

January 2022

Dear Members,

Here we are again at the beginning of a whole New Year, 2022, but before looking forward I would just like to look backwards for a moment. In spite of all of the difficulties, 2021 was actually a very successful one for our u3a, in the context of the restrictions put upon us by Covid. Our mission was to engage with members, to spread the word and grow our group. In June we managed to celebrate u3a day with our 'Round the Island in a Day' walk; our blue and gold pompoms and our bright yellow gazebo made their first appearances around the Island and in the press. In September at the Wolverton Manor Garden Fair our yellow gazebo was once again the visible sign of our increasing presence. The word has spread from such events and from your efforts. Our u3a has become better known across the Island and our membership is now increasing month on month. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to spread the word during 2021, to the Committee who have worked so hard, to group leaders and to you the members, old and new.

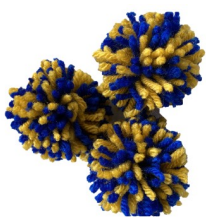
Now, looking forward, there are already many regular group activities and events planned for 2022. On page 15 you will find

the programme for regular group meetings and activities for the next couple of months. Have a look and put the dates in your diary. Not only are there group activities but also events open to everyone including walks, lunches, theatre and garden visits. A speaker meeting programme is being planned as we speak. Is there something you would love to do but is not there? Let us know. We welcome new ideas, new group leaders offering to coordinate a group, or an event organiser who would like to organise a one-off activity. Take part. Be part of this growing and exciting u3a.

Finally, do join us on Zoom for the January Speaker meeting on Thursday 13th January 2022 at 14:00. The talk is called 'Ask a Busy Person' and will be by Anne Dearle, our very own Vice-Chair. See details on page 16. Anne has led a fascinating life and I am very much looking forward to her talk. I look forward to seeing you there too.

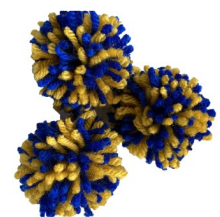
Happy New Year to you all.

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New Members' Coffee Morning
1st Wednesday of the month
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Look out for the **blue** and **gold** pompoms.



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Committee News

Your u3a, your committee, your newsletter
- *have your say!*

At our most recent committee meeting we had a detailed discussion about the newsletter and the mechanics of its production - is it too long? Do people actually read it? Are the events clear enough? One question that we did not ask ourselves is - has it made a difference that we no longer send an attachment - just a link to the webpage. Maybe you could let us know what you think of the newsletter. It is sometimes difficult to be critical when you are too close to the production. We were also interested in how we can streamline its production and we are planning a more rigorous copy deadline (3rd Saturday of the month) and better organised proofreading, with the aim of reducing last-minute stress, something we can all do without.

We also discussed the speaker meetings and the disappointing turn-out at the last few. We recognised that we had undersold the fascinating subject matter of the last talk on tribal tapestries and that this probably contributed to the small audience, but we also wondered whether people had Zoom fatigue. Again, perhaps you could let us know. It was very disappointing to cancel the social event

but it still seems it was the right decision at a time of growing uncertainty and grim speculation. We will probably experiment again with the idea of a live meeting in March if the New Year figures do not look as bleak as some of the more pessimistic projections.

We talked about the perennial issue of getting more members to support the committee, run groups, and advertise our existence. The enshrining principle of the u3a movement is "For the members, by the members". If you enjoy belonging, would you be willing to hand out leaflets to your friends; would you be willing to lead a walk, host a lunch or lead a craft workshop? If you have a skill or a passion that you would like to share, then please talk to us about it. We will help something grow. Would you like to engage with a local area network, share email addresses or telephone numbers with other members who live near you? This would create the possibility of getting together for coffee, a stroll on the prom, a telephone call for a whinge about the weather or a request for a pharmacy pick up. Again, let us know!

We are also trying to produce a proper marketing strategy - do you have marketing experience or would you be willing to spend an afternoon of your time talking to us about prioritising our efforts?

