

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 14 March 2022

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

Apologies from Richard who was on holiday and unable to Zoom in.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

End of February closing balance on bank statement was £3,686.54, the same as January's. Paul has also prepared the 2021 Treasurer's Report for the AGM,

Membership Report

Membership now **419**.

Technology Group

For the February meeting Ray gave a presentation on domestic electricity battery storage. The March meeting will be a talk by Mark on text processing.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 16 March starting with coffee at 10.45 with the formal meeting starting at 11 a.m. Full details of the meeting agenda and details of joining the meeting were given in the February newsletter. No motions have been received from members for debate at the AGM. A reminder for the AGM will be sent to all members this afternoon together with the Treasurer's report.

Potential 2022 Events

Rambles

Terry sent an email to all members to see who was interested in rambling and also to find out who was willing to organise a ramble this year. Several members were interested in rambles but most preferred short rather than long rambles. Following a meeting of the Rambling Club sub section on 21 February it was decided to discontinue the sub section and make rambles events of the Retirees Club. Paul had suggested that The Retirees Club should extend invitations to rambles to the IBM Midland Club. However the committee thought probably not as younger walkers would probably want longer more challenging walks and would probably not be available for Monday to Friday walks. No walks are currently planned. Terry may have a walk for April.

E2204EVM Restaurant evening meal

Ray has made a provisional booking for 25 to 30 people at the Cote Brasserie in Leamington Spa. This will be on Wednesday 27 April starting at 7 p.m. The restaurant will be sending Ray it's April menu at the end of March and Ray will send an email to all members with a booking form in early April. The meal price will be around £25 gross per person including 3 courses and coffee and tips, but excluding wine etc. Ray will raise an event plan and discuss potential subsidy with Paul.

E2205PPL Pete's Place

Gary has arranged this with Pete for Sunday 15 May.

E2206GDN Gardens Visit

Ray will be organising a visit to a National Trust or Historic Home garden in June. Hopefully this will also include a house tour and offer lunch or afternoon tea.

E2207GWR Gloucester Warwickshire Railway

Paul will be organising this trip with a fish and chip supper to be held in July

E2208SML Summer lunch cruise

Paul will be organising this lunch and cruise on the Thames to be held in August

E2209HOL September Holiday

Terry has talked to Johnsons Coaches about a package holiday in Guernsey during September and is awaiting their reply. It is likely to cost around £1,200 per person for a week's holiday staying at a hotel on the NW side of Guernsey. The ferry from Portsmouth takes 13 hours to get there. The catamaran ferry from Poole harbour takes around 3 hours but is not currently running. Flying from Eastleigh Airport costs £170 as an alternative to the ferries.

In view of the expense and travel time to get to Guernsey Terry will investigate an alternative mainland holiday. Nidd Hall Hotel in Harrogate was suggested.

E2210TFT Triumph Motorcycle factory

Richard will endeavour to organise a factory and museum tour in October .

E2212XML Christmas Lunch

Gary has offered to organise the Christmas lunch again. Venue and date to be decided.

Newsletter

Michael is abroad on holiday this week so will prepare the newsletter on his return.

Ray will send Michael a short article to publicise the April evening meal venue and date.

AOB

None

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 11 April 2022 at 10.30 a.m. via Zoom