

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meeting – 30 September 2019

Present : John, Gary, Paul, Ray, Michael, Terry & Richard

Treasurer's Report

Estimated at £6,000 for end of September.

Membership Report

Currently 441 members. There have been 3 deaths since last meeting on 5 August.

Newsletter

Articles etc. for the October newsletter should be sent to Michael by **Sunday 13 October** (All)

Rambling Club

Rick Organised a ramble on Saturday 17 August around Wooton Wawen. 17 ramblers attended and had lunch at the Navigation Inn.

Brian organised the next ramble on Wednesday 18 September. This started and finished from The Golden Cross pub near Ardens Grafton. 15 ramblers walked and had lunch.

Next ramble is being organised by Ray on Sunday 13 October and based around Draycote Water.

Completed Events

E1917AUM Terry organised an evening meal at Momenti's in Leamington on 7th August. 20 people attended and gave a good feedback after.

E1912RJO Michael organised this trip to the Rioja area of Spain. It was thoroughly enjoyed by 11 IBM members and three additional guests.

E1913BTH Richard organised this day out by coach to Bath on Thursday 26 September. Free guided tours were given by the Mayor's guides who gave interesting talks on Bath's history.

2019 Events Update

E1915SKI Dave Dagley has booked skittles at the Snitterfield Sorts club for Thursday evening 7 November. Details with booking form were included in the September newsletter.

E1916XML Christmas Lunch. This has been booked at Walton Hall near Wellesbourne for Wednesday 18 December. Full details were included in the September newsletter. A provisional booking for 70 people has been made and secured with a £700 deposit.

2020 Events

Based on the member survey organised by Gary the following events are being considered for 2020. Further discussion and planning will follow at our November meeting.

| Event | Organiser |
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| Christmas Lunch | |
| Railway trip with lunch | Paul |
| River cruise with lunch on board | Michael |
| Technical visit e.g. car, food factory | Richard |

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| Visit to house and gardens | John |
| Visit to a distillery | Ray |
| Evening Meal | Terry |
| Spring lunch (speaker possible) | Gary |
| Skittles | Paul |
| London Weekend by coach | John |
| Pete's Place | Gary |
| Multi day walking trip | Rambling Club |
| Eden Project & Lost Gardens of Heligan – 3 or 4 nights | |
| European river cruise | |

Constitutional Changes

The club and member liabilities appear to be unchanged.

There is a need to keep relevant records such as meeting minutes for a minimum of 9 years.

Unfortunately Paul hadn't received latest version so this will be reviewed again at the November meeting.

AOB

Use of Gmail – John has discussed with Jane Cutler our use of gmail for communicating with members. To comply with GDPR we must delete our gmails to members after 3 months and if necessary archive them to a BOX folder if needed for a longer term. John will confirm to Jane that we have agreed to this.

Refunds Policy – Richard has raised the question of how refunds should be handled when members cancel their bookings prior to an event.

The general consensus was that this should be handled on a case by case basis taking into account the reasons for cancellation, how much notice was given and the amount of money involved.

Next Meeting - Monday 4 November at 10.30 at IBM Warwick