**Sussex Harmony Committee Meeting held 8pm, Thursday 31 July 2014 at the Brewers Arms, Lewes**

**Present:** Milly, Rachel, Mike, Jan. Dave sat in on the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were read and amendments needed to be made. Jan will re-type and they will be signed at the next meeting.
2. **Matters arising –** none
3. **Treasurer’s report**

There was £1617.45 in the bank and petty cash held was £185.41. There had been £190.40 raised from the Sacred Harp Sing and we had received £125.00 from Warbleton. Edwin and Sheila had given Rachel a dollar cheque in the sum of $15 to cover the cost of inclusion of the Sacred Harp Sing minutes in the US publication. Joe had been given £20 for his petrol expenses. Rachel claimed expenses of £15.20 and Nick’s tea expenses were £13.20. It was agreed to donate £120.00 to Malling Church and we owed them £117.00 for practice night hire. Mike wrote a cheque for £237.00 and gave it to Milly, as Church Treasurer.

1. **Past events**

**Saturday 5 July – Sacred Harp Sing at Malling.** It had been a good day’s singing, with attendance in the 40’s. 103 pieces had been sung during the day.

**Saturday 26 July – Quire barbecue in Jan and Dave’s garden.** It had been a warm afternoon and the few who had managed to come had enjoyed good food and conversation. There had been no injuries this year!

1. **Forthcoming events**

**Sunday 21 September – 3-5pm, workshop and evensong at Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Road, Bexhill.** A poster had been given to Barry and the event was already being advertised on their church website.

**Saturday 4 October – Old Ale day**

**Saturday 29 November – concert at Punnetts Town**

**Friday 5/Saturday 6 December – possible concert at Little Horsted**

**Sunday 14 December – Malling carol service**

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

**Saturday 20 December- concert at Hurstierpoint**

**Saturday 27 December – noon, lunchtime post-Christmas sing at the Rights of Man, Lewes.** Mily had checked with the new landlord and the date/time had been agreed.

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**Workshop and evensong planned for June at Catsfield would now probably be in September.**

**Possible Moody and Sankey sing at St Anne’s, Lewes**

**Possible visit to Greyfriars, Lewes**

**Possible workshop and evensong at Tarring, Worthing**

1. **New leaflet/website**

Jan had made a few more amendments but still wanted a shape-note photo if possible. She would email quire members with an appeal for photos.

The website was also discussed and concern was voiced that photos sent recently had not been put up – also that the photos should be displayed with the newest on top rather than the oldest. Visitors to the website should see the latest offerings first. The font being used was still Times New Roman and this needed to be changed to Ariel or Calibri so that it was easier to read and looked less old-fashioned. Dave reported that he could not open the minutes for May or February, although they appeared to be on the website. It was agreed that Jan would email Robin on these points and ask him to take action. **Action point - Jan**

1. **Music stand covers**

Jan said that she had some yellow denim material that would probably be suitable and would be hard-wearing. She would contact her sister-in-law and ask whether she would be able to machine embroider Sussex Harmony initials and logo onto the yellow material using blue thread so that we get the Lewes colours. **Action point - Jan**

1. **Any other business**

Milly said that she had set up Sussex Harmony on the SussexConcerts.org.uk website so that we could publicise our concerts. The login name is “MillyMurphy” and the password is “VitalSpark”.

Jan was adding Sussex Harmony to the Big Sing choirlist.

Mike said that he might email Radio 3 with details of our harvest concert. **Action point- Mike**

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

Jan booked the table before leaving.