

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 10 May 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

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

Deposits totalling £420 received for the summer lunch cruise.
The cheque for the Thames Cruise boat deposit of £480 has now been cashed.
Closing bank balance at end of April was £4,892.41.

Membership Report

Latest IBM report received just after meeting shows 433 members.
Sadly we have lost two members this month: Pat Noble and Peter Evans.

Technology Group

At the April meeting John gave a talk about Python programming.
For the May meeting John will give a talk about Git and the Git Hub and
Paul will give a presentation on Smalltalk.

Rambling Club

The Rambling Club Committee will hold their first meeting this year directly after this meeting at 11.15 a.m. Terry will direct this meeting.

Planned Events Update

E2104PHO - Photo Competition – Spring Theme

The Spring contest had 14 entries and were judged by the committee. The results were as follows.
First prize goes to Suzanne Bradshaw for SP03.JPG, second place goes to Michael for SP01.JPG and
third place goes to David Lees for SP02.JPG. Ray will present the prize of a bottle of wine to the
winner. All photos are viewable on DropBox.

E2108SLA – Summer Lunch on a Thames Cruise

This event was first publicised in the March newsletter and then further publicised in the April
newsletter. So far, Paul has received 12 bookings for 24 members. The event is financially viable with
these bookings but further members would be very welcome. It was thought best to give further
publicity to this event in the June newsletter as we should know by then if any COVID restrictions
remain.

E2108PPL – Pete's Place

Gary has arranged with Pete to organise a charity open day at Pete's Place on Thursday 26 August.
Gary will draft the announcement for Michael to include in this month's newsletter.

E2112XML – Christmas Lunch

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

Other Potential Events

Visit to Batsford Aboretum in the Autumn. To be discussed further at next meeting.

Newsletter

The May newsletter will include:

The top 3 photos of the Spring Photo Competition

Details of the Pete's Place event with a booking form.

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None

Next Official Meeting - Monday 14th June 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom