

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 8 November 2021

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

Apologies from Paul who was away from home

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

Chairman's Report

John had nothing to report this month.

Treasurer's Report

End of October balance was £4,420.11 which includes some payments for the Xmas Lunch. Paul had sent an email regarding a John Smith who has booked for the Xmas lunch but did not appear to be a member of the IBM Retirees Club (Midlands). Gary is looking into this.

Membership Report

A total of 430 members in October. November report not yet received.

Technology Group

For the October meeting John gave a talk about Infra Technology linked to a Raspberry Pie computer. The November meeting topic has not yet been decided.

Planned Events Update

E2112XML – Christmas Lunch – 16 December - Organiser Gary

Gary has received bookings for 40 people and is expecting at least 6 more. Bookings will be taken up to the end of November. As John is not coming to the dinner Ray has offered to do the Chairman's speech.

Future Events

Paul has sent an email suggesting following two events:

- 1) Tank driving Experience. This would cost £299 for half a day. This was thought too expensive and perhaps too adventurous for our age group.
- 2) Visit to Chastleton House and Garden. The idea of a visit to a NT property was agreed but not to this location as there were no dining facilities and house didn't open until 1 p.m. However we will look at other NT venues to visit for next year.

Other potential events for 2022 were:

Pete's Place
Restaurant meal during January/ February
Triumph Motorcycle factory and museum tour

We will discuss these potential events at our next meeting in December so we can make some announcements at the Xmas dinner and in the December newsletter.

Newsletter

The November newsletter will include a reminder for the Xmas lunch bookings setting a final booking time of the end of November.

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None

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 13 December 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom