

## **Midlands IBM Retirees Club - Committee Meeting – 13 November 2023**

Present : John, Ray, Gary, Terry and Paul plus Dave Compton (guest)

Apologies from Michael

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

### **Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report

### **Treasurer's Report**

End of October balance was £3,552.32

This included deposits for the Soiree Gastronomique event.

### **Membership Report**

There was some confusion with Chris Williams membership which has now been corrected.

### **Technology Group**

There will be no meeting in November.

John will email his distribution list to ask for potential topics and volunteers to give talks for future meetings.

### **Report on Recent Events**

#### **E2310RAM – Autumn Ramble**

On 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 3 of us did a circular walk starting in Whichford, South Warwickshire close to the Oxfordshire border. The walk was 6.75 miles over open pastureland, through villages and a wood. It was a little up and down with fine views.

In addition 6 members walked a circular route round Sutton-Under-Brailes, Stourton & Cheriton after visiting the pottery and cafe in Whichford.

Lunchtime found 11 of us in The Norman Knight in Whichford. The food was not cheap but considered to be excellent as was the beer. This is a proper country pub with character, well worth a visit.

### **Events for 2023**

**E2311GAS** - Soiree Gastronomique at Bistrot Pierre in Leamington on 14 Nov. So far 14 of the reserved places have been booked.

**E2312XML** - Xmas lunch in December . Gary has emailed members to find out who is interested and has had over 20 positive responses. Gary will be booking lunch at the Cote Brasserie in Leamington on Wednesday 6 December and will publicise it by a direct mail shot and in the November newsletter.

## **Events for 2024**

- January - E2401LON - Johnsons Short London Break 26/27 Jan      John  
Only 4 members going so far.
- February - E2402ETH - Lunch at Lebanese restaurant      - Ray & John
- March - E2403THE - Theatre Trip - Spa Centre or Loft Theatre      - Gary
- April - E2404MIL - Charlecote Mill - lunch at Hampton Lucy pub      - Paul  
The tour will take around 2 hours and cost £10 per person
- May - E2405PPL - Pete's Place - £15 per car      - Gary
- June - E2406CHE - Chedhams Yard then Pub Lunch      - Gary  
A personal guide lasting around 1.5 hours will cost £9.50 per person  
and will include a coffee and cake.
- July - E2407LLA - Johnsons 2 day trip - Llandudno & Snowdon - Ray & John

## **Ideas for later 2024 Events**

- Ironbridge - 9 different attractions with separate entry prices      - Terry
- NT gardens and houses e.g. Harvington Hall, Bilton Hall      - Ray
- Red House Glass Cone Heritage Centre, Dudley      - Paul
- Land Rover factory tour, Solihull      - Ray

## **Newsletter**

*Items for November include:*

- Report on October Ramble.      (Terry)
- Report on Soiree Gastronomique.      (Ray)
- Details and booking form for Christmas Lunch.      (Gary)
- Schedule for 2024 Events.      (Ray)

**AOB** - None

**Next Committee Meetings** - Monday 11 December at 10.30 am