**Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Monday 6 October 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.
2. **Matters arising**

**Music stand covers –** Jan had seen Julie and given her one of the quire leaflets so that she could work from that. She had said that she only had a limited number of fonts to choose from but would do her best to get a good match and embroider a couple of samples. Jan thought that Julie might bring them down when she visited on 14 October.

**Radio 3 –** Mike would try to contact Radio 3 to get the Punnetts Town concert publicised.

**Action point:** **Mike**

Jan still to put quire onto the Big Sing list **Action point: Jan**

Jan had put posters, flyers and lists of quire forthcoming events around at St Peter’s, Preston Park. **Action point: Jan**

Jan would contact Worthing Council about the Culture Exhibition later in the year.

**Action point: Jan**

Nick had visited the Jireh Chapel on their open day and had come back with 3 leaflets preaching fire and brimstone.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

We had received £150 from Christ Church in Bexhill. There was now £1530.45 in the bank and the petty cash remained the same at £157.01. Rachel claimed £13 for paper and Jan claimed £8.60 for paper. Milly said that she had a small amount of coloured paper and card that Rachel could use.

1. **Past events**

**Sunday 21 September – workshop and evensong at Christ Church, Bexhill.**  The workshop had been very well attended with 43 or 44 people, and more booklets of music had had to be copied on the day to ensure that everyone had sight of a copy. There had been several new musicians as well as singers and they had all coped extremely well with sight-reading the unfamiliar (to them) style. Rachel said that a recording of the evensong had been produced on cassette but that it wasn’t of very good as the cassettes are used over and over again. Barry had some photos to email to us when his son-in-law could help him to do so. Altogether it had been a very successful day. Rachel commented that Milly’s late and noisy arrival had been very disturbing. Milly apologised for her late entrance and said that she had got lost.

**Saturday 4 October – Thanksgiving service for Harveys Old celebrations.** We had received many compliments after the service and may have gained one or two new members.

1. **Forthcoming events**

**Saturday 29 November – concert at Punnetts Town.** Rachel said that posters had been done and sent out. Paula had the originals in email and paper for printing.

**Possible December concert at Little Horsted.** Rachel had spoken to Hilary McInnes and the concert would now be April or May 2015 as there is no heating in the church. Hilary would like the children to be included in the event. Rachel would contact her again in the new year.

**Action point: Rachel**

**Sunday 14 December – 6.30pm Malling carol service**

**Thursday 18 December – 7 for 7.30pm carol concert at St Peter’s, Preston Park, Brighton**

**Saturday 20 December – concert at Hurstpierpoint.** Rachel said that the first half would be 30/35 minutes, then the interval, and then another 30/35 minutes for the second half. They were charging £10 per ticket. They had suggested a fee of £200 but Rachel had said that, as they were trying to raise funds, they should see how the ticket sales went and split the profits with us. We would be singing from the gallery (new) so Rachel and Milly would go over beforehand to have a look at the gallery and space it provided. They planned to go over during the week commencing 3 November – possibly on the 4th.

**Saturday 27 December – noon, post-Christmas sing at the Rights of Man, Lewes.**

**2015**

**14 or 21 March – possible concert at St Nicholas, Brighton.** Cynthia had a friend at St Nicholas in Brighton and had asked whether we could do either of these dates. To be confirmed.

**Sometime around Easter - Greyfriars, Lewes.** They only want about half and hour or so. Could do this on a Thursday evening at 7pm and carry on to practice afterwards. They will give us tea and cakes. This would not be in costume but perhaps we could wear spring colours.

**April or May – concert at Little Horsted**

**Sunday 14 June – workshop and evensong at Catsfield.**  Mike said that he had booked the village hall.

**Possible workshop and evensong at St Andrew’s, West Tarring, Worthing.** Jan to let Chris Green know that we are already booked for the first half of the year so could be the end of September or November next year.

1. **New leaflet/website**

The new leaflet is no further forward. Jan was waiting for Rachel’s re-worded section.

**Action point: Rachel**

Rachel said that forthcoming events were now in date order on the website. There was no change yet to the photos page. Perhaps we could have a new quire photo at St Peter’s. Jan could ask Alistair Tapsell if he could take one for us. **Action point: Jan**

Rachel said that Paula’s ‘paper’ that she wrote for the Committee some years ago comes up on the internet when ‘Sussex Harmony’ is put into the search engine. This should not be public knowledge.

1. **Any other business**

Rachel said that Nick kept asking for numbers for the new pieces. Milly was asked to number the new pieces and Rachel asked whether she could also add numbers.

1. **Date of next meeting – Monday 24 November 2014, 8pm at the Brewers Arms, Lewes.**

Jan booked the table before leaving.