



Macclesfield U3A - Members' Morning

Please remember to SIGN IN!
 Coffee/Tea and biscuits - FREE for everybody.

24th Jan 2019
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Welcome to Macclesfield U3A. If you are new please ask an organiser (Look for someone wearing an ORANGE LANYARD) to introduce you to people to start getting to know us. Our morning starts at 9:45 with coffee and meeting friends, getting to know what is going on in our group and the wider U3A. At 10:30ish we normally have a speaker for about an hour, before we end the meeting around 12:00.

Today's Speaker, one of our own **John Driskell : Everest the old way**

This is the story of five young teachers who saved for two years to finance an overland journey to Nepal in 1967 and make the first recorded trek to Mount Everest. Back then, access to the himalayas was physically difficult with only primitive trails from Kathmandu to base camp at Kala Patar. The talk covers the inspiration behind the journey and reflects on the changes to the journey over time and the memories which were revitalised by a return visit to Nepal in 2010.

Music and live performances are covered by U3A PPL Licence and Calvary Church PRS license.

INFORMATION BOARD

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to work out that Macclesfield U3A has a basic income of £13k per annum. Other income boosts that to nearly £16K. Our Income is currently finely balanced with our expenses, as it should be, in fact we will make a slight loss this year of around £500. That is as expected. We will keep income and expenses in balance in future years. What you may not know is that we are obligated to carry a level of cash reserves equivalent to 50% of our income "Against a rainy day". Due to prudent and tight financial management 5 years ago when the then committee recovered a loss making situation, we more than exceed the required reserves level by around £4k.

Given such a situation, we have recently been encouraging the acquisition of some durable tools and equipment ("Assets" in finance speak) to solve group issues and challenges, here a couple of examples:

1. We have now 6 groups who use OHP equipment and until recently, only 1 working projector. We have purchased 2 more to stop the merry-go-round.
2. Authorised new laptop and sound equipment for country dancing.

There are other items, but the message is that if you have a need, don't be afraid to ask committee, you may be pleasantly surprised. We do currently have funds to support the right initiatives.

A.G.M process starts soon!

Our Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 25th April this year. We start the processes off in February, we are now actively seeking nominations for committee membership. We will also be calling for agenda items shortly, if you'd rather go through your Group Leader there is a Group leader meeting in Early March and we will look for group input at that meeting.

Please contact Steve Fry at:

chair@maccu3a.uk

Volunteer Vacancies:

Three vacancies on the Members Morning sub group. In particular we are looking for the following for next season 2019/20:

- Tea/Coffee/Catering organisers x 2
- Xmas party Team x 2.

Duties not onerous, a couple of meetings a year. Contact Allan

Next Members'

Morning: 

28th February 2019

**Catherine Curzon:
 18th Century History**



U3A National

Newsletter:

January 2019



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**Macclesfield U3A
 NEWSLETTERS**

Website links in these pages are Active, which means **CLICK&GO**

Members' Mornings : 4th Thursday of the month, this edition : 24th January 2019

Please visit the Members Morning Page at : www.maccu3a.uk/page/26734

U3A Calendar 2019/20

Get up to date event details and plans from our Website : www.maccu3a.uk/events and from the [National Website](#) including access to NW regional information and events:

2019 to 2020

JANUARY	24th John Driskell - Everest the old way	Calvary
2019	National events Have been released, go to U3A Website to find out details. National Conference likely to be mid to late August.	
FEBRUARY	28th Catherine Curzon - The many lovers of the King of Bling	Calvary
4TH	British Library, Anglo-saxon Manuscripts and book art 2019 National Summer schools announced	
MARCH	28th John Mottram - Local speaker! Kinder Mountain Rescue	Calvary
11TH	U3A Explores science at the Royal Institute London	
21ST	ART - Hogarth to Turner at the National Gallery	
APRIL	25th Macclesfield A.G.M at the Calvary	Calvary
MAY	23rd Robert D Wood	Calvary
	Science And Mysteries Surrounding gemstones & Crystals	
12TH TO 17TH	German Language trip (National)	
14TH	W'shop, Get Healthy get hAPPY, Gateway-Warrington	
JUNE	27th Claire Moores	Calvary
	"Physick, Potheary or Chirurgeon?"	
4TH	North west Region Conference and AGM, PRESTON	
JULY	NO Members' Morning	
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
23RD	National Summer School 1 : Newport Shropshire	
AUGUST	NO Members' Morning	
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
12TH-15TH	National - Aston University, Birmingham	
27TH-30TH	NWReg. SummerSchool Newton Rigg Coll.	
SEPTEMBER	26th John Christopher	Calvary
	6,000 years of clay - hands on session	
10TH - 13TH	Nat2: Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester	
OCTOBER	24th Rob Mason	Calvary
	A Flavour of Lancashire Stories, songs, audience participation	
NOVEMBER	22nd David Templeman	Calvary
	Mary Queen of Scots in captivity in the North west...	
DECEMBER	Christmas at the Calvary	
12TH	Macc U3A Christmas party at the calvary.	

