



## Macclesfield U3A - Members' Morning

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

28th Mar 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 Macc U3A and the wider movement. At 10:30ish we normally have a speaker for about an hour, before we end the meeting around 12:00.

Today's Speaker : **John Mottram : Kinder Mountain Rescue**

Kinder Mountain Rescue are a professionally organised and well-trained unit, dealing with all sorts of incidents in our local high Peak territory. John shares some anecdotes that illustrate the work of the volunteers who keep the group going and turning out in all weathers and shows a short film from the mountain side, showing the sort of incidents they have to deal with. Macc U3A will make a donation to KMR as John does not charge a fee for his presentation.

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

## INFORMATION BOARD

### It's SPRING!

And don't forget that the clocks SPRING forward at the weekend. I won't mention Brexit.

We have had several new groups starting up in the last few months, all have taken off successfully. Including Croquet which will be restarting the summer season soon, why not join up... If you have an interest you think others might share, give it a go and speak to Ruth or Helen at [groups@maccu3a.uk](mailto:groups@maccu3a.uk) about how to do it, there is a copy of the National Advice handbook for new leaders here: [GL HANDBOOK](#)

Our national organisation has been expanding and improving the advice and resources on line. If you haven't been for a while, take a look. There's a lot of interesting stuff to consider: [U3A Resources](#)

Our new year book will be out during May. Advertise your group activities by sending Fay Bowling some copy during April.

### A.G.M Next Month!

We need a minimum of 60 people attending to validate the meeting, so please come along and join in.

There will be some group displays and a local speaker to complete the morning, not just the AGM itself at 10:30, which should be short as we have no unusual business tabled.

Nominations for committee and officer roles to be with Peter Salt by **April 4<sup>th</sup>** (Contact details below).

AGM notification & papers have been sent by EMAIL or post, as appropriate, to every member now.

#### AGM Key Agenda Points:

- Chairman's report, Steve's last!
- Treasurer's report and indicative subscriptions for 20/21.
- Election of officers & committee members (Inc.Chair & Vice Chair)
- Appointment of examiner of accounts for this financial year.

Please contact Peter Salt at:  
[secretary@maccu3a.uk](mailto:secretary@maccu3a.uk)  
07549 917711

### Next Members'

Morning: 

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**Macclesfield U3A**  
**Annual General**  
**Meeting (A.G.M)**

**Macclesfield U3A - A.G.M**



**Come along - Get Involved!**

### U3A National

Newsletter:

**March 2019**



**Read Macclesfield 2019**  
**newsletters & year book**  
[Macclesfield U3A](#)  
[NEWSLETTERS](#)

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

**Members' Mornings : 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, this edition : 28th March 2019**

Please visit the Members Morning Page at : [www.maccu3a.uk/page/26734](http://www.maccu3a.uk/page/26734)

# U3A Calendar 2019/20

Get up to date event details and plans from our MaccU3A Website : [www.maccu3a.uk/events](http://www.maccu3a.uk/events) and from the [National Website](#) including access to NW regional information and events:



2019 to 2020			
<b>APRIL</b>	25th	Macclesfield A.G.M at the Calvary	Calvary
<b>1ST</b>	Committee Meeting - 10:00am		
<b>26TH</b>	An afternoon at Soutwark Cathedral - National Website		
<b>30TH</b>	NW Regional Workshop on Creative thinking - CREWE		
<b>MAY</b>	23rd	Robert D Wood	Calvary
Science And Mysteries Surrounding gemstones & Crystals			
<b>12TH TO 17TH</b>	German Language trip (National)		
<b>14TH</b>	W'shop, Get Healthy get hAPPY, Gateway-Warrington		
<b>31ST</b>	Play "Hobson's Choice" Exchange Theatre Manchester		
<b>JUNE</b>	27th	Claire Moores	Calvary
"Physick, Potheary or Chirurgeon?"			
<b>4TH</b>	North west Region Conference and AGM, PRESTON		
<b>19TH</b>	Group Leaders Meeting - 10:00am		
<b>JULY</b>	NO Members' Morning		
SUMMER HOLIDAYS			
<b>23RD</b>	Clonter Opera, Don Giovanni (Theatre Goers)		
<b>AUGUST</b>	NO Members' Morning		
SUMMER HOLIDAYS			
<b>12TH-15TH</b>	National - Aston University, Birmingham		
<b>27TH-30TH</b>	NWReg. SummerSchc Newton Rigg Coll.		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	26th	John Christopher	Calvary
6,000 years of clay - hands on session			
<b>10TH - 13TH</b>	Nat2: Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester		
<b>OCTOBER</b>	24th	Rob Mason	Calvary
A Flavour of Lancashire Stories, songs, audience participation			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	22nd	David Templeman	Calvary
Mary Queen of Scots in captivity in the North west...			
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Christmas at the Calvary		
<b>12TH</b>	Macc U3A Christmas party at the calvary. Tickets on sale from September		
2020 to 2021 LEAP YEAR!			
<b>JANUARY</b>	23rd	To Be announced in summer rece:	Calvary
<b>2020</b>	As usual, national events will be announced U3A Website to find out details. National Conference likely to be mid to late August.		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	27th	To Be announced in summer rece:	Calvary
<b>MARCH</b>	26th	To Be announced in summer rece:	Calvary
<b>APRIL</b>	23rd	Macclesfield A.G.M at the Calvar	Calvary

