

# 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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## Thank you to a Retiring Trustee

AIR Chairman, Paul Waugh, presented a gift to John Martin and his wife Lynda at the end of the recent Annual General Meeting. John is retiring as Senior Trustee of AIR after many years of service to AIR and during which he was a key player in preventing the decision to demolish the Macclesfield Community Centre (formerly the Senior Citizens Hall).

## Chairman's Letter to AIR Members

On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and it was a pleasure to see so many people in attendance. (See Minutes of Meeting attached). Any further comments from those that did not attend can be forwarded to any committee member, or direct to myself.

One main topic of note is that from 1 Feb 2022 your committee have decided that we will have a 'payment holiday' and therefore will not be charging for any AIR activities (except those at the tennis club and at the ten-pin bowling). This represents a benefit to AIR members in an attempt to reduce some of our accumulated funds over the foreseeable future. The impact will be closely monitored and reported back to you at our financial year end. Additional benefits are that leaders will not have to collect cash at each activity nor carry cash to the banks. To offset this we must manage the activity registers more rigorously in order to ensure all attendees are current members, by checking membership cards and numbers. Annual membership renewal fees will remain in place.

Also at the AGM Anne Hooley and Rita Beattie were nominated and duly elected to the management committee. We welcome them and look forward to their contributions and support. In addition, Claire Jones is our new Newsletter Editor. We also welcome Tessa Whiskard as a new Trustee. Additional support is still being sought for management committee, social committee and activity leader deputy roles.

Future events planned are an AIR luncheon on 26 March 2022 and also the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 4 June 2022, so save these dates in your diaries and watch for more information in the Newsletters. We can now announce that *Beginners Line Dancing* starts on the 29 January 2022 and is planned to be held on the last Friday of each month at the Macclesfield Community Centre. *Beginners Sequence Dancing* is likely to start in the near future – we will keep you informed when details have been confirmed. You can contact the leaders for more details – website details are constantly updated.

We must continue to follow government covid regulations, but whilst leaders are prepared to undertake the activities we shall make every effort to support them safely. Social distancing, wearing masks, sanitising hands, ventilation, etc. are recommended. We must all remain aware and respectful of others.

**Stay safe — Paul Waugh – Chairman**

AIR IN ACTION



AIR TABLE TENNIS

Here are some of the AIR members that participate in the table tennis activity at Henbury on Thursday mornings. An extremely friendly bunch that play to a very good standard.

AIR RAMBLERS

The AIR Ramblers have been operating on a near normal basis for the past few months, with the exception of the Christmas Lunch. The start of the New Year seemed to be a good opportunity to reinstate the Monday morning rota system of walk leaders, which is included below. A decision on whether to reintroduce monthly day walks this spring has yet to be taken.



The Ramblers suitably wrapped up on a recent Monday morning walk by Siddington Church.

Walk Leaders Rota:

<b>07 Feb</b>	David Bowden (611098)	<b>07 Mar</b>	Terry Heathcote (574418)	<b>01 Apr</b>	Day Walk – TBA
<b>14 Feb</b>	Mavis/Peter Solomon (420782)	<b>14 Mar</b>	Margie Hill (562179)	<b>04 Apr</b>	Mike Cliff (501534)
<b>21 Feb</b>	Pat Wroe (01260223389)	<b>21 Mar</b>	Alistair Croft (261964)	<b>11 Apr</b>	Alan Chapman (422295)
<b>28 Feb</b>	Doreen Dean (01260227207)	<b>28 Mar</b>	Stef Booth (07856038429)	<b>18 Apr</b>	Chris Jones (820355)
				<b>25 Apr</b>	David Bowden (611098)



AIR TENNIS

AIR Tennis members enjoying tennis and sunshine Wednesday 12 January. Great to see Sheila Bennett back playing and leading the Tennis after her spell of ill health.

### TEN PIN BOWLING

Although a few stalwarts (3-4 people) have been playing over the last few weeks we hope everybody will be back soon. Just as a reminder to members thinking of joining us, we meet on Friday mornings at 10 and play till about 11.45. We pay £7.99 for the 'nifty-fifty offer' and get 2 games and a coffee/tea and a bacon-buttie/toast. We like to think we are a very sociable crowd.

Any enquiries please contact Robin Sidebottom on (01625) 265977 or Kelvin Menzieson 435038

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### DANCING

Sheila Bennett is restarting the Line Dancing class at Macclesfield Community Centre on 28 January and is also planning on starting a Beginners Sequence Dance class at the Tennis Club.

Any enquiries please contact Sheila Bennett on 07857307764

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### 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.

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### ART GROUP

Seasonal contributions from AIR Art Group.



### LIFE MEMBERS/NEW MEMBERS

**Congratulations are extended to new Life Members:** Jean Warham, Enid Evans and Lynda Martin

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

Una Eaton	Sheila Gibbons	Betty Lovett	David Haigh	John Morrell
Jane Haigh	John Pritchard	Stuart Finney	Barbara Finney	Geoff Jones
John Sigley	Jeanette Sigley	Pamela Walters	Joan Stewart	

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**Note:** As the Hurdsfield Carpet Bowls mat, currently stored at the Church, is no longer used it needs to be sold or disposed of. If anyone has any ideas on how best to deal with it, please contact Paul Waugh.

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### AIR SOCIAL EVENTS

#### LUNCH

**26 March 2022 at Macclesfield Community Centre**

A Social Event has been arranged for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at noon for 12.15 at Macclesfield Community Centre when Congleton caterers will supply a meat pie & peas lunch plus a dessert for £5.00. A vegetarian option of cheese and onion pie is also available for £5.00. You can bring your own drinks (and glasses) along. Coffee or tea will be supplied at the end of the meal by the Social Committee. Non members £12.50. Please complete the attached application form if you wish to attend.

If this lunch time event proves popular, we may instigate further Saturday lunches using the same caterers.

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#### THEATRE OUTING - CHICAGO

**Schools Edition at Daneside Theatre, Congleton, 30 March (7.30pm) or 2 April (2.30pm)**

This full length musical performed by the Centre Stage Youth Theatre Company has been adapted to become content-appropriate for youth performers, whilst containing all the favourite musical numbers. Tickets cost £12.50. Please see the attached form for more information and application details.

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#### DAY TRIPS 2022 - Roy McCarthy Coaches

A block of seats has been booked for AIR members on three of McCarthy's day trips. This approach eliminates the risk of not being able to fill a coach. Please see the attached form for application details.

**Tuesday 15 March:** Coffee stop at Amerton Farm with its craft shop, bakery and café. The remainder of the day will be spent in Lichfield: £25.00.

**Monday 11 April:** Coffee stop at Findern Garden Centre. Then on to the National Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire on the edge of the National Forest: £25.00.

**Thursday 12 May:** Spend the day in York: £27.00. Or travel further to Breezy Knees Gardens. The gardens are 20 acres in size and there is a café on site: £36.00.

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***A huge thank you*** to everyone who helped with the 'Coffee and Carols' event. It seemed to go very well and I thought the kitchen team did an excellent job, with plenty of willing helpers. I'm pleased to report that we raised **£251.37** for the East Cheshire Hospice which Howard Reeves (captain of the team of bellringers) will be handing over to the Hospice in the near future.

***Pam Herring***



## LUNCH

26 March 2022 at Macclesfield Community Centre

Please apply by 16 March 2022 so that we know the numbers involved.

### Application Form for SOCIAL LUNCH EVENT ON 26 MARCH 2022

Name (s).....  
Address.....  
Address.....  
Post Code..... Air Membership Number.....  
Home Tel.....  
Mobile.....  
Email address.....

I require ..... tickets at £5.00

I require .....tickets for vegetarian option at £5.00

I require .....tickets at £12.50 (meat/vegetarian).

I enclose an SAE and a cheque for a total of £..... payable to **Activity in Retirement**.

Cheque & SAE to: Mrs Anne Hooley, 3 Manley Road, Gawsworth, MACCLESFIELD, SK11 7UU

Tel: 0161 483694 or 07952 493 392 [annehooley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annehooley@yahoo.co.uk)

## DAY TRIPS 2022 - Roy McCarthy Coaches

Please photocopy this form if you wish to apply for more than one day trip.

### Application Form for DAY TRIPS 2022

Please enter your names and addresses plus those of friends booking and travelling together:

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....	Mr/Mrs/Ms.....
Address.....	.....
Address.....	.....
Post Code.....	.....
Mobile Number(s).....	
Home Number(s).....	
Emergency Contact Number(s).....	
Email address (optional).....	
Signed.....	

Please indicate number of seats required for:

a) Lichfield Cathedral and Amerton Working Farm: 15 March 2022 at £25.00 .....

b) Findern Garden Centre and National Arboretum: 11 April 2022 at £25.00.....

c) York: 12 May 2022 at £27.00 .....

Or Breezy Knees: 12 May 2022 at £36.....

Pick up point(s):.....

I/we enclose a cheque in the sum of £.....payable to **Roy McCarthy Coaches**.

Please return this form to the Organiser:

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# THEATRE OUTING - CHICAGO

**Daneside Theatre, Congleton, 30 March (7.30pm) or 2 April (2.30pm)**

This full length musical includes "All That Jazz", "Cell Block Tango", "When you're Good to Mama", "We Both Reached for the Gun", "Mister Cellophane", "Razzle Dazzle" and of course "Roxie". The Centre Stage Youth Performers never fail to impress.

Set in 1920s Chicago, and based on real-life murders and trials, Chicago follows Roxie Hart, a chorus girl, who murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he has been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie meets the famed double-murderess and nightclub performer Velma Kelly. When they both acquire the same greedy and manipulative lawyer, Billy Flynn, they vie for the spotlight, the headlines, the fame, fortune and...acquittal.

Tickets cost £12.50 each. Please indicate which performance you require.

Lifts may be possible. Bus 38 runs to Congleton every half hour. The Daneside is just behind Aldi which lies below the bus station and Mountbatten Way, a five minute walk.

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## **AIR Application form for CHICAGO at the Daneside Theatre in Congleton**

Name (s).....

Address.....

Address.....

Post Code..... Air Membership Number.....

Home Tel.....

Mobile.....

Email address.....

I would like .....seats for the performance on Weds 30 March at 7.30pm at £12.50

I would like .....seats for the performance on Sat 2 April at 2.30pm at £12.50

I would like a lift .....

I can offer a lift .....

SAE and Cheque made payable to **Activity in Retirement** to be returned to:

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