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Macclesfield Council Community Newsletter



The Bikeathon is Back!

Macclesfield Bikeathon



Saturday 11th May
8am - 10am

St George's Day



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11am - 3pm

Meet the Town Ranger



Say hi if you see him

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St George's Day

On Sunday 14th April, the town will be celebrating St George's Day with an event organised by Macclesfield Town Council.

People in Macclesfield won't need to go far to find some exciting St George's Day activities. The market place will be the centre of the patriotic family fun.

The celebrations are taking place earlier this year as the official date clashes with Easter weekend.

There will be a special appearance by St George and the dragon, a birds of prey display, face painting, live traditional folk music, cricket, table football, golf games, juggling tips, an England Quiz, ice cream, hot food, sweets and a fantastic opportunity for children to take part in a Knight's training session. All activities are free to take part in.





COME & CELEBRATE ST. GEORGE'S DAY

WHERE & WHEN?

- **Sunday 14th April 2019**
- **11am - 2pm**
- **Followed by a parade at 2:30pm**
- **Market Place, Macclesfield**







Activities will take place from 11am until 2:30pm when there will be a St George's Day parade setting off from Chestergate and heading to the United Reformed Church at Park Green where members of the Scouting group will renew their promise. The Church Service begins at 3pm and everyone is welcome, although space will be limited.

People who come along to the event are encouraged to enter into the patriotic spirit of the occasion by wearing red and white. If children would like to take part in the Knight's training school, all they need to do is bring along a toy sword with them. Dig out the chainmail and bring your children along so they can learn the dragon slaying skills of St George.



The Bikeathon is back!

Sunday 11th May

Macclesfield is preparing to welcome back the Bikeathon event which proved popular for almost 20 years in the town.



The Bikeathon, funded by Macclesfield Town Council, will take place on Saturday 11th May and will raise money for local charity Just Drop In. There will be 3 route options with varying distances. A 6 mile family ride, a 30-mile ride and a 60 mile ride around the Cheshire Plain will be on offer. The rides all start and end at Macclesfield Leisure Centre.



The event is being organised by Darren Allgood from Allgood Cycling who said 'I have fond memories of the Bikeathon and remember the whole town getting behind the event and thought it would be brilliant if we could resurrect it successfully.'

Helena Gowler, Community Engagement Officer for Macclesfield Town Council, commented that 'The Council is delighted to be involved in bringing the Bikeathon back to the town. We have heard from so many people just how well loved this event was. Making physical activity the fun and easy option is one of the aims of the town council and the Bikeathon is a perfect fit with this.'

There will be a refreshment stop along the route before the final push back to Macclesfield to collect a well-earned medal.



To find out more information and to register for the Bikeathon please visit www.allgoodcycling.co.uk.



Meet the Town Ranger



Macclesfield gets its first Town Ranger to tackle town maintenance and grot spots. Adrian Bullock, the new Ranger will visit each ward in the town on a regular basis to clear messy areas, repair and maintain benches and street furniture and also report and chase larger issues for repair, such as highways and public property maintenance.

The Ranger Service is being piloted for a year by Macclesfield Town Council to see if this focussed effort can help with the town's appearance and hopefully make Macclesfield a nicer place to visit and spend time.

The new service addresses issues raised through recent consultations, where residents have commented that they would like to see a concerted effort to tackle litter, dog fouling, graffiti and the general appearance of the town.

Email your suggestions for attention and pictures of damage or grot spots to admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk.

MACC-POW! (#4)
MACCLESFIELD'S
DAY OF COMIC-ART
SATURDAY 22ND
JUNE 2019
10AM-4PM FREE ENTRY!



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

#MACCPow



Chinese New Year celebration a great success



On Saturday 2nd February, Macclesfield families came along in their hundreds to celebrate Chinese New Year.

To welcome the Year of the Pig, Macclesfield Town Council organised a dragon parade to set off from Market Place followed by an event at the United Reformed Church. The dragon was followed by children shaking percussion instruments kindly loaned out by Macclesfield Music Centre, to scare away the evil spirits from the last year.

There was a chance to taste some authentic food, Chinese inspired crafts as well as an opportunity to view art installations 'A Whisper of Moths' and 'Great Wall of Friendship'.

Councillor Gareth Jones, Chair of the Macclesfield Silk Friendship Group commented on behalf of the group that 'It was great to welcome local people and visitors of all ages to a community event that celebrated Chinese New Year, I would like to thank all who attended and made this a great event. We look forward to more community events so everyone can see what Macclesfield has to offer.'



Treacle Market Dates

A bustling monthly market in Macclesfield's cobbled Marketplace and streets around 160 + stalls of unique crafts, exceptional food & drink and vintage finds.

Sun 28th April
Sun 26th May
Sun 30th June
Sun 28th July
Sun 25th Aug



Sun 29th Sept
Sun 27th Oct
Sun 24th Nov
Sun 22nd Dec



Youth Summit

On Thursday 14th March, Macclesfield Town Council held its third annual Youth Summit.



40 students from All Hallows, Fallibroome Academy, Tytherington School, Kings School and Just Drop In came along to discuss topics including crime and antisocial behaviour, conservation and opportunities for young people.

The students were given the opportunity to discuss the topics with input from community volunteers representing Macclesfield Police,

Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle, Macc-tastic, Less plastic, RSPB Wildlife Explorers, Macclesfield Police and the Princes Trust.

Previous Youth Summit events have resulted in some fantastic projects for the town which have included Macclesfield Pride, street sports, play area renovations, improvements on the Middlewood Way and the new Town Ranger service which will start on 1st April.

This year's Youth Summit has generated a bank of ideas which will be explored over the coming months. These include; how we might deal with litter, increasing evening activities for young people age 14-17, pop up stalls in schools on drug and alcohol education, planting more trees, and an event to bring young and older people together.

Helena Gowler, Community Engagement Officer for Macclesfield Town Council said 'This was our best attended Youth Summit event so far. This year, we particularly targeted school councils. The discussions which took place demonstrate just how much young people care about the present and the future of our town. We look forward to working with the students over the coming year to develop some of the ideas which were put forward'.



O ye!
O ye!



Town Crier Championships

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O ye!



At Treacle Market on Sunday 28th April, Macclesfield will host the inaugural Town Crier competition for the town.

Visiting Town Crier's from far and wide will be dressed in their finery, ready to compete for the coveted prizes. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, best dressed Town Crier and best content of cry. Town Criers will be scored by a team of judges based on categories such as confidence and bearing as well as volume and clarity.

The competition will start at 11am, preceded by the grand entrance of the Town Criers into the church yard, and will end around 1pm.

Everyone is welcome to watch this unique spectacle which will be held in St Michael's Church yard.

The competition follows the introduction of the new Macclesfield Town Crier, John Parsons, in April 2017. John has attended many of the town's events over the last few years and has become a well-known local personality. John, who is organising the competition on behalf of Macclesfield Town Council said 'This is a unique event to Macclesfield; the first ever Town Mayor Town Crier's Championships.

As Town Crier I was privileged to be approached to stage this wonderful, colourful, loud extravaganza on behalf of the Mayor and Town Council. The town will be graced with eleven of the best town criers in the country, all competing for the title of the first ever winner of the event. I can assure all visitors on the day that they will be mesmerised by the spectacle.'





Come and enjoy the First Foodie Friday!

Macclesfield Foodie Friday

First Friday of every Month - 10am-9pm

Macclesfield Town Centre
Market Place, SK10 1DS



Meet up with your friends,
family or work colleagues
for brunch, lunch, tea or supper and
enjoy the relaxed atmosphere
along with some fabulous
food and drink.

In the heart of the
picturesque town of Macclesfield,
on the first Friday of the Month
Macclesfield Foodie Friday
is the place to be.

The town will be a buzz with
food and drink to enjoy, along with
entertainment in the evening from 7pm.

Book a stall: admin@artisancheshire.co.uk

The first Foodie Friday event will take place on Friday 5th April from 10am till 9pm. The event will be held in the Market Place and will feature artisan foods, a bar and entertainment from 7pm.



Come along and join in throughout the day or pop over after work with friends and family to unwind and socialise.

Further Foodie Fridays will be held on 3rd May and 7th June.



We hope to see
you there.





May the Fourth be with you!

STAR WARS



Saturday May 4th

10am-4pm

**Star Wars Day comes to
Macclesfield Town Centre**

**An opportunity to see your
favourite Star Wars characters
around Town!**

**MAY THE
FOURTH
BE WITH YOU**



Prince's Trust Programme

- free places available

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service are looking for young people from the Macclesfield area to enrol on a free Prince's Trust course this summer.

