

GOOD MORNING!



Macclesfield U3A - Members' Morning

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

28th Feb 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 **Catherine Curzon : The King Of Bling**

The Kings of Georgian Britain are marked out by their decadence, glamour and largesse. One in particular, George IV embodied the age above all others. Scandal was a way of life. Catherine has chronicled and dramatised life in the Georgian Court in several books (on Amazon now), talks and dramatisations. Here she focuses on George IV and tells a tale of a trendsetter, leading a dissolute and selfish lifestyle that devalued the monarchy and earned him the contempt of the people, despite his reputation as a cultured charmer known as "the first gentleman of England".

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

INFORMATION BOARD

What a contrast! Last month's meeting was threatened by mid winter heavy snowfalls and freezing temperatures. This month we are rigged for full Summer, SUN and the highest recorded UK winter temperature. We, of course, keep calm and carry on....

Several new groups have started in recent months and are now successfully integrated into our regular programme of events. Rummikub is the latest, Art Appreciation continues to go well and there are a couple of other ideas going around for others later in the year. Of course, we are surrounded by other U3As and the local network does have OPEN groups you can go along to if you wish, some details are on page three. So if we haven't got what you want, take a look at the list on the website and make the most of your UK U3A membership.

For those interested, national and regional summer schools are now finalised. See page 4.

A.G.M process has started!

Our Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 25th April this year. We are now calling for agenda items. If you prefer to go through your Group Leader there is a Group leader meeting on March 7th and we will look for group input direct at that meeting.

Steve Fry is setting up the AGM now and formal notification will be going out soon to all members via email as preference or in writing.

Please contact Steve Fry at:
chair@maccu3a.uk : 01625 430065

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 :Prize Draw Organiser

Duties not onerous, a couple of meetings a year. Contact Allan Traves if you feel you can help.

Next Members'

Morning: 

28th March 2019

**John Mottram:
 Kinder Mountain
 Rescue**



U3A National

Newsletter:

February 2019



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 newsletters & year book**

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Members' Mornings : 4th Thursday of the month, this edition : 28th February 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

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	
27TH	First national study on Languages - See main website.	
APRIL 25th	Macclesfield A.G.M at the Calvary	Calvary
26TH	An afternoon at Soutwark Cathedral - National Website	
30TH	NW Regional Workshop on Creative thinking - CREWE	
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 Chirurgion?"	
4TH	North west Region Conference and AGM, PRESTON	
JULY	<i>NO Members' Morning</i>	
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
AUGUST	<i>NO Members' Morning</i>	
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
12TH-15TH	National - Aston University, Birmingham	
27TH-30TH	NWReg. SummerSchoolNewton 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	Calvary
12TH	Macc U3A Christmas party at the calvary. Tickets on sale from September	
	2020 to 2021 LEAP YEAR!	
JANUARY 23rd	To Be announced in summer recess	Calvary
2020	As usual, national events will be announced U3A Website to find out details. National Conference likely to be mid to late August.	
FEBRUARY 27th	To Be announced in summer recess	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.

Macc. U3A POLICY UPDATE

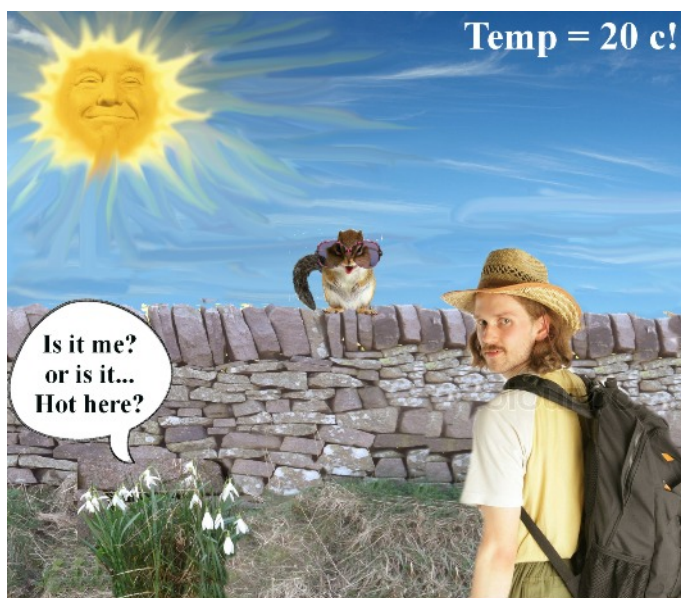
Over the last couple of years we have been progressively updating, creating and implementing the necessary policies to comply with recent regulatory changes and best practice. We now have a full set that are dated 2018/19 and fit for purpose, ready for annual review again in 2020. They are:

1. Macclesfield U3A Constitution.
2. Macclesfield U3A internal communications.
3. Health and Safety, reviewed and created in late 2018 by Alan Brandt and team.
4. GDPR/Data protection - Tony Middleton.
5. Privacy guidelines and statement.
6. Safeguarding policy, in line with modern practice.

