

31. Minutes of steerers' meeting Thursday 5th March 2026

Chair Lyn Jones. No apologies – all present

1. Minutes of 8th Jan 2026 approved
2. Matters arising
 - 2.1 it was decided not to pursue the idea of a CD for the time being. LJ will check her recording of tunes from the stud farm to hear if some of these might be nice to add to the website
 - 2.2 Roland told LJ he had problems getting hold of the old list but in principle would be happy to keep the list of gigs up to date — to be kept on the agenda
 - 2.3 a) GDPR consent was renewed for all but 2 members who were absent at the January rehearsal. To be updated at the March rehearsal.
b) The Sharers' Contact List has been updated. Almost everyone is now sharing their contact details.
 - 2.4 FK has tested a pair of wireless microphones on the BVB PA system. They work fine, and he is going to procure a similar set for BVB.
 - 2.5 Sally is up for helping on something simple and limited
 - 2.6 JB will draft a pro-forma sheet to give to gig organisers to help with getting feedback, and will circulate the draft to steerers for consideration
 - 2.7 Newark Park want to ring the changes – this is the reason for not booking us.
3. Open meeting after band rehearsal on 19th April. The topics to be covered include the number and type of gigs (including whether we should play at Southmead hospital buskathon, or other December gigs, if asked), recruitment, if people want a social and if so ideas about when and what. LJ will put a slip on everyone's chair at the next rehearsal (Mar 22nd) with a reminder about the meeting and inviting people to think about these topics in advance and to let Fritjof know if they have any other suggestions for things relevant to the future of the band. LJ will also make an announcement about this.
4. £2,617 in the account. Everyone is paid up to date. Healthy state of affairs
5. Gigs – Liz and Alison have sorted out seasonal playlists from which selections can be made for the 4 gigs up to end July (Bristol Folk Festival Sun 3rd May, Alveston LHS Wed 27th May, Earthfest – Sat 27th June, Pensford Evergreens – Thurs 27th July); the programme planning is in place.
 - 5.1 Bristol Folk Festival Sun 3rd May. It was agreed to ask Alison to play with us. It needs a kitchen rehearsal on Friday 1st May – LJ + LN will discuss where it should be.
 - 5.4 St Stephens – Mon 14th Dec.
 - 5.5 SS Great Britain – because of the cold playing conditions and they only want a small group, it was decided not to pursue this.
 - 5.6 JB asked the Long Ashton LHS if they would be interested in booking us and the answer is no as they want speakers. Similar response from WI groups. Our gigs for Alveston LHS are probably because there is a party element to the evening.
LJ will investigate, via Suzanne who does room bookings, whether any of the organisations that use Long Ashton Community Centre might want to book us.
 - 5.7 LN would like to have a flyer listing future public gigs to hand out at performances. There was limited support for this. JB is happy to draft out something that could be distributed at gigs to help with publicity – for discussion at the next meeting.
6. HJ is happy to help LN with producing offshoots from her master copy of the gig programme, a) final band playlist with cues, intros, times through etc, b) preparing and circulating a readers' script, c) proof-reading and printing the occasional audience programme leaflet
7. Social – perhaps some ideas will come out of the open meeting on 19th April
8. No AOB
9. Next meeting: Thursday 9th April 2026 @ 6pm by zoom, FK to chair.