



AIR NEWS

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Geoff Tyler our Newsletter Editor who was already preparing this his 53rd newsletter when he died suddenly but peacefully on Wednesday 10th November.

Funeral service at Macclesfield Crematorium at 12.15pm Monday 6th December 2021.

God bless a lovely man.

Chairman's Letter to AIR Members

It is with deep sadness that we learnt of the passing of Geoff Tyler who was a valued member of the AIR Management Committee, responsible for compiling and issuing the bi-monthly AIR Newsletter. He undertook a great amount of behind-the-scenes work to enable the smooth production of the newsletter, also printing booklets, notices, tickets etc and organising occasional dinner outings; he will be greatly missed by his colleagues and friends. Geoff was well respected and liked and a long serving member of AIR.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to extend our sympathies and condolences to all his family and friends. We shall endeavour to maintain the high standard set by Geoff and continue to issue the newsletter which we deem to be his legacy within AIR.

On an encouraging note AIR have received a £500.00 donation from Alderley Edge Union Club who are a member of the NHS. This resulted from a very kind gesture by comedian Les Dennis who wished part of his entertainment fee to be given to charity. Enquiries within the NHS staff overwhelmingly agreed to donate to a local charity and our name came up multiple times as a worthy recipient. We are very pleased to receive this positive message and resultant funds which we will now consider purchasing necessary equipment.

We plan to hold an Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19th January 2022 details are attached to this newsletter for nominations and times.

We have routinely updated AIR Policy documents and these are available for your perusal on the AIR website.

In light of the current covid scare I feel it remains prudent to remind all AIR members to be careful during activities with regard to social distancing, wearing masks, sanitising hands, etc. We must follow government regulations, but otherwise will remain your personal choice, but I would ask you to remember your choice may impact on others and we must all be aware and respectful.

On behalf of the AIR Management Committee I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe.



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

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| Patricia Aspinal | Jacqueline Earles | Margaret Kearey |
| June Astle | Christine Elkin | Josephine Kelsall |
| John Astley | Howard Elkin | Jeff Kirk |
| Kathryn Astley | Michael Fox | Susan Pratt |
| Susan Beresford | Gillian Haines | Allan Ratcliffe |
| Rosemary Binnie | Margaret Hanson | Carole Ratcliffe |
| Jacqueline Callaghan | Robert Hanson | Sheila Smith |
| Maria Clark | Anthony Hilton | Felicya Thomas |
| Susan Dickson | Ray Jordan | Catherine Webster |

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to all those members who have now renewed their membership for the next year and you should now have your new **blue coloured 2022** membership card.

Sadly, this will be the final newsletter for those who have not renewed.

If you are not sure, please contact the Membership Secretary as soon as possible.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S NOTES - ACTIVITIES ROUND UP

We are very happy to see that most of our Activities are now up and running again. In the last couple of weeks, we have been delighted to see that Liz Welton, after surgery, has returned to lead her **Line Dancing** classes on Thursdays, from 3p.m. to 4p.m. at the Community Centre and Barbara McGuckian, also after surgery, has returned to lead **Craft** on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2p.m. to 3.30p.m. Also, the eternally youthful Enid Evans and her **Music and Movement** classes on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 10am to 11am at the Community Centre. We were also delighted to see Sheila Bennett, albeit fleetingly, back on the **Tennis** Court last week. Our members are made of strong stuff!! Long may it last.

We have not yet had any takers for the **Carpet Bowling** at All Saints, Hurdsfield and the Church has asked us to remove the carpet if we don't intend to use it. If there is anyone out there who would like to get involved in this activity, please contact a Committee member.

Enid Evans has informed me that **Tai Chi** will finish on the 8th December restarting again on the 5th January 2022 and **Music and Movement** on Friday December 10th December restarting on the 14th January. **Craft** will finish on the 7th December restarting on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

There will be no **Table Tennis** at Henbury during the week 27th to 31st December 2021. For all other activities, please check with your activity leaders.

