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Membership of the Macclesfield Literary and Philosophical Society for the 2023–2024 season costs £25 per person which covers access to all meetings. 18 year-olds and under are free.

Non-members can attend a meeting for a guest fee of £5.

To join the society or just to be kept informed of our meetings, please complete the form below and send it to:

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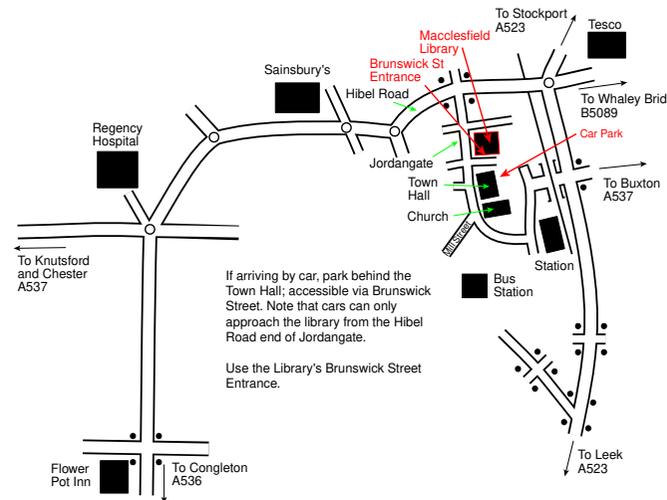
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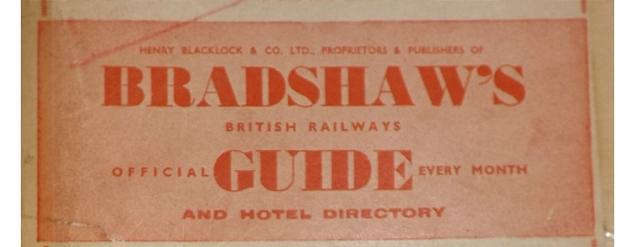
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2023-2024

Thursday 14th September 2023

[How the King of the Witches Dusted the Books: Alex Sanders at the John Rylands](#)

In 1962 Alex Sanders took a job as a Book Duster at Manchester's illustrious John Rylands Library, with remarkable consequences. Based on eye-witness accounts, Grevel Lindop describes a key moment in the history of modern paganism.

Tuesday 17th October 2023

[What is a Language?](#)

Gabriel Dupre is currently a Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow at Keele University. His research involves leveraging contemporary work in the linguistic and cognitive sciences towards progress on traditional questions in the philosophy of mind, language and science.

The AGM will follow the talk and discussion.

Thursday 16th November 2023

[Bradshaw's and an Early Railway Journey](#)

Join local historian Robert Mee for a look at the history of Bradshaw's Timetable and Guide, the traveller's prerequisite during the 19th and 20th centuries. Robert will then take us on a mystery tour using the railway timetable of 1922. Have your tickets ready for a whirlwind history tour!

Programme of Meetings 2023–2024

The Society meets at 7.30 pm at Macclesfield Library

Tuesday 16th January 2024

[Open-source Drug discovery for SARS-CoV2 and Future Pandemics](#)

Ed Griffen last spoke to us in early 2021 about the co-operative hunt for finding a drug treatment for Coronaviruses. Now he's back to give an update. Ed is a co-founder of MedChemica, a Big Data company that specialises in large-scale knowledge abstraction for the life sciences.

Thursday 15th February 2024

[Scrabbling for Words](#)

Mark Nyman became the first British World Scrabble Champion in 1993 and has won the UK Championship four times. He became the Champion of Champions on TV's *Countdown* and went on to be the show's producer. Mark is the author of the book *Scrabble Secrets* (Harpur Collins).

Tuesday 19th March 2024

[Creating Change through the Arts](#)

Anna Francis is interested in the role of artists, arts organisations and communities in the development of places. She is Associate Professor of Fine Art and Social Practice at Staffordshire University, and a Director at AirSpace Gallery and The Portland Inn Project.

Thursday 18th April 2024

[How to Die Like a Romantic Poet](#)

Madeleine Callaghan is a Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor in Romantic Literature at Sheffield University. She has written extensively on the Romantic Poets.

Tuesday 14th May 2024

[Are you a Metaphysical Animal?](#)

Rachel Wiseman has a particular interest in the work of the "Wartime Quartet" of women philosophers: G. E. M. Anscombe, Philippa Foot, Mary Midgely and Iris Murdoch. With Clare MacCumhaill (Durham University) she authored the recent book *Metaphysical Animals: How Four Women Brought Philosophy Back to Life*. Rachel is Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Liverpool University.

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