Had she been there Laura would have enjoyed a hearty celebration of her great age with a tea party in Heather's back garden. (Her actual Birthday would have been the 4th)

The lawns were cut, the hedges trimmed and the potted plants in position but it rained all morning! As if by magic, around midday the skies lifted and the sun came out, hot but with occasional showers. Some of the party had to seek shade or shelter under the fruit trees and brollies, or the gazebo, speedily erected by keen volunteers.

So 'High Tea' involved delicacies prepared by members and thoroughly enjoyed by all:

tasty savouries, puddings, cakes and all manner of 'fancies'. Josie and Linda coordinated it all with never ending flow of English tea.

The 'icing on the cake' arrived with the Birthday Gateau (provided by Colston's Patisserie), which sadly had to be cut to allow us to allow us a enjoy it.

After a challenge with an art/ local history Quiz, devised by Gwyn, the Raffle was drawn. We went home bearing pieces of cake to relish later and gifts we never knew we needed!

So Laura's Party allowed Friends to socialise and reconnect this midsummer and to look forwards to even more enjoyable activities during Laura's 138th year.

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Here are a few of the pictures - click photo(s) to enlarge view



Helpers - all hands to the deck, with these "simple instructions"



After short showers, the sun came out to make us smile.



This afternoon Tea is amazing



It's a shame to have to eat the cake, but it was yummy.



Roll up, Roll up for the raffle prizes



A dog's day - chilled out with all the excitement



Magic moments under the sunshades



Eyes left, for the answers to the Quiz



Voilà le gâteau