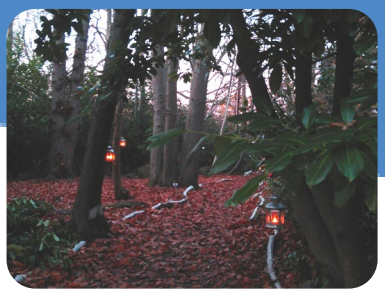
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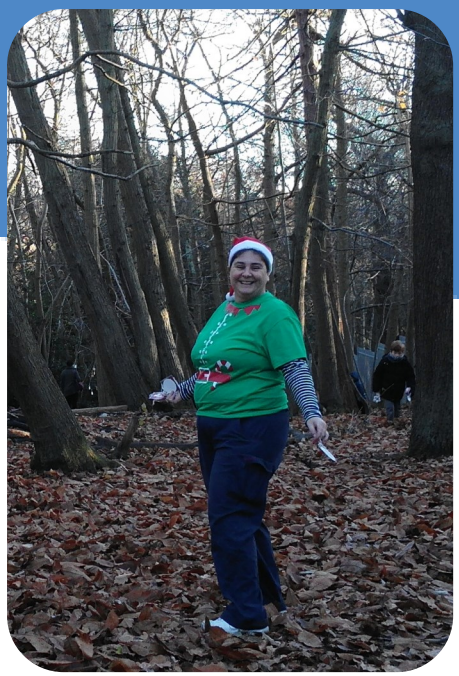
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Chairman's Chat

As memories of Christmas and New Year fade into the background, we are looking forward to a great new season at Heartsease for 2017. In spite of the chilly, gloomy weather, things at Heartsease have been changing fast. Our builders have been working hard to complete the rest of our bathroom upgrade. There are new sinks and showers, a fully equipped bathroom for disabled visitors and a new leader's loo with hand basin for night times, all insulated and painted to match phase one. All this will be ready for our spring re-opening.







Pictures from our Christmas Funday on 4th December.



Our Christmas fundraiser with Santa, made over £600 and we'd like to thank all who came along and those who helped on the day. We hope you all had a good time.

We are not having our usual Easter Egg Hunt this year as we are instead holding a special 90th Birthday event on May 6th. There are will be sideshows, refreshments and some surprises, so put the date in your diary. You'll also be able to see the transformation indoors. Looking forward to seeing you then,

Sue Short.

BADGE COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS



As part of the 90th Birthday celebrations we held a competition to design a special birthday badge and are pleased to announce that Chloe Mason, aged 12, of 5th Beckenham Guides, is the winner and her design will be made up and sold during our 90th Birthday year. Well done Chloe! We also liked the designs by Beatrice Pickering, aged 9 of 4th West Wickham Guides and Lil Dingwall, aged 11, of 23rd Beckenham Guides. There were over 60 entries, so thank you all who spent time drawing and colouring.

INDIA COMES TO HEARTSEASE!



The GLK India group chose Heartsease as the venue for their reunion sleepover on 5th November. The girls and leaders - who had attended the trip of a lifetime to Sangam in the summer – met up again to reminisce about their trip and to prepare a presentation about their experience. They also spent time baking up a storm in the Heartsease kitchen, preparing delicious treats to serve to some of the people who had supported them in their fundraising. These supporters were invited to join the group at Heartsease the following day to enjoy afternoon tea with the girls and hear their excellent presentation.



BROWNIES WALK FOR HEARTSEASE



At the last meeting of the Heartsease Management Committee, we were very happy to receive a visit from Carole Douglas and some of her Brownies from 4th West Wickham. They presented us with a cheque for £165 and the girls told us about how they had raised this doing a sponsored walk. They had linked this activity to the GLK Lord Mayor's Show Challenge Badge, with pictures of London landmarks hidden along the route for them to find and identify. We are very grateful to these 'Heartsease Heroes' for their fundraising efforts!

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU...

Please do send us any stories or pictures of activities you have enjoyed during visits to Heartsease. We'd love to hear what you've been up to and maybe include them in our newsletter.