

**Manager’s Foreword**

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Picture of Rosemary

**Rosemary Morse turns 80 on the 15th of January!**

Rosemary was born in the country and attended Portchester Village school as a youngster and finished her education at Purbrook Park Grammar school. After school Rosemary started as a junior saleswoman in a fashion shop and continued in the fashion world throughout her working career.

Rosemary was married in 1957. Rosemary and her husband enjoyed attending the ‘big band’ concerts held at South Parade Pier in Portsmouth as well as spending the day with friends swimming in the various pools along the waterfront. Another of Rosemary and her family’s favourite leisure activities was taking long rambling walks with their dogs and friends.

Rosemary enjoyed her garden, and was fond of visiting public gardens whenever possible.

We would like to wish Rosemary a very happy 80th birthday from all the staff and residents at Parker Meadows Care Home.

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**Where did the Teddy Bear come from?**

Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, is the person responsible for giving the teddy bear his name. On November 14, 1902, Roosevelt was helping settle a border dispute between Mississippi and Louisiana. During his spare time he attended a bear hunt in Mississippi. During the hunt, Roosevelt came upon a wounded young bear and ordered the mercy killing of the animal. The Washington Post ran an editorial cartoon created by the political cartoonist Clifford K. Berryman that illustrated the event. The cartoon was called "Drawing the Line in Mississippi" and depicted both state line dispute and the bear hunt. At first Berryman drew the bear as a fierce animal; the bear had just killed a hunting dog. Later, Berryman redrew the bear to make it a cuddly cub. The cartoon and the story it told became popular and within a year, the cartoon bear became a toy for children called the teddy bear.

Morris Michtom made the first official toy bear called the teddy bear. Michtom owned a small novelty and candy store in Brooklyn, New York. His wife Rose was making toy bears for sale in their store. Michtom sent Roosevelt a bear and asked permission to use the teddy bear name. Roosevelt said yes. Michtom and a company called Butler Brothers, began to mass-produce the teddy bear. Within a year Michtom started his own company called the Ideal Novelty and Toy Company.

However, the truth is that no one is sure who made the first teddy bear.

**Upcoming Events**

January 31st: Chinese New Year – the Year of the Horse

**January’s Birthdays**

Many happy returns to:

January 1st: **Colin Slater**

January 6th: **Humphrey Hahn**

January 7th: **Doreen Pettigrew**

January 15th: **Rosemary Morse**

January 27th: **Barry Ashby**



**This Month in History…**

**January 10, 1912** - The flying boat airplane, invented by Glenn Curtiss, made its first flight at Hammondsport, New York.

**January 13, 1893** - The British Independent Labour Party was founded with James Keir Hardie as its leader.

**January 23, 1849** - Elizabeth Blackwell was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, thus becoming America's first woman doctor.