## News Letter Material.



Articles and adverts for LOCAL events always welcome and can usually be included . Please send to [aptrayes@gmail.com](mailto:aptrayes@gmail.com) in email or as a word file. Pictures are welcome. Articles reporting group activity & events are always appreciated by [fayBowling@hotmail.com](mailto:fayBowling@hotmail.com) , for the newsletters.

### Members' Mornings 2019/20 - New Programme



#### Volunteers needed - Nothing Onerous!

#### Tea, Coffee and Biscuits on the day.

In recent years this has been managed and delivered by Andree Fry and Margaret Millward. As they are standing down this year, we intend to change the way we share the duties. We have 10 events to cater for and each needs a Lead person and a helper. We will organise this on a rota basis by asking people to volunteer for dates they can manage:

Here are the dates:

- 26<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> October.
- 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- Xmas Party :12<sup>th</sup> December.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- 26<sup>th</sup> March, AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June.

#### GOOD NEWS!

We already have a new lead for the Xmas party but will need a couple of extra volunteers to help.

If YOU can manage one of those dates, please contact Allan at: [aptrayes@gmail.com](mailto:aptrayes@gmail.com).  
To do : Arrive for 9:30, set up and serve, wash up, tidy up and then watch the presentation.

**XMAS Party.** This year we need someone new, to organise the **PRIZE DRAW** hamper and prizes. To do : Buy the goods and present them in the big hamper. Buy and prep 2 minor prizes.



### NO CARTOON THIS MONTH.

Cancelled due to Operation

"YellowHammer"

Since we are meeting the day before legal BREXIT day, our Cartoon delivery has been delayed as the result of wider disruption to services, normal service will be resumed ... well, who knows when?

P.S, for legal purposes, this is not a cartoon.





# Newslines, Events & Information @ March 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](mailto: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 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 Ann Square, Manchester, M2 7DH

**Meet:** Opposite the main bar. **Price:** £18.25pp (half price preview) Please book and pay by 14th April.

**Tuesday 23rd July: Clonter Opera, 'Don Giovanni'** Cost: £20pp **Time:** 7pm short interval of approx 20 mins **Meet:** in the foyer, doors open from 6pm **Venue:** Clonter Opera Theatre, Swettenham Heath, Congleton, CW12 2LR

**Changed payment structure :** we will no longer be able to get seats for £15pp as before. The new price structure means that we can still have a discount but it will be at 20% off ticket price. The seating we normally have on rows B and C would be £45pp less 20%, I think this is too great an increase to inflict on members and would probably mean we would have a much lower uptake. I have booked our usual quota of tickets but these will be on the back two rows of the auditorium and the back row of the balcony. The price of these seats is £25pp, with 20% discount we pay **£20pp**. I am hoping that this will be acceptable to most of our 'regulars' but it does mean that there are steps to climb to these higher seats. I have arranged for a limited number (6) of seats to be allocated on the side of the stage for those with walking difficulties only, at the same price as the rest. 

**SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019/20 ARE NOW DUE.** To all who have already paid, more than 350 so far, thank you and welcome to another year of U3A. Remember that you can pay by bank transfer to Sort Code : **40-31-02** Acct: **91244353** Reference: Member No. + Surname e.g. **9999Surname, £26 pp.** OR by **Cheque (Macclesfield U3A)** or cash to : **Mrs Christine Johnston :27 Clifford Road, Macclesfield SK11 8QE.** After a short grace period in April, all unpaid memberships will be lapsed.



Diners Club  
Macclesfield U3A

**DINERS CLUB!** NB: This group is NOT a closed group, anyone is welcome (maximum of 20!) Click on the logo to the left to go to our webpage

**Places Still Available!**

Next meal will be at **THE LIME TREE, 18-20 High Street, Bollington SK10 5PH. Tuesday 2nd April 6.30 for 7pm.** Cost will be £15 for two and £18 for three courses. Choices can be made on the night.

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: 07531 250339, 01625 829280, 51 Drummond Way, SK10 4XJ.**

## U3A NORTH EAST CHESHIRE NETWORK OPEN GROUPS

**North-East CHESHIRE**

**U3A NETWORK**

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

Please note: **WILMSLOW U3A** decided to remove their **Science group** from the list

Following a meeting last week, I have spoken to the conveners of the Science group and they have decided to remove it from the Open Group list. Those who come regularly will still be informed and welcome to attend. Please will you update your Open Group list accordingly.

Regards, Caroline Mangnall



From: Peter Fletcher Wigan International Jazz Festival. If you think there may be a group interested in attending any of the events between 11th and 14th July, please contact me and perhaps we can arrange a special deal for you. Our new venue is The Village on the Green at Aspull and our website, with details of lineups for all the concerts and ticket prices, is [wiganjazzfest.co.uk](http://wiganjazzfest.co.uk). or if you'd like to chat about it further, let me know.

Tickets have been on sale since February so they are going fast.

If Interested : Peter Fletcher [mingus11@hotmail.com](mailto:mingus11@hotmail.com).



## PART 2 : National U3A Information and Events.

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

### A May Afternoon at Historic Southwark Cathedral.

**Fri, 10 May 2019** 13:30 – 16:00 BST. Cost : £15.00 with refreshments. 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm.

Enjoy an afternoon exploring the history of Southwark Cathedral. Join U3A members to listen to a talk from a Southwark Cathedral historian about the many connections between the ancient area of Bankside and the cathedral including the historical links with local entertainment and the Borough Market. A tour of the Cathedral will explore the close ties with Shakespeare's theatrical world.

Location: Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, London SE1 9DA

[BOOKING LINK](#)



### SHARED LEARNING PROJECTS INITIATIVE

Research Retreats  
at Royal Holloway's campus.

Shared Learning Projects started in the autumn of 2002 at the British Museum and, since then, they have flourished throughout the UK. SLPs involve a team of U3A members, usually from more than one U3A, carrying out research for an institution such as a museum, archive or gallery where there is a specific project to which volunteers can contribute. The emphasis is on partnership: the host organisation working with members of the U3A team who are contributing their learning to the project.

U3A is teaming up with this activity in London. Click on the link on the left to find out dates and details of retreats over the summer. Open to all. Got to national website to find out more.



### 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](#)

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

Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



### North West Region Conference and AGM 2019

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am - 3:45pm, see website for details.  
The Exchange, County Hall, Fishergate, Preston, PR1 8RB

Please note that **North West Regional summer school** at Newton Rigg, Cumbria is now **fully booked**.  
There is a waiting list, if you want to join : **CALL ALAN HOUGH ON 07544 359125**

## PART 3 : Information and Local Events.

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EASTER Weekend : April 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cadbury and The National Trust have arrange a series of Easter Bunny Egg Hunts at National trust properties, alongside other activities. If you have family with children staying...it will get them out of the house!...

### **CADBURY**

Lyme Park, Disley, Stockport, SK12 2NX Tel: 01663762023, [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyme-Quarry Bank, Styal](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyme-Quarry-Bank,Styal), Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 4LA, £2.50, all weekend  
[Biddulph Grange Garden](#), Grange Road, Biddulph, Staffordshire, ST8 7SD

**NOT CADBURY:** 20<sup>th</sup> April Only Knutsford town centre,  
[www.facebook.com/knutsfordbunnyhop/](http://www.facebook.com/knutsfordbunnyhop/)