



Jim Blann with U3A president Judy Lily.

## A love affair with history

**Jim Blann doesn't call himself a historian, yet he has just edited a 333-page book covering world history from 1750-1800.**

The book is the 10th in a series produced by members of the Hibiscus Coast U3A (University of the Third Age). The books cover from 73BC to 1800, and deal mainly with European history. They are circulated among U3A members.

U3A is an international organisation for retired people. The local branch has 240 members. Groups specialising in subjects such as history, humour, French, travel, cookery and cinema meet fortnightly.

Jim joined the history group not long after its formation 15 years ago. He says the study of history has been his favourite since schooldays and compiling and proof reading the latest U3A book was a labour of love.

Members choose a topic, then research and write it up for the book.

Topics in this edition include The Irish Potato Famine and Napoleon Bonaparte.

Jim says the research and work involved keeps the brain active. He has already begun planning his contribution to the next book, which will be about the British police force.

