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NEWS BULLETIN – Week Beginning 2nd November 2026

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A Message from the Editor

I depend upon you informing me about all the interesting things that your groups are doing or planning. Please send Items to the usual email address by early Friday morning, at the latest.

U3A Disco – Click for Details

The next U3A disco is on Monday 2nd November at the Masonic Hall, 1.30 - 2.30pm. Come along to listen and dance to the tunes of the 60's, 70's 80's & 90's. The aim is to have fun, socialise and to move as much or as little as comfortable. (Seating is available too). Please bring your own drinks. Please submit any music requests to **Louise Mather**

Glad You Are Here

The next talk is 'Where the heck is Melanesia?? Our adventurous Cruise.' The date is November 19th and will be presented by Bill and Sandie Boynton.

Christmas Social

This year's Christmas Social Event will be on Thursday 17th December, 0945 - 1200, at New Life Church. Full details to follow.

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Dates for your diary

Information Desk: Tuesday 3rd November 10.00 - 11.00am – New Life Church Café

Christmas Social: Thursday 17th December – New Life Church

Autumn Term: Ends Friday 11th December 2026

Future Social Quizzes: Tuesday 25th May and Tuesday 12th October 2027

LOCAL EVENTS AND SOCIETIES

The Kingsfield Singers at Biddulph Methodist Church

The Kingsfield Singers invite you to an evening of song: from jazz to folk, medleys from the shows to pop classics. We are delighted that some talented local young soloists will be joining us. Saturday 31st October, 7.30pm, at Biddulph Methodist Church, Station Road.

Tickets are £7.50, including refreshments. They are available on the door or alternatively contact Lesley on 07753 122522.

Congleton Museum – Request for Volunteers

Congleton Museum is looking for volunteers to join its new Learning and Family Activities team.

Help bring Congleton's history to life through creative school workshops, hands-on family activities, educational resources and exciting new projects. You will also have an opportunity to help create a special exhibition exploring Congleton's history through children's eyes. Everyone is welcome. Whether you are a teacher, a student, a parent, a retired professional or simply someone with enthusiasm and curiosity, we would love to hear from you. No previous museum or teaching experience is required.

Please apply by Thursday 5th November through the museum's website:
https://congletonmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/help-bring-congletons-history-to-life-for-children/

David McCaddon Talk – The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie

Local Crime author and U3A member David McCaddon is giving his popular talk on the legendary Queen of Crime. David will be covering her life and mystery disappearance. Moreover, he will talk about the creation of many of her characters including Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, and, time permitting, will discuss what to look for in her clues, plots and misdirections.

The venue is Macclesfield Library, Thursday 5th November, at 10.30am. The event is free and there is no need to book.

Congleton Choral Society

The Choral Society's Autumn concert will take place at the Town Hall on Saturday November 14th at 7.30 pm. **The Passing of the Year** features various poems set to the music of Jonathan Dove, Edward Elgar, Charles Stamford and Joseph Haydn, with the choir in four-part, or, in the case of Dove's eponymous composition, eight-part harmony. Tom Newall will direct, as usual, with Rachel Fright at the piano and baritone Edward Robinson. Tickets at £15.00 are available from choir members, the Information Centre and online at congletonchoralsociety.org.uk

The Little Moreton Singers at Biddulph Old Hall

On 4th December 2026, there is a special event to begin your Christmas at Biddulph Old Hall, with Christmas music from The Little Moreton Singers and mulled wine and mince pies.

Tickets: £25.00, available from **Jane Sharman** or jane@sharman.name or online at bit.ly/4vhY0pu. Please note that online bookings are subject to a booking fee

All the proceeds from this event go to support St Mary's Church, Astbury.

Skydive for Alzheimer's Research: Update

David Nicholls is pleased to report that the weather was kind on October 18th and so he was able to go ahead with his Skydive for Alzheimer's Research UK, as planned. He is also delighted to report that, once Gift Aid is included, the total raised has now passed £5,000. He wishes to convey his thanks to everyone who supported him; he was overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness.

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