39. Minutes of Steerers' Meeting Thursday 10th September at 10.30 by zoom

Chair: Fritjof Koerber Apologies: Chris Mapp, Pauline Mapp

1. minutes of meeting of 30th July 2026 approved with 1 small amendment

2. Matters Arising
2.1 drumming- Liz will ask Bobby to help with notes on what she does for drumming for particular pieces, as and when there is a gig she can't make and we need to ask someone to deputise

2.2 Fritjof has re-set the gig organiser's form in a format that's easy to complete electronically; it has form fields which can be completed and saved as a pdf. It needs a bit more editing to keep it to 1 A4 page as the spacing is not quite right. He will re-set the feedback form as well.

2.3 social will be after the Dec 13th rehearsal. Lyn will extend the booking.

2.4 Lyn reported on various other rehearsal venues. She is waiting to hear from UWE. She will investigate Sea Mills Community Centre. The advantages of Long Ashton Community Centre are that it has generally easy parking, bus routes, timing flexibility, and the fact that we have a key and can access it ourselves. Next meeting, the steerers will decide whether it's worth putting the possibility of change to the band.

3. Future events / gigs
3.1 Open rehearsal 20th September – Fritjof reported that 4 have booked (2 flutes, 1 treble concertina, 1 fiddle) with a possibility of an accordion, and has sent the booked ones the music and other relevant information. Judy will buddy the flutes, Fritjof the fiddle, and Fritjof will write to Heather Minnion to ask if she will buddy the concertina. HJ printed 100 flyers but not many were taken at the August rehearsal – there are about 45 left – no need to do so many another time - people sent out electronic flyers.

3.2 AGM prep - 8th November at the end of the monthly rehearsal. Alison does not need to stay and Liz will ask her to prepare a short written report on how she thinks the band is doing and how she might want to shape it In the future. Treasurer's Report is ready for presentation (thanks Chris). Draft report from Programmes Leader is in progress (thanks Liz). Membership Secretary report can be added to Liz' report (32 members with 2 resting – last year we had 31 members, so membership remains stable). The Agenda, Reports, and minutes of last year's AGM should be circulated to members 4 weeks in advance. Chris Mapp will not be present at the AGM therefore, when his report is circulated, members should be asked to raise any pressing questions in writing beforehand. Heather will not be able to attend: Lyn will take minutes in her place.

3.3 Handmade crafts market at Newark Park. Liz will phone organiser Cat to ask if there's enough space for us (likely to be 16 + people – need probably 1 m^2 per person). If there is, she will suggest a possibility of 2 x 45 min slots on Saturday afternoon 21st November, or find out what other slot are available. She will check it is for background music only. It has to be subject to finding out if enough band members are available. If Cat asks about a fee, suggest £150 + refreshments.
At the next rehearsal, Judy will roughly check the space we require so we get a better idea for the future.

3.4 Thornbury Stroke Support 26 Nov 2026 – the organiser wants to restrict the band to 16 members, so we don't outnumber the audience. However, 15 have signed up so far with the usual suspects not having indicated either way. Fritjof will reply (and copy in everyone) saying that we might be more than 16 and if we have to cut down, they won't get a full programme similar to the one they saw at Alveston. If Tony is signed up, Lyn is happy to drop out and for Dai to take over the stage management duties.

3.5 St Stephens lunchtime concert 14 Dec 2026 – flyer - kitchen rehearsal? – keep on the agenda

3.6 Bitton LHS Friday 23 April 2027 – keep on the agenda

4. Treasurer's Report – bank balance extracted from the AGM financial statement - £2,321.29 with a couple of small bills to pay.

[5. members Discuss how we manage people coming for trial rehearsals (music/access to website). Do we know how people get to hear of us and come to trial rehearsals? Arranging lifts.] discussion for in person meeting.

6. Date of next meeting : Thursday 29th October 10 – 12, in person, at Heather's (8 Clifton Park Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3HL) If this is difficult for Chris and Pauline, it can be a hybrid meeting with them on zoom. Friday 30th October is also available. chair: Lyn Jones

7. AOB - none