Heartsease at heart

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT:

This August, we've had no bookings at Heartsease at all! This was quite deliberate, so that we could concentrate on upgrading our toilets, which are now almost finished! It's been an exciting time as all the old loos were ripped out and the new facilities are gradually being put in place. Our thanks to the West Wickham Residents Association for their contribution towards this project. The Grand Opening on **Saturday 12th September, 3-4pm** will be a very special occasion. In the spirit of guiding, we aim to twin our new loos with those in a school in a developing country. As we celebrate our good fortune, we know that many children, and girls in particular, suffer with no proper place to go to the toilet. We will be collecting donations for this on the day. Find out more at **www.toilettwinning.org** linked to Tearfund and **join us on the day if you can**.

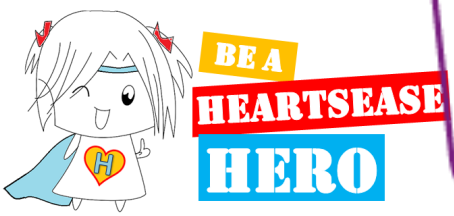
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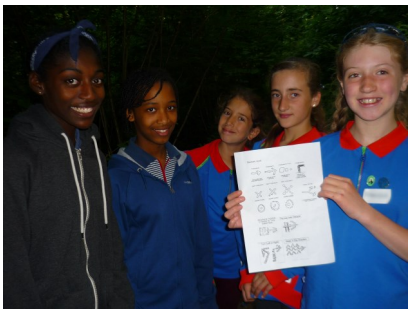
We've also been doing repair work to the outside woodwork, which has been attacked by woodworm, squirrels and rot. Fortunately our brave carpenter was not deterred by attacking wasps, which stung him twice (they are gone now)!



All this work has left our bank account very low, but we want to give all our visitors a safe and comfortable stay, so we need to move on with improving things. Could your unit take up the challenge to be 'Heartsease Heroes' and do a fundraising event for us? - a cake sale, sponsored event or any of those clever ideas you are so good at thinking of. We would be very grateful and send a certificate to all units who take part. There'll also be a prize for the unit who manages to raise the most! Fundraising packs will be available soon; contact Sue for more details.

GROWING UP WILD...IN THE WOODS - BADGE DAY

On 27th June, Beckenham Division were 'Growing up Wild' in the woods at Heartsease. Rainbows joined us in the morning, Brownies in the afternoon and Guides in the evening and enjoyed loads of activities including leaf rubbing, scavenger hunts, den building, nature photography, using tracking signs and searching for bugs! It was so much fun that we are doing it all over again on **Saturday 24th October** for those who missed the first event! Beckenham Leaders will hopefully have received details already. If not, please get in touch.

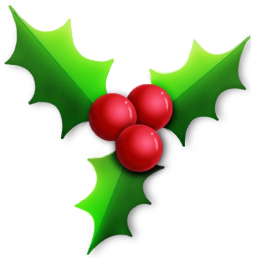






SOUP-A-STROLLERS

We have been unable to arrange the planned Welly Walk in Spring Park Woods for September as advertised in our previous Newsletter, however the next Soup-a-Strollers event will be on **Weds 14th October** at 10.30am (£4.00pp). If you fancy a gentle stroll through the woods and lunch after, then please let Barbara know: **barbarabaker@hotmail.co.uk**



IT'S (NEARLY) CHRISTMAS!

Please make a note in your diaries that our very popular Christmas Funday (complete with Santa's Grotto) will be held on **Sunday 6th December**. We look forward to seeing you then for Christmas craft, mince pies, fun stalls and the chance to visit Father Christmas!

HEARTSEASE MEMORIES

As part of our fundraising efforts we'd like to update our Heartsease history booklet and would love to add some of your memories, photos, funny stories and experiences. Please email or post these to Sue Short if you would like them to be included. We promise to return any original photos. Thanks in advance for your help.