

Midlands IBM Retirees Club

Committee Meeting Minutes for 7 September 2026

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

Apologies: Michael on holiday

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

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report

End of August current account balance was £215.85

All transactions for the canal trips completed. The trip broke even.

AGM expenses paid apart from hire of village hall

£350 transferred from the savings account to cover AGM and the web site bill.

Membership Report

Following the question raised at the AGM, Gary has investigated ways of how we can be informed of members deaths. Gary has looked at following systems:

Google Inactive Account Manager

Apple - Legacy Contact

Instagram - Legacy contacting

Microsoft - Legacy contacting.

The best system appears to be the Google Inactive Account Manager as many members have gmail accounts and/or use Google.

Gary will draft an email to send to members after it has been reviewed and approved by the committee.

Technology Group - Potential Presentations

Heating System Update - Charles Barnwell

Speaker Sytems. - Paul

Events for 2026

Feedback on recently completed events

E2607CAN - Canal day boats - Lyons Boat Yard at Warstock

As the demand exceeded the capacity of one canal boat two trips were organised by Paul :

- 1) Wednesday 29th July for 11 members
- 2) Thursday. 20th August for 8 members

Paul, Gary and Sheila went on both trips.

E2608AGM - AGM plus garden golf and lunch - Monday 10th Aug John & Ray

This event was similar to last years at Gaydon Village Hall
26 members attended this year
John had created an enjoyable garden golf course
Julie and Chris prepared the summer lunch
Paul videod the AGM which will be put on our web

September onwards

Potential events for rest of year are:

E2610RAM - Ramble near Broadway. - mid October - Terry

This will be a 7 mile walk with lunch at pub in Snowhill

E2610ARB - Visit to Westonbirt Arboretum - Weds 28th October - Ray

This will be a self drive event

E2612XML - Christmas Lunch -at Three Horse Shoes, Bubbenhall. - Gary

Date to be chosen

Newsletter

Paul will look into tidying up the newsletter archives

Items for this month's newsletter are:

October Ramble. - Terry

Westonbirt Arboretum - Ray

How to view the AGM video. - Paul / Michael

AOB - Ray met and had coffee with his school friend **David Sparrow** who is the chairman of the London IBM Retirees Club. David stated the club still very active with around 1300 members and they run about 50 events a year.

Next Meeting - Monday 12th October 2026 at 10.30 am