

## **IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 12 April 2021**

Present : Gary, John, Ray, Michael, Paul, Terry and Richard

The previous meeting minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

### **Chairman's Report**

We have not been notified of a replacement for Jayne Cutler, the former oversight manager, and we do not have an IBM contact at present.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Deposits totalling £300 received for the summer lunch cruise.  
Cheque sent for the boat deposit of £480 has not yet been cashed.  
Closing balance at end of March was £5,252.41

### **Membership Report**

We have not received any further membership reports from IBM.

### **Technology Group**

At the March meeting Paul gave a talk about encryption.  
For the April meeting Paul will demonstrate his new Raspberry Pie computer.  
John will talk about coding using Python.

### **Rambling Club**

Terry will arrange a Zoom meeting in May for the Rambling Club committee to plan walks for this year.

### **Planned Events Update**

#### **E2104PHO - Photo Competition – Spring Theme**

So far only 5 photos have been received so Ray asked the committee to send their entries soon.  
The photos are available to view in the Spring Photo Competition folder on DropBox.  
All entries to be received by the end of April. Judging will be done by the committee at their monthly committee meeting on 10 May.

#### **E2108SLA – Summer Lunch on a Thames Cruise**

This event was first publicised in the March newsletter. So far, Paul has received 10 bookings for 20 members. Bookings have been requested by the end of April but this deadline may be extended to the end of May. Paul has sent a deposit of £480 for the cruise ship booking. A reminder of this event will be given in the April newsletter.

#### **E2112XML – Christmas Lunch**

Gary has found that the Oak Hotel has been renamed Hockley House. Gary will make further contact to see if they will be doing Christmas lunches and also whether our £250 Oak Hotel credit is still valid.

### **Other Potential Events**

**Pete's Place** – Gary states that all events are currently cancelled but will ask Pete if any events could be held later this year.

**Triumph Motorcycle Factory Visit** – Richard said group tours are limited to 20 people but with current social distancing rules it would be difficult to organise a tour at present. Also most manufacturing has been outsourced to Triumph's Malaysian factory. Richard will make further enquiries to see if a tour is feasible later this year.

#### **Newsletter**

The April newsletter will include reminders for the Spring Photo Competition and the Summer Lunch cruise bookings. Also it will publicise the Technology Group meeting to be held on Friday 16 April.

#### **AOB**

None

**Next Official Meeting - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom**