

Worlingworth & Tannington WI

We have 30 paid up members and meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

We're a mix of ages from 20's to 90's.

We have 7 speakers a year and since the last Parish Meeting have enjoyed listening to a range of speakers on the subjects of travel, local history and the history of fish and chips.

We are also part of a larger group made up from several WI's around the area which enables us to meet once or twice a year to listen to a more expensive speaker, the last one being an ex Bluebell girl who could still raise a leg and do the splits!

Apart from speakers we have a thriving Book Group with about 12 members who discuss a wide range of books and of course just enjoy being in each other's company.

We visited the Summer Theatre in Aldeburgh last summer. Although we all found the title of Marriage is Murder intriguing the 2 person play didn't live up to expectations but fish and chips afterwards was very welcome.

We took part in the Christmas Bazaar at the Community Centre with our popular gold wrapped presents tombola, which as well as meeting people from the village, also provided a useful fundraiser.

A major project last September was the Wedding Dress Exhibition held in St Mary's Church. Many WI members took part and we had gathered together about 50 wedding dresses from 1936 - 2023 which gave quite a few headaches for display but in the end the church looked fantastic and our efforts raised funds for the church. All the photos are displayed on the Parish website. The event was designed to be cost effective should Covid raise its head again and the display models were begged and borrowed from a number of generous sources.

Being a member of the WI gives us the chance to take part in other activities organised by our local Federation and this year some of us have taken part in quizzes, kurling and embroidery workshops. Some of us attended the Resolutions Day in March which is when we listen in more depth to the resolutions shortlist from which one is chosen to go forward to this years AGM at the Albert Hall.

Last years chosen resolution was to campaign for Cleaner Bathing Waters which as we all know is a much needed campaign and the WI voted to add its voice to campaign with other campaign groups.

We like to be involved where we can in village life and to this end The WI has agreed to take care of one of the Parish Council planters. On WI Day in September you may well see it decorated in the WI colours.

And we are also providing the lunch on the Village Spring Clean morning in May. In previous years we have cleaned the village signs so if you notice them looking a little more sparkly you'll know who was behind the clean!

Finally, we have our fundraising Supper Quiz on Saturday here at the Community Centre. If anyone would like to make up a team of 4 we do have a couple of tables free and you would be very welcome.

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