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Barbara and I are unlikely to see you again before Christmas so we wish you all a very







## Walk all over Cancer

Alan Peace joined us for lunch on the 9th November to tell us about his recent 1,000 km (630 miles in old money) walk along the South West Coast Walk to raise a hoped for £10,000 for Cancer Research UK. Alan is an old friend of our club having been involved with The Dragon Boats Challenge through both his membership of Rotary and his association with Himley Hall. He carried a 17kg back pack from Minehead to Poole harbour ascending and descend-



ing a total of 35,000 metres, going through 880 gates, over 22 bridges, 16 rivers and a total of 30,000 man made steps! He sais that it is not a challenge to take on without some

training. He told us of the many people he had met en route and the generosity of strangers. President Richard thanked Alan for an absorbing talk. He has already reached a total of over £5500 on this occasion but much more impressively he has raised over £48,000 for Cancer Research in total.

## **Farewell Brian Fellows.**

Brian passed to higher service service in the Heart and Lung Centre at New Cross Hospital on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be remembered as a quiet, gentlemanly Rotarian who served the club and his local community extremely well. After his induction into Rotary by President David King in November 2004, he became a member of the International committee where, with his wife of 31 years Gillian who had been a City councillor, he took the lead on the Aquabox project. He also served as a steward at the Young Musicians Competition helping to ensure the smooth running of that event every year. Brian played in the club's table tennis team in the District sports competitions,

in which his experience as a player in the Wolverhampton and Walsall leagues stood him in good stead. Bilston born and bred, Brian was educated at Etheridge school. On leaving school he went to work at a bespoke tailors and outfitters. After 17 years he moved to Second City Homes – later to become Beazer Homes, working in their accounts department. The final 3 years of his working life were spent at Selecta, one of the largest catering and vending companies. His devotion to his local community led him to spend 30 years as a Youth Leader in Bilston and a long association with St. Mary's church, Bilston, where he was a Parish Warden. He was also a governor at 2 primary schools. He will be sadly missed by his sister Christine and his all family, together with all his fellow Rotarians. Richard Green, President.

