



# AIR NEWS

**Activity In Retirement (AIR) founded in 1989, registered Charity No. 1001228**

An organisation established by retired people, for retired people and run by retired people

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## Chairman's Letter to AIR Members

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) I announced that we would not be invited to the usual Queen's Garden Party to celebrate our charity being awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, but within days we received an unexpected invitation. It would seem that the organisers are now combining all the award recipients throughout the covid affected period. We were invited to nominate 2 members to represent AIR and attend the Buckingham Palace garden party this summer. We have subsequently selected 2 worthy, long standing members who plan to attend in May 2022. We shall await their feedback and hopefully photographs of the event.

The AIR 'Pie and Peas' lunch on Saturday 26 March 2022 was attended by 64 members (unfortunately 5 additional members had to cancel at the last minute due to Covid). Everyone enjoyed the food and the opportunity to get together, also entertained by John Jones MBE on his accordion. (John is a member of AIR and donations were received in aid of the Intensive Care Scanner in Macclesfield). On your behalf I would like to express thanks to the AIR Social Committee for their unstinting support to make the event such a success.

Another AIR event is an 'afternoon tea' planned for 4 June 2022 at Macclesfield Community Centre as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. So save this date in your diaries and watch for more information in the Newsletters.

Whilst we continue with our 'payment holiday' for AIR activities it is heart-warming to see increased numbers attending most activities. As suggested we must also monitor the activity registers more rigorously and I would ask all Leaders to arrange a date to ask members to bring their membership cards for inspection to ensure all attendees are current members, and then include/check their membership number on the attendance registers.

Refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits, etc.) have been provided for AIR activities, but the issue of decaffeinated drinks is creating disproportionate problems. Whilst we have tried to accommodate the preferences of those few members it seems this has created more problems with the uncontrolled and indiscriminate use of the decaffeinated coffee by others. Therefore it has now been decided that those members who wish to have decaffeinated drinks should provide their own – similar to those that want special milk or sweeteners, etc.

Lynda Martin has chosen to stand down from the Management Committee yet remain an AIR member therefore I would take this opportunity to thank Lynda for all her continued work and support for AIR over the years.

Further to the 2 new members of the Management Committee appointed at the AGM we have also elected Sue Titford onto the committee. [Under the AIR Constitution members can be accepted onto the Committee and then ratified at the next AGM]. Additional support is still being sought for roles on the management committee, activity leader and deputy roles, and especially the social committee.

According to recent news reports covid infection numbers seem to be increasing therefore we must continue to follow any government mandated regulations. However, whilst our voluntary leaders continue to be prepared to undertake the activities we shall make every effort to support them safely. Social distancing, wearing masks, sanitising hands, ventilation, etc. are still recommended.

We must all remain aware and respectful of others - Stay safe.

**Paul Waugh – Chairman – April 2022**

**Note: Hurdsfield Scout Group. AIR Member Clive Warrington is chairman of the Hurdsfield Scout Group which meets on Brocklehurst Avenue. It seems the Group's existence is under threat unless they can find a replacement treasurer before the end of May. If you know of anyone who might be able to support them in this role, please contact Clive on 01625 412574 or email [clivemwarrington@gmail.com](mailto:clivemwarrington@gmail.com)**

## AIR IN ACTION



## AIR TABLE TENNIS

The Hurdsfield Table Tennis group were pleased to have a visit from John (Jack) Houlihan recently - just after he celebrated his 99th birthday. Prior to the Covid19 period, Jack used to be a regular and popular member of the group. He brought his bat and just couldn't resist having a go, partnered by Frank Renshaw!

Any enquiries please contact Pat Scanlon  
01625404278

## AIR RAMBLERS

The first months of the New Year have past relatively uneventfully. The weather has been a case of extremes, between walks having to be cancelled due to high winds and rain, and ending with balmy sunny days. For those interested we meet on Monday mornings for walks of around 5 miles.

Any enquiries please contact  
Chris Jones on 07821 587440.



AIR Ramblers testing the load bearing of a Macclesfield Canal bridge.

## Walk Leaders Rota:

**01Apr** Day Walk – TBA

**04Apr** Mike Cliff (501534)

**11Apr** Alan Chapman (422295)

**18Apr** Chris Jones (820355)

**25Apr** David Bowden (611098)

**02May** Peter Solomon (420782)

**06May** Day Walk – TBA

**09May** Pat Wroe (01260 223389)

**16May** Doreen Dean (01260 227207)

**23May** Jeff Richards (610547)

**30May** Alistair Croft (261964)

**03Jun** Day Walk – TBA

**06Jun** Alan Chapman (422295)

**13Jun** Mike Cliff (501534)

**20Jun** Chris Jones (820355)

**27Jun** David Bowden (611098)



## AIR AMBLERS

The wet weather led to more than one walk being cancelled recently. Weather permitting, walks are held every Monday morning and regular participants are suitably notified, the evening before, or before 9 am that day. New members are welcome.

Any enquiries please contact  
Stella Roberts 01625610889

**AIR SWIMMING**

AIR swimming continues to meet each Tuesday at Macclesfield Sports Centre after which they gather for tea and a snack in the cafeteria. New members and anyone who wishes to come along to the cafeteria at 1pm are very welcome.