News Letter Material. Articles and adverts for LOCAL events are always welcome and can usually be accommodated. Please send to aptrayes@gmail.com in an email or as a word file. Pictures welcome. Articles reporting group activity and events are appreciated by FayBowling@hotmail.com for the newsletters.

CALLING ALL GROUPS!



Members Mornings are a great opportunity for members to get together, socialise and learn a bit more about U3A. There is an opportunity for any group to come along, set up a stall, share and inform the attendees about what they do and how they run the group. Ideally we would have one or two group displays at each meeting, with a few members to speak to people about what they do.

A lot of our groups are now full and some even have a wait list. We need to start new groups in these interest areas and we would welcome suggestions for new groups and ways to great more space for new members joining our organisation. What better way to advertise your activities than at the members morning. We will follow up with some publicity on the group diplay in newsletters and this flyer, So Please have a go and let people know what you do.

There will be three tables , Display boards can be organised, rolling powerpoint before the meeting starts of your messages are all possible.

Contact Allan Traves or a committee member to get started. 1st Opportunity will be February 28th.



JANUARY - and JANET is visited by the GHOST OF CHRISTMAS SPENT



Newslines, Events & Information @ November 2018

Leaflets and flyers for some of these events are on the notices table, when available.

Macc U3A events, Groups and Local information:



Theatre Goers: Chris Hewitt : 01625 425740 : chriscorin35@gmail.com

if you are interested in joining us you can submit your e-mail address to Chris above and be included on our coming season's plays list, or you can find them on our website.

Tues 5th Feb "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon. Comedy set in New York. £9 pp. Poynton Players' Theatre, George's Road West, Poynton, SK12 1JY. Meet in the foyer, 7.15 for 7.45

Tues 12th March 'Nicholas Nickleby' Charles Dickens' novel adapted by Jonhathan Holloway. Nicholas ventures out to find his fortune and reunite his family. £8 pp Please book by deadline of 19th Feb. MADS Little Theatre, Lord St. Macclesfield SK11 6SY Meet in the foyer 7.15 for 7.45.

Tues 2nd April Play: 'Spygame' by Bettine Manktelow, a reality TV based comedy thriller. Meet in the foyer, 7.15 for 7.45 £9pp. Poynton Players Theatre, George's road West, Poynton, SK12 1JY.

Fri 31st May Play: 'Hobson;s Choice' by Harold Brighouse, in; a new adaptation by Tanika gupta, re-set in the 1980s. **Time:** 7pm onwards for 7.30 start. **Venue:** Royal Exchange Theatre, St AnnSquare, Manchester, M2 7DH **Meet:** Opposite the main bar. **Price:** £18.25pp (half price preview) Please book and pay by 14th April.



DINERS CLUB! NB: This group is NOT a closed group, anyone is welcome up to maximum of 20!

Imagine an early holiday and join us at **ARISTO GREEK TAVERNA, 80 Chestergate Macclesfield SK11 6DY, on Tuesday 12th February 2019 6.30 for 6.50pm.** The cost will be £20 per person for a full meze meal followed by tea/coffee. As they need a deposit I would be grateful if you could let me know asap of your intention to come. Cheques payable to Macclesfield U3A by 6th February please. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU BOOK IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OR FOOD ALLERGIES**

Jackie on 07531 250339, 01625 829280 - 51 Drummond Way, Macclesfield, SK10 4XJ

PART 2 : National U3A Information and Events.

Leaflets and flyers for some of these events are on the notices table, when available.

Two interesting examples of material in the new National, Monthly Newsletter that may be of interest to Macclesfield Members. You can explore further on the national website, Go To NATIONAL.NL

Social Prescribing & the NHS

You may not be aware but there is a wider recognition of the value of U3A activities in retirement. Social prescription is for people who visit their G.P. but who would benefit from friendship, learning and exercise instead of drugs or medicine. We wanted to let you know that the National NHS Website has put a link to the U3A, in the section dealing with stress/loneliness in older people.

