

Hadleigh mayor meets 'sprightly' 100-year-old at his celebration

Waterfield House Care Home in Hadleigh has been celebrating the 100th birthday of one of its residents.

Peter Jensen was born on September 9, 1915, near Romford and had a civilian and military career that took him from the Ford car factory in Dagenham to India and Burma.

Mr Jensen joined the army at the beginning of the Second World War, being drafted into the Royal Engineers.

His experience at Ford saw him rise to the rank of captain before returning home in 1945 to work for the Esso group.

Jill Ready, from Waterfield House, said: "He was completely overwhelmed. It's been a nice atmosphere, it's a sea of cards."

"He's so sprightly you'd never think he was 100."

Hadleigh mayor Richard Whiting gave Mr Jensen his telegram from the Queen.



■ Peter Jensen celebrating his 100th birthday with his family and Hadleigh mayor Richard Whiting at Waterfield House Care Home.

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