCOME.

The programme for the next 3 months is:

THURSDAY MARCH 3rd
8pm at the Quay Arts theatre, Newport. Red Tie Company in 'IMMACULATE' by Oliver Lansley. (some strong

language) A new more intimate venue for us. Please note the change of previously advertised production. Bar open. £5 or £7.

Friday April 15th Island Savoyards 'The Mikado' at Shanklin Theatre 7.45. Bar open. The Savoyards production we visited in November was excellent and much enjoyed. £10 or £11.

Thursday May 26th 'Skylight' by David Hare. 7.30 at the Apollo Theatre, Newport. A play of relationships by one of our leading playwrights. £7.

For 'IMMACULATE' PHONE ME AT ONCE, even on 3rd
For other productions book at least 2 weeks ahead by phone or internet.

Ann Allen. 852037.

Classics to hear

Recorded Music

This group meets in members houses to hear recordings of 'classical' music reflecting a wide variety of interests and tastes.

For our meeting in December Muriel Bridgeman entertained us with a programme of works by **Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Dvorak**,

For my meeting in January, I compiled a programme with the title 'Music for the Theatre' consisting of works by **Vaughan Williams, Vaughan Williams, Aaron Copland and Mendelssohn**.

Bill and Evelyn Robson were our hosts in February when we heard a **Concerto Grosso by Correlli**, two early string quartets by a very young Mozart, and watched a performance on DVD of a **Chopin Piano Concerto**.

Muriel will be our host in March and I will be doing something in April.

Dates and venues;

March 8th Shanklin

April 12th Wroxall

Meetings start at 2.30pm

Peter Bell 853303

Folk dance group

We ended our autumn session with the annual Christmas lunch at Salvatores. This was very successful/. Our winter term started again on January 7th 2011. at the moment we are full, with a waiting list in effect, but all enquiries are welcome.

We meet on Fridays at St. Mary's Church Hall. Warwick St Ryde at 10am till 12 non

Brenda Benson 562047

Science

As a group we have been involving ourselves in science based projects, either in conjunction with Island groups or via subjects we have developed through our own discussions. We are working on a wide range of subjects from archaeology, physics to chemistry.

Derek Bean 872945

MURDER LOVE & REVENGE

Cowes Book group.

Autumn seems a long time ago. Since then we have read hugely varying novels. **The Savage Garden** by **Mark Mills** set in post war Tuscany, was a cleverly written, highly descriptive novel of murder, love and revenge in past times, woven atmospherically into the mythological designs of a Classically themed Italian Renaissance garden, containing hidden clues to the past.

The American Wife by **Curtis Sittenfeld** received mixed feelings, proving both unnecessarily long and needlessly coarse in parts. It was loosely based on certain true life events surrounding the American Presidency and the Bush family, in particular the early background of the President's wife, and her meteoric rise to becoming First Lady. – Sittenfeld painted a fascinating picture of her character transition.

The Girl Who Played with Fire by **Stieg Larsson** is the second in the Swedish author's highly acclaimed Trilogy. This was a highly intriguing but complex crime novel about an unusual female character – a very accomplished Computer Hacker. Characters were well drawn in depth, and with the strong anti-politic, anti authoritarian feel to the storyline, the author was possibly 'airing' his own views. Many of us have now enjoyed the remaining two novels in the series, despite their significant violence levels. The premature death of Larsson is undoubtedly a literary loss.

Books ahead being read & Review Meeting Dates: **Sister** by **Rosamund Lupton**, 18/2; **Operation Mincemeat** by **Ben Macintyre**, 18/3; April Title to be confirmed - 15/4 **Shirley Mawdesley** 883612

This newsletter is available by email. Apply to; hpmedmunds@aol.com

GROUP SEWING AND ROTARY CUTTING

Patchwork & Quilting Group

We ended the year with an interesting morning making decorations to hang on our Christmas trees and a thank you to the kind member who showed us how. December we enjoyed a Christmas lunch and planned our programme to start the New Year. We intend to continue with the group sewing of our Charity quilt and explore further rotary cutting. March again with thanks to a member we intend to learn about Trapunto. Everybody seems to have work to carry on with and to add I handed out a project to all to make a Ginger Jar hanging.

