

## **Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Monday 2 September 2013 at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**

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

**1 Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed, with the addition of the word “Mothering” instead of the question mark in the last item under 5 Forthcoming events. They were then signed as a true record.

**2 Matters arising** – none that would not be covered during the meeting.

### **3 Treasurer’s report**

Mike said that there was £1592.66 in the bank account and that petty cash stood as before at £18.09. He had received a bill for refreshments from Nick of £26.22. Milly said that the hire for Malling church had not yet been paid. The book would be checked on Thursday so that the payment could be calculated and paid. Jan had been paid expenses totalling £23.40 for the July birthday weekend,

### **4 Past events**

**Saturday 6 + Sunday 7 July – 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration weekend.** It had been an excellent weekend, with good weather, good friends and good singing. Many thanks were due to Miles Jenner for his brilliant tour of Harveys brewery, with samples. Rachel was going to get the “Toast” which we had sung printed and mounted so that it could be presented to Miles. Thanks were also due to Sylvie for organising a lovely ploughmans lunch on the Sunday. Rachel would pass on our thanks to them both, and also to the staff at the John Harvey Tavern. There had been good feedback from the congregation at Malling and a good write-up in the Parish Pump section of the Express. It was agreed to donate £100 to Malling for the use of the church for the weekend.

**Sunday 28 July - Quire barbecue in Worthing.** The weather had been kind and everyone had enjoyed the afternoon.

### **5 Forthcoming events**

**Thursday 5 September – first practice of the season**

**Friday 6 September – Funeral of Eileen Dee.** Rachel had received a request for Sussex Harmony to sing at the funeral at St Margaret’s in Rottingdean of Eileen Dee. She had become a fan of ours after hearing us sing for the Harveys Old Ale thanksgiving service at St Thomas’s in Cliffe High Street. We were to receive £50 in expenses for singing one item during the service. The only other music would be a song from the Copper family.

**Sunday 22 September, 6pm – short concert in Waldron church.** This date had also arisen during the summer break and Rachel was also trying to make sure that enough people were available and working on the programme to fit into the village history weekend.

**Saturday 5 October – Harveys Old Ale Day.** As usual, the day would start with a thanksgiving service in St Thomas's, Cliffe High Street at 11am, which would be led by Sussex Harmony. Thereafter there would be morris dancing and samples of old ale in the brewery yard. Rachel needed to sort out an anthem of some sort for this but the rest of the service would follow the usual plan.

**Sunday 13 October – Moody and Sankey sing at St Anne's as part of the Lewes Folk Festival.** Rachel had seen Diana Rogers at St Anne's who said that Philip did not charge us for the use of the church for this event so there would be no charge for this year either. Rachel would contact Connie and Joe again. The quire would need things to sing during the intervals needed for the band to take a breather. She would choose four American pieces.

**Sunday 15 December – Malling carol service**

**Thursday 19 December – Carols at St Peter's, Preston Park**

**Friday 27 December – post Christmas festive lunchtime sing at the Woolpack Inn, Burgess Hill**

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**March/April – possible concerts at Haywards Heath and St John's, Burgess Hill.**

**May or July - Sussex Harmony Sacred Harp sing.** Rachel thought maybe 31 May would be a good date.

**Sunday 21 September – workshop and evensong in Bexhill**

**Saturday 1 November – concert in Punnetts Town**

## **6 Any other business**

Rachel said that she would not be at quire practice on 12 September and, in view of upcoming events, she wondered whether it would be possible to practice on Tuesday or Wednesday instead. Milly was not available on Tuesday. Jan and Mike were available either day and Jan thought that Dave might also be free as Chancs were not dancing for the next couple of weeks. The quire members would be asked their preferences on Thursday at practice.

## **7 Date of next meeting – Monday 7 October 2013, 8pm at the Brewer's Arms, Lewes**