The Community Centre will be closing for general use from the 17th December and reopening on 4th January. However it will be opening especially for A.I.R. for our **Coffee and Carols social event on Saturday 18th where you will all be welcome.**

The AIR Social Committee have kindly organised:

COFFEE AND CAROLS

with

SUTTON ST JAMES HANDBELL RINGERS

on SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER 2021

11.00am - 12.30pm

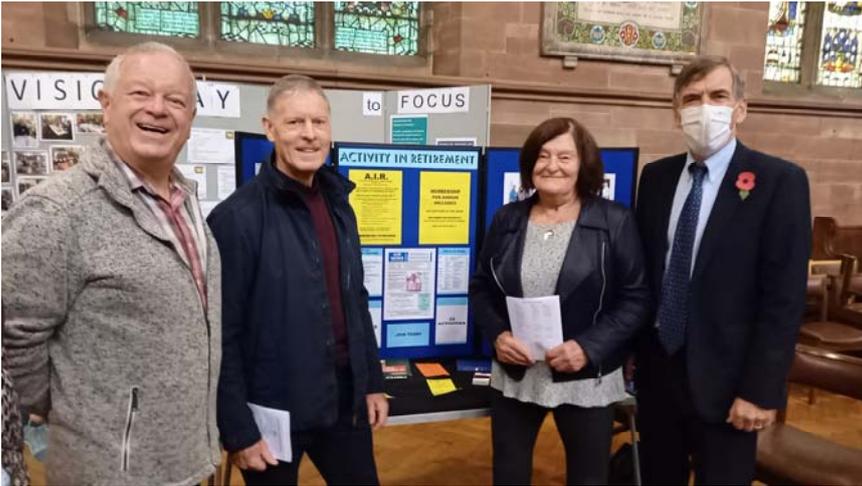
at

Macclesfield Community Centre

No Entrance Fee— Donations to East Cheshire Hospice

Come along for a tea or coffee, mince pies and a chat with your friends, and sing along with your favourite Christmas carols played on the handbells.

AIR IN ACTION



Members of the Management Committee were representing AIR at the recent Charity Bazaar held in St Michael's Church. They were joined briefly by David Rutley MP who again thanked AIR for the work we do and congratulations for the Queens Award of which we are rightly proud.

L to R: Paul (Charman), David (Membership Secretary), Anne (General Secretary)

AIR Ramblers stopped briefly in Alderley Park on a cold November morning. Their walk started at the National Trust car park at Alderley Edge, ably led by Mike & Sue Cliffe.



AIR RAMBLERS

The Ramblers group has returned to something approaching normality over the past two months, albeit the weather has caused a few problems. The turnout has been in the mid-twenties most weeks, and we have resumed the option of meeting at Riverside car park, to reduce car numbers. There have been several enquiries from people wishing to start walking, and generally the group is faring well.

Any enquiries please contact Chris Jones on 01625820355 or 07821587440.

Email: chrishjones@ntlworld.com

THURSDAY WALKING GROUP

The Thursday afternoon walking group is proving more and more popular; local walks of around 4 miles, often finishing with a tea/coffee break.

Any enquiries please contact Anne Mathews on 01625 612269 or 07958 800914.

Email: e.annie01@hotmail.com

AIR holidays in 2022 with Roy McCarthys Coaches

5th June – 10th June - Brighton and the Bluebell Line

Hotel - Mercure Brighton Hotel

5 nights DBB £625 pp Single supp. £125 pp Optional insurance £38.50

Sun: Bicester Garden Centre for a lunch stop. Arrive Brighton late afternoon

Mon: English Martyrs Catholic Church at Goring to see reproduction of Sistine Chapel ceiling. Arundel with time for lunch.

Tues: Free day in Brighton

Wed: Pashley Manor Gardens for their special Rose Week.

Roses on sale from Peter Beales – 26 times Chelsea Gold Medal winner.

Thur: Coastal run through Rottingdean and Peacehaven to spend time in Lewes.

Bluebell Line return trip from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead.

