# Heartsease at heart

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT:

The Autumn term has been a busy one for us at Heartsease. Find out more about the improvements we've been making and the fun activities we've been enjoying overleaf.

Incredibly we had four Chairmen of Heartsease together for a couple of hours one afternoon in October, as Barbara Baker, Joan Baker and I met with Joyce Hewitt (Chair from 1977-1983) for tea and cake and a trip down memory lane. Joyce (now 95 years old) told us that Guiding had taught her to think for herself. She didn't think organising Heartsease was a difficult job, as she was also running Blacklands at the same time! Walking around our building Joyce commented, "Camping has certainly changed since 1933".



Barbara Baker has decided to end the Soup-A-Strollers for the time being and we said a big Thank You to her for all the soup and strolls over several years.

We'd like to hear about any plans you Heartsease Heroes have made to help us raise more money to update and improve things for you. Invite us along to your event and we can include a picture of you in our next newsletter!

The Management Committee would like to thank you for all your support over the last year and wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

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## NEW TOILETS (AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS)



As you may have heard, our new toilets have been completed! They are bright, modern and easy to clean and we hope you like them too. Lighting in the hall and bathroom has also been updated and much-needed extra power sockets installed in the main hall. Look out for more improvements coming next year!



## GROWING UP WILD IN THE WOODS—TAKE 2!

Our second 'Growing up Wild in the Woods' badge day proved popular again, with a new group of Rainbows and Brownies having fun outside in the autumn woods. Activities included a scavenger hunt, making leaf casts, and a sing-song around the campfire.

## SANTA'S VISIT



On December 6th we were very pleased to welcome Santa (and his elves!) to Heartsease. Over 80 children came to see him and enjoyed gifts, games and crafts with lots of cake and fun. Rainbows and Brownies brought friends and siblings to share the fun. Thanks to everyone who came along to support the event.

## LOOKING AHEAD

We hope you will come and visit us next year; please get in touch to make your booking. Look out for more 'Growing up Wild' badge days organised by Heartsease in 2016 and also our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 19th March. We look forward to seeing you!

