

# Walter's 101st Birthday



Family and friends gathered on Linden Ward to help Walter Jones celebrate his 101st birthday. Born in Bermondsey on 18th May 1915, Walter was one of 8 children. He joined the Army at 16 touring the seaside towns where he played the trumpet, cornet and bugle in the army band entertaining holiday makers and residents alike. When war was declared in 1939, Walter left the army to join the navy where he served on minesweepers off the north coast of Africa.

He has lived in Gothic Close, Wilmington for the past 49 years where his neighbours describe him as a wonderfully interesting man and keen Gardener. Walter's daughter Valerie, who now lives in Australia with her two children Robert and Yvette, was at her father's side today to see him welcome his friends and join in with the Doctors, Nurses and Chief Executive in singing him a very happy birthday and many happy returns of the day.