**Sussex Harmony Committee meeting held 8pm, Tuesday 15 September 2015 at The Brewers Arms, Lewes**

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

1. **Apologies for absence –** none.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were amended under item 6 and Jan would reprint the second page so that the minutes could be signed off at the next meeting. All other items were agreed.
3. **Matters arising**

**Music stand covers –** Jan said that these would be completed in time for the concert at Michelham Priory.

**New leaflet –** Rachel said that she had rewritten the shape note piece and was hoping to use some of the photoshoot pictures for the new leaflet.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

There was £2308.70 in the bank and £103.34 in petty cash. There had been no payment yet this term to Malling church for practice hire so Mike would take the chequebook to practice on Thursday.

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

**Saturday 3 October – Old Ale Day.** Rachel had spoken to Miles. Miles has French visitors in connection with town twinning that weekend and they would be at the church on the Saturday morning. Miles had also been talking about some of the Boys Ellman events. He was going to Berwick to give a talk on 25 September, and some of the people from the play would be there. Rachel was unable to go as she would be away.

**Saturday 10/Sunday 11 October – possible Sankey and Moody or West Gallery afternoon at St Anne’s, Lewes.** This had not been arranged and St Anne’s had a number of evening services already arranged in September. There would be music sessions, concerts and dancing on the Saturday for Lewes Folk Day.

**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 – 6pm, concert at Hurstpierpoint.**

**Tuesday 29 December – noon onwards, post Christmas “Come all ye”.** Milly confirmed that this did not clash with a Sussex Carollers event but she had not yet booked the Dorset Arms for the event. She was asked to do so.

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**Thursday 7 January – Sussex Harmony birthday party.**

**Thursday 28 January – AGM at Malling.**

**Sunday 29 May – morning service in the Priory at Michelham.** David Farey had asked us to do this event, which would also involve his church choir. The barn had been offered for our use afterwards.

Paula had been in touch with someone at Hailsham parish church and our info was with the vicar. They seemed keen to have an event there. They have a band, 14 singers in the choir plus others who join in for occasional services. Possible event on 22 or 29 May. He thought that a workshop event might be possible on a Saturday. There was a large, flexible chancel and an open bell ringing loft in the west tower.

**Saturday 2 July – Shape note singing at Malling.**

**Saturday 1 October – Old Ale Day.**

**Saturday 10 December – possible workshop and concert at Catsfield.**

**Thursday 15 December – carol concert at St Peter’s, Preston Park, Brighton.**

**Tuesday 27 December – possible post Christmas sing.**

Jan had visited St Andrew’s at Tarring and spoken to the ladies there. They seemed enthusiastic about an event and said that the new incumbent was keen to get things happening at the church. Jan emailed Fr Mark Lyon but had not yet had a reply.

1. **Any other business**

**Recording –** it was agreed to record Psalm 23; Psalm 25; Milford; Psalm 34; Evening Hymn; Morning Hymn; and the WSW Otford, Lyngham, Leicester combination, as well as other pieces already discussed. Richard would be offered petrol money.

1. **Date of next meeting – Monday 26 October 2015, 8pm, at The Brewers Arms, Lewes.**