

Midlands IBM Retirees Club

Committee Meeting Minutes for 13 October 2025

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

Apologies: None, everyone present on Zoom

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

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

End of September current account balance was £318.84

Savings account balance was £2,012.79

Bank charges were £4.25

Paul's email of 12 October also includes a quarterly income and expenditure report

And YTD and reconciliation reports for the savings account

Membership Report

No changes

Technology Group

Further info from Paul on VPN. A kill switch is needed if network goes down to disconnect you fully from the internet.

Events for 2025

E2510ARB - Batsford Arbortem tour plus lunch Ray

Details have been sent via email and also newsletter.

It will be on Wednesday 22 Oct (changed from 30 Oct)

Only 8 people have confirmed they will be coming.

E2512XML - Christmas Lunch at Malt Shovel, Bubbenhall Gary

Gary has published details of the lunch in the newsletter

Sent last week. It is on Wednesday 10th December.

Cost is £33 per head including tips for three courses.

Two courses are available for £28. Drinks will be extra.

Gary has received 8 bookings so far.

Events for 2026

The following events are proposed:

E2602ETH - Ethnic Lunch at Sabai, Sabai on 25th February	Ray
E2604FAC - Glass Cone factory tour	Paul
E2605PPL - May school holiday - Pete's Place	Gary
E2606CAN - Canal day boat.	Paul
E2607HOL - Johnson's coach short holiday	John & Ray

Discussion on Membership Subscriptions

In view of our current financial position the committee discussed the pros and cons of introducing a club membership subscription to keep our finances good for the longer term. It was thought a good idea to ask our members about this first. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Newsletter

Michael has issued an early October newsletter and will change the date of the arboretum event from 30 October to Wednesday 22 October.

Ray will also draft an email for Gary to distribute advising of this date change.

AOB.

None

Next Meeting - Monday 10th November at 10.30 am on Zoom