

2026 report from Worlingworth & Tannington WI

We remain constant in our membership at 28 members and continue to enjoy a range of speakers at our monthly meeting. Whether learning about cyber security, the development of the O2 Arena, a personal account of fleeing from Iran or making a Christmas wreath we've had something for everyone.

May 2025 saw us putting on a big community event which was the Tea for VE afternoon tea.

All the dainty cakes and sandwiches were made and coordinated by member Megan Rodwell. China cake stands were assembled, teapots and china cups sat upon the lacey tablecloths and waitress service was provided by members and young people from the village. Delicate spring flowers were gathered up from members gardens and happily the sun shone for the day to allow a vintage motorbike belonging to a members husband to be displayed on the patio.

Tickets were sold and many people from Worlingworth and surrounding area came to enjoy the tea together with music from the 40's provided by Annie Threadkell who was inspired by the event to become a member herself!

Our Suffolk East Federation organises varied events.

In common with previous years a team took part in the two Federation Quizzes (but didn't win this year!)

A member attended a Teddy Bear workshop.

A team took part in Kurling events and did win!

Members attended a sold out Literary Lunch. At this years Federation Annual meeting we heard from the first female Army bomb disposal officer.

The end of the year saw a couple of members going into Worlingworth Primary School to make Christmas biscuits and mince pies with the children which they found a very worthwhile and fun experience.

One of our members is now the Federation Climate Ambassador which involves promoting the WI's current work around climate and clean rivers as well as previous work around saving the honeybee.

We have a Book Group and a Lunch Club which have both been well attended this year. Looking forward we are planning a Play Set Group which will involve hiring one of 1800 plays from Ipswich Library and trying our hand at reading them through.

In the summer we are planning to attend the Summer Plays at Aldeburgh and outdoor cinema at Helmingham Hall.

So, as always Onwards and Upwards for Worlingworth & Tannington WI and if anyone would like to find out more please contact Diana on WorlingworthTannington@sefwi.org