

## **Nora Parsons Centre 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Party**

Party day at last.

All the helpers had been hard at work baking cakes and savouries in readiness for the tea party. Finally all was ready. Tables laid, decorations in place, balloons blown up, sandwiches made and the sun came out just in time for the arrival of our guests.

What a fantastic turnout! We even had to set up a few more tables to accommodate everyone. It was fabulous listening to the chatter, the reminiscing and the laughter.

Our Chairman, Reverend David Sherwin welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of how the centre was set up. A presentation was made to Margaret Johnson, for her 40 years of volunteering. Margaret remembers fundraising with Nora Parsons to help set up the Centre 40 years ago, and at 91 is still at the centre every week, arranging the drivers' rota, serving lunches and calling the bingo. Quite an achievement and I'm sure Nora would be very proud of her!

We had a splendid array of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cream scones and a vast selection of cakes. Indeed we were able to send everyone home with a 'doggy bag' of goodies.

What a truly lovely afternoon, enjoyed by guests and volunteers alike.

We look forward, with the continued help of volunteers to run the Centre, to providing a place for the elderly folk in our communities, to socialise with others, for many more years to come.