

ISTARA - MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025

Present

Pauline (Chairman); Roy; Kate; Marge; Pat; Lyn; Chris.

Apologies

Pam; Phil; Mel; Alistair.

Matters Arising and Feedback from Monthly Meeting

There were no matters arising.

Members said that Paul Kingsman gave an interesting talk on Cobham Hall.

Feedback on Area Meeting

Pauline and Lyn attended the area meeting at Hartley on 5 June. They said there were seven associations present including two from Hartley who said they could fill a coach with their members for trips.

Various monthly newsletters produced by other associations were handed around. All members present were impressed with the content and quality and after much discussion it was agreed to look into producing something similar for Istara. Roy felt that the printing of newsletters would be straightforward and that he could assist.

News re Amy

Amy is home with carers and physiotherapists visiting.

Forthcoming Events

27 June - The Barge - Istead Rise pickup is 8.30.

8 Oct - Elvis tribute at West Gate.

10 Oct - 17 members are going to Blackpool. Full payment is now required.

17 Dec - Christmas dinner at the Dog & Duck. 35 members going with places still available. (£10 deposit).

It was decided to ask at the next meeting if any member would like to organise a day trip. Chris said there seems to be little enthusiasm for many trips so perhaps we should stick to what is popular namely the quiz night; lunch club; and Christmas Dinner. It was agreed to re-book Scattergories for September and consider additional quiz nights.

Secretary's Report

Pam had sent apologies however Pauline reported that Stewart Robinson would talk on the Curiosities of London in June; July would be the singers and August a social meeting. Roy and Chris expressed the view that the social meetings were not a success and it was agreed to try to find a speaker or Scattergories for August. Roy said that there was no need to save money by not having a speaker as the finances were healthy.

Treasurer's Report

Roy handed out a Financial Status Sheet.

He reported that we had a bank balance off nearly £8,000; cash in hand of £500 and liabilities of £3,720; giving a total available of £4,733.

Donations in memory of Sylvia Woods and Jeanne Simmonds totalled £100 made to the RNLI at Lyme Regis and RSPB.

Roy said that profit from charity events was £1,279 with donations being £640.

Separately the Ten Pin Bowling raffle made a profit of £161 all of which was donated.

Members Secretary's Reports

Kate and Chris had nothing to report

Lunch Club

Pauline said that this month the club is going to Stone Lodge. Members praised Stone Lodge.

Catering

Marge had nothing to report

Raffle

Nothing to report

AOB

Pauline said that next year Istara would be thirty years old. Lyn said that if we were to celebrate then arrangements need to start now. Members agreed and discussions took place about setting a budget and a venue. The Church Hall was suggested as a suitable size between the Memorial Hall and the Community Centre one being too small and the other too large.

Discussions took place regarding food with Pauline against a buffet and members agreed with her view. There were discussions about who should attend particularly partners of members who are not Istara members and whether there should be a small charge for partners. Alternatively it was suggested that an event be held at a regular meeting to avoid this situation.

It was decided to discuss again in the near future.

Date of Next Meeting

8 July 2025

