

Milton-under-Wychwood W.I. 90th Anniversary Celebration

Pimms...

On 17th June, Milton-under-Wychwood WI celebrated its 90th anniversary with a very special party. The members welcomed representatives from all the village societies and Parish Council as well as

past members and members from many neighbouring WIs. Everyone enjoyed a glass of Pimms while looking at an exhibition of wedding dresses and old wedding photographs put together by the members. Some dresses dated from the 1940s and some photographs were much older. Edna Naish had done examples of a 1930 bridal bouquet and a modern one. The exhibition was staged by Beryl Brown and Sandra Steer. Also on display were all the old scrapbooks kept by the WI, provoking much comment from guests over long-forgotten events. After a delicious buffet prepared by the committee, Pauline Goddard, the Oxfordshire Federation WI Chairman, proposed a toast to Milton. Rose Hartley, Milton President, asked everyone to cast their minds back to 1918 when our WI was formed. The First World War was drawing to a close and the new WI provided an important outlet for women



in the village to get out and meet others, to learn new skills and to share with others the skills that had been passed down through the centuries. The purpose of the WI remains the same today: to entertain, educate

and to inform. Women can pursue interests and also follow campaigns nationally about causes that affect us all.

...and Cake!

The 90th birthday cake, made by Sandra Close, was cut by Valerie Davis, our longest-serving member (see photograph). She joined the WI in 1949 and has been secretary to seven Presidents. Two of them, Iris Hobbs and Eva Montgomery, assisted her. The evening was a happy and enjoyable occasion and proof indeed that the WI is alive and well in West Oxfordshire.

We have a very interesting programme for the coming year and meet on the **third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in Milton Village Hall**. Please contact Rose Hartley on: 01993 830776 for more details. We would love to see you.

Rose Hartley

Don't Miss the Cats' Dog Show!

Saturday August 2nd 11am - 4pm

On the field at the New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton
In aid of **West Oxfordshire Cats' Protection**.