

Midlands IBM Retirees Club

Committee Meeting Minutes for 22 September 2025

Present : Ray, Gary, Terry, and Paul

Apologies: Michael and John

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

Chairman's Report

Terry chaired today's meeting as John was away. Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

End of August current account balance was £463.29

The AGM expenses of just over £200 are to be paid to John.

Membership Report

No changes

Technology Group

Paul gave a presentation on Virtual Private Networks (VPN) on 19th September to 6 members via Zoom.

Events for 2025

E2508AGM - AGM with lunch at Gaydon on 11th August was well attended by 25 members. Committee thanks Julie and Christine for preparing the summer lunch	John & Ray
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E2510ARB - Batsford Arborem tour plus lunch Ray will draft an article for the September NL. Will be a Thursday either 23rd or 30th October Ray will ask Arboretum best day to go	Ray
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E2512XML - Christmas Lunch Gary is proposing using the Malt Shovel in Bubbenhall and will discuss menus and costs with them.	Gary
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Events for 2026

The following events were proposed:

Late February or early March - Ethnic Lunch at Sabai, Sabai.	Ray
Glass Cone factory tour	Paul
Self drive canal boat day trip	
May school holiday - Pete's Place	Gary

Newsletter

Batsford Arboretum article. - Ray

Possibly some details about the Christmas Lunch if available. Gary

AOB.

It was thought a good idea to now consider introducing membership subscription and thus being able to subsidise events. Gary and Paul favour this and Ray and Terry have come around to this idea too after seeing how popular the AGM was with the free summer lunch. Many recent events have been poorly attended and a subsidy may encourage better event support in future. To be discussed at future meetings.

Next Meeting - Monday 13th October at 10.30 am on Zoom