Dinny Card 564749

GOOGLE & SKYPE

I.T NEWPORT

I am offering the following sessions

March 23rd – EMAIL all you need to know, including managing your address book, opening, forwarding and saving attachments, deleting, sorting etc.

April 7th – SKYPE session – see what it is all about – once you see it you will want to use it - if you have a laptop bring it with you

April 20th and May 4th – 2 sessions **INTRO TO SPREADSHEETS**. Spreadsheets can be used for numerous things not just your accounts!

May 18th – **GOOGLE** – Fun session, everything you need to know

June 1st – **REFRESHER** session – things you feel you should know but can't remember!

All sessions are at the Riverside Centre EXCEPT for the Skype session which is at my home in Ryde.

If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible on 562565 or email jan_tavill@lineone.net (note there is an underscore between the jan and tavill)

Jan Tavill 562565

Creative writer wins Island prize!

Catherine Thorp, a member of the Creative Writing group, has come second in a writing competition run by the Isle of Wight County Press and Wight Fair Writing Circle.

Catherine, said that what she had gained from belonging to the newly formed group had given her the confidence to enter the competition. Her excellent story had a very unusual twist at the end that surprised every reader. It attracted very favourable comments from the judges, themselves published writers. One going as far as saying that the characterisation was so good it should be developed into a full novel.

Catherine's win has generated a lot of interest in creative writing and may even result in the need for the formation of a second group.

Janet Hope 404387

Novices and experts at Bridge

U3A Bridge Section

We've been having some great sessions since the turn of the new year. We continue to play at The IOW Community Club in Park Road Cowes on a Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm until 4.30pm

New members are always welcome to join our very sociable group. It is preferable if you can play a little bit, but in saying that our standards of play vary from novice to reasonably expert.

We would also be happy to see any fellow U3A bridge member who may be on holiday on the Island and would like to join us for a session.

Should you be interested contact me.

Vern Morris 292976



Plant Swap

I recall that there used to be an IWU3A Gardening Club several years ago but it closed, probably through lack of support. Debbie Zumbel (Mah Jong) and I wondered if a Plant Swap Group might be an interesting alternative, meeting maybe twice a year, in the Spring and Autumn. As a starter we thought we could meet on Saturday May 7th 2011 and see how much support there would be. We have several ideas to expand this and take it forward, depending on the level of interest shown. If you are interested all you have to do at the moment is to give me a ring on 614095 or send me an e-mail on suedescasey@hotmail.com



Mad about Maths

Mad about Maths or just Fearful of Figures? Whichever it is, I am hoping to start a new group about this 'Language of the Universe', as Galileo called it. The format and direction will be decided by the wishes of the group. Whether it be exploring History of Mathematics or finding out about the Unintended Consequences of Mathematical Discoveries or something completely different. I am suggesting a monthly meeting on Thursday or Friday afternoon in the Classroom at Fort Victoria, near Yarmouth. Interested? Telephone me Paul England on 752194 or email: mail@paulengland.co.uk



KNIT AND YARN

As an experienced knitter I know how much pleasure this skill brings but add a few friends and a cup of tea and it becomes the format for a lovely and enjoyable afternoon. This group is aimed at both the beginner and the experienced knitter, it will be held at my home in Nettlestone on Tuesday afternoons starting at 2pm until whenever....(well, you don't want to be in the middle of a row and be told times out do you!) Interested... then please telephone me **Georgina McKenzie on 612113**

Members of U3A are entitled to join as many groups as they wish for the basic subscription, but some groups may charge additional fees for room hire or materials.



ASTRONOMY AT THE FORT

Are you interested in Astronomy, either as an armchair astronomer or maybe as an active observer or perhaps simply you would like a new interest? Then how about coming along to my new Astronomy Group? I am aiming for the group to meet initially on Thursday afternoons each month at the planetarium at Fort Victoria, near Yarmouth. Please contact me **Paul England on 752194** or email: mail@paulengland.co.uk



YAVERLAND BOOK CLUB

I would love you to come and join the IW U3A's fourth book club. We already have a few members and would be delighted if you would join us. The aim of this group is to read a wide assortment of books, titles to be agreed between the book club members. When we meet we can have interesting and lively discussions in respect of characters and interpretations within the book. We will meet monthly on a Tuesday afternoon but this could be negotiable between the members if needed. Please call me **Barbara Harrison on 406617**



'D&A' GROUP

Most members will have noticed the phenomenal buzz of conversation at any U3A gathering. Well we are all articulate and continual learners and have a myriad of opinions. I would like to celebrate these lives of experience with a new group – The D & A Group. No, not about genes, although that would be interesting..... D for Discuss and A for Argue. If some interest is shown, I will get the group going and then in true democratic style would suggest that members would take turns in leading and choosing the topic. I think the first 'theme' would be, 'Rules for a Discuss and Argue Group!' We could start the group in the area where most interest is shown. So ring me if you want to come to a town near you! **Janet Hope 404387**



CAMERA-ACTION

Would you like to use your video camera more often and with some professional assistance? You could be working on real life productions about living on the Isle of Wight, having opportunities for creating a film-story, editing to the finished product and broadcasting it to the world on a website. You don't need a camera as you could be one of a film crew with equipment provided. Meetings will be at various locations around the island depending on the stories which you will help to create. Interested? Please contact me on **521027** or email- louis@ventnortv.com or alternatively write to; **Louis Lawrence, 21 Brickfield Close, Newport, PO30 5GF**



I.T GROUP RYDE

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I volunteered to provide beginners' classes and these have already begun. They are aiming to cater for those people who are not yet confident and wish to go over old ground with the different aspects of Windows, email, Google, etc. The present sessions end on 21st March but I will be happy to provide more sessions. These will be held in the Park Centre in Ryde, a venue that already hosts two other IWU3A groups. Contact me Ann on 611979, or email ann@sescka.com if interested **Ann Gentleman**

**DEATH-
PHOTOS &
THE LAKES**

ISLAND HISTORY GROUP

Spring 2011 Programme Meetings commence at 14:30 hours, usually on the first Friday in the month at St Mary's Church Hall (behind the Church), Church Road, Cowes. Doors open approximately 14:00 hours. Tea/coffee and biscuits follow meetings. Contribution of £1.50 requested to cover meeting expenses and refreshments.

Friday 4th March Graham Lambie "History of the Photograph"

Friday 1st April John Matthews DL "The History and Work of the Coroner"

Friday 6th May. Sarah Lang "Beatrice Potter and the Lake District"

Outings are planned, as usual, for Fridays 3rd June and 1st July, meeting at 14.30 hours. Details nearer the time. Contacts

- Sylvia Sillar 883924
- Sally Hayes 289805
- David Baldwin 290144

**WAITING LIST
FOR HISTORY
AT RYDE**

We are continuing to look at the history of 'Eleanor of Aquitaine' by Alison Weir a fairly extensive coverage of her life and that of her family. Unfortunately the class is full, but if future vacancies occur we will let any interested in joining us know.

- Lionel Alexander 852688
- Wendy Williams 872276

DESERT ISLAND BOOKS

Literature West Wight

Choosing three books when castaway on a desert island was a challenge for our members. Their choices ranged from practical advice (**Scouting for Boys**) to long sagas (**War and Peace**) and favourite books from childhood (**Winnie the Pooh, The Water Babies**). It was interesting to discover that everyone chose some poetry! Roz introduced us to one of her favourite writers - Jane Gardam, a prolific novelist whose books contain amazing, unusual imagery. Some of us had read "**Old Filth**", but didn't know of "**Crusoe's Daughter**", which critics tend to mention as her finest novel. John's talk on John Bunyan's life and his famous work, "**The Pilgrim's Progress**", written during his twelve-year sentence for refusing to con-

form to the official state church, was always full of interest. Pam gave us an insight into the life and works of Arthur Miller, one of America's leading playwrights of the 20th century. His most famous works include "**Death of a Salesman**". This play portrays the death and downfall of an ordinary man following the American dream. "**All My Sons**" is a drama about a manufacturer of faulty war materials and "**The Crucible**" is a dramatization of the Salem Witches Trial. This play was written as an allegory to McCarthyism and landed Miller in court.

Evie spoke of her affection for the works of Charles Lamb. He wrote sonnets, blank verse, prose and children's books as well as the essays for which he is fa-

mous. We heard of the bond between him and his sister, Mary (who was 11 years older) and how both suffered periods of mental illness. Evie read extracts from several "**Essays of Elia**" (Elia being Lamb himself).

Since Christmas we have had "open" meetings on "**Winter in Literature**", "**Love in Literature**" and John has spoken on Anthony Trollope, with particular reference to the six novels in the "**Palliser**" series.

We now meet at the Vine Inn at Freshwater, every other Monday from 2.30-4.30. Where we are always pleased to welcome new members.

John Kempster 752308

FRENCH CONNECTION

Armchair French reading

There are five members in the group and we hope to welcome one other at the next meeting. Six is the maximum number as it allows us to have more than one go at reading and translating our first book "Un sac de billes", a bag of Marbles by Joseph Joffo. It is autobiographical and records in France the exploits and struggles of two young Jewish brothers during World War 11.

Gina Marsh 564217

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP II

We have continued to practice our French conversation during the cold winter months, always dreaming of holidays in Provence! We have experimented with an interactive element to our meetings, using a programme provided by the BBC, with varying degrees of success! We try to meet weekly if possible and I must applaud those who travel from the opposite side of the Island to Ryde every Friday, without your commitment we would have no Group II.

Sue Casey 614095

HUGELY ENJOYABLE !

BOOK GROUP 1 The Modern Novel

This Group will shortly be celebrating its 9th Birthday, and although we have had some changes in personnel in the last few months, several of us have been there since the Group's inception.

Since the last Newsletter we have read three hugely enjoyable books. First, '**The Road Home**' by **Rose Tre-main**, the story of Lev, an economic migrant, trying to make his painful and often comic way in London, has a cast of great characters and is touchingly examined.

Next '**Restless**' by **William Boyd**, winner of the 2006 Costa Award. Boyd is

a great storyteller, and this tale of wartime espionage is a clever and absorbing page turner.

The first novel of **Kathryn Stockett** '**The Help**' has been extremely popular in the US and now in the UK; it is an account of African American women working for white households in Jackson Mississippi, who formed close bonds with the white children they cared for, and how the unspoken rules were shattered by three courageous women.

This book is important and daring, has been deftly handled, and is a moving and often funny read.

Ann Allen 852037

Caligraphy

Having finished our latest piece which was a sort of modern representation of an alphabet we are embarking on our next challenge from Sheila. We are to write a piece of about eight lines, but the difficult part is that it

is to have an illuminated first letter to include Gold. We will need to plan it in great detail which will entail many trial runs. For myself I can't see me completing it before our summer break!!.

Lily Stafford 740280

DOUBLE TREAT FOR SHANKLIN READERS

BOOK GROUP – SHANKLIN

Our first meeting this year was a double treat as we discussed two Barbara Trapido books. The first, *Brother of the More Famous Jack* begins the story of the educated bohemians, the Goldmans. Amid a cocktail of squalor and high brow chattering parents Jacob and Jane raise their six children as free thinkers and free spirits. *The Travelling Hornplayer* continues the life of son Jonathan and his wife Katherine and their daughter, the “nuisance chip” Stella, who later marries into the multi-childrend household of the wealthy Massinghams and produces a child by her ex. HIV infected lover who is to be fathered by her husband Pen Massingham, a man for ever impotent following years of sexual abuse by a priest at his Catholic boarding school. Trapido faces social and moral problems head on.

These two novels are influenced by Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, a novel handed around between characters and the “Conrad Scholar” all of whom in many ways qualify as modern members of the “Eldorado Exploring Expedition”. Like Conrad, Trapido explores the duality of human nature and the unfathomable darkness in every human being for committing heinous acts of evil.

A lighter note accompanied our next book *Once* by Morris Glietzman. A book written, in his own words, “from aged eight upwards, all the way up”. It is the first of a trilogy about Felix a Jewish child aged ten who flees Nazi persecution with his six year old gentile friend Zelda. Glietzman writes it as it is, he does not prescribe the readers reaction, he does not judge, he simply allows the voices of the children to tell their tale. Thanks to modern day communications via Facebook I was able to contact the author who gave me the quote I used above. He is in Thailand at the moment where some of his earlier books are being published. Ever a modest man he tells me he is getting a very good reception as a “clever man” which he believes has more to do with the quality of the interpreters than himself. It is this humility that comes through in his books.

June Withers

866459

HISTORY GROUPS we Mid-Wight History

Freshwater History

Our group remains small - but enthusiastic. We meet alternative Thursday from 2.30 - 4.30pm at the Conservative Club Queens Road Freshwater. Our subject of study is still 'Isabella of France' - dubbed as 'She Wolf...'. Any interested in joining us please contact me .

Wendy Williams 872276

We continue with American History. We're in The Wild West right now. Alistair Cooke's book keeps the subject lively and informative.

In view of the future of our libraries it is interesting to note that the greatest historical supporter of public libraries was Andrew Carnegie. He was a Scot who as a child left with his family for America.

He helped finance over 380 libraries in Britain around the late 1800's and early 1900's. He is quoted as saying "I choose free libraries as the best agencies for improving the masses of the people."

Eva Alexander 852688

GROUPS & LEADERS 2011

Group	Leader	Tel No	Location
Art Workshop	Eileen Ellis-Williams	613381	St Helens
	Barbara Edmunds	862108	
Bridge	Vernon Morris	292976	Cowes
Books - Bonchurch	Ann Allen	852037	Bonchurch
Books - Cowes	Shirley Mawdsley	883612	Cowes
Books - Shanklin	June Withers	866459	Shanklin
Books - Yaverland	Barbara Harrison	406617	Yaverland
Calligraphy	Lily Stafford	740280	Newport
	Sheila Bell	853303	
Classical Music	David Shirley	756162	Totland
Craft	Sally Hayes	289805	Cowes
Creative Writing	Janet Hope	404387	Sandown
Days Out	Wendy Williams	872276	Various
Dining out for fun	June Reddix	294628	Various
Economic Feasibility Study	Adrian Ould	563674	Ryde
English Literature	John Kempster	752308	Freshwater
	Wendy Williams	872276	
Folk Dancing	Brenda Benson Shirley Burns	562047	Ryde
French, Brush up your	Sandra Thearle	752979	Freshwater
French Conversation	Jack Eales	760591	Ryde
French Conversation 2	Sue Casey	614095	Ryde
French Reading	Kay Hayes	564847	Ryde
	Georgina Marsh	564217	
Genealogy	Linda Jones	863031	Shanklin
History East Wight	Lionel Alexander	852688	Ryde
	Wendy Williams	872276	
History Mid Wight	Eva Alexander	852688	Brading
History West Wight	Wendy Williams	872276	Freshwater
Island History	Sylvia Sillar	883924	Cowes
	Sally Hayes	289805	
IT - Newport	Jan Tavill	562565	Newport
IT - Ryde	Ann Gentleman	611979	Ryde
Laughter/Humour Group	Roy Howett	822485	Newport
Mah Jong	Debbie Zumbeel	400300	Lake
Patchwork & Quilting	Dinny Card	564749	Ryde
Poetry	Evelyn Robson Sheila Day	868073 615947	Ryde
Pub Lunch by Bus (1)	Maggie Hough	292689	Various
Pub Lunch by Bus (2)	Christine Addison	282570	Various
Recorded Music	Peter Bell	853303	Wroxall
Remember When?	Bill Robson	868073	Lake
Science	Derek Bean	872945	Various
Solo Whist	John Zumbeel	400300	Lake
Spanish	Peter Neeves	404263	Brading
Theatre - Chichester	Lily Stafford	740280	Chichester
Theatre - Local	Ann Allen	852037	Various
Walking	Michael Beardmore	754327	Various
NEW GROUPS			
I.T Group	Ann Gentleman		Ryde
Knit and Yarn	Georgina McKenzie	612113	Seaview
Yaverland Book Club	Barbara Harrison	406617	Yaverland
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