

## September 29th - Our Big Birthday Party!



*The string quartet provided lovely background music*



*One talented member made floral centrepiece.*



*The tables were beautifully decorated*



*The birthday cake decorated with fresh flowers was cut by our longest serving member, assisted by the President.*

2022 is a very special year for Over Peover WI as we celebrate our Centenary, and September was a key month as it marked the 100th milestone. To celebrate the occasion we held a "Big Birthday Party".

Members arrived to the sound of a string quartet, the tables were laid up beautifully and members brought jam jars full of white flowers which were lined down the middle of tables and contrasted with green table settings. Everyone was given a small gift of flower seeds for them to plant and enjoy for years to come. A wonderful memory of the evening.

After mingling over a glass of fizz, members took their places to sing Jerusalem, a long standing tradition of the branch. We were delighted that Selena Prescott (Cheshire WI Federation President), Ann Beckett (WI Adviser & the CFWI Treasurer) and Pat Sharp (Editor of the Cheshire News) joined us, making the occasion even more special.

A delicious buffet was served and the hall was quickly filled with chatter, soon discussions turned to answering the quiz questions distributed on the tables - it was all in good spirits.

President, June Leach, shared the cards and messages she had received including one very special message from Windsor Castle, this was followed by a one minute silence in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

It was then time to raise our glasses to toast the OPWI Centenary and to cut the cake. Ann Brooks, our longest serving member was asked to do the honours.

Cake served, the group then moved to the quiz which proved to be great fun. One member acted as quiz master and did a splendid job.

Selina Prescott presented June Leach with an honorary plaque to mark the 100 year milestone and with the vote of thanks complete, the group sang Happy Birthday, followed by the National Anthem to our new King.

It had been a super evening and everyone left in high spirits.