IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meeting – 3 December 2018

Present : John, Paul, Ray, Dave, Gary, Michael, Terry and Chris
Also : Brian Dunston (Rambling Club treasurer)
Apologies: Richard

Finance
End of November 2018 bank balance was £5976.46
Xmas lunch (for 84) to be paid for in December.
Budgeting for 2019 events will be discussed in detail at the January committee meeting.

Membership
Membership remains at 448 members.
The IBM Approach database has been compared with our members database using Gary's specially written program. 227 differences were found of which 70 have been resolved. We will write to our members individually to resolve differences in email addresses on the databases. We will decide at a later meeting whether to maintain the separate club information of full member details or just rely on the IBM Approach DB to simplify future maintenance.   (Dave & Garry)

Newsletter
Articles etc. for the December newsletter should be sent to Michael by **8 December** (All)
Michael needs articles asap as he is going on holiday this month.
Newsletter emails now sent to 290 members.

Rambling Club
Alan Palmer's ramble took place on 18 November starting at Barston. 8 walkers did the longer 7 mile walk and 7 walkers did the 4 mile walk. A total of 21 attended the pub lunch after.

Future financing of the rambling club was discussed and Brian was invited to this meeting as treasurer. Ray proposed that this sub section should consider simplifying finances by removing the annual subscription and the ramble meal subsidies and just subsiding a single event such as the AGM dinner. However after discussion most members preferred to keep the present arrangement. This will be discussed at the rambling club AGM.
The club's AGM is planned for Thursday 6 December at IBM Warwick location with a meal afterwards at the Catalan restaurant in Warwick.

Completed Events
E1810SKI – Skittles evening with meal arranged by Dave Dagley was successfully held on 8 November.

2018 Events Update

E1811XMA - Christmas Lunch at Wroxall Abbey on 13 December– Bookings closed on 16 November with 84 members booked. Alan has called at Wroxall Abbey hotel to give them the dining requirements. Alan has prepared a spreadsheet for Gary to produce the table tent indicators with names and meal choices. John will be making a short after dinner speech. Dave will prepare a novel pass the parcel game to entertain. Cheques received by Alan passed to Paul for paying in. Paul will bring cheque book to lunch to pay the bill!   (Alan, Ray, John, Gary, Dave, Paul)

Planning of **2019 events** is shown in a separate document.

Cross Charging

        To be discussed further at our next meeting.   (Dave, Paul)

Next Meeting: Monday 7th January   10.15 for a 10.30 start at IBM Warwick