

FRINTON ON SEA WI COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020 – 2021

Our committee this year now consists of 7 members and it is with great sadness that I must report that our President, Caroline Blackler sadly passed away in March 2021. She will always be remembered by members of our WI. In the interim, Alison Blake has kindly taken over as our Acting President and this has been very much appreciated by the committee.

With effect from 1 April 2021, I confirm that we now have 34 members, 6 of which are brand new members to our WI. A warm welcome to all our new members!

In 2020/21, our programme was disrupted by the Coronavirus Pandemic and our WI meetings were not allowed to be held in the McGrigor Hall from March 2020. Our last Annual Meeting in September 2020 was held virtually via email.

We were finally able to meet in person in July 2020 for our annual Beach Party on the Greensward. We had lots of fun, but no games on this occasion! It was a time when we had to follow strict social distancing rules but it was lovely to see each other and have a chat again.

Then, like so many other WI's we had to turn to Zoom for our meetings. Our very first Zoom Meeting was in December 2020 when we held our Christmas Party evening. This was a nice opportunity to catch up with everyone. Christmas stories read out by both Caroline and Mary. Together, we all sang the 'WI 12 days of Christmas', enjoyed a drink, nibbles and even a mince pie!

For the New Year in January 2021, we welcomed Ian Dowson from St. Helena Hospice who explained the exceptional work by this organisation.

In February 2021, Maddy Deason gave a talk about Assistance Dog Training and how these dogs can transform lives for the better and can even detect the coronavirus infection in people.

In March 2021, we had a talk by Miranda Rayner from the RNLI about the importance of the work they do on our coast. Also, to mark International Women's Day, we played a game of 'Guess Who' and our members presented short biographies of some amazing women to guess on the evening.

In April 2021, we welcomed Lucille Cowell to talk about homoeopathy and all the benefits it could provide.

In May 2021, Gary Egerton, a retired Police Officer gave us an interesting and entertaining talk on VIP Protection and shared some delightful stories of his time protecting members of the Royal Household and the former Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

In June 2021, Helen Stubbs a former Fingerprint Expert for Humberside Police gave us a fascinating talk on how fingerprints were identified in the past and how technology has now taken over in this vital work. We had a fun fingerprint painting competition which Helen judged on the evening and the winner was Sheila Andrews for a fabulous painting of a peacock.

July 2021, saw us holding our Beach Party meeting on the Greensward with members bringing their chairs and a picnic. It was great fun playing "Boules" and "Mölkky."

We do not have a meeting in August as the "Frinton Summer Theatre" occupies our Hall for the summer season.

Jan started an excellent community initiative this year for our WI by organising and collecting female hygiene products for the Foodbank in Walton-on-the Naze. These much-needed products have been kindly donated by our members. This is a commendable project by our WI to help local women who are in need on our doorstep.

Viv also helped in a brilliant community initiative this year. Viv established a weekly Cake Rota from March to August for our members to kindly donate cakes for the volunteers at the Vaccination Clinic at the Columbine Centre or Clacton Hospital. The volunteers were very thankful to all our members who baked the most delicious homemade cakes and savouries each week for them to enjoy!

Viv has also organised our regular 'WI Litter Pick's' this year on Frinton Beach and this has been great for members of our WI to get together as a team and take part in a useful project to help in our local community. Mary applied for a 'Litter Pick Pack' from the East of England Co Op. We now have 4 extra litter pickers, hoops for rubbish sacks and disposable gloves for members to use each time.

Mary organised a walk from Frinton Greensward along the seafront to the café in Holland-on-Sea on 29 April 2021 for ACWW Day. Fourteen members took part on this lovely walk and we raised a grand total of £23.22 for the ACWW. By way of being a WI Member, we are also automatic members of ACWW who help rural women around the world.

Kathy Oldhamstead has kindly restarted our extremely popular "Ladies that Lunch Group" and also the "Ladies that Dine Group." Lunch venues so far this year have included Stanleys and the Frinton Golf Club. There was also an evening meal arranged in August at The Ship in Kirby le Soken.

The WI Autumn Fayre due to take place in November 2020 had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus restrictions in place at the time.

We have had a Weeding and Watering rota during the summer of 2020 and 2021 for the tubs and flowerbeds outside the McGrigor Hall and this has been very well supported by our members.

In November 2020, Our President, Caroline Blackler laid a Frinton on Sea WI Wreath at the Memorial Hall for Remembrance Sunday.

We gave a donation to "Frinton in Bloom" which goes towards flowers and baskets for the town to help attract visitors for the summer season.

The FEWI County Annual Meeting was on Zoom this year on Friday, 25 June 2021. Some members attended this meeting and there was an inspirational talk by Danny Crates a former Paralympic Gold Medallist and a talk by Nick Newland to explain the work done by ACWW.

Our fantastic newsletters have been produced for members by Jean Mockford for our meetings which have been both informative and uplifting for members.

Linda Bateson headed the Programme Committee with the help of both Alison Blake and Anne Beckton. The speakers have been brilliant with varied topics each month. The Programme team should be congratulated on their excellent work in booking Zoom Speakers.

Lorraine is our Welfare Officer and keeps in touch with members not able to attend meetings. Lorraine is also our 'meet and greet' representative for our WI and her friendly nature makes new members feel very welcome to our WI.

Jan has published various articles about our WI in the Frinton & Walton Gazette and Essex WI Magazine. Jan has also notified Look Magazine to list our meetings in their local publication and has also posted to the Frinton Chat Facebook page.

Linda kindly writes and delivers birthday cards to all our members throughout the year.

Jean retired from the role of Secretary on 30 April 2021 and she should be congratulated and thanked for her 6 years of first-class service and dedication to our WI which is truly appreciated both by the committee and members. Mary has taken over the role of Secretary from 1 May 2021.

This is the WI's 106th year, it is the largest and most influential women's organisation in the UK. We hope that you will continue to be a part of it and encourage other women in our community to be as well.

WI name
Charity number (if registered)
Federation

Frinton-on-Sea Hall Account
228989
Essex



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period

from 01/01/21

to 31/12/21

Section A

Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Total £	Last year £	A2 Payments	Total £	Last year £
Rents	11,119.71	5,862.70	Gas	838.90	1,368.38
Deposits		250.00	Electric	1,188.29	748.68
Cleaning	88.50		Water	535.50	1,261.70
Electric	616.27		Rates	41.54	62.60
Fund Raising	-	833.50	Fund Raising		50.72
Bank Interest Received	-		Insurance	1,129.82	1,091.72
Grants and Donations	18,407.43	20,240.00	Donations	475.00	10,000.00
Other Income	-	2,304.30	Caretaker	3,975.00	4,074.00
Transfer from Hall Improvement Account	5,894.48	2,792.70	Cleaning costs	2,680.17	1,654.25
			Deposits Returned	110.00	100.00
			Other payments	1,981.03	8,143.69
			Repairs	1,445.17	
			Transfer to Improvement Fund	5,045.20	
Total Receipts	36,126.39	32,283.20	Total Payments	19,445.62	28,555.74

A3 Restricted funds included in total receipts		A4 Restricted funds included in total payments	
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Total Receipts less Total Payments (Surplus/Deficit for the year)

16,680.77

A5 Total cash funds brought forward from last year (equals last year's total at B1)

6,208.12

A6 Total cash funds carried forward at this year end

22,888.89

A7 Total restricted funds at year end included in total cash funds above

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Receipts at meetings	333.30	99.60	Meeting expenses	688.57	200.67
Subscriptions (WI share)	831.60	633.00	Committee Members' expenses	-	
Gift Aid	-		Pooling of fares / expenses	-	37.90
Publications	-	29.70	Publications	99.00	
Activities & events	1,149.00		Activities & events	1,149.00	
WI fundraising	510.30		WI fundraising	103.61	
Interest received			Insurance	31.00	31.00
Paid into current account	-				
Paid into deposit account	5.09				
Grants and donations	35.10	2.40	Donations made	55.18	68.50
Other income	-	25.00	Other payments	1,124.80	154.20
WI-owned hall - total receipts			WI-owned hall - total payments		
Total Receipts	2,864.39	789.70	Total Payments	3,251.16	492.27

A3 Restricted funds included in total receipts			A4 Restricted funds included in total payments		
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Total Receipts less Total Payments (Surplus/Deficit for the year)

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A5 Total cash funds brought forward from last year (equals last year's total at B1)

2,068.59

A6 Total cash funds carried forward at this year end

1,681.82

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INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of

Frinton-on-Sea

WI

Charity number (if registered)

228989

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*):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply.

Comments:

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