**Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Tuesday 13 January 2015 at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**

**Present:** Jan, Mike, Rachel, Dave, Milly

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed and signed as a true record.
2. **Matters arising**

**Music stand covers –** Jan had not tried anything yet. **Action point: Jan**

**Radio interview –** This had been entertaining but there had been no new interest as a result.

**Worthing Culture Exhibition –** Jan still to make contact. **Action point: Jan**

**Big Sing –** Jan had now entered the quire onto the list.

**Francis Roads’ broadcast –** Comments were that it had been “interesting”. There had been a piece about wassailing a couple of days later.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Mike had produced copies of the annual accounts. We had received £120 from Punnetts Town, £107 from St Peter’s and £100 from Hurstpierpoint. Robin had not made any charge for the website so far.

Rachel only has two Singing Seats left. Mike said that he had one or two.

1. **Past events**

**Saturday 29 November – concert at Punnetts Town.** This had gone very well. There had been about 70 people in the audience and they had been enthusiastic. They had asked us for another concert in about eighteen months.

**Sunday 14 December – Malling carol service.** There had been about 110 people packed into the church. People always asked us why we sit at the back but it would seem more like a performance if we sat at the front.

**Thursday 18 December – carol concert at St Peter’s.**  We had not managed to get a group photo but there had been a very good turnout.

**Saturday 20 December – concert at Hurstpierpoint.** This had been very different. The lighting had not been very good and some members of the quire had paid for their drinks in the interval while others had not. The audience had really appreciated the research that had produced the readings and history. Kevin had offered to fund a recording for us.

**Saturday 27 December – post Christmas sing.** There had been 26 people, 16 of whom had enjoyed food at a cost of £5 per head. We needed to think about a possible date for this year as Boxing Day would fall on the Saturday and many people would be engaged with Morris teams and families on that day. We would decide what to do in the autumn.

**Thursday 8 January – Sussex Harmony birthday party.** The evening had gone well. Dave said that he had enjoyed the party.

1. **Forthcoming events**

**Thursday 15 January – normal practice.**

**Sunday 18 January – contribution to evening service at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church.**  Connie and Rachel had been in contact and we would be doing 3 congregational hymnsand then between 4 and 6 of our own items. We would not be in costume. Hymns might include Sagina and Diadem.

**Thursday 22 January – normal practice.** Mike C said that he could not be there. Rachel said that we needed a new register book and would prefer a spiral bound book so that a pen could be attached easily. **Action point: Jan**

**Thursday 29 January – Sussex Harmony AGM.** Milly would talk to Robin about the website at the AGM. Expenses would be offered to quire members travelling a long way to gigs.

**Action point: Milly**

**Saturday 7 March – concert at St Nicholas, Brighton.** Rachel would talk to Cynthia re parking for this event as street parking would be impossible. **Action point: Rachel**

**Thursday 9 April – short concert at Greyfriars Nursing Home, Lewes, before practice.**

**Saturday 11 or 18 April – afternoon tea concert at Little Horsted.** Rachel still to talk to Hilary.

**Action point:** **Rachel**

**Saturday 16 May – concert for Father Kevin at Burgess Hill.**

**Sunday 14 June – workshop and evensong at Catsfield.** It was also noted that Ann W’s “mystery tour” to Suffolk was also scheduled for June.

**Saturday 6 July – Malling shape note singing day.**

**Saturday 3 October – Old Ale day.**

**Saturday 10 or Sunday 11 October – possible Sankey & Moody sing or Sussex Harmony workshop as part of Lewes Folk Festival.**  Rachel had not spoken to St Anne’s yet.

**November – possible workshop and/or evensong/concert for St Andrew’s, Tarring, Worthing.**

Jan said that nothing had been heard from them so far. Rachel suggested looking at the church website for possible contact with the vicar or choirmaster. **Action point: Jan**

**Sunday 13 December – carol service at Malling.**

**Thursday 17 December – 7 for 7.30pm, carol concert at St Peter’s, Preston Park, Brighton.**

**December – concert at Michelham Priory.**

1. **New leaflet –** still no further forward.
2. **Any other business**

Milly said that Malling would not be available on Maundy Thursday.

Jan had sent out the address list as complete as she could and asked people to let her know of any missing details. Rachel gave her Gail’s home and work telephone numbers.

Milly said that Martin Angell (ex quire member) had conducted his first musical composition.

Rachel commented that Valmai’s description of West Gallery carols differed to her own. The carols sung at the folk club had been Hope in the Valley carols and were taken from Lucy Broadwood’s collection.

1. **Date of next meeting – Monday 2 March, 8pm at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**