

Midlands IBM Retirees Club - Committee Meeting – 13 March 2023

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

Apologies from Paul

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

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

End of February balance was £3,619.77

Public Liability insurance now arranged at a premium of £100.80

Deposits of £180 received for the railway trip

Membership Report

Membership stable at 128 members.

Following a chat with Andy Smith the committee agreed to draft a letter to invite members of the IBM Midlands Club to join our club when their club closed. Gary will send this invitation to Andy after review by the committee.

Technology Group

John will give the March presentation on latest developments in AI including ChatGPT.

Planning for 2023 Events

E2303RAM – Ramble with lunch on 29 March (Terry)

E2304LUN – Spring Lunch on 26 April (Ray)

E2306PPL - Pete's Place booked for Thursday 1st June (Gary)

E2306CFS – Railway trip with fish and chip lunch (Paul)

E2307ABR – Arboretum Visit in July (Ray)

E2308CAN - Canal trip in self drive day boats (Paul)

E2310RAM – Autumn Ramble with lunch in October

E2312XML - Xmas lunch in December (Gary)

Newsletter

Potential items for the February newsletter are:

List of events

Details of ramble with lunch at Blue Lias on 29 March (Terry)

Details of the Spring lunch if available in time. (Ray)

AOB

Terry raised question of whether ad blocker apps were worth having. General consensus was that they weren't.

Andy Smith is taking over the national IBM Club.

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 10 April 2023 at 10.30 a.m. (Easter Monday)