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As has possibly been mentioned before, we do not have an abundance of person-hours at our disposal, and we would like to use them and our budget wisely. Talking to someone experienced in making those choices would be very useful. And finally - do not forget, word of mouth is the best advertising - spread the word! Ask for some leaflets to give to your friends.

New members who join now will get 15 months for the price of 12.

Sally.

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Social History Group

The first meeting of the Social History Group was held on 1st December. We were a very small group as only two members joined me. There should have been four but one sent apologies and the other failed to turn up! However we had an enjoyable morning. We explored the history of many of the Christmas customs we take for granted and discussed hidden meanings behind them.

It seems that the first Wednesday of the month is not a good choice as it clashes with other activities. I am fairly flexible and am happy to change the date to suit my existing members and to enable others to join. I will liaise with Sally to

see if we can come up with a better choice. But because of the new Covid variant, and the anxiety it is causing, I think it best to put future meetings on hold until the Spring. Hopefully things will have improved by then.

The next meeting, when it eventually takes place, will be about a prominent East Cowes dynasty who influenced the area for two hundred years. Aware of their own importance they probably did not realise that they were descended from a pirate! (I have to confess that they were my late husband's ancestors).

Anne Dearle
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Come and listen to Anne talk about her life on January 13th - see page 16.

This is your newsletter!
Send the editor rogerskid@zen.co.uk anything you would like to share with us (and mention any errors or omissions).



Conversational French

Our existing two French groups are now full and so we are starting a third in Newport on a Wednesday afternoon.

New group meeting in Newport: first meeting, Wednesday January 5th, at the Bargeman's Rest, outside if at all possible so dress warmly.

Please contact groups@u3awight.uk if you are interested.

Eat-Out and Review Group

Dates for your diary - Wednesday January 5th & Saturday February 5th

Have you ever visited the Old Smithy in Godshill? They carry an interesting range including clothing, books, decorative household items as well as jewellery. They also sell splendid ice creams in the summer.

The January Eat Out and Review plan is for lunch in the cafe at the Old Smithy, meeting at 11:45. Debbie will be inside the shop, near the clothes section at 10:45 for a little light retail therapy before lunch.

Debbie

Weekenders - starting in February aimed at people who find themselves looking for shared activities at the weekend - theatre trips, eating out, museum visits, movie nights - anything the group wants, goes.

First date Brunch/early lunch in Newport on February 5th

Contact Sheila Herrando through groups@u3awight.uk for more information. Sheila will be hosting the lunch on Saturday February 5th.

New ! Traditional Book Group

Meeting on the second Friday of each month, our first meeting will be Friday 14th January at 2.00 pm in Binstead.

We will each choose a book that we think the group will enjoy reading over the next sessions. Each month the person who chose the book will start the discussion off and everyone in the group will give their views and opinions.

Sometimes the books may not be to our taste but generate lively discussion. The beauty is that we are often introduced to a title or author and get real pleasure reading a book that we would never have chosen ourselves.

The person whose book choice it is that month brings a cake and this helps make the meeting a sociable, enjoyable event.

Allison



Military History Group

Military History

Are you an ex-serviceman/woman?

CND Supporter; Physicist; Child of the Cold War?

Interested or curious about military affairs?

Then the presentation on nuclear weapons may interest you and is open to all.



The new **Military History Group** will commence action with a Zoom meeting at 15:00 hrs Saturday 29th January 2022 followed by the programme.

A **Zoom** link will be emailed - apply to join this session at groups@u3awight.uk

Please indicate at that time if you wish to join the Military History Group and whether you are particularly interested in Naval, Military or Aviation affairs.

Indicate if you could/would actively participate in its activities by researching & delivering PowerPoint; Video or oral presentations/talks on relevant subjects of your choice by Zoom or assisting in the organisation of the group in any way.

Robin Tyler

The programme for our meeting on the 29th will be:

15:00 - 15:40 Development of the British H bomb

The first half of the presentation is an edited TV film on the development of the British hydrogen bomb in the 1950s. It will illustrate some of the technical and political successes and failures encountered in the process.

