North Devon Hospice Walk

The weather may not have been fantastic on Sunday 10th February but the amount of walkers who turned up in support of North Devon Hospice was. There were a total of 400 walkers booked in for the day, some of which making the extra effort with fancy dress. Pasties were eaten, pints were drunk and most importantly of all money was raised for a very good cause.
Photo Gallery
March Meetings

6th March
The Williams Arms
12pm International
1pm Open Meeting

13th March
The Williams Arms
11:45am Community
1pm Spk. John Masterson

20th March
The Williams Arms
1pm Open Meeting

21st March
Braunton Cricket Club
7pm Club Service
7:30pm Club Council

27th March
The Williams Arms
1pm Business

3rd April
The Williams Arms
12pm International
1pm Open Meeting

Stewards, Grace & Loyal Toast

6th March
Gavin Archibald

13th March
Edward Chichester

20th March
Dudley Chugg

27th March
Ben Crawford

3rd April
Garry Dadds

6th March
Reg Gale

24th March
Garry Dadds

28th March
Gillian Webber

11th March
Bob & Gill Haynes
The book fund for the calendar year 2012 amounted to £974.51. This figure was down on previous years (around £1300 in 2011) but reflects the general downturn in business that many holiday businesses have suffered. In fact, our sales have been maintained better than expected and in the case of two ‘outlets’ the reduction has been very small.

The total since the fund started in 2006 is approaching £8000. If anyone had said to me in 2006 that the fund would still be running 6 years on, I would have doubted their judgement. The reason for the fund’s continued existence is due to the resourcefulness of Club Members in supplying books.

The fact that we stress that no money is absorbed by management expenses plus the list of good local causes that Michael Zeale and his committee support helps people to believe that the money they put in the box is well spent. As a result some people even return their books after reading them for resale. I hope that we shall be able to continue in 2013.

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**The Farmer’s Prayer**

*Our farmers, whose art’s in fields,*  
*Furrowed is thy realm.*  
*Thy harvest come,*  
*Thy work is done,*  
*In earth as it is in cowsheds.*

*Give us this day our fruit and veg,*  
*And forgive their slow tractors,*  
*As they forgive those who toot behind them.*  
*Lead us not into set-aside,*  
*But deliver us from weevils.*

*For thine is the subsidy,*  
*For silos and balers,*  
*From heifer to leather.*

*Haymen.*