

Midlands IBM Retirees Club - Committee Meeting– 10 October 2022

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

Apologies from Paul who was on holiday

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

Chairman's Report

John has received a letter from the London Club asking what we are doing and John will shortly respond to this.

Treasurer's Report (via emails)

End of September registered balance was £3,471.87
September income for the canal day and Triumph visit came to £340.00.
September expenses for these two events totalled £573.00
There could be refunds needed in November if all the Triumph tickets are not sold.
Michael has sent invoices for the web sites fees of £179.72 which are now due.

Membership Report

There has been a good response to Gary's email requesting members to Opt In if they wish to be members of our new club. Gary has registered a total of 115 members so far.
The committee discussed whether we should invite IBM Midlands Club members to join. It was not clear at this stage whether their club would continue after the end of this year. Michael will liaise with them to discuss this.

Technology Group

For the 21st October session Ray is planning to update his presentation on home heating given earlier this year to bring it up to date with the latest gas and electricity prices. He will also include log/coal burning stove costs for comparison.
The home heating topic covers many areas so it was decided to have further sessions.
In November Dave Compton will discuss his solar panel installation and running costs.
In December we plan to cover Heating Pumps and insulation.
Ray, John and David will plan these sessions after this meeting.

2022 Events

E2210TFT Triumph Motorcycle factory

The Triumph factory cancelled the 19 October planned tour due to building works that have taken longer than expected. Richard has emailed all those interested to find out whether an alternative day in November could be arranged and the 24 November is the new date that has been agreed. Two tickets are still available and these will be publicised in the October newsletter.

E2212XML Christmas Lunch

Gary will be contacting some venues in the next week or two to find out what dates, menus etc. are available. To be discussed further at Monday morning informal zoom meetings.

Planning for 2023 Events

The following events ideas were suggested. These will be discussed further at our Monday morning sessions and potential dates and organisers arranged. Hopefully we can have a plan ready to announce in our November newsletter.

Winter evening meal (possibly ethnic restaurant)

Spring lunch (without a speaker)

GWR trip with fish and chips meal

Canal trip in self drive day boats

Factory Tour – possibly Morgan Cars in Malvern or Land Rover in Solihull

Brewery Museum – Burton on Trent

Amazon Fulfilment Centre – either Banbury or Coventry

Crown Derby Pottery tour

Iron Bridge Museum

Pete's Place

Walks in Spring, Summer and Autumn with lunch

Batsford or Westonbirt Arboretums

City tour of Oxford

May weekend away

Xmas lunch

Newsletter

Potential items for the October newsletter are:

An article to celebrate the new club membership as suggested by Paul (email 10 October)

Short write up of Holme Lacey holiday (Terry) and pictures from Paul.

Publicise the new date of 24 November for Triumph factory tour and state 2 tickets still available. (Richard)

Early details of Xmas lunch if Gary has been able to make a provisional booking. (Gary)

Details of the Technology Group Meetings on home heating. (Ray)

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None

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 14 November 2022 at 10.30 a.m.