Heartsease at heart

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

The Management Committee wishes all our friends and visitors a happy and healthy 2018! We look forward to welcoming you at Heartsease as our 90th birthday celebration year draws to a close.

We held our birthday open afternoon in May and have been busy ever since! During September our power supply was upgraded to cope with recent improvements and will take us well into the future. Visitors will spot a new electricity meter on arrival at Heartsease; full instructions on how to read it are displayed next to the meter.

Santa came to visit in December and lots of Rainbows and Brownies came with their families to enjoy an afternoon of Christmas fun. There was face painting, games, seasonal craft, a Christmassy scavenger hunt in the woods, and of course a visit to the grotto to see the man himself! Thanks to all who came along on the day and helped us to raise nearly £500 towards improvements and upkeep at Heartsease.



The fantastic 'human fruit machine' - always a favourite at our Christmas events!

A lovely framed mini-quilt has been presented to us by the West Wickham Trefoil Guild to mark our 90th Birthday, and the Guides from 6th Beckenham have created a fantastic mosaic for us (see page 2). These are both now displayed on the wall in the hall.





There are still some 90th birthday badges available at £1.50 each. You can buy them when you visit Heartsease, also in the West Wickham Girlguiding shop on a Saturday morning, or directly from Sue. Look out for some new souvenirs we will be adding to our range soon!

If you are thinking about a sleepover with your unit, get in touch with Jackie to check our availability - Spring will soon be upon us! We hope to see you soon at Heartsease,

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GETTING CRAFTY FOR OUR 90TH

Visitors will notice two new features brightening up the wall in the main hall at Heartsease. To commemorate our 90th birthday, the West Wickham Trefoil Guild made us a lovely patchwork design; below Janet Thomas can be seen presenting it to our chairman Sue. We have also received a fantastic mosaic made by the Guides at 6th Beckenham. Both the patchwork and mosaic will add a nice burst of colour in our main room, and will serve as a great souvenirs of our 90th birthday year. A big 'thank you' to the Trefoil and the Guides.







THANKS JACKIE!

Jackie Neve was presented with a brooch as a thank you for well over 20 years of service to the Heartsease Management Committee. She has held several roles on the committee and is currently our Bookings Secretary.



TIME TO GET HUNTING!

Our popular Easter Egg Hunt and Funday returns this year on **Saturday 24th March**. The event will take place from 2.00-4.00pm and all Rainbows, Brownies and their brothers and sisters are welcome to come and join us.

As well as the egg hunt in the woods, there will be Easter craft and games to enjoy. Children are also invited to come along in their Easter Bonnets - there will be a prize for the best!

Entry is £3 per child (no charge for adults) to include the egg hunt and craft activities. Cakes and drinks will be on sale. Hope to see you there!



WELCOME TO HELEN

We would like to extend a warm welcome like to Helen Read - our newest Committee member. Many thanks to Helen for agreeing to take on this role.