

# A DELICIOUS TEA IN AN EXCITING NEW VENUE

The newly-refurbished, light, bright interior of St. John's Church provided the attractive setting for our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea. Long tables, covered with white tablecloths, set with pretty china and decorated with charming arrangements of yellow roses and swaying yellow and blue balloons, made a colourful and welcoming sight, which drew much appreciative comment from the arriving guests.

Following Ernie Rea's informative and thought-provoking talk entitled Understanding the Role of Islamic Extremism in Africa, over 130 members and guests made their way to St John's. We were pleased to welcome the Mayor, Cllr Neil Forbes, and his Mayoress, Jenny Carley from U3A NW Region, and, of course, our female triumvirate: Muriel Robinson; Monica Beswick and Margaret Weltman, who kick-started the whole thing ten years ago.



Anniversary Cake

The holders of other drawn tickets were given the pretty table flower arrangements which Lorraine Dorsett had kindly produced.

We do have to thank Lynda for this memorable occasion. After the idea was conceived she did most of the planning and organising and ALL of the worrying! I do hope Lynda that you managed to enjoy it all as much as we did.

How about an annual event after every AGM?

Margaret Hinde



From left to right – Margaret Weltman, Monica Beswick, Muriel Robinson

articulate manner, and reminded us of our early beginnings. We heard brief words of congratulation and encouragement from the Mayor and Jenny Carley and finally we could have our, by now very welcome, tea. Plates of sandwiches, scones and cakes kept arriving – I doubt if many of us needed much supper that evening! To add to the party atmosphere we were entertained throughout the afternoon by the well-chosen, live music of Les Berry and his quartet.

Our anniversary cake was not quite big enough to feed us all! So a draw was made, using our ticket numbers, with Barbara Austin being the lucky winner.



Lynda Harris and the Mayor, Cllr Neil Forbes