The programme, supported by Macclesfield Town Council, starts on Monday 3rd June and is a 12-week course that gives young people between the ages of 16 and 25 the opportunity to learn new skills, complete qualifications and gain greater self-confidence.



Programme manager Josie Shearman said: "We are starting the next team in June so we are recruiting now for young people to join the programme. We are based at Macclesfield Fire Station and anyone who takes part will get to meet new people, improve their confidence and develop employability skills. They will also gain qualifications such as first aid and get to attend a graduation event at the end of the programme".

"I would urge anyone who knows a young person that would benefit from taking part, or they have a family member who is stuck in a bit of a rut, then please give us a call to find out more."

During the 12 weeks the team will take part in a number of activities to graduate from the programme. These include

- Raising money to complete a community project
- Food Hygiene and first aid courses
- Health and safety and driving awareness training
- Attending a 4 day residential with team building activities



YOUTH
CAN
DO IT

Partner agencies are also welcome to refer young people to the programme. Please contact Programme Manager Josie Shearman on 01606 868870, josie.shearman@cheshirefire.gov.uk. For more details visit the website <http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk>

Another year of grants for Macclesfield Community Groups

Macclesfield Town Council has been awarding grants to community groups since it was set up in 2015 and the financial year 2018/19 saw the largest number of grants awarded yet! Grants totalling around £40,000 have been given to a wide range of local charities and groups relating to areas such as social events and support for military service veterans, activities to combat social isolation, scout groups, craft groups and Macclesfield



Bride

Pete Turner, the Town Clerk of Macclesfield, commented that, "it has been one of the great pleasures of the council to help community groups, individuals and events to support the community in Macclesfield. We have, thanks to the hard work of community groups and volunteers, been able to help around 35 groups and activities in the town this year, projects supporting wildlife, allotments,

activities for the young and older people, the homeless night shelter, remembrance events and social events for those who have served the country. We've funded work at the museum, Canalside radio and the East Cheshire Hospice, but would like to thank all the volunteers in Macclesfield who work so hard to improve the lives of their neighbours and fellow Maxonians."The grants are available again this coming financial year (from April) and we are looking forward to receiving applications from any groups that could use a little help from us."

The Community Grants are available to groups providing activities and services for the benefit of residents in Macclesfield. Information on the grants is available from the council's website.





2019 Forthcoming events

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| 5 April - 10am-9pm Foodie Friday | 12 April 9.30am Planning Committee |
| 14 April - 11am St George's Day events
(Parade 2.30pm) | 26 April 9.30am Planning Committee |
| 3 May - 10am-9pm Foodie Friday | 29 April 7pm Finance Committee |
| 4 May - 10am Star Wars Day (Characters will be
in town from 10am - 4pm) | 2 May Local Council Elections |
| 11 May - Bikeathon | 17 May 9.30am Planning Committee |
| 8 June - Macclesfield Food Festival | 13 May 7pm Annual General Meeting |
| 21 June - MaccPOW! | 17 May 9.30am Planning Committee |
| 21/22 June - Macclesfield Garden Festival | 20 May 6pm Annual Parish Meeting |
| 29 June - Armed Forces Day | 27 May 7pm Finance Committee |
| 6 July - Macclesfield Pride | 3 June 7pm Full Council Meeting |
| 22 Sept - Macc Half Marathon/10k/5k/Fun Run | 7 June 9.30am Planning Committee |
| 12 October - Welly Walk, West Park | 10 June 7pm Services Committee |
| 30 November - Christmas Lights Switch On | 28 June 9.30am Planning Committee |
| | 8 July 7pm Finance Committee |
| | 15 July 7pm Full Council Meeting |

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Cheshire East Highways

Roads, potholes, roadworks, street lighting,
parking & blue badge scheme

0300 123 5020

Cheshire East Waste

Bin collections, household waste, street
cleansing & permits

0300 123 5011

Cheshire East Development Control

Planning applications, building regulations,
tree preservation orders

0300 123 5014

Cheshire East Social Services

Adult social care, occupational health,
assessments

0300 123 5010

Cheshire East Council Tax

Payments, business rates, changes of
details

0300 123 5013

