

Midlands IBM Retirees Club - Committee Meeting – 11 November 2024

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

Apologies: None

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

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

End of October balance was £3,873.45

This includes total deposits of £707.70 for E2410ARB and E2412XML

Web site renewal fee now due

Paul will investigate opening a savings account which pays 1% interest.

Membership Report

We have 149 members.

No change from last month.

Technology Group

The Technology group meetings are paused for the moment.

John is looking into preparing a talk on Electric Vehicles including tariffs.

Events for 2024

October - E2410ARB. - National Memorial Arboretum (31st). - Michael

18 people attended this event and had a good day out.

December - E2412XML - Christmas Lunch on 11 Dec 2024 - Gary

To be held at the Boars Head in Hampton Lucy.

The lunch includes a welcome drink, a 3 course lunch

With wine rounded off with tea/coffee & mince pie.

Cost is £29.45 per person. It was suggested we give a

gratuity of £5 per couple if no service charge added.

Gary has 34 bookings which is the maximum for the room.

Gary will email attendees to remind them what they ordered

and to advise that he will collect a gratuity after the meal.

Planning Events for 2025

The following potential events and organisers are:

- Ethnic Meal. - Possibly Sabai, Sabai Leamington in February. Terry
- Glass Cone factory tour - Paul
- McAlpine Estate at Falsely - Paul
- A National Trust visit - Packwood House - Ray
walk through the woods before house & lunch. (Terry)
- National Waterways Museum at Braunston Lock Paul
- Pete's Place - on Thursday 29 May for schools half term. Gary
- Birmingham Canal Trip - Guided Tour with lunch - June. Ray
- Johnson's Coach Outings - brochures now available - John & Ray to review
Possibly visiting small railways in Wales
- Boat Yard in Banbury combined with Canal Boat Day - October. Paul

Newsletter

Potential items for November include:

Write up and pictures of the National Memorial Arboretum

Christmas lunch. - note saying fully booked.

If possible, advance notice of Ethnic Meal in February Terry

AOB.

Discussion on Paula's laptop problem. It appears that MS Office removed due to end of one year trial period. Terry and Paula installing alternative software.

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 9 December at 10.30 am