

Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Tuesday 4 August 2015 at the Brewers Arms, Lewes

Present: Rachel, Mike, Milly (late), Jan (even later!)

1 Apologies for absence – none

2 Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed with an amendment to item 6. 2015 was amended to 2016.

3 Matters arising – none that would not come up in the business of the meeting.

4 Treasurer's report

Mike reported that there was £1958.70 in the bank and he held £637.28 in petty cash as he had not yet banked cash received. He had been awaiting expense claims before doing so. Rachel handed over Nick's claim for tea and coffee expenses of £26.44 and her expenses for tea and coffee for the Malling Sacred Harp day of £7.50. Mike gave her cash for both claims. He had written a cheque for £50 towards the refurbishment of Kennedy Hall at EFDSS headquarters in Camden Town, London, as agreed at the previous meeting. £127.50 had been received from St John's in Burgess Hill and £78.75 from Catsfield. There had been a total income for the Sacred Harp day of £170.60 and it was agreed that we should give £100 to Malling Church. It was decided that the church hire payment for the summer should be left until September. Cheques were written and signed. Jan had received £20.00 for her expenses incurred from the Sacred Harp day.

5 Past events

Sunday 14 June – workshop and evensong at Catsfield. This had been a really good event. Participants had thoroughly enjoyed it and the Rector had said that he would have us back at any time. He had done four things that day but still managed to be enthusiastic during the afternoon and evening. Rachel passed on her thanks to Mike and Rosemary and all the Catsfield cakemakers. Everything had been set up and ready when Rachel arrived at the hall.

Saturday 4 July – Sacred Harp day at Malling. The day had gone well and there had been a reasonable number of people from various places – probably about 36 to 40. There had been a couple of Americans and a few people had popped in to listen for a while, including some Malling congregation members.

Saturday 1 August – quire barbecue at Jan and Dave's. An enjoyable and relaxing time was had by all who attended.

6 Forthcoming events

Saturday 3 October – Old Ale Day. Rachel needed to get in touch with Miles.

Saturday 10/Sunday 11 October – possible Sankey and Moody or West Gallery afternoon at St Anne's. Still to be confirmed.

Sunday 13 December – 2.30pm, concert at Michelham Priory.

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

Saturday 19 December – concert at Hurstpierpoint.

Tuesday 29 December – noon onwards, post Christmas "Come all ye". Milly still to check date as the Sussex Carollers may be doing a concert on that date. If not she will approach the Dorset Arms. Tbc

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Thursday 7 January – Sussex Harmony birthday party.

Thursday 28 January – AGM

Paula had contacted Rachel some time ago about David Farey from Hellingly. He had been writing in the Sussex Express. Rachel would be getting an email from him asking whether we would be interested in doing something at Michelham in May – on the Sunday of the late May Bank Holiday weekend, 29th May.

Jan to contact Tarring.

Mike said that he would like the quire to think about doing a carol workshop and concert at Catsfield as we had so many lovely carols and he thought it would be very well received and something a bit different from the usual workshop and evensong.

7 Any other business

Music stand covers – Jan had done a sample and, after a couple of tweaks, it had been approved by Milly. She would now make some more to match.

Recording – Richard had come to practice to check out our sound and the church acoustic. Not everyone had been available for August but most would be back by the beginning of September so we would aim to record first on 17 September. A list was compiled including Psalms 23, 92, Funeral Hymn 2, Anthem on 150th Psalm, Pentonville or WSW medley with Otford, Pentonville and Leicester, Psalms 34, 42, 61, 68, 108, M1, M17, M8, Figg, Jubilee Hymn, Vital Spark, Selmeston. As Kevin Carey had offered to fund a recording he might pay for the printing of a colour leaflet to go inside the CD.

8 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 15 September, 8pm at the Brewers Arms, Lewes.