Any enquiries please contact Angela Steward (01625 669045)

**AIR SCRABBLE**

AIR members Glen and Anthea are pictured wearing the medal they received after playing 7-letter words during an AIR Scrabble session. AIR Scrabble players continue to meet twice a week (Wednesday 10am to noon and Friday 1 to 3pm) at the MCC - new members welcome.



Any enquiries please contact Mary Banks on 01625 471165

**AIR MAH JONG**



**AIR KURLING**



AIR Mah Jong players meet every Friday at the MCC from 10am to midday and AIR Kurling every Monday 2pm to 4pm and Thursday evening 7pm to 9pm also at the MCC.

Enquiries: Mah Jong; Barbara Lomas 01625420787, Kurling; Brenda Whitely 01260253786

**NEW MEMBERS**

The Management Committee extends a warm welcome to 23 new members:-

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|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Elizabeth Beecroft | Jean England   | Glyn Houghton    | Maureen Oliver | Angela White   |
| Ann Chao           | Linda Godfrey  | Linda Houghton   | Noreen Russell | Stephen Wilson |
| Sam Chio           | Andrew Godfrey | John Jones MBE   | Vicky Smallman | Ann Woods      |
| Maria Davies       | Caroline Hardy | Vilia Juskiewicz | Susan Syer     |                |
| Audrey Downes      | Kath Hirst     | Ruth Morriss     | Pauline Tuke   |                |

Total AIR membership is now 585.

## AIR SOCIAL EVENTS

# AFTERNOON TEA TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



SATURDAY, 4th JUNE 2022

2.00 till 4.00pm

at Macclesfield Community Centre



*Please complete the attached form if you wish to attend.*

## LUNCH



The Pea and Pie lunch held at the MCC on Saturday 26 March proved to be a great success, with entertainment provided by new member John Jones (MBE) on the accordion.

## COACH OUTING TO PLAS NEWYDD

AIR and the Macclesfield Countryside & Heritage Club (formerly the Field Club) invite you to join us on our outing to PLAS NEWYDD HOUSE (National Trust) on Wednesday 29 June. The house has views from Anglesey across the Menai Strait to Snowdonia. Highlights include artist Rex Whistler's 58ft mural and the Grade 1 listed gardens.

*Please complete the attached entry form if you wish to attend.*

## COFFEE MORNING



Come and join us at the **FIRST** bi-monthly Coffee Morning at the MCC on Saturday 2 April 11am to 1pm. An opportunity for you to let us know what you would like AIR to be doing for you and chatting with friends old and new. No entrance fee. All donations to the East Cheshire Hospice.



**Any queries please contact Anne Mathews on 01625 612269.**

**COACH OUTING TO PLAS NEWYDD, ANGLESEY****Wednesday 29 June 2022** (*Joint event with MCHC*)*Please complete the booking form by 8<sup>th</sup> June.*

Arrival time (including a short stop) will be approximately 11.45am. Departure time is at 4.30pm.

Pick up points are Brocklehurst Arms 8.45am, Churchill Way (Majestic Wines) 8.55am, Thornton Square 9.05am

Please provide details of the names and contact numbers for all passengers plus a cheque made payable to: - **Macclesfield Countryside and Heritage Club**. The cost is £25.00 for NT members and £33.45 for non NT members. This sum includes the driver's gratuity.

Please return form, SAE and cheque to:

Mrs S Titford, 25 Stapleton Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3NP (Tel 01625 429 573).

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**PLAS NEWYDD** 29 June 2022 AIR & MCHC

Name(s).....

Address(es).....

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Post code(s).....

Mobile Phone Number.....

Land Line Phone No.....

NT Member (Y/N).....

Pick up point(s).....

I enclose a cheque payable to *Macclesfield Countryside & Heritage Club* together with SAE  
 Post to Mrs S Titford, 25 Stapleton Road, Macclesfield, SK10 3NP 01625 429 573

## AFTERNOON TEA TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Saturday 4 June 2022, 2.00 till 4.00pm at Macclesfield Community Centre

Admission for AIR members £10, Non-members £15

*Please complete the form below or apply via the internet by 25 May 2022*

Name(s) ..... AIR Membership No(s) .....

Address .....

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Phone No. ....

Email address: .....

I require .....tickets at £10.00 each

I require .....tickets at £15.00 each

Total payable: £.....

Dress code:

There will be an optional  
Red White & Blue theme  
for this event

### There are 2 options for payment:-

**(a) by cheque** - please make your cheque payable to Activity in Retirement and send it, together with the application form above and an SAE for your ticket(s), to Anne Hooley, 3 Manley Road, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, SK11 7UU (Tel: 01614836940, Mob:07952493392).

**(b) by direct bank transfer** - please use the following bank details:

Account name      Activity in Retirement

Account No.        12413461

Sort Code          16-24-32

Reference          JUBILEE plus your surname and initials

Please confirm your payment (and membership number) by email to  
[annehooley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annehooley@yahoo.co.uk)

NB: You will receive your ticket(s) by email.