[NHS ADVICE TO JOIN U3A](#)

New Virtual Transatlantic Study Group

Following a notice in the U3A Magazine, Third Age Matters, a transatlantic Economist readers study group meeting was held by videoconference with twenty third-age learners from the United States and Canada as well as the UK. The inaugural meeting this week discussed several articles from the most recent issue of the magazine including China's economic game plan, the political situation in France and, of course, Brexit. According to the chair of the study group, Linda Tu, a member of Toronto's Academy for Lifelong Learning, the most enjoyable aspect was the "opportunity to exchange views with a wider base of interested persons". This was an opinion echoed by many others in the feedback survey. Do you want to set up something similar? For information on how Internet based videoconferencing can be used for third-age learning contact Frank Nicholson



German Language Trip

Calling all U3A German Language Groups - the national Subject Adviser for German, Alastair Sharp is planning another German Language trip to Munich after the success of the trip for 18 U3A members last year. It is planned for the **12th to 17th May 2019** and there are already eight people signed up. You can find the details on the national website Subject Advice page [here](#)

There is a German Group Newsletter available on the national website : [German Newsletter Nov 18](#)

U3A Explores Science at the R.I. London, 11th March 2019, 13:30 to 17:00 - £21.50

Intro by Martin Davies. Speakers : Jo Ruxton: A Plastic Ocean – Behind the Scenes; Andrew Pontzen: What made our Universe; Jennifer Rogers: Living is a risky business. Lots of time for Q&A

British Art from Hogarth to Turner London, National Gallery 21st March 11:00 -16:00 £25

Find out how eighteenth and early nineteenth-century painters grappled with the rapid changes of life in eighteenth and nineteenth-century Britain.

PART 3 : Information and Local Events.

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TOWN CENTRE EVENTS IN 2019 (Parades/Road Closures and Events)

1. **Chinese New Year parade**, Saturday 2nd Feb, 11:45 from Town Hall down to Park Green.
2. **Pancake Race** , Shrove Tuesday 5th March, Market Square, short course, Races start 11am.
3. **Food Friday**, 5th April, Details not yet available.
4. **St Georges day parade**, Sunday 14th April, 14:30 down Mill Street.
5. **Macc. Food Festival**, Saturday 8th June, Link: [FOOD FESTIVAL](#)
6. **Macc. Garden Festival**, June 22nd/23rd, Town Hall to Christchurch
7. **Armed Forces Day**, Saturday 29th June 11:00 to 16:00, Stalls and a parade.
8. **Macc. Pride event**. Saturday 6th July, Market Square, Details to be announced.
9. **Remembrance Day Parade**, Saturday November 10th
10. **Christmas Lights switch on**, Saturday November 30th, Town Square



Canalside's
Thread

Click on the logo to get a local list of events in and around Macc.

THE KING'S TIGER RAG

Dates Feb 1st and 2nd. 7.30pm Tickets, including cheese and wine, £10, Venue St Werburghs Church Hall, St Werburghs Road, Chorlton, website mcr.ath.tickets@gmail.com, Ticket phone number 07593 827201.

In 1919, the British Establishment was stunned and social conventions were challenged by the arrival, on these shores, of “Jazz” or “Jass”, as referred to in some quarters. Politicians, Church Leaders and other dignitaries forecast that “this music of the devil” would cause the end of civilisation and the tour of Britain by The “Original Dixieland Jass Band” (ODJB) from New Orleans would be an event from which the country would never recover.

However, King George V, in order to acknowledge the strength in UK/USA relations following the American intervention at a critical point in World War 1, invited the band to a command performance at Buckingham Palace and dismissed the outrage that was inevitable

Following the success of this remarkable occasion, The ODJB tour, originally planned for four weeks, stretched to 14 months, with new dance crazes, outrageous costumes and a whole new era of “jazz behaviour” transforming British “upper” society

100 years later, Manchester Athenaeum Drama Society will be presenting a dramatic recreation of the events of 1919, including characterisations of King George V, Queen Mary, David Lloyd George and other leading figures of the day.. Internationally renowned Mart Rodger Manchester Jazz will be playing the music of the ODJB with the original instrumentation from the historic tour. The writer, producer and creative director is Roger Browne.