15:40 - 15:44 Comfort break

15:45 - 16:30 Nuclear Tests

The second half is a collection of videos and photos showing examples of different tests of such weapons, e.g., air and ground burst, underground, under-water and space explosions. Amongst lesser known facts are who exploded the largest ever nuclear explosion and how big it was; how children in the USA were instructed to protect themselves and proposals to use atomic bombs for large scale landscaping projects.

16:31 ... Comments / Suggestions /



Events



THEATRE CLUB+ by Glenys Lloyd-Williams

'Future Suggestions - *let me know if you are going/*

interested - email me:
enjoyaplay@outlook.com

It is panto time and there are loads to choose from running into February.

Medina, Newport -

'Cinderella'. I volunteer there so shall be doing my stint on a few dates. "Oh yes I will!!" There are matinee and early evening performances.

Shanklin has a range of events so best to look online.

Apollo, Newport -

'Breaking the Code' 4th-12th February 2022. The story of Alan Turing, inventor of the Enigma machine. Interesting and well written play. Well worth a visit.

Mayflower, Southampton:
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour

Dreamcoat. 19th-23rd January 2022.
I have always wanted to see this.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'. 19th-23rd April 2022

Chichester theatre -

The Play What I Wrote – 8th-12th Feb 2022. Fun tribute to Morecombe and Wise. Matinees 2.30pm. **Rita and I are booked on Wednesday 9th at 230pm. Seat M28 if you would like to join me.** Tickets will sell fast.
The Taxidermist Daughter – 8th- 30th April 2022. 6 matinees available.

Merlin - The Ballet:

"Sharon and I went over to Southampton to see this new and original production by the Northern Ballet. We paused for a super tagliatelle and a little wine beforehand.

The show was marvellous, especially the Lady of the Lake (I really thought she was swimming) and the theatre was not packed."

Glenys X

And - for something completely different.... **RACING!**
I love horse racing and wondered if anyone else would be interested in going over to some local courses?

It's more fun with a crowd - when it's warm!

Glenys X

Monday Garden Visits

Through the Winter we will meet on the first Monday of the month for a garden walk and a hot chocolate, to which everyone is welcome

Monday January 3rd

Ventnor Botanic Gardens (VBG).

If we get more than 10 people who are not already members of the VBG then we

can get a group-rate. Entrance to the café only is free.

Monday February 7th

Osborne House Garden Free with English Heritage Membership

Monday March 5th

Mottistone Gardens

Free with National Trust Membership

Sally

Events

Walk & Lunch

The walkers enjoyed a somewhat muddy walk up through the woods from Godshill to Appuldurcombe House. The weather was mild and misty and the view of the House over the garden fence confirmed that we would all like to visit again in the summer when the gardens are open and have a proper look round.



The site has had many uses: a Benedictine Abbey from 1102 to 1414, gifted to nuns in 1423, it found its way into the hands of the Worsleys, four of whom became Captain of the Island. The current house was completed towards the end of the 18th century and was set in a garden designed by Capability Brown. In 1867 the house became a preparatory

school, then from 1901-1908 it housed the French monks who later took up residence at Quarr Abbey. In WWI it was billeted to troops, badly damaged and was further damaged by a land mine in WWII. The house has been partially restored by English Heritage.

We all then returned to Godshill where we were joined by the non-walkers and celebrated the baptism of Jill's walking boots with a festive lunch at the Taverners. The pub was not busy, and felt spacious and airy. We had Christmas crackers and briefly wore paper hats and told silly jokes. Everyone enjoyed their food and some even managed a light dessert.

Sally



Next Walk & Lunch will be around Wootton on January 19th - see you in 2022!

Beaches Report

Unfortunately the December beach walk planned to be at Yaverland was cancelled due to the rainy weather.

The January Beach walk will be on Wednesday the 26th and will be in the St Helens' area. More details nearer the time. Come along for a brisk winter walk, bring your family and your dogs if you wish.

The beach events are open to all. Let me know if you'd like to come.

Carol

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Walk and Talk about Gardens

This group has now entered its hibernation period and group garden visits have been suspended until Spring. That does not mean that our gardens lack colour or interest but eating cake and drinking tea outside becomes less appealing.

This is also the time to make structural changes to the garden while it is still pleasant to work outside. The group keeps in contact throughout winter with emails and photos, as we did during lockdown.

Beryl Tillman

Spanish Improvers' Group Now full, but we do keep a waiting list.

Talk to Keith if you are interested. The group is friendly and welcoming. There is no pressure and we are here to enjoy ourselves and get the satisfaction of learning a new language. If you are interested please make contact with Keith.

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Games - Newport February 4th - games afternoon planned.

There will be tables of Mah-Jong, but if Mah-Jong is not your thing then why not come along and play the game of your choice - Scrabble, Cribbage, etc.

The first Mah-Jong group of the year is planned for January 7th - venue to be confirmed, then February 4th again.

If you have not played Mah-Jong before and would be interested in attending a one day starter session then let us know. We are also looking into ways of teaching Mah-Jong to remote bubbles using Zoom. So if you have some interested friends who you could bubble with (in a group of 2-5) then the teaching could be remote.

Contact Sally groups@u3awight.uk

French Conversation:

Friday am: Bembridge

Tuesday pm: Brading

Wednesday pm: Newport (new)

Both the **Tuesday and Friday** groups are now full.

Please contact groups@u3awight.uk if you are interested in a French group.

German:

Alternate Friday mornings at Brading.

Improvers: January 7th.

Intermediate/advanced: January 14th and so on...

Both groups have space. The intermediate/advanced group is small and would particularly welcome new members.

It is very informal, and we aim to have fun, make new friends and learn a thing or two at the same time.

The sessions run from 10.30 - 12.30 on Friday mornings.

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Film Studies Group

Forthcoming Film Reviews:

3rd January (Dina) The Trader
17th January (Jan) The Unforgivable
31st January (Paul) Power of the Dog
14th February (Paul) 14 Peaks



Directed by Rebecca Hall, this stylish film is about two women (Irene and Clare), former school friends, who meet up by chance in a swish hotel in Manhattan in the prohibition-era America to discover that they are both 'passing' for what they are not in an adaptation of Nella Larsen's 1929 novel.

Both women are light-skinned, but Irene is stunned to realise that her vivacious and now peroxide blonde friend Clare is 'passing' for white these days and that her odious, wealthy white husband, John, has no idea. As for the sober and respectable Irene, she lives with her black doctor husband Brian in Harlem with their two sons and a black maid that she treats a little high-handedly.

There is an almost supernatural shiver in Irene and Clare's meeting; as if the two women are the ghosts of each other's

alternative life choices. Irene is herself passing for middle class, passing for successful; she has access into fashionable artistic circles through her friendship with the celebrated white novelist Hugh Wentworth who is passing for straight. But there is something else. Clare is also passing for happily married. The dangerously transgressive Clare, for whom this chance meeting has triggered a desperate homesickness for her black identity, insidiously creeps into Irene's life and, more worryingly, into the life of Irene's husband Brian. He finds Clare to be light hearted and fun which is in direct contrast to his increasing unhappiness about the racial prejudice he feels closing in on him from his neighbourhood.

The photography is gorgeous, the music is magical, the acting is superb and the content is deeply complex and thought provoking. Although the book of the film was written in 1929, how much has changed on the topic of 'passing' regarding society today? Are those in the public eye, in power or even in our neighbourhood 'passing' for something they purport to be but in fact are many miles away from it? Are individuals as well as organisations showing themselves in a light that makes them more 'acceptable' to others?

Probably the best film I have seen in 2021. (Viewed 6th December)

Elizabeth

Family History and Genealogy Group

We felt it was best to cancel our Christmas Get Together at The Hare and Hounds this month but we hope to be able to resume meetings as soon as possible in the New Year.

