

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 16 August 2021

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

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

Chairman's Report

John had been contacted by Ken Griffith of the Northern Retirees Club to advise that their committee were now meeting in person again and they were planning to get back to organising a full programme of events.

Treasurer's Report

End of July balance was £5,468.53

Membership Report

433 members in July. No update yet received for August from IBM.

Technology Group

For the July meeting Paul gave a talk about video transfer from camcorders.

The August meeting will be a discussion on home WiFi prompted by a problem that Terry was having with his home kit. John will email the group about this.

Rambling Club

Terry will draft an article for this month's newsletter to see if anyone would like to organise the next ramble.

Over time the rambling club will cease to be a sub section of the retirees club and will merge with the retirees club which will mean the current separate organisation of chairman, treasurer, secretary will not be needed. Rambles would then be organised by the retirees club committee as rambling events.

Planned Events Update

E2108SLA – Summer Lunch on a Thames Cruise – 18 August

This is fully booked for 30 members and Paul has emailed the full details to those going.

There was not sufficient demand to provide wine with the meal and wine and other drinks can be ordered at the bar. The car park takes both cash and cards.

E2108PPL – Pete's Place – 26 August

Gary saw Pete yesterday and everything is arranged for the open day. Gary will collect £10 per car on the day.

E2110BAT – Visit to the Batsford Arboretum – 21 October

So far only 10 people have booked for this but further bookings are expected nearer the time. The price has been set at £5 per person for members. Normal concession price is £7.95.

E2112XML – Christmas Lunch – 16 December

Gary has been quoted £44 per head for a Prosecco, a three course meal, half a bottle of wine per head and tea/coffee after. Gary is currently waiting for menu options before drafting the booking form.

Newsletter

The August newsletter will include:

A report with pictures on the Summer Lunch cruise. (Paul)

A reminder for the visit to Batsford Arboretum in October. (Ray)

A request for rambling ideas . (Terry)

A possible update on the Christmas Lunch if menus are provided in time. (Gary)

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Richard and Sheila are planning to move to Northumberland by early next year.

Next Official Meeting - Monday 13 September 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom