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President Report

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS REPORT - PHILIP EVANS



New Year, but also, Happy Birthday Moose! Yes, 100 Years of caring and sharing Moose in Great Britain. It really must have been quite a daunting project for those Founding Fathers, imagine, launching a new idea and new organisation in a new country but they succeeded! A similar task is facing us now as we need to roll up our sleeves and bring in 100 new members to celebrate our 100th birthday! However, this year will not be all work, we also have our celebration in the Celtic Manor Hotel in Newport on the 25th July. This will be a huge opportunity for us to get together and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship in that great Moose tradition of friendship. This will be our opportunity to renew old friendships and even make new ones and the more of us who attend, the better the evening will be! By then I will be the Immediate Past National President, but I certainly hope that this will be a great experience for my successor to enjoy. Let's all get together and make the event a wonderful experience.

Speaking of great experiences and making memories, a huge thank you, to all of you who have made Mary and myself so welcome when we've been invited to your events. It really has brought home how kind, friendly and generous our Moose membership is. And a big thank you for your kind and thoughtful gifts.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to accept every invitation and I must apologise, again, to Legion 8 as I had to pull out of their Carol Service due to a last-minute injury.

We attended two out of three Group conferences, each was most enjoyable, each in its unique way. Sadly Group 2 were forced to cancel their conference due to unforeseen circumstances. Is it Fate? Will I ever get to visit Somerset? I really hope so!

We had a wonderful time in Bideford for the Widows and Widowers Christmas Break. An immense thank you to John Palmer and his lovely wife Lis for all of their hard work in organising it. As I write we have several more engagements in the pipeline that we are looking forward to.

“Let us all go forth, with good thoughts, good words and good deeds for all mankind.”

Philip Evans - National President

CHAIRPERSON OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MOOSE LADIES' CIRCLES - GLENDA SOLEY



Hello Ladies,

I know the weather has been cold, wet, and snowy (yes — we even had some down south!), but I hope you have all coped well and enjoyed a lovely Christmas.

Our last — and my first — meeting of the Ladies Committee was held in November, and I'm pleased to say I think it went very well. Since then, it's been great to see so much activity across the Circles:

- Burnham-on-Sea held a Harvest Supper — a very enjoyable evening, well attended and clearly a great success.
- Weymouth hosted a Christmas Social and even welcomed a visit from some alpacas!
- Winton & Wimborne arranged a Carol Evening along with the local Dance Group.
- Yeovil enjoyed a very well-supported Christmas Lunch.

The Group 3 Conference was held at Weymouth Moose Hall and, I'm delighted to report, it went extremely well. The Group 1 Conference and Robing Ceremony in Aberavon was also a great success. Congratulations to Gerald Gardner on his Elevation to Pilgrim — an honour so richly deserved.

Looking ahead, Basingstoke have organised both a Burns Night and a Ladies Night. Southend are continuing to do well, and it's wonderful to hear that Dolphin Ladies are now up and running again at a new venue.

Across all areas, members continue to support and raise funds for charity, and I'd like to say a sincere thank you to everyone for your efforts — please keep up the excellent work.

Our next Committee meeting is in March, so let's hope the weather improves by then! Until then, I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Warm regards,

Glenda Soley
National Ladies Circles Chairperson

Moving Forward - Giving Back

CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ALAN HARRIES



Well, it is here, our Centenary year that is! July of this year will see our one-hundredth year of Moose in Great Britain. To this end, as you should all know by now, we have booked a Celebratory Dinner at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport to be held on 26th July 2026. The dinner will be held in the Chairman's Marquee not too far from the main Hotel. The Hotel Shuttle service will take the residents to where they need to be. Those coming in for the Dinner will have their route signed to the free car park. As you all know by now the Dinner will be a three course meal at a cost £70.00 per person, and Moose will be paying for some of this, yes a Moose discount! So we hope to see many of our members at this special event in the company of our guests C. E. O. Pilgrim Scott Hart and his wife Christie.

This year you will have seen that we are doing away with the Grand Draw, although this has proved to be a very useful aid for raising money for the Welfare Fund. Unfortunately, over the last few years the profits accrued in no way reflected or compensated for the amount of hard work undertaken, by the few, in the organisation and running of the Draw. I can remember being told, when distributing books of tickets on behalf of the Lodge, "Buy One, Sell One". I am sorry to say that some of our members have not even bought a ticket. This along with continued higher costs for distribution and collection have resulted in this decision of the Management Committee. We have therefore increased the Lodge Dues by £2.00 from £21.00 to £23.00. £2.00 of which will go directly to the Welfare Fund. We have already received complaints about this, but I have to point out, that we as the Management Committee have to weigh up the pros and cons of it all. Complaints from members having to sell tickets, getting the tickets back etc. Having said that I have also heard from some members that raising the dues to £25.00 would have been better. I guess we cannot win, but I hope you can all understand the logic behind our decision.

