

## Members' Mornings 2019/20

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10:00am – 12 noon.

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In many respects the hub of Macclesfield U3A, Members' Mornings provide the opportunity to get together with other members over a cup of coffee, find out about group activities and regional or national U3A events, peruse the book store and listen to a varied programme of guest speakers. These mornings are also an ideal event for people who may be thinking of joining U3A and for welcoming new members. The membership secretary and members of a wide range of activity groups are usually at hand to answer questions.

Note : Programme may change due to speaker availability at the time. Changes will be notified on our U3A website on our Members' Mornings page. Remember the regular date : **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.**

### 2019

<b>26<sup>th</sup> September - 6,000 years of clay</b>	<b>John Christopher – Albrighton Pottery</b>
The session starts by looking at the first urban communities and ends with the firing of a bottle oven in 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Stoke on Trent. There is also a very enjoyable hands-on session which is a lot of fun and a frequent cause of hilarity. The session is a mixture of entertainment and a highly informative look at the history of pottery in the UK. John is from Albrighton pottery near Telford.	

<b>24<sup>th</sup> October – A Flavour of Lancashire</b>	<b>Rob Mason</b>
For many years part of the successful Lancashire Comedy Folk Group 'The Likes of Us' Rob has continued the tradition of good wholesome - come and have a 'reet good do' type of entertainment. Delivered with a large dose of Northern humour. 'Do you remember when...' is a collection of stories, songs, audience participation and humour with a real flavour of Lancashire and the North. Come and see a morning of entertainment and insight to how we used to come together, socialise and entertain ourselves before the age of t'internet.	

<b>28th November – Mary Queen of Scots</b>	<b>David Templeman</b>
Discover the fascinating story of Mary's years in captivity in and around Cumbria, Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire and South Notts. This talk will reveal a story not found in any history book until now. Follow Mary on her journey as a captive Queen around Carlisle, Bolton Castle (Wensleydale), Tutbury Castle (Includes a 5 week stay In Coventry), Wingfield Manor, Chatsworth, Sheffield Castle and Manor Lodge, Buxton, Worksop Manor and Chartley Manor in Staffordshire. Rather than the benign period portrayed by her biographers, the talk conveys intrigue, passion, plots and escape attempts. (David's book with the same name (Published 2016) is available on Amazon).	

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (11:30 to 15:00), 2nd Thursday of December  
Christmas Party (Tickets Available September.)  
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## 2020

<b>23rd January – Allan Traves and Peter Roberts</b>	<b>The 3 “E”s &amp; Climate Change</b>
<p>We have one world. Our species needs two by 2050, when the U.N. model says there will be 11Bn of us (7.3Bn now). Right now we have an Energy Crunch, An Economic Crunch, and relentless Environmental issues with climate, pollution and resource depletion. And yet we pursue “Growth” as business as usual. These three “Es” are interlinked in the a closed system called the Earth. What happens from here on and how to we deal with. We need new Economic ideas that take account of resources and anthropology, Realism in our energy consumption habits and above all... acceptance of our environmental impact and the need to act now. Spoiler alert – New technology doesn’t fix it!</p>	

<b>27<sup>th</sup> February – David Bell</b>	<b>The Plague Doctor</b>
<p>“When Hygiene was a dirty word” In a highly entertaining presentation, David explores the state of medicine used to deal with the plague in the 1600s, an echo of the world’s most devastating pandemic to date “the blackdeath” from the 1300s, killing an estimated 200Million people. Measures were ineffectual and weird, reflecting beliefs and prejudices of the time, seeming incredible now but taken seriously then. A sometimes shockingly funny source of material is used by David to give a sense of the desperation and hopelessness of the disaster, that only subsided when the cold Autumn came to kill off the real carriers of the plague. Prepare to look away... now.</p>	

<b>26<sup>th</sup> March – Philip Caine</b>	<b>From Barrow to Baghdad and Back</b>
<p>Born in 1950, in Barrow-in- Furness Philip’s working life began in the hotel business. His career developed in the oil industry and 30 years were spent in places such as the North Sea, Algeria, Nigeria, Kazakhstan and Russia. From 2003, he spent 7 years in post war Baghdad, working with the American coalition, and a further 3 years running oil services companies in Dubai. He retired in 2015 and began WRITING &amp; PUBLIC SPEAKING, since then he has spoken at over 250+ venues and written 6 fictional adventure thrillers.</p>	

**23<sup>rd</sup> April - A.G.M, 10am for 10:30 start.**

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**Group Displays and Local Speaker to be arranged.**

<b>28th May - Jackie Boulton</b>	<b>Parkside Hospital And Me</b>
<p>Jackie is one of our own Macclesfield U3A members. The nature of U3A is such that many of our members have a wealth of life experience with tales to tell and anecdotes to share with our wider membership. For the many of us who are incomers to Macclesfield (Me included), we have no awareness of Parkside hospital or it’s story. Jackie enlightens us in an entertaining way and fills in some gaps for those locals who only know part of the tale.</p>	

<b>25<sup>th</sup> June – Joy Kewney</b>	<b>Growing up in South Africa</b>
<p>Many of you will know Joy as a long standing member of Macclesfield U3A and a group leader. Joy has revealed a summary of her upbringing in South Africa in our 2018 year book. That short story piqued a lot of interest and Joy has been asked to share more. This is her response, sharing her experiences, impressions and thoughts about South Africa from first hand knowledge of growing up there. Delivering a fascinating insight to how she grew up and ended up in London, we get to understand what it is like to grow up in a land 5 times the size of the UK, with magnificent and imposing scenery and full of fascinating (and Dangerous) wildlife...</p>	