

# Membership

Membership of the Macclesfield Literary and Philosophical Society for the 2017–2018 season costs £20 per person which covers entry to all meetings.

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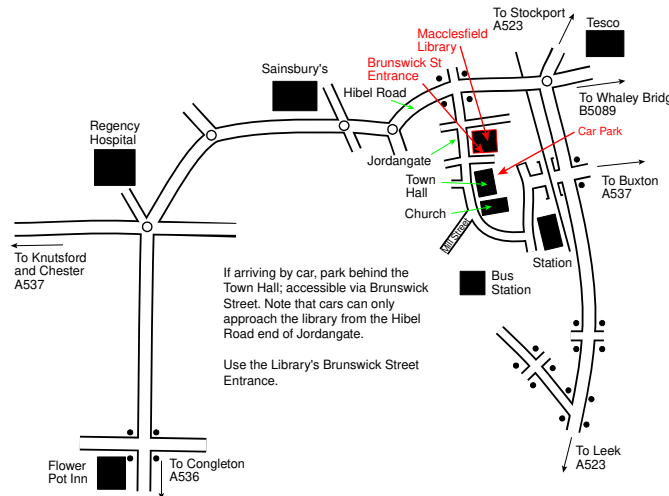
# Macclesfield Literary and Philosophical Society

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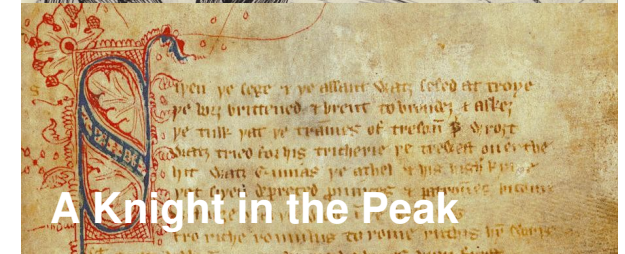
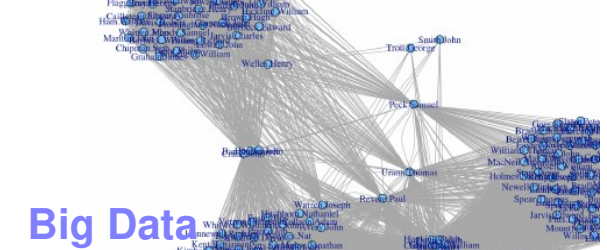
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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

[Montaigne and the Meaning of Life](#)

Stephen Leach is an honorary fellow in the philosophy department at Keele University. He is currently co-editing a series of books. For much of the last century philosophers dismissed the question of the meaning of life as completely meaningless, but recently there has been increasing interest in this question.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

[Oxford and the Pre-Raphaelites](#)

Jon Whiteley, a well-known art historian, is the author of a number of books on French and English 19<sup>th</sup> century artists. He was made a Chevalier of the French Order of Arts and Letters in 2009. Until 2016, he was senior assistant keeper in the Department of Western Art at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

*The AGM will follow the talk and discussion.*

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

[King Arthur in Lincolnshire](#)

Kevin Leahy is a freelance archaeological finds specialist who works as the National Adviser for Early Medieval Metalwork for the Portable Antiquities Scheme and is an Honorary Visiting Fellow at Leicester University.

## Programme of Meetings 2017–2018

The Society meets at 7.30 pm in Macclesfield Library, Jordangate (Brunswick Street entrance)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

[Big Data](#)

Ed Griffen will provide an introduction to modern “Big Data”: where it’s working, where it probably won’t and the threats and challenges it brings. Ed is a co-founder of MedChemica, a Big Data company that specialises in large-scale knowledge extraction for the life science industries.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018

[Marriage: India and the UK](#)

Marital roles and tensions. Wendy Olsen will describe rural Indian society with its caste and class systems, intense social networking and informal labour system. Her background is in development and labour economics. She is Head of the Department of Social Statistics at Manchester University.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

[Well Mannered and Well Bannered](#)

Helen Antrobus works at the People’s History Museum. She is interested in the lives of radical women and how they are interpreted through their collections: and for this talk in particular, the suffragettes. She has an upcoming book *Feminism and Museums* and has taken part in programmes on Radio 4.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

[Fracking and the Living World](#)

Nigel Hennerley is an environmental campaigner based in Cheshire, and Colin Watson is an engineer with many years experience in the nuclear energy sector.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

[A Knight in the Peak](#)

Lud’s Church and the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Lucinda Rumsey is Senior Tutor and a Supernumerary Fellow in English at Mansfield College, Oxford. She studied English at Westfield College and King’s College London. She teaches Old and Middle English, and loves wild landscape and detective fiction. Her talk combines all these interests.



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