

I.W.U.F.T. WOOTTON HISTORY PROGRAMME 2026

Friday 2nd January ~ "Beneath the Floors of Newport Minster" ~ Dr. Ruth Waller

A truly fascinating glimpse into the many discoveries made during the recent refurbishment, For those of you who toured the minster with us last summer, don't miss this.

Friday, 5th February ~ " A History of I.O.W Pubs" ~ Mark Earp

Popular local speaker and a favourite of the group returns to take us on a "virtual pub crawl" back through history.

Friday 6th March ~ " Two Island Lighthouses" ~ Francis Quinn

This engaging speaker will share with us his presentation on the little known history of lighthouses on our island.

Friday, 3rd April ~ "S.S. Great Britain" ~ Paul Bradley

Come and learn all the facts and enjoy a beautifully photographed tour of one of the most famous ships in the world.

Friday, 1st May ~ "A Knight and his Armour" ~ Edward Nash

Ed, from TimeJump Histories will be presenting this, and will, as usual, be fully costumed, and with many fascinating artefacts, each with a story.

Friday, 5th June ~ " A History of the Postal Service" ~ Arthur Reeder

As the owner of the IOW postal museum, Arthur will share many facts and anecdotes in his highly entertaining and humorous way.

No meeting in July. Friday 7th August, summer outing to be arranged.

Friday, 4th September ~ "20th Century Architecture on the I.O.W." ~ Ben Cracknell

A new speaker to our group, Ben is an acknowledged expert on Architecture and will share with us some of the many notable and remarkable buildings here on our Island.

Friday, 2nd October ~ " Brick Making on the I.O.W." ~ Sarah Burdett

There were once a good many viable brick manufactories here, now a lost craft. Today we shall learn when, where, how and who in an absorbing presentation.

Friday, 6th November ~ " Bee Keeping Through the Ages" ~ Carol Bradshaw

We are all aware of the importance of bees in our ecosystems. But when did they first come here? How did our ancestors keep them? A very interesting talk.

Friday, 4th December ~ Our now traditional " Seasonal Social"

With buffet lunch, raffle and entertainment.