

## REPORT OF THE YEAR 2023/2024 OF BEARSTED & THURNHAM WI

We started our year by celebrating the coronation of King Charles 111 with a tea and specially made cake and by decorating the bench on the Green. At our Annual Meeting we voted in two Presidents, Carole Moncur and Val Keeler who split the role.

Bearsted Fayre in June was a great success as we emptied the dressing up cupboard and sold all the contents to various amateur dramatic societies as well as local people. A great deal of time and effort went into this by Lynda Firth, Gilly Tully, Cath McCaskell and other members of the WI.

We received two donations during the year. One from Doris Britcher whose donation paid for the piano cover and another from a long-standing member Jean Corr whose donation will go to providing new curtains after the Hall has been decorated.

We have continued to support the Salvation Army Food Bank with members kindly donating goodies at our monthly meetings and providing special boxes of goodies at Christmas. This year members collected 86 sweet tubs in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research via Greene King public houses. We have also continued our commitment to being "green" by having a Recycling Table where members can bring along items they do not want that can be used again for a small donation towards funds.

Our activities continued with a visit to the Hazlitt Theatre to see Kinky Boots and the Lunch Club having two outings this year. There was an opportunity for members who do not manage to get to meetings to join in the Picnic on the Green in May & September to catch up with friends. As well as a Coffee Morning in the White Horse in February which was well attended.

We enjoyed a Christmas Party with a three course meal with trimmings and a duo who entertained us with the 60s and 70s songs.

Our book group continues to enjoy some interesting reads as well as lunches out. The walking group is well attended and this year we have been to Tenterden, Tankerton, Mote Park and a historic trip round Aylesford village very often with lunch.

In October the Art & Craft groups displayed the pictures and craft items they had been working on during the year and the Craft Group held a craft sale in November for members to purchase items ready for Christmas.

Our speakers that the Programme Planning group have engaged have covered a variety of topics some where we had no knowledge for instance Richborough the Secret Port. They also organised a fun Members Evening decorating jars and bottles with decoupage. We had an evening meeting where we re-visited our Memorabilia thanks to Margaret Morris who has now catalogued it all.

Val Keeler keeps the community aware of our WI events through Facebook, Community Hub, Parish Magazine and the Noticeboards to engage with anyone who wishes to join WI.

This year we have spent money on the Hall with a new heating system and brought ourselves up to 21<sup>st</sup> century with WiFi.

All the activities, speakers and events would not be possible without the work of the committee, and organisers of the various activities and those members who volunteer to help by organising the lunch club etc. We say a big thank you to them.

WI name

Charity number (if registered)

Federation

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period

from 16.03.23

to 15.03.24

Bearsted and Thurnham WI
228182
West Kent



## Section A

## Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Total £	Last year £	A2 Payments	Total £	Last year £
Receipts at meetings	1,657.41	1,044.91	Meeting expenses	2,321.51	1,833.98
Subscriptions (WI share)	1,424.15	1,246.00	Committee Members' expenses	220.03	151.45
Gift Aid	-	-	Pooling of fares / expenses	40.00	16.00
Publications	-	-	Publications	7.15	-
Activities & events	586.50	3,517.10	Activities & events	1,214.01	2,947.19
WI fundraising	-	-	WI fundraising	-	-
Interest received	-	-	Insurance	-	26.00
Paid into current account	-	-			
Paid into deposit account	28.62	7.71			
Grants and donations	-	56.00	Donations made	-	-
Other income	649.50	-	Other payments	370.09	424.70
WI-owned hall - total receipts	24,492.51	20,813.15	WI-owned hall - total payments	22,004.56	23,170.66
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>28,838.69</b>	<b>26,684.87</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>26,177.35</b>	<b>28,569.98</b>

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Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end

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	Total	Last year
	£	£
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B1.2 Reconciliation of final bank balance from Account Book to bank statement		
Bank statement total at year end	4,201.76	
Plus amounts paid in to bank but not cleared		
Less cheques written but not cleared	323.04	
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Total (should equal balance at B1.1)	3,853.73	
B1.3 Savings / deposit account balance	2,202.06	2,173.44
B1.4 Petty cash in hand	33.26	33.26
WI Hall Funds	70,282.96	67,795.01
B1.5 Balance of funds held as agent	602.50	322.30
B1.6 Total cash funds	76,974.51	74,313.17

B2 Investments (if any)

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e.g. WI owned hall, other equipment

	Value (optional)*	Original cost (optional)*



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B5 Liabilities

	Date due (optional)*	Amount due (optional)*
Payments due immediately but not paid, or due at a future date, e.g. loans		

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Signed on behalf of all the trustees (WI Committee members)

Signature	Name	Date of approval	
	CAROL MOWBRAY		President
	SUSAN MURLAY	19/4/24	Treasurer

Independent financial examiner's initials:



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Section C

Notes to the financial statement

**C1 Funds received and paid as agent**

Complete this section with total amounts received and paid over to the federation in the year

	Any balance from previous year £	Receipts this year £	Payments this year £	Any balance held at year end £
Federation / NFWI share of subscriptions		1,386.60	1,333.80	52.80
Federation event bookings by individual members		641.50	944.50 -	303.00
NFWI and / or federation raffle		-	30.00 -	30.00
Outstanding balance brought forward from last year			-	322.30
<b>Total</b>	-	2,028.10	2,308.30 -	602.50

**C2 Details of restricted funds**

Complete this section if the WI had any restricted funds during the year

Name or description of restricted fund:	Receipts this year £	Payments this year £	Any balance held at year end £
District	831.40	615.00	216.40
Art Group			65.30
Bring and Take Table	96.06		96.00
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**C3 Further details of WI activities /fundraising /other**

Include additional details that would be helpful to WI members or other readers of the financial statement

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Independent financial examiner's initials:

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INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of

Charity number (if registered)

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I report on the Receipts and Payments Accounts set out on the attached Financial Statement pages 1-3 for the above named WI for the year ended .....

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention, (~~other than disclosed below~~):

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Comments:

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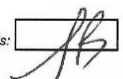
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