

LOCAL CHURCH GROUP CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

In autumn 1974 three young ladies from Fernhill Heath anxiously waited for any response to a leaflet they had circulated inviting villagers to a Young Mothers Group they were starting at the Baptist Church.

Two turned up - and remarkably two of the five of them were present when the "Wednesday Morning Ladies", as they became known, recently held a 50th Anniversary Lunch in the village!



Mrs. Bronwyn Mitchell and Mrs. Myra Brierley could never have imagined such an event. Over the years the group have had many enjoyable times. More joined and young mums became grandparents, and in some cases, great-grandparents. Sadly, others died. But the group is still thriving.

Mrs. Mitchell explained "I think this is because we have a mixture of social activities, outdoor trips and simply a time to enjoy chatting together. We always start with "keep-fit" exercises although they are now less strenuous than previously!"



Mrs. Brierley added "We are a very friendly group and have been able to support many local charities with our annual quizzes and competitions."

Minister Rev. Jeff Porter said, "It is wonderful that the ladies have been able to maintain this happy fellowship over such a long time and I hope they will continue to do so for many years."