Heartsease at heart

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

What funny weather we had this spring! Just when summer seemed to have arrived, it became chilly and wet again. However, the weather hasn't deterred our resident grey squirrels from having fun around the building and grounds and many different types of birds from visiting our woodland.

It's amazing how quickly Nature tries to restore things when we intervene! The tree stumps where we cut trunks in December are sprouting out again and the bluebells enjoyed more light around them. How lucky we are to have all this nature to enjoy on our doorstep!

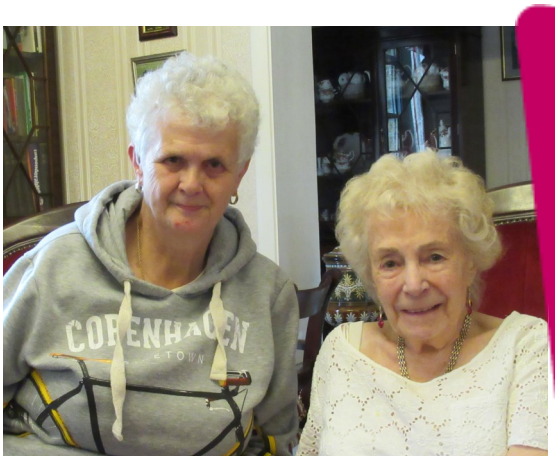
Due to cutting some of the trees as advised by our tree surgeon, we now have a lot of sweet chestnut timber. So if you would like some extra firewood, or you can help us use some of it to make seating, trails or a chainsaw sculpture, do get in touch!





We were able to give some logs to the Men in Sheds group from Age UK in Penge for them to try on their lathe. Here is Colin Denny taking a couple to try, and the Men in Sheds getting stuck in with the chainsaw!





I've also met up with more ladies from the 1st Clerkenwell Rangers, who camped at Heartsease in the 1940s and 50s: Gillian Brady (left) and her Mum's friend Doreen Adams (right). They are also pictured above at Heartsease (Gillian is the toddler)! I'll be sharing more of their memories soon.

Hopefully the summer weather is here to stay now. Wishing you all a restful break and best of luck with your guiding summer camps and holidays.

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SKILLS BUILDING @ HEARTSEASE

Last autumn, a group of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides all completed a Camp Skills Builder appropriate to their age group at a one-day event run by the Heartsease Committee. The activity day proved to be such a lot of fun that we are planning to do it again this year! The event will be open to all sections, and girls will need to be accompanied by Leaders to fulfil ratios. Heartsease will run all the activities required to achieve Camp Skills Builder levels 2, 3 or 4, with the girls paying a small fee to participate. We are hoping that the event will take place early in the autumn term. To register interest and state your preferred dates, please drop us a line at heartsease.bookings@gmail.com.





Rainbows, Brownies and Guides enjoying last year's event

FAMILY FUN… AND A BIG 'THANK YOU'!

Our family events were a great success this year, with our Christmas Fun Day and Easter Egg Hunt together helping us to raise £800 towards upkeep and improvements at Heartsease. Thanks so much to everyone who helped out or came along with their families to enjoy the fun!





★ NEW FOR 2019 ★

We are introducing a new event this year: a family campfire and sausage sizzle! This will take place on Saturday 23rd November. More details will follow; we'd love to see you there for an evening of singing and sparklers!

SOUVENIRS

A reminder to visiting Leaders that Heartsease souvenirs are available to buy. As well as the old favourites (mini-teddies, rubbers, notebooks & pencils) we have added some bookmarks to our range. We still have some of our 90th birthday badges available with a lovely woodland creature design, now selling for the reduced price of £1.00.

COME OUT OF THE WOODWORK!

As Sue mentioned, we have lots of logs onsite just waiting to be made into something useful/beautiful/fun! If you are (or know) a skilled woodcarver or chainsaw operator, who would be willing to create something for our site (seating, a game, even a sculpture!?), then we would love to hear from you.