



Macclesfield U3A - Members' Morning

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

23rd May 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 : **Robert Wood** : The science and mysteries surrounding Gemstones and Crystals.

A talk based on the science and mysteries that surround Gemstones and Crystals. Robert gives in insight into the many uses of Gemstones and Crystals, from lasers to computers, from gas lighters to the windows on the space shuttle. He Explores the many 'myths' associated with crystals including why they didn't know how to cut a 'Diamond' until the 15th century. He also explores the many benefits associated with gemstones and crystals, including their connections with the Bible and birthstones and the Placebo effect.

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

INFORMATION BOARD

After a busy and successful A.G.M last month, U3A starts to move in to our summer schedule. Whilst several groups take a break between late June and September, there's still plenty going on, in case you aren't aware our website provides a date ordered list. [Click on this link to get a look](#)near the top of page, use the sort button "Display Events in Date Order"...

Alec J. & Linda B. are emphasising a focus on our group offerings and support this year. Alec has added a few words on the subject on Page 2. Some of you will have seen the Macc. Express article recently announcing our change of Leadership, a Journalistic Typo announced "Alex" as our new Chair, Ho Hum.....

Our **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** has produced the rolling Presentation on the **MAIN SCREEN** today - Thanks to John Howard for putting this together for us to view.



Learn, Laugh and Live!
'U3A Photography Group'



Greetings, from the finest Photography Group in the Macclesfield U3A !!!



OK... I know we're the only photography group in the Macclesfield U3A but if you wish to develop as a photographer you won't find a better group than this.



Our meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Time and Venue variable.



For more info' just chat with a Member

New members are always welcome.
 Either chat to a Member or just 'Google' U3A Macclesfield.

Next Members' Morning:

27th June 2019
Claire Moores



**Cheshire
 Medicine
 in olden days.**

**Physick,
 Potheary
 Chiurgeon**

U3A National Newsletter

May 2019

[Sign up to the National Monthly Leter Updates Here](#)



North-West Region has it's own Publication (and events) [Follow this link.](#)

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

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

Members' Mornings : 4th Thursday of the month, this edition : 23rd May 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 MaccU3A Website : www.maccu3a.uk/events and from the [National Website](#) including access to NW regional information and events:



Rest of 2019 to 2020

MAY	23rd	Robert D Wood	Calvary
Science And Mysteries Surrounding gemstones & Crystals			
31ST	Play "Hobson's Choice" Exchange Theatre Manchester		
JUNE	27th	Claire Moores	Calvary
"Physick, Potheary or Chirurgeon?"			
4TH	North west Region Conference and AGM, PRESTON		
17TH	General Committee Meeting - Contact Alec Johnston		
19TH	Group Leaders Meeting - 10:00am		
JULY	NO Members' Morning		
SUMMER HOLIDAYS			
23RD	Clonter Opera, Don Giovanni (Theatre Goers)		
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	28th	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. Tickets on sale from September		

2020 to 2021 LEAP YEAR!

JANUARY	23rd	Allan Traves and Peter Roberts	Calvary
3 'E's & Climate Change s			
2020	As usual, national events will be announced Visit U3A Website to find out details. National Conference likely to be mid to late August.		
FEBRUARY	27th	David Bell	Calvary
The Plague Doctor - Myth and Superstition			
MARCH	26th	Philip Caine	Calvary
From Barrow to Baghdad			
APRIL	23rd	Macclesfield A.G.M at the Calvary	Calvary
Notices out in Early March for AGM			
MAY	28th	Jackie Boulton (U3A)	Calvary
Parkside Hospital and me.			
JUNE	25th	Joy Kewney	Calvary
Growing Up in South Africa			



Alec Johnston

Chairman
Macc U3A

May 2019



This is my first member's morning news so I am launching in with 'not a lot of knowledge' about the chairman's role or much information to impart; There will be more about me in the members booklet. I have very much enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities with Macclesfield U3A over the last few years and I hope to engage in more of them over the coming months. We are all indebted to our enthusiastic group leaders who make our activities so rewarding so will be meeting up with them too.

With the help of Linda Battaglia, our vice chair we intend to visit all groups and meet more of you and to encourage the development of more interest groups for you all to enjoy. If of course you know of someone who has a skill that may be of interest, please let me or any of the committee know.

