

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 13 December 2021

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

Apologies from Richard who was on the M1 in the rain!

The previous meeting minutes were approved and there was one matter arising – in the Technology section the word “Infra” should have been “Infrared”

Chairman’s Report

John had nothing to report this month.

Treasurer’s Report

End of November balance was £4,695.11 which includes payments for the Xmas Lunch. IBM should be making a small grant for the second half of this year. No news yet of 2022 grants.

Membership Report

The November report shows we lost 5 members through 3 deaths and 2 transfers to other clubs. December report not yet received. Membership reduced to 425 members from 430 in October.

Gary has found that John Smith, who had booked for the Xmas lunch, was a member of the IBM Club rather than a member of the MRC. However he has cancelled his lunch booking.

Technology Group

In the November meeting John continued his talk about Infrared Technology. For the December meeting Paul will talk about replacing his central heating timer with a more sophisticated control from a Raspberry Pie computer.

E2112XML – Christmas Lunch – 16 December - Organiser Gary

Gary had received 59 bookings. However since informing attendees that they will need to take a lateral flow test following the outbreak of the Omicron variant 16 attendees have cancelled.

Therefore 43 attendees are now expected and Gary will send an email to them giving full details of the event including list of attendees and procedures to sign in and table selection etc. Gary has produced the usual tent indicators for this.

Gary has provided the hotel with a full list of menu selections with summaries. The hotel will ask their service staff to wear masks for the table service.

Potential 2022 Events

AGM via Zoom in March
Restaurant meal in April.
Pete’s Place possibly in May
Visit to NT property including lunch
Triumph Motorcycle factory and museum tour
Summer lunch cruise on Thames
Great Western Railway trip with a fish and chip supper.

We will progress these potential events at our next meeting in January.

Newsletter

The December newsletter will include an article and photos for the Xmas lunch. Gary to supply.

AOB

John requested the Agenda document be named with numeric dates rather than month names so files would automatically be displayed in date order. Ray agreed to this for future agendas.

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 10 January 2022 at 10.30 a.m. via Zoom