May will see our National Conference at The Durrant Hotel, Bideford over the weekend of Friday 8th to Sunday 10th I am hoping to see many of you there for a good weekend of friendship and fellowship.

Moving Forward - Giving Back

CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ALAN HARRIES

During the past year we have lost many of our fellow Moose members, Past Grand Governors Vernon Smith and Ken Priest, along with Joan White, Bessie Priest and Joyce Stroud. We will miss them all. Each having done so much for us.

Over the years our membership has dwindled like so many other organisations but we must still strive for improvements. Some of our groups are doing well others not so, but we still work for the community and others who require our help. We must continue "Moving Forward, Paying Back".

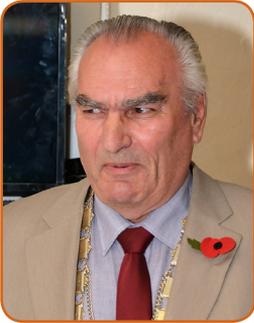
I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year,
take care and stay safe.

Alan Harries
Chairman



National Welfare

NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER - JOHN PALMER



For the Moose Christmas break, Lis and I were delighted to welcome Amanda Davies, Delwyn Davies, Janet Hatton, Nesta Lavender, and Sharon Odihambo. Unfortunately, Bill and Pauline Baber were unable to attend due to Pauline's ill health.

We were also pleased to be joined for the entire break by National President Philip Evans and his wife, Mary. While we weren't complete strangers when we arrived, by the time we left Bideford we were firm friends—and had learned a great deal about one another along the way.

If talking were an Olympic sport, Moose could field a winning team! The hotel provided a steady stream of activities and entertainment, with Sharon Odihambo even picking up a few prizes during the break. The rooms were warm, the food was excellent, and the staff couldn't have been more helpful.



Everyone who attended would like to express sincere thanks to all Moose members who helped make the event not only possible, but truly memorable.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

John Palmer

National Welfare Officer



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To: All Lodge Secretaries

Dear Lodge Secretary

Cessation of Grand Draw

We are writing to inform you that following discussion regarding the effectiveness of the Grand Draw as a means of financial support of our Moose Welfare programme, it was resolved to bring the Grand Draw to a close.

We did not come to this conclusion lightly. However, the costs incurred in running the Draw in terms of licence fees; printing costs; postage; time, and the fact that a number of Lodges do not sell any tickets at all, results in the amount generated being meagre.

Therefore, with effect from the new Moose Year, a small amount, specifically for Moose Welfare, will be added to the Annual Dues. This means that the total Annual Dues amount will be £23 per person, per annum of which £21 will be the Annual Dues and £2 will go to Welfare. That way everybody has the opportunity to support our Moose Welfare Programme.

We thank all the Lodge Members who have supported the Grand Draw down the years. We trust that this will prove to be a satisfactory outcome and that it will benefit our Moose Welfare programme for the future.

As ever, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch and we shall be pleased to help.

With very best wishes for 2026.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary E Dunne'.

Mary E Dunne
Secretary to the Management Committee

18th January 2026

To All Moose Lodges and Ladies' Circles



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Dear Gentlemen and Ladies

Moose Centenary Celebration 25th July 2026

Welcome to our Moose Centenary Year!

In a few months' time, we shall be celebrating our 100th Birthday as an Organisation! In addition to whatever celebrations you may be organising in your Lodges and Ladies' Circles, you will know that the Moose Centenary Celebration will be held at The Celtic Manor Hotel on Saturday 25th July 2026.

On this occasion we shall be joined by the Chief Executive Officer of Moose International, Pilgrim Scott Hart, together with his wife Christie for an evening of celebration, entertainment and Moose fellowship and friendship. It would be fantastic to have as many Moose Members as possible, joining together to celebrate this prodigious event – our 100th Birthday!

The Management Committee will make a financial contribution towards the cost of the event, to enable as many people as possible to attend. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please complete the Expression of Interest Form attached to this letter and return it to Central Office, together with a deposit of £10 for each person named on the form. This will give the Management Committee the required information to continue with the planning and preparation for our very special birthday!

We do hope that you will be able to attend, and we looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our Celebratory Event.

Mary E Dunne
Secretary to the Management Committee

Expression of Interest Form - Moose Centenary Celebration Event 2026

Name(s) _____ Tel. No. _____

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Name(S) _____

Names(s); _____

I enclosed £10 per person in respect of the names of those on this list in the sum of: £ _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

40 Year Certificate

CONGRATULATIONS JOAN GREAVES



On Thursday 11 December, the Lady President of Exmouth Lodge was delighted to recognise a truly special milestone, presenting Joan Greaves—widow of past Area President David Greaves—with her 40-Year Scroll of Honour.

Joan joined Exmouth Lodge 159 in 1985, and her long-standing commitment and loyalty have been greatly valued ever since. The presentation marked not only four decades of service, but also the lasting

contribution Joan has made through her support, involvement and dedication to Moose and the wider community.

Warm congratulations were extended to Joan on reaching this impressive anniversary, with best wishes for many more years of friendship within the Moose.

50 Year Certificate

CONGRATULATIONS JOAN ARTHUR

Joan Arthur was presented with her 50-year plaque and a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Di Rosling at her home on 6th November. The presentation was followed by a lovely chat over tea and cake, making it a warm and memorable occasion—one Joan thoroughly enjoyed.



40 Year Certificate

CONGRATULATIONS MAVIS PARSONS

Judy Ware presented Mavis Parsons with her certificate in recognition of 40 years of service to Moose. Judy was accompanied by Angela Bayliss, and Bill Gratton, who kindly took the photograph.

The presentation made for a very pleasant hour, enjoyed over tea and biscuits, with plenty of chat about times gone by—and lots of happy memories shared.



NATIONAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING

Last Sunday, the National committee met at Burnham-on-Sea Youth Centre. Attached photo shows those present. The Youth Centre is a convenient venue, being centrally located with easy parking.

Photo

(seated, left to right):

Glenda Soley
Jean Gardner
Pam Mansfield,
Maureen Hughes

Standing:

Serena Nathan.

Absent:

Janet Cottee.



University Accomplishment

CONGRATULATIONS KAREN COLEMAN

Proud parents Gareth and Lynda Griffith of Burnham Lodge, recently celebrated a wonderful milestone as their eldest daughter, Karen Coleman, graduated from Birmingham City University with a First Class BSc (Hons) Degree in Midwifery.



Karen's achievement is a testament to her dedication, resilience and compassion throughout a demanding programme of academic study and hands-on clinical training. Earning a First Class degree in such a vital, people-focused profession is no small feat—and it marks the beginning of an exciting career supporting women and families at some of life's most important moments.

With her qualification now complete, Karen steps forward into the profession with bright prospects ahead—and with the heartfelt support of parents Gareth and Lynda cheering her on.



Exeter No. 24

EXMOUTH LODGE – CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025

On Friday 12 December, members and friends of Exmouth Lodge came together for a festive Christmas lunch at The Sadlers Arms in Lymstone.



A total of 20 members enjoyed good food, great



company, and plenty of seasonal cheer, making it a thoroughly enjoyable

afternoon for all. The occasion was also supported by visiting members from Exeter and Wheatley St Michael, adding to the spirit of fellowship and friendship that always makes these events so special.

EXETER MOOSE CHARITY SHOP

Volunteers' Christmas Celebration

On Thursday 4 December, the volunteers from the Exeter Moose Charity Shop came together for a well-deserved Christmas lunch at Exminster Golf Club. The celebration was held in recognition of another fantastic year of volunteering—and the difference the shop continues to make across the local community.



Thanks to the dedication, time and teamwork of everyone involved, the shop has been able to support local charities and good causes throughout the year, donating over £10,000 in total. It was a warm and relaxed occasion, filled with festive cheer, good food and plenty of appreciation for the people behind the scenes who make it all possible.

A huge thank-you goes to every volunteer for their continued commitment and generosity—your efforts really do change lives locally.

Taunton Deane No.125

TAUNTON MOOSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Taunton Moose enjoyed a fantastic Christmas lunch at Oake Manor Golf Club, joined by visiting members from Exmouth, Exeter, and Wheatley St Michael—a lovely show of friendship across the lodges.



An excellent meal was served and thoroughly enjoyed by all, setting the tone for a warm and relaxed afternoon. The celebrations continued with an exceptionally good raffle, adding plenty of festive fun and a few lucky winners along the way.