Fri: Banbury for our lunch stop. Arrive in Macclesfield early evening.

5th August – 7th August - Durham and Kynren

Hotel – Durham Marriott Royal Count Hotel

2 nights DBB £310 pp Single supp. £76 Optional insurance £27.50

Fri: Kiplin Hall (1621) with 90 acres of woodland, parkland and gardens.

Sat: Free time in Durham. Kynren Show after an early dinner.

Kynren tells story of 2000 yrs of British history, myth and legend. Fireworks.

Sun: Free time in Durham or optional trip (£16) to Beamish (collection of artefacts

and buildings from 1825 – 1913). Please add a note to the application form if you wish to go to Beamish. Arrive in Macclesfield early evening.

10th – 12th November – Thursford Christmas Spectacular

Hotel – Holiday Inn, Norwich City

2 nights DBB £299 pp Single supp. £50 Optional insurance £27.50

Thur: Spalding and the Springfields Shopping Outlet. Then to Norwich.

Fri: Free time in Norwich. Thursford show (afternoon or evening performance)

Sat: Southwell lunch stop. Arrive in Macclesfield early evening.

Please return the enclosed application form with a cheque for the deposit made payable to Roy McCarthy Coaches to Anne Hooley

Deposits are £50pp for short breaks and £100pp for Brighton

Organiser: Mrs Anne Hooley, 3 Manley Road, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, SK11 7UU

0161 483 6940 annehooley@yahoo.co.uk

**ACTIVITY IN RETIREMENT - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 19th 2022 - at Macclesfield Community Centre at 1.30pm**

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last A.G.M. January 21st 2020
3. Chairman's Report
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Hon. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Election of Officers
8. Any Other Business

NOMINATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS JANUARY 2022

A number of posts are up for Election this year. If you feel you would like to join us you would be made very welcome. If you would like to Nominate a member for one of the Management Committee posts listed below, please do so using the attached form.

Please ensure that you have the Nominee's permission. You will need to have another member to second your proposal. You may nominate more than one person but NOT for the same position. The expected tenure of office is three years.

Elections this year are for:

- Hon. General Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor,
- 2 x General Committee Members

**NOMINATION FORM - ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE ON THE AIR
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

I/We the undersigned wish to nominate.....

for the office of

[The Nominees permission has been obtained.]

Signature of Proposer

Print Name

Signature of Seconder

Print Name

Please send the completed forms to : Mrs Anne Mathews, Hordern Farm Cottage, Buxton New Road, Macclesfield, SK110AN to arrive by January 6th 2022.

AIR – HOLIDAY APPLICATION FORM (McCarthys) 2022

Please photocopy this form if you wish to apply for more than one holiday

Please reserve seats for a) Brighton (5.6.22 – 10.6.22)
b) Durham/Kynren (5.8.22 – 07.8.22)
c) Thursford (10.11.22 – 12.11.22)

Pick up point:

Accommodation: Single Double Twin

Special requests (noted but not guaranteed):

(Please remember to ask for a room on ground floor or near a lift if mobility is limited.)

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Please enter all names and addresses for friends booking and travelling together:

Mr/Mrs/Ms Mr/Mrs/Ms

Address

Address

Post Code

Your Mobile Number(s)

Your Home Number(s)

Your Emergency Contact Number(s)

Email address (optional)

Signed

I/we enclose the following:

Cheques are to be made payable to Roy McCarthy Coaches and returned to the Organiser:

Deposit enclosed persons at £50.00 = £

Brighton = £100 dep £

Insurance enclosed persons at £27.50 = £

Brighton = £38.50 ins £

Total amount of cheque enclosed £

Holiday Insurance is obligatory

If you do not require McCarthy's insurance you must complete the following:

"I have arranged an alternative insurance policy which provides cover comparable with or greater than Roy McCarthy Tours Policy".

My insurers are:.....

My policy number is:.....

Signed

Please return this form and your cheque(s) to the Organiser,

Mrs Anne Hooley, 3 Manley Road, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, SK11 7UU 0161 483 6940