Very best wishes
Alec

Contact Alec at : chair@maccu3a.uk

News Letter Material.



Articles and adverts for appropriate LOCAL Non-U3A events always welcome and can usually be included. Please send to aptraves@gmail.com in email or as a word file. Pictures are welcome.

ALL Groups are welcome to advertise or share information about planned events with the wider U3A membership. Articles reporting group activity & events that have happened are always appreciated by fayBowling@hotmail.com, for the newsletters, particularly if pictures are attached..



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:

AROUND THE GROUPS* - Helen Vernon-Jones - **Groups Coordinator*

Several of our groups produced displays for the recent AGM. This was a great success and members were able to appreciate the various talents that we have within our U3A. New groups, Rummikub Plus and Make & Create are both proving to be very popular and a great way to learn and share skills within a friendly relaxed atmosphere. The Croquet group is now into its second season and many keen "old faces" have returned and been joined by several new members who are learning that croquet is a game that requires both physical skills and mental tactics. A group from Country Dancing provided the entertainment for the Alzheimers group at Tytherington Family Worship Church. After a few demonstration dances, everyone possible was encouraged to join in some simple circle dances. Everyone enjoyed themselves enormously in their own varying ways. Tea and cake were provided and some of the group stayed on to play dominoes.

Helen is a committee member and can be contacted at helenvernonjones@gmail.com : 07775 536271



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.

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



Diners Club
Macclesfield U3A

AUGUST 20th
STANLEY ARMS
Macc. Forest

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

BOOK BY
MAY 31st!

The next meal will be on June 6th at KANDY, 116 Mill Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6NR, 6.30 for 7. Choices can be made on the night. There is a menu available on our website [HERE](#). We will be able to choose from the menu (link on right) but also choose the strength of spice in our main courses. These are Mild, Medium and Strong. Having tested the venue... *choose strong at your peril!!*

Please contact **Jackie** for further details, cheques by **31st MAY** 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.**

Members' Mornings 2019/20 - New Programme **Volunteers needed - Nothing Onerous!**

We have 10 M.M 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:

26th September, 24th October. 28th November. Xmas Party :12th December. 23rd January, 27th February.

26th March, AGM 23rd April. 28th May and 25th June.

If YOU can manage one of those dates, please contact Allan at: aptrayes@gmail.com. Or call 07803 598265. What do you have to do? To do : Arrive for 9:30am, set up and serve, wash up, tidy up and then watch the presentation.

XMAS Party. This year we need also 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.

PART 2 : National U3A Information and Events.

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

Renaissance Treasures - National Gallery (London) By The Third Age Trust **Thu, 20 June 2019, 11:00 – 15:45 BST - Cost £25 - (No Catering - own lunch)**



The Italian Renaissance saw the creation of some of the finest art works ever made, and some of these are now held in trust for the British nation, within the collection of The National Gallery.

We'll draw on a range of devotional and secular paintings to introduce the greatest innovations and stylistic developments in Italian painting. c.1250 – 1560, and learn some tools for looking at paintings.



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.

NOTE: MAY 2019 : This initiative now has a long list of activity dates and lots more interesting information on the main website, worth a look in it's own right. May even encourage you to become involved...unfortunately it is London again....

THE BIG SING Thurs. 5th September 2019, 10.30 a.m. – 3.30p.m.

At The Friends' Meeting House, School Lane, Liverpool. Cost £15.



Led by Stuart Overington, a conductor from the Halle and Members of the North West Regional Team. Join-up and details are available on North-West regional website, follow this [LINK](#) for the event flyer. Contact Gill Russell: gillruss71@gmail.com Sign up required by August 20th



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

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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HARE HILL **hall and Gardens**

Fancy doing something
different this summer?
On the Macc. to Alderley
Road. Meet & greet.



We need new volunteers to help
with our busy summer season, so
don't delay - apply today!
Call 01625 827534 for more details.
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hare-hill
[Facebook.com/NTHareHill](https://www.facebook.com/NTHareHill)



Hare Hill has a beautiful walled garden with a croquet lawn, with stunning flora and fauna, which is ideal for family walks in warmer weather, with ample parking and access, this national trust garden is well known for its colourful Rhododendrons and Azaleas, as well as its wonderful hare carvings. The main feature of the garden is the collection of over fifty hollies, including the rare Highclere Holly.