

Istara minutes cm March 2026

The chairman opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

The committee welcomed Sheryl the new assistant secretary.

All committee members were present.

A collection of 25% should be taken from the profits to donate to charity.

A vote for donations by members at refreshments was dismissed as only two members were in favour.

Refreshments-It was agreed that cheaper purchase of biscuits than the present £25.00 box of biscuits be sought.

Forthcoming events-On 10th March a familiarization trip to the AGTO at Sheerness has been announced. The four people attending will be Pauline, Lyn, Pat and Alistair.

Murder Mystery- At this event entertainment will be provided by the Alternate Shadows. The dates will be booked with the community centre. Meal tickets should be collected before the meals are handed out. One person from each table will be responsible for exchanging tickets for food.

Freddie Mercury tribute at reliance Fish Bar cost £35.00

Elvis Tribute at community centre now costs £18.00 with no food included.

The KentAra Area 5 meeting on 28th May (

9:30 at Hartley will be attended by Pauline and one other.

Istara 30th Anniversary Party will be catered by Ellenor.

After some discussion it was agreed that one fruit cake and one sponge be provided. Suitable attractive decorations would be displayed in the hall, a free raffle for all would be provided with one main prize.

Secretary- discussions were held regarding the diary and agreed.

For members going on the River Seine trip full payment is now due.

A deposit for the holidays on offer this year requires £50.00 deposit to secure your place.

Suggested Posters advertising activities of Istara were passed around for approval.

At the main meeting a tactful reminder should be made that each person is allowed one packet of biscuits at refreshment time.

A lack of tea towels suggests that more need to be purchased.

Treasurer – Roy announced a profit of £143.92 from fund raising.

Kings award Crystal to be held at County Hall, Maidstone on Friday 15th May, commencing at 10.a.m. Only two representatives from each Ara are permitted. Pauline and Alistair were chosen to attend.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 3:48 pm.