**Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Monday 24 November 2014 at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**

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

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed and signed as a true record after an amendment had been made to the first item on the 2015 calendar of events. “Cynthia had a friend at St Nicholas” was amended to “Cynthia is a ‘friend’ of St Nicholas”.
2. **Matters arising**

**Music stand covers –** Julie had brought samples down and Jan had brought them to show to the Committee members on a practise night. It was felt that, although the samples looked very nice, they were just not big enough to stand out enough on a music stand cover. Jan offered to try to sort something out herself.

 **Action point -** **Jan**

**Radio 3 –** Clemency Burton-Hill would be phoning Mike on air on Friday at 8.30am to conduct a short interview.

Jan still to contact Worthing council about Culture Exhibition and put quire on Big Sing list.

 **Action point – Jan**

**Bexhill -** Barry had sent photographs and Rachel had brought them to quire practice. She had also seen the latest version of their magazine with a report of the evening.

**Music –** Rachel thanked Milly for putting numbers to the new pieces of music.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Mike said that the bank balance remained the same as at the last meeting, £1530.45. Petty cash was £149.40. He had received money for two Singing Seats from Denise and Mary Benjamin, and subs from Mary Benjamin. We should be receiving £75 from Punnetts Town and about £100 from each of the two concerts.

1. **Past events –** none
2. **Forthcoming events**

**Saturday 29 November – 7.30pm, concert at Punnetts Town.** The hall would be open from 6.30pm. There would be a cup of tea for us beforehand and wine and nibbles would be available during the interval. Tickets were £5. Costume needed to be sorted out for our newer members.

**Sunday 14 December – 6.30pm, Malling carol service.** Rachel would organise the programme.

 **Action point -** **Rachel**

**Thursday 18 December – 7pm for 7.30pm, carol concert at St Peter’s, Preston Park, Brighton.** Jan would ask Alastair if he would take a group photo for us as we need some new photos of the whole quire.

 **Action point –** **Jan**

**Saturday 20 December – 6pm, concert at Hurstpierpoint.**

**Saturday 27 December – noon, post-Christmas sing at the Rights of Man, Lewes High Street.** Milly would do posters for Saturday.

 **Action point –** **Milly**

**2015**

**Thursday 8 January – Sussex Harmony birthday party at Christ Church, Prince Edward’s Road, Lewes.** 7pm start for food and drink. Because of gig coming up on 18 January, Rachel would like to have a short practice during the second half of the evening.

**Thursday 15 January – normal practice**

**Sunday 18 January – 6.30pm, evening service at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church, Brighton**

**Thursday 22 January – normal practice**

**Thursday 29 January – 7.45pm, AGM at Christchurch, Prince Edward’s Road, Lewes.** Singing after the meeting if possible from 9pm.

**Saturday 7 March – concert at St Nicholas, Brighton**

**Thursday 9 April – 7pm, short concert for Greyfriars Nursing Home, Lewes. Then normal practice.**

**Saturday 11 or 18 April - afternoon tea concert at Little Horsted.** Rachel to speak to Hilary about this.

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

**Sunday 14 June – workshop and evensong at Catsfield**

**Saturday 4 July – Sussex Harmony Sacred Harp Day at Malling**

**Saturday 3 October – Old Ale Day**

**Saturday 10 or Sunday 11 October – possible Sankey and Moody sing or Sussex Harmony workshop for Lewes Folk Festival**

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

**Thursday 17 December – carol concert at St Peter’s, Preston Park, Brighton**

**Sunday 13 or 20 December – Malling carol service**

1. **New leaflet**

This is no further forward as Jan is waiting for Rachel’s re-wording of one section.

 **Action point – Rachel**

1. **Any other business**

Milly asked Jan for a new quire address list. Jan had made a start on this but would get it out as soon as possible and email it to Milly.

 **Action point – Jan**

Francis Roads’ recording would be broadcast on Radio 4 at 0810 on Sunday 28 December.

1. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13 January, 8pm, at the Brewers Arms, Lewes.**

Jan booked the table before leaving.