

## Iminster Ukulele Club Working Group

### Minutes of Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Present:** Polly, Marck, Ian, John, Elaine

**Chair:** Marck

- 1 **Upcoming gigs.** Given current change in circumstances for various members we felt we needed to review upcoming gigs. David B joined for this part of discussion
  - a. **Parkinsons Society:** Already decided to postpone. Ian has now had a new date suggested: 18<sup>th</sup> July to play at a lunchtime BBQ. Doors open at 11:30, to play at 12:30 Same venue – The Bell at Ash.
  - b. **Coombe St Nicolas:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 19:30. Gig will end around 21:30. Merchant Men playing a 20 min set. **Elaine** will do Whatsapp poll for players.. Amended playlist - removed “Will You” Script will be the same as Seavington gig. David B offered to cover any gaps.
  - c. **Wedding at Thorncombe:** David W had spoken to Cheryl to agree a few details. Set list will be amended to around 40mins play time. We will play in the hall and idea is to focus on songs that children could dance to. Went through list and highlighted some songs. **Elaine** to send amended list to Marck. **Marck** will order into a play list, Polly will liaise with Cheryl.
  - d. **Warehouse Theatre:** discussion re reality of being ready to do ourselves justice with new songs etc Agreed to explore possibility of changing the date. **Ian** to follow up with Dave Goodhall – maybe for a November date. Need to arrange a meeting of original theatre planning group to take forward.
  
- 2 **Outstanding Requests for gigs** We have a number of requests to decide on, including Vaughan Lee Care Home (David W), Horton Cross Nursing Home (Sheila) and Curry Rivel Memory Café (Sheila) General discussion resulted in suggestions to consider.
  - Limit commitments to one a month
  - Develop a library of tried and tested set lists that can be tweaked for different events. Marck has already started work on this.
  - For smaller gigs suggest a 30-40 min play list.
  - Venues need to be checked out prior to agreeing so we avoid over-crowding! Need enough space for us to feel comfortable playing.
  
- 3 **Contingency Planning:** need to not always rely too heavily on one or two members for setting up and leading gigs acknowledged. For gigs we will always need some key ‘roles’ to be covered. We need to
  - Look for players to play intros for songs
  - Identify people prepared to lead a gig
  - Identify those who are good rhythm driverNeeds to be **discussed with group at a Wednesday session**
  
- 4 **New Songs:** number of new songs brought by members. Sue had brought a medley of Wartime songs that could be good for Care Home events. Suggested focusing on max two new songs per sessions to ensure they were given enough time to assess suitability etc
  
- 5 **Website:** private members section being set up. Polly to ask members for any photos from gigs etc to liven up the page.

**Next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 7pm, Braeside.** If needed earlier, we will arrange a virtual meeting