



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

I wish to express thanks to the committee, trustees and members who attended our AGM on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at the Macclesfield Community Centre. This is an important annual occasion and the excellent attendance enabled a quorum to be achieved and the convivial atmosphere ensured it was a worthwhile and informative event. (The AGM minutes and the Trustees' report will be available on request and also on the website).

In the last newsletter we asked for more volunteers, unfortunately nobody stepped forward for election. At the AGM I again pointed out the many years that existing committee members and trustees have served on your behalf. We will maintain our openings to seek more Trustees, Management Committee and Social Committee members to step forward and help. The Social Committee often requires additional occasional help, so if you could offer your time please give Anne Mathews your contact details so we can compile a support contact list.

Also, activity leaders and deputy roles still need support, so if you feel that you can spend a little time supporting AIR then please contact myself, or any committee member.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their support.

- Ian Crewdson - retiring Trustee and Committee member
- Rita Beattie – retiring Committee member
- Sue and Robin Avery – new activity lead and deputy for Monday Games
- Liz Welton - retiring activity leader
- Trish Mottershead & Sheila Whitmore – new activity leads for Thursday line dancing
- Jane Kwiatkowski – new activity lead for Ramblers

Also at the AGM, we proposed an amendment to the AIR Constitution. This included deleting an arbitrary requirement for a minimum of 50 people to attend the AGM, yet we have maintained the requirement for 5% of membership to attend, thus retaining the requirement for a cross-section of the AIR membership.

In August our 'Rules and Working Practices' document was amended to include a clause regarding the standard of acceptable behaviour for AIR members. Although the vast majority of AIR members regularly maintain good and acceptable standards we have had occasional instances reported that are deemed unacceptable. This clause defines the expectation of standards and potential repercussions if proven.

Our next bi-monthly coffee morning will be held at the Macclesfield Community Centre on 7th February 2026 commencing at 10:00am. These free events are friendly and social, proving very popular and donations collected are given to East Cheshire Hospice.

I would again remind members with computer access that our website (<https://airmacclesfield.com>) includes all current AIR Documents, information and newsletters for perusal. Anybody interested in AIR activities can view the website. Documentation and Gallery.

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I would still point out that we are seeking more trustees to step forward and help the overseeing of the Management Committee. Additionally, other committee and activity leadership roles are available, so if you feel that you can spend a little time supporting AIR then please contact myself, or any committee member. We all look forward to continued enjoyment of the many activities offered by AIR and welcome any comments and correspondence from AIR members and also your aspirations for the future.

Stay safe and look after yourselves

Regards

Paul Waugh – Chairman – Feb/Mar 2026

AIR Membership

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

Barbara Bracegirdle, Eleanor Hadfield, Doreen Law, Christine Pritchard, Kathleen Wainwright

Total membership is now 627.

AIR SOCIAL EVENTS

AIR COFFEE MORNINGS

We look forward to seeing you at our next Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th February from 10 a.m. to noon at the MCC. Come and chat with friends old and new and there will be the usual books and jigsaws available. All donations to go to the East Cheshire Hospice.

This year's Coffee Mornings will be held on:-

Saturday April 4th

Saturday June 6th

Saturday August 1st

Saturday October 3rd

Saturday December 5th



Any queries to Anne Mathews on 07958800914

AIR THEATRE OUTING (SELF DRIVE)

'WE WILL ROCK YOU'

Performed at Daneside Theatre, Congleton

Centre Stage Youth Theatre Co.

Tues 24th – Sat 28th March @ 7.30pm and 2.30pm 28th March

Music/Lyrics: Queen

Story/Script: Ben Elton

This talented and award-winning company of young people is excited to bring the jukebox musical, "We Will Rock You" featuring the music of Queen, to Daneside Theatre. It is a futuristic story of a renegade group known as the 'Bohemians' who struggle to restore the free exchange of thought and culture against the antagonist 'Killer Queen'. It features many Queen songs, including 'Killer Queen', 'Another one bites the dust' and 'I want to break Free'. It is suitable for all ages.

Please find further information and an application form at the back of this Newsletter

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AIR RAMBLERS

The AIR Ramblers group continues to meet on Monday mornings for walks of around 5 miles, usually around the local area but occasionally further afield. Details of the walk are supplied to members a few days beforehand and we set off at 9.45am. We are a friendly group and are always happy to welcome new Ramblers.

AIR Ramblers Leaders Rota:

February	March	April
02 Feb-Chris Jones (07821587440)	02 Mar-Cath Day, Jeff Kirk and Chris Brocklehurst (01625 502344)	06 Apr-Mike Mrozek (07972715487)
09 Feb-Mike Mrozek (07972715487)	09 Mar-Terry Heathcote (07421324599)	13 Apr-David Bowden (07767406480)
16 Feb-David Bowden (07767406480)	16 Mar-Mike Cliff (501534)	20 Apr-Doreen Dean (01260 227207)
23 Feb-Doreen Dean (01260 227207)	23 Mar-Alan Chapman (422295)	27 Apr-Mike Cliff (501534)
	30 Mar-Chris Jones (07821587440)	

Please contact Jane Kwiatkowski on 079234 37713 for further information.

A few AIR Ramblers braved the recent snow and cold and were rewarded with beautiful clear views looking out over the Cheshire plain, plus a warm drink in the comfort of the Teggs Nose café.



AIR BOULES

The AIR Boules group enjoyed their annual Christmas meal together at The Plough at Eaton after an enjoyable season.



AIR TAI CHI

As Tai Chi sessions are oversubscribed, the leaders have decided that it isn't possible to:-

- a) Accept any new names onto a waiting list.
- b) Attend a session unless you are on the current Tai Chi register.

So unfortunately, no one can just turn up and try out a session.

When this situation changes it will be announced in the newsletter.

For Hire

AIR own approximately 150 glass champagne flutes and are now offering these to members for hire. Should this be of interest and you wish to secure more details please contact Paul Waugh 07906 235913

AIR Insurance Policy covers Public Liability and not individual members. Any member or guest participating in an AIR activity do so at their own risk.

Non-members / Guests must also sign the 'Disclaimer Acceptance' form indicating that this is understood.

AIR Theatre Outing (Self Drive) March 2026

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Tickets cost £15.00 each. Please indicate which performance you require.

Tuesday 24th – Sat 28th March @ 7.30pm or Sat 28th @ 2.30pm

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

Please send a cheque payable to *Activity in Retirement* together with an SAE. Or provide your email to enable tickets to be emailed to you.

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AIR Application form for WE WILL ROCK YOU at the Daneside Theatre in Congleton

Name (s).....

Address.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Air Membership Number.....

Land Line.....

Mobile number.....

Email address.....

I would like seats for the matinee on 28th March at 2.30pm @ £15.00 pp

I would like seats for the evening performance at 7.30pm @ £15.00 pp
24st / 25th / 26th / 27th or 28th March

I would like a lift..... I can offer a lift.....

Email address to which tickets can be sent.....

Alternatively: SAE & Cheque made payable **to Activity in Retirement** to be returned to: Mrs A Hooley, 3 Manley Road, Gawsorth, Macclesfield, SK11 7UU. Tel 0161 483 6940, 07952 493 392, annehooley@yahoo.co.uk