These are available now on request and will be progressively made available electronically in the next few months.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the development of these policies. They are an essential requirement of our continued charitable status and hence a core responsibility for the committee on your behalf.

Given recent changes in guidelines in the digital world, we are reviewing the usage policy on Beacon and will comment on the forthcoming plans to upgrade and improve the system. This will happen over 2019/20.



FEBRUARY : John takes a WINTER walk in the country, * 2019 * admiring the snowdrops along the way.



Newslines, Events & Information @ February 2019

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 12th March 'Nicholas Nickleby' Charles Dickens' novel adapted by Jonhathan Holloway. Nicholas ventures out to find his fortune and reunite his family. £8 pp . 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
Macclesfield U3A

DINERS CLUB! NB: This group is NOT a closed group, anyone is welcome up to maximum of 20! Click on the logo to the left to go to our webpage for full information Our next meal will be at **THE LIME TREE, 18-20 High Street, Bollington SK10 5PH. Tuesday 2nd April 6.30 for 7pm.** The cost will be £15 for two and £18 for three courses. Choices can be made on the night as menus change very frequently.

Please contact Jackie for further details, cheques by **26th March to Macclesfield U3A.** 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**



Macclesfield's own RUMMIKUB group has now had a first, successful and enjoyable meeting at Gawsworth methodist Meeting hall, earlier in February. This lively group meets once a month on the 2nd Monday afternoon between

2pm and 4pm at Gawsworth Methodist hall (Next one 11th March). Other interesting games may be introduced as the group progresses. If interested in joining, please contact :

Denise Jones: **01625 402392, 07550 078700** or email denisejones943@gmail.com

U3A NORTH EAST CHESHIRE NETWORK OPEN GROUPS

You may not be aware that other U3A's in the North east Cheshire area have groups open to members of other U3As. There is a list of what is currently available on our website from the following local U3As:

BRAMHALL; CHEADLE & GATLEY; CHEADLE HUME; POYNTON & WILMSLOW.

Members or U3As affiliated with the NECN may participate in other U3As' Interest Groups to a limited extent- i.e. where the group is declared "open" by the convenor and relevant Interest Group Coordinator.

North-East
CHESHIRE

U3A
NETWORK

Shared and OPEN Groups - available to other U3A members - details/contacts

BRAMHALL: Creative Writing; Embroidery; Scottish Dancing; Video & Film Making
WILMSLOW: Bridge; Cycling; French; Science; English Country Dancing
CHEADLE&GATLEY; MOOCS; Archeology; Bridge;Environment.
POYNTON; Art; Geology; Film&Discussion; Spanish; Halle Concert Visits.
CHEADLE HULME: Art Appreciation; Computers; Tai Chi; Photography.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL NEWS.

The latest North West regional newsletter (No.55 January 2019) may be found here [N.W. Regional.](#) Neil Stevenson is now our regional chairperson, 4 new committee members have joined and our regional organisation is organising some new events. Access our regional website here :- [NW REGION.](#)

PART 2 : National U3A Information and Events.

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



A **NW Regional Initiative on CREATIVE THINKING** There is a flyer available [C.T. FLYER.](#)

Tuesday April 30th 10.30am –3.30pm Alexandra Suite, Crewe Alexandra Stadium - Workshop Creative Thinking. An interactive workshop. ‘Tell me and I forget; teach me and I remember; involve me and I learn’ Think outside the box. Explore different ways to be an involved and active learner. Led by Maggy Simms, Gill Russell and members of the NW Regional Planning Team.

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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Brass band Spectacular! Presented by : Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle

With **Silk Brass**, conductor Tony Wyatt and the **Macclesfield Youth Brass Band**, conductor Louise Renshaw.

Saturday 9th March 2019, 19:30 to 22:00 at St Michaels Church in Macc. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s. Contact **John Knight of rotary : 01625 429795**. Alec Johnston has let us know about this, I'm sure he will be delighted to help you out on getting hold of some tickets **01625 420209**... Thanks Alec!



Macclesfield U3A have joined up to Cheshire East Community & Voluntary services organisation to access training and interesting courses. There have been a few in the last couple of weeks on Technology/Privacy and security, we have had a couple of attendees

who volunteered to give it a try out. These courses are part of the council's GRIPP initiative, aimed at creating strong and well governed community organisations, to start with we will be able to access training on subjects such as Cyber security training, Digital Communication and Data Protection at a practical level.

PSSST! Do you know that Buxton now has a cinema... The small theatre behind the main hall has been converted to show current films, alongside Macclesfield's heritage centre, it means we do have easy access to new film releases. If looking on line, then click on the icons to go to:



BOOK ONLINE OR CALL

01298 72190



The new 360 seat Buxton Cinema in the Pavilion Arts Centre is now open! Expect all the latest blockbusters right on your doorstep, at a fraction of the cost of the standard multiplex.

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