



# 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 am very pleased to advise you that some willing members have stepped up to help run AIR (Jean England has offered to be a Trustee; Kevin Hurst and Sally Brincat are now members of the Management Committee) however we continue to seek more support, so if you feel that you can spend a little time supporting AIR then please contact myself, or any committee member.

The Trustees and Committee members are compiling a series of 'role responsibilities' to advise members what is presently involved with each position. This will hopefully assist members to make an informed choice when volunteering for any future position,

Due to a clash with Easter, our next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 18th April 2026 commencing at 10:00am. at the Macclesfield Community Centre (See notice in Newsletter for details). These free bi-monthly events are friendly and social, proving very popular and donations collected are given to East Cheshire Hospice.

We have had discussions with Cheshire East Council regarding an increase in rental charges for the MCC, these have remained static for 2 years. This is our main venue for activities, and a rental increase is inevitable due to increased costs. Cheshire East Council continue to recognise the important impact AIR has within the community.

The adjacent car park will also increase charges from the beginning of April yet will remain free after 3:00pm.

AIR Management Committee has approved the purchase of 2 new indoor bowling mats. This popular activity is a victim of its own success – more players wear the mats out quicker! (For those interested, the mats can have different 'speeds' to create different playing conditions).

AIR Management Committee has approved funding for repairs to the Boules court at Hurdsfield Church. Reports are that this has greatly improved the playing conditions. We are now discussing the possibility of a second weekly activity which AIR members may wish to attend. (Watch this space for details).

A substantial amount of money is given to AIR each year from HMRC through 'Gift Aid'. We would ask that all members consider agreeing to this. Basically, if you are a taxpayer AIR can recover the tax you have paid on your annual membership payment each year. (See notice in Newsletter for details)

I would again remind members with computer access that our website (<https://airmacclesfield.com>) has all current AIR Documents and newsletters available for perusal.

We all look forward to your 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 – Apr/May 2026**

## AIR Membership

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

Edward Arnold	Carole Devine	Janet Henshaw	Susan Renshaw
Harry Barchha	John Doyle	Yvonne Law	Kerrian Rogers
Lynn Brooks	Elaine Doyle	Betty Lovett	Ruth Rogers
Marsha Cossey	Susan Gallagher	Katherine Omeir	Felicya Thomas
Ann Dean	Christine Harland	Tony Prestwood	Cecilia Vas.

**Total membership is now 647.**

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## Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a UK government scheme that allows charities such as AIR to reclaim basic-rate tax on donations made by UK taxpayers, effectively increasing the value of the annual £10 subscription to £12.50 at no extra cost to you. Around 60% of our membership have signed up to the scheme - this allows us to reclaim more than £900 from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) every year. If just half of those members who are not signed up were to agree to join, we could claim a further £250 or more each year.

It is likely that members may not remember if they had not signed up to gift aid – **a gentle reminder will therefore be sent by email /letter in the next few months to all members who are not currently signed up to gift aid.** This will explain the gift aid rules in detail and allow for a response to sign up to the scheme if desired - obviously no compulsion as this is totally voluntary.

David Bowden  
AIR Membership Secretary

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**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.

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**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 23591

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# AIR SOCIAL EVENTS

## AIR COFFEE MORNINGS

### NB CHANGE OF DATE FOR APRIL COFFEE MORNING

Due to the 4th April falling on Easter Saturday we have decided to hold April's Coffee Morning on the 18th April. (The 11th is the Repair Cafe). Come and join us if you are free and meet up with friends old and new with a chance to restock on your books and jigsaws. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Saturday June 6th

Saturday August 1st

Saturday October 3rd

Saturday December 5th



Any queries to Anne Mathews on 07958800914, [e.annie01@hotmail.com](mailto:e.annie01@hotmail.com)

## Macclesfield College lunches in May 2026

I have provisionally booked two lunches for AIR members at Macclesfield College on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May at midday.

The Catering College students prepare and serve the meals. The start time is 12 o'clock prompt at Whites Restaurant. The restaurant is situated in the first college building you come to when accessing the site from Park Lane. The cost is £17.50 per person for three courses. This price includes a tip but excludes drinks.

If you are interested in attending, please email [annehooley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annehooley@yahoo.co.uk) and I will keep you posted.

## AIR IN ACTION

### 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:

April	May	June
06 Apr-TBC	04 May-Jane Kwiatkowski (07923437713)	01 Jun-Cath Day, Jeff Kirk and Chris Brocklehurst (01625 502344)
13 Apr-David Bowden (07767406480)	11 May-Alan Chapman (422295)	08 Jun-Terry Heathcote (07421324599)
20 Apr-TBC	18 May-Mike Cliff (501534)	15 Jun-David Bowden (07767406480)
27 Apr-Chris Jones (07821587440)	25 May-Mike Mrozek (07972715487)	22 Jun-Doreen Dean (01260 227207)
		29 Jun-Mike Cliff (501534)

Please contact Jane Kwiatkowski on 079234 37713 for further information.

## AIR TENNIS



AIR tennis group enjoying early spring weather at the Macclesfield Tennis Club, Park Lane. The group meets every Wednesday morning throughout the year between 10am and 12noon. New members are always welcome, including beginners. Please contact Alistair Croft on 07516 251998.

## AIR CRAFT GROUP

Are you looking for a new creative hobby to relax and create - try Diamond Art!

AIR and Craft Group member Julie Williams will provide materials and guidance. The Craft Group meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at the MCC.



## AIR BOULES



Spring has come early. Back to Boules!!