In the meantime, keep up the research and don't forget the 1921 Census due to be released in January. For those who have recently done DNA tests, I hope you will now be able to unravel your brick walls and find those elusive ancestors.

Happy New Year!

Alison

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Creative Writing Group

The writers' group met for the last time this year in the fair city of Shanklin, and tea and biscuits sustained us through a lively discussion.

Our seasonal theme of 'Angel' yielded the usual wide variety of interpretations: the mysterious rescuer of a car accident victim, the excitement of a little girl landing the part of the feathered messenger in the nativity play, a benefactor bequeathing gold coins representing the Archangel Gabriel to two young sisters, a story of winter when one animal rescues another with angel-like benevolence. We discussed the symbols attached to angels and their representation over the centuries. I wonder what first came to your mind when you read the title for

December; probably something entirely different again.

January's theme is **'New Beginnings'**. I wonder what that phrase will inspire?

Best wishes of good health and happy celebrations from the Writers' Group.

Happy New Year!

Christine



Note from Sally as groups coordinator - Thank you Christine, you have been an inspiration to the Writers' Group, a valued contributor to the Reading Group and the Film Studies group, an excellent companion walking and drinking tea and also an excellent proof-reader!

Thank you for your contribution to the Isle of Wight u3a and we wish you well in your new life in Somerset.

Technology and Communications

The TCG is wanting to know from members what would they like to get from the meeting, and suggestions for things to be discussed. The next meeting will be on Zoom on Monday 3rd of January at 14:00. The use of online apps for walking and fitness will be discussed.



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Photographic Group

The Photography Group will have met on December 20th using Zoom. A fuller report will be added to the web version of this newsletter. Meanwhile some useful information repeated from last month:

The Wight u3a Flickr Group:
<https://tinyurl.com/u3a-flickr>

Image processing software mentioned at the November meeting:

GIMP image editor: <https://www.gimp.org>

FastStone: <https://www.faststone.org>

Contrast:
<https://tinyurl.com/u3a-contrast>

Shutter priority:
<https://tinyurl.com/u3a-shutter>

Next Meeting:
Monday 17th January at 14:00 on Zoom

Talk will be about members' photographs with discussion about composition and how to improve one's photographic eye.

Fred Dawson LRPS

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("FastStone" is a very easy to use image viewing and editing program originally recommended by BBC "Click". It does all the basic editing you would ever want without confusing sophistication. Odd name, but there you are. Ed.)



Green Issues

On Wednesday, 15th December we had another really informative Zoom session with the u3a Climate Crisis Group with some very knowledgeable and enthusiastic members from all over the UK. This session discussed the current state of the collapse of our civilisation and as in the past, a new organising system emerging with change becoming very rapid.

It's a bit more serious this time as we are actually destroying our means of living on this planet but we already have the technologies to avoid this happening. An increasing number of ways of generating energy are becoming available and less expensive to buy; for example, solar panels are 80% cheaper than 10 years ago. By changing our means of transport, doing away with individual car ownership and using autonomous electric cars there will be fewer cars with greatly reduced emissions. Changing our eating habits (which is happening already) by using fermentation, etc., to produce food means less land is used to grow it and feed animals - a major polluter of CO2 and methane.

There are of course corporations trying to stop this happening as they have a vested interest in the old polluting ways and it was suggested that we could stop them blocking this change by starving them of funds and investing our pensions and bank account money in ethical companies and Building Societies such as Triodos, The Ecology Building Society and Black Rock. We could also label them publicly as dangerous and antisocial to change people's (and investors') impression of them, as happened with the tobacco industry. This is something we could all do.

Following this discussion we then caught up with a member of the group who was trying to reduce the carbon footprint of her house and a few people pointed out that the paid-for "expert" advice she had bought was incorrect; which was very useful and gave her a different slant on things.

