

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 12 July 2021

Present : Gary, Ray, Paul, Terry and Richard
Apologies from John & Michael (both on holiday)

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

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

End of June balance was £5,012.41

Membership Report

433 members in July. No change from June.

Technology Group

For the June meeting Ray gave a presentation on Electric Cars, including topics on: government incentives to buy; pros and cons of ownership; sample cars and charging technology.
For the July meeting Paul may be talking about video transfer from camcorders.

Rambling Club

A July ramble has not been arranged.
Terry will discuss a potential August ramble at our August MRC committee meeting.

Planned Events Update

E2108SLA – Summer Lunch on a Thames Cruise

Paul has received bookings for 30 members and this number has been confirmed with the cruise company. Paul will be emailing members for the balances now due this month. Any further bookings received will be placed on a wait list.

E2108PPL – Pete's Place

Gary has arranged with Pete to organise a charity open day at Pete's Place on Thursday 26 August. Further publicity for this event will be given in the July newsletter.

E2110BAT – Visit to the Batsford Arboretum

The event day will be Thursday 21 October which is before before the schools half term week. The entry cost will be subsidised to around £5 per person. Concession price is normally £7.95. Details and a booking form are to be included in this month's newsletter.

E2112XML – Christmas Lunch

Gary has found that the Oak Hotel has been renamed Hockley House. Gary has been quoted £44 per head for a Prosecco, a three course meal, half a bottle of wine per head and tea/coffee after. The committee thought this was a reasonable price. Gary is making a provisional booking for Thursday 16 December with any required deposit hopefully covered by the carried over £250 invested last year.

Newsletter

The July newsletter will include:

Reminders for the Summer Lunch cruise and Pete's Place.

Details for the visit to Batsford Arboretum in October.

A Rambling Club update.

The proposed date for the Christmas Lunch at Hockley House.

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None

Next Official Meeting - Monday 9 August 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom