

## ***Worlingworth and Tannington WI Report for Parish Council meeting 12.04.23***

We came out of Covid very positive and our membership survived. We are now 101 years old. We continue to meet monthly and book a variety of speakers.

Our current membership in the last 12 months has increased to 32, despite the fact that the local Suffolk federation has lost members and in some villages the WI has, sadly, closed.

Our Committee is led by Jenny Wilkinson and our secretary Val Swallow. Other committee members are Pat Corston, Janet Parker, Maureen Whiteman, Megan Rodwell and Cathy Connelly.

We supported the 2022 Jubilee celebrations with many of our members helping on various stalls and entering "remembering the Coronation Day in 1953." As most of our members are of a certain age we could remember 1953 but we have recently attracted 2 younger members and they will be able to remember the coronation of 2023.

We organised a decorated cake competition at the Jubilee for different ages, but were disappointed with the small number of entries. The competition was judged by our federation chairman, who lives in Bedfield. One of our members won (not surprising as we are still famous for cake making). I wonder why the local primary school ask us to bake cakes for their celebration events.

The local group of 5 WI's opened up again and we hosted the first meeting, welcoming 50 members from our other local WI's.

After missing out on our 100th anniversary we celebrated 101 years at our July meeting with a celebration cake and we dressed in the fashions of the 10 decades. (Photo on the village website) We invited the chairman of our federation, Celia Davies, and were finally presented with our 100 year certificate, which will adorn the wall of this building at our annual meeting in July.

Due to increasing costs we do need to organise fundraising to survive and, by popular demand, we will be holding a sausage and mash supper followed by a quiz in the autumn. The quiz will be set by Diana Totten.

We booked table at the Community Centre Christmas event and – surprisingly - made a profit.

We have recently re-opened our book group with a membership of 17. The remaining members continue to watch TV instead!

Now it is onwards and upwards for another 98 years!

Jenny Wilkinson