Finally we saw a YouTube video on Climate Change and Capitalism that pointed out quite a few home truths on consumption and growth. Reducing consumption is slowly being picked up by the public and industry; my family now have a rule that we buy (or make) only one (and no more), very useful Christmas present per person to reduce our consumption and waste. Seeing Christmas crackers made out of fabric table napkins in M & S the other day gave me the idea to do the same with the napkins we are using for the family meal and I have filled them with Googled jokes, last year's paper hats and Walnut Whips which will leave only the napkins to be washed and reused next year. It saved me £25 as well - thank you M & S.

These sessions are well attended and have a lively and stimulating atmosphere: highly recommended. I will let you know the date and Zoom details of the next meeting when I receive them. Have a good Christmas and a healthy and Green New Year.

Dina



Non-Fiction Book Group

Since formation in September and with just three books read and digested to date, the Non-Fiction Book Group has certainly had a varied diet.

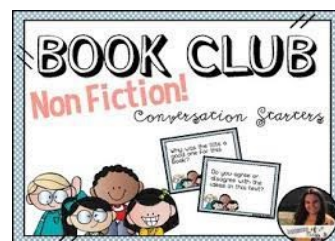
We began with the widely noted *Isle and Empires: Romanov Russia, Britain and the Isle of Wight* by Stephan Romanov, himself a descendant of some key figures in this thoroughly researched account of relationships between Russia and Britain through the 300 years of Romanov rule, including some less known events and connections with the Isle of Wight.

From history to geography, our second and again very interesting and informative book was *'The Power of Geography'* by Tim Marshall. Through ten chapters, each focused on specific geographical countries

or areas, Marshall suggests that physical geography is a major, and under-recognised, driver of culture, politics, and external relations in every country or region, both historically and in contemporary times. Views varied on how well the case was made.

Next up, for December, was *'Engines of Privilege: Britain's Private School Problem'* by David Kynaston and Francis Green. As I write, we have yet to meet to discuss this but are hoping for some lively debate, albeit still through Zoom.

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Make a difference in 2022

Age UK IW are short of volunteers in your local community to support residents with simple but important tasks such as befriending, medical transport, prescription collection and shopping. No amount of time is too little, and we can work around your schedules.

- A telephone call to a lonely resident can take as little as 15 minutes and we know that that short call is so meaningful when you may spend the entire week not communicating with anyone.
- A supported trip to a medical appointment or collection of medication means that we can help keep your community well and help to stop admission to hospital.
- A trip to the supermarket for a small shop, allows that individual to eat well and maintain their health.

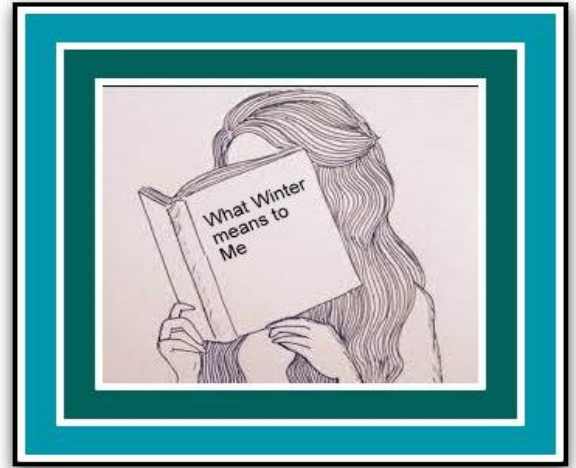
All we ask is that you can commit time on a regular basis, so that we can best match your availability to the residents in your local community.

To find out more about volunteering with Age UK IW in 2022, please call us on 01983 525 282 or email us at gns@ageukiw.org.uk.

u3a Photo Competition Winter 21/22

“What Winter Means to Me”

Whatever Winter means to you.
Share your dreams!



Send your photos to editor@u3awight.uk

Prize - a year's complimentary subscription to Isle of Wight u3a.

Deadline 16th January!

