ISTARA MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 25/08/2026

Pauline, the chairman opened the meeting at 14:03 by welcoming members and requesting that mobile phones be switched off.

A total of 44 members were in attendance. There was an apology for absence from the secretary Pam Basford.

The chairman highlighted the following activities and events.
Quiz 12th September. Only 23 members have signed up and further names are needed to go ahead. £10. Contact Pam 01474 832036.
Visit to Van Hage garden centre 8th October places are still available £70. Contact Lyn 07814415309.
Scattergories 7th November places are still available£10. Contact Pam 01474832036
Christmas meal at the Dog and Duck 3Dec. Places are still available at £66. Contact Lyn 07814415309
Christmas lunch at the Inn on the Lake 14 Dec. Places are available at £55 ahead. The chairman pointed out that this is not an Istara event and transport is not included contact Lyn 07814415309
Lunch club 26 Aug The Ship Southfleet. 23rd Sept See Ho at Shorne (the date on the menu is incorrect)

The chairman presented the Kings Award Crystal to Bill Murphy in recognition of his long standing leadership of the singers.

This month's speaker was Kim White a retired police officer. She gave a very interesting talk on the travelling community and then took questions.

The chairman said that September speaker would be Christoph Bull talking about When Kent was a Kingdom.

The meeting finished with refreshments and the raffle.