

Midlands IBM Retirees Club

Committee Meeting Minutes for 8 December 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 October current account balance was £932.34

This includes many payments received for the Xmas lunch

Membership Report

No changes

Technology Group

Paul is planning to give a Zoom talk on "Installing Linux on old laptops"

Target date is Friday 27th March

Events for 2025

E2512XML. - Christmas Lunch at Malt Shovel, Bubbenhall Gary
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 24 bookings so far.

Events for 2026

The following events are proposed:

E2602ETH - Ethnic Lunch on Wednesday 25th February	Ray
E2604FAC - Glass Cone factory tour	Paul
E2605PPL - May school holiday - Pete's Place - Thursday 28/5	Gary
E2606CAN - Canal day boat. Locations being checked	Paul
E2607HOL - Johnson's coach short holiday	John & Ray

The Summer 2026 brochure has now been received.
Coach trip or holiday to be chosen,

Membership Subscriptions

A vote was taken on this and the majority voted against introducing subscriptions at this time. This will be reconsidered in the future when our funds are running low.

Copyright Issue

Following the demand of payment of £80 from Alamy for copyright infringement a special committee meeting was held on 24 November 2025 to discuss our response. It was decided to challenge their demand and Paul wrote a response which was sent by Ray as club secretary. No further response yet received from Alamy.

Newsletter

Items for this month's newsletter are:

1. List of proposed 2026 events - Ray
2. Article with photos on the Xmas Lunch. - Gary

Michael will review and update the Newsletter foot note links. - Michael

The archived newsletters will be transferred to another site and a new picture link inserted.

Terry will provide a new link to the rambling club archives. - Terry

AOB.

Terry and Paula are thinking about going to London for a day out and to see a show and wondered whether to turn this into a club event, possibly for March. Other committee members supported the idea of a Theatre trip, perhaps locally. Paul will investigate Banbury theatres, Gary will check what's on in the Leamington theatres and John will check the Stratford theatres.

Next Meeting - Monday 12 January 2026 at 10.30 am on Zoom