Letter from Peter Dorsett:

The attached photos are of two of my alstroemerias. The fully grown and one of my first year plants. These were taken today and amazingly are still blooming. The first was bought last year at a local nursery and the new one was bought with two different colours at the Wolverton Manor in September. They make a wonderful display in the garden and can also be cut and enjoyed in the home.

I recently read and acted upon a tip regarding the preservation of the geraniums for next year. It suggested that the plants be dug up, the roots cleaned and when dry, inverted in cardboard boxes.

I will let you know the results next year!
[2022]

I am also interested in the idea of an **Allotment Group**. As a keen vegetable gardener, my preparations are already underway for next year, including the planting of broad beans and garlic.

I did that with the beans last year, missed the black fly by a month and am still eating the substantial crop.

There are still a lot of leeks to pull and delicious they are.



January Diary

Regular Group Meetings

14:00	1 st Monday	Zoom	Technology and Communications
14:00	3 rd Monday	Zoom	Photography
16:00	Every Monday	Zoom	Not Quite Beginners' Spanish
17:30	Alternate Mondays	Zoom	Film Studies
13:30	Every Tuesday	Brading	New Conversational French
15:00	1 st Tuesday	Bembridge	Reading
14:00	3 rd Tuesday	Zoom	Non-Fiction Book Club
10:30	1 st Wednesday	Newport	New-Members Coffee Morning
13:30	Every Wednesday	Newport	New Conversational French
14:00	1 st Thursday	Brighstone	Writers
10:00	Every Friday	Bembridge	Conversational French
10:30	Alternate Fridays	Brading	New Improvers German
10:30	Alternate Fridays	Brading	New Intermediate/Advanced German
14:00	3 rd Thursday	tbc	Family History
14:00	1 st Friday	tbc	Mah-Jong
14:00	2 nd Friday	Binstead	New Traditional Book Group

Events this month

Jan 3 rd	Monday – 13:30	Monday Garden visits – Ventnor Botanic Gardens	
Jan 5 th	Wednesday – lunch	Old Smithy – Godshell	New Eat Out and Review
Jan 13 th	Thursday	Speaker Meeting on Zoom	'Ask a Busy Person' by Anne Dearle
Jan 19 th	Wednesday	Wootton	Walk & Lunch
Jan 26 th	Wednesday	Beach Walk – St Helens	
Jan 29 th	Saturday	Zoom	New Military History Talk

Future Events

Feb 4 th	Friday	Newport	Games: Mah-Jong, Cribbage, Scrabble
Feb 5 th	Saturday	Brunch/Lunch	Eat Out and Review & New Weekenders
Mar 5 th	Saturday	Brunch	Eat Out and Review & New Weekenders

Still nothing catches your fancy - or the groups that you fancy are not at the right time for you? Let us know on groups@u3awight.uk. We are keen to support the start-up of new groups.

Groups that are looking for new members to get started include: Allotment Gardening, Modern Greek, Painting, music appreciation and Play Reading.

Always check with the group leader for up-to-date info on diary events. The above diary is only correct at time of going to press.

For more information go to
www.u3awight.uk/events

www.facebook.com/groups/iowu3a closed group for members
www.facebook.com/u3aWight open page for the public

Spring Speaker Meetings will continue to be held on Zoom.

Zoom link open 13:45 - 16:00

Talk 14:00-15:00

The January talk (Thursday 13th) will be given by our new Vice-Chair, Anne Dearle, and will be entitled

‘Ask a Busy Person’

If you want to get something done, “Ask a busy person”. In other words find somebody who has learned how to multitask and be one of life’s jugglers. I think I can claim to be a ‘juggler’ having been a wife and mother, school teacher, Samaritan and magistrate all at the same time whilst studying for an Open University degree.

Later when I was a widow and my children had all flown the nest I embarked on other enterprises. I became a public speaker (by accident). Now, thirty-five years later, I am a widow again. However, having been twice married and twice widowed I can proudly claim to have celebrated two Silver Weddings!



So what now? Well I am now an author, having published fourteen books.

Please join me to share a romp through my life on Zoom!