

GOOD MORNING!



Macclesfield U3A - Members' Morning

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

25th Apr 2019
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Annual General Meeting Special

Welcome to today's Annual General Meeting for Macclesfield U3A. Besides the formal proceedings we have several groups presenting showcases of their work and interests, thank you to all of them for their efforts. The presentation on the hall screen is from the Painting and Art group, prepared for the Christmas party.

It has been a busy year for our U3A, plenty of change in the way we run the group including changes in accounting practices and finance for the organisation, new data protection regulations for charities and the need to update several policies (H&S, safeguarding etc) that apply generally across our group activities. The new year will see updates to Beacon and changes at committee level. Our constitution demands that officers are on the committee for a maximum of 6 years and all positions are up for re-election every year. This year sees Steve Fry and Valerie Herbert stepping down and we thank them both for their very valuable contributions to our U3A in recent years.

Taking a wider view, there are now 1,039 U3As across the country with over 425,000 members, in 2009 there were 751, 230,000 respectively. Impressive growth and continuing today. National offices are now based in London, moving there last year and now has 12 staff providing services on : Advice and Volunteering; Education and Resources; Accounts; Communications; Resource Centre. They handle thousands of emails and around 1500 calls a year. You are part of a successful, national growing movement that offers plenty of opportunities to engage in activities across the UK. So do join in.

Existing committee membership 25th April 2019:

Name	Role	Status	Term
Steve Fry	Chair	Retiring	6 Years
Valerie Herbert	Vice Chair	Retiring	6 Years
Keith Boulton	Treasurer	Re-Elect	4 years
Peter Salt	Secretary	Re-Elect	3 years
Chris Johnston	Membership	Re-Elect	4 years
Helen Vernon-Jones	Group Coordinator	Re-Elect	1 Year
Ruth Abbott	Group Coordinator	Re-Elect	3 years
Tony Middleton	Tech Advice	Re-Elect	1 Year
Allan Traves	Members Morning	Re-Elect	3 Years

Non-Committee officers : Fay Bowling (Newsletters and Yearbook), Michael Bradley (Website Master), Caroline Traves (Publicity).

And on the financial side:

There have been some important compliance and regulatory changes within the last year:

- o We now have to hold around 6 months worth of expenses as "Reserves" against a rainy day.
- o Social and charity money is no longer accounted separately, one set of accounts now.
- o Regulations on gift aid have changed.

Total Income: £16,333.23
 Total Expenditure: £18,645.67
Loss on the year: £ 2,312.44

This loss was planned and partly a result of bringing down excess reserves by acquiring capital items. Whilst reserves (£12.1K) are still above the required level (£9.3K), operating expenditure now exceeds income and action must start to be taken to re-balance this. Keith Boulton will explain during the A.G.M.

LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN!

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Members' Mornings : 4th Thursday of the month, this edition : 25th April 2019

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

Next Full GOOD MORNING! Published at the May 23rd Members' Morning.
Here's some stuff that just can't wait!



Creative



Thinking

April 30th from 10.30 –15.30 Venue: Crewe Alexandra Stadium, hospitality suite. Details and booking arrangements are on the regional website. [BOOK HERE.](#)

This is a proactive workshop which will explore different ways to be an involved and active learner. The event will include opportunities to discuss and exchange ideas about approaches to organizing a learning event. Attendees will develop a plan for working with a single project incorporating varied approaches and learning styles.



**FIRST AID
TRAINING**

Contact Sue Pratt for information and to join on one of the courses:

Monday 21st May at 17.30 - 18.30 and repeated on **Thursday 4th July.**

Sue Pratt, 01625 618016, 07989155829, suzieq8944@icloud.com



Following a very successful hour at the Nationwide attending a First Aid/CPR course (which is free) for the U3A Monday walking group, I understand other U3A members would like to attend a session. I have booked the two dates with the Nationwide staff involved, depending on interest. The staff can cope with twenty people per session if required.

Sessions will be held at **The Nationwide branch in Macclesfield.**



I'm looking forward to receiving your entries a.s.a.p. – the **deadline is 16th May.**

Editor : **Fay Bowling** at faybowling@hotmail.com

It's that time of year again - Yearbook time! I'm now looking forward to receiving your entries for the 2019/20 Yearbook. This is your main entry for the year when you can tell us about your wonderful group, what you have done and your plans for the future and for some groups, your programme. In the past I've been able to include some really interesting and excellent photos – please keep them coming!

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019/20 ARE NOW OVERDUE.

We have 526 members and more than 400 have renewed 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 the AGM, all unpaid memberships will be lapsed.



North West Region Conference and AGM 2019

Tuesday 4th June, 10:30am - 3:45pm, see website for details.

The Exchange, County Hall, Fishergate, Preston, PR1 8RB

Next Members'

Morning:



23rd MAY 2019

**Robert Wood
Gemstones & Crystals**



At the CALVARY hall,
9:45 am to 12:00, as usual!



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National Newsletter:

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