All in all, it was a most enjoyable afternoon, and sincere thanks go to everyone who helped make the event such a success.



Wales Area Conference

ABERAVON BEACH HOTEL

The Wales Area Conference was held at the Aberavon Beach Hotel, bringing together Moose members from lodges across Wales for a full weekend of connection, discussion, and planning. Running from Friday 17th October through to Monday 20th October, the conference created a relaxed but purposeful setting where members could catch up with old friends, welcome newer faces, and focus on the bigger picture of what comes next for Moose in Wales.

Across the weekend, conversations centred on how the organisation can move forward and continue to grow, while staying true to what Moose does best—supporting communities through friendship, service, and fundraising for worthy causes.

The standout moment of the weekend came on the Saturday, when Gerald Gardner was formally presented with his Pilgrim Degree Jacket—a proud and memorable occasion, and a fitting recognition of his long-standing commitment to Moose. The presentation was warmly received by everyone in attendance, marking a real highlight of the conference and a moment of celebration for Gerald, his lodge, and the wider Wales area.

The weekend also included a special presentation for National President Philip Evans and his wife Mary, who were presented with a gift by Group 1 Secretary Anita Harries. It was a thoughtful gesture and a respectful acknowledgement of their support and leadership, expressing a strong sense of unity and appreciation across our wonderful organisation.



National President Philip Evans
and First Lady of Moose
Mary Evans at the
Group 1 Conference.



National President Philip Evans and his wife
Mary after being presented with a gift by
Group 1 Secretary Anita Harries.

Burnham No.123

CHRISTMAS MEAL

On Wednesday, 3rd December, we all trooped off to the Orchard Inn in West Huntspill for our traditional Christmas meal—and what a cracker it was. This year's format was a carvery served on long tables, laid out in true medieval banquet style, which gave the whole afternoon a brilliant atmosphere. The meal itself was delicious, followed by table-served desserts and coffee.

And, of course, no Moose get-together would be complete without the ever-popular raffle to round things off.



A big thank you to Social Committee Chairman Pete Nicholson for pulling this one out of his hat and delivering yet another terrific social event for everyone to enjoy.

Basingstoke No.152

90th BIRTHDAY TREAT

Albert Gawler from Basingstoke Lodge thoroughly enjoyed a memorable birthday treat last month—a visit to the Brecon Mountain Railway at Pant.

Albert has steam in his veins. He served as a fireman on the steam trains from 1949 to 1966, and after the Beeching cuts he had no desire to retrain on the diesel locomotives that replaced them—cheekily referring to them as the “biscuit tins.”

During the visit, Albert enjoyed a long conversation with the driver and mate, sharing stories and recalling the machines, routes, events, and a lifetime of treasured railway memories.

The trip was kindly organised by Pam Mansfield and Ted Blackmore-Squires.



Pilgrim Degree

ROBING CEREMONY

On 18th October, Gerald Gardner was honoured with the presentation of his Pilgrim Degree gold jacket during a special robing ceremony held at the Aberavon Beach Hotel.

The ceremony marked a proud milestone, recognising Gerald's dedication, commitment, and service within Moose. Surrounded by fellow members in a warm atmosphere of friendship and fellowship, the occasion carried both tradition and significance—celebrating not only the achievement itself, but the journey and contribution behind it.

The Pilgrim Degree is a respected honour, and the presentation of the gold jacket served as a fitting highlight of the ceremony, drawing heartfelt congratulations from all in attendance. It was a memorable event and a wonderful opportunity for members to come together to share in Gerald's success.

Congratulations once again to Gerald Gardner on this well-deserved recognition.



Chairman of the Management Committee,
Pilgrim Alan Harries opening
the ceremony.



Gerald and
Guide Pilgrim Mike Burgin.

Pilgrim Degree

ROBING CEREMONY



Gerald with Pilgrim Malcom Parrott.



Gerald and Pilgrim Albert Skeates.



Pilgrim Mike Burgin guiding Gerald's wife, Jean, into position during the ceremony.



Getting ready for what lies ahead
Lodge Guide
Geoff Williams
and Pilgrim Chaplin
Keith Jenkins.
Pilgrim Governor
Kevan Randall
in the background.



Gerald and Pilgrim
Keith Jenkins.

Pilgrim Degree

ROBING CEREMONY



Pilgrim Gerald
and his "BIG" sister Anita.



Pilgrim Gerald with his wife, Jean, and Tredegar
Moose members Ann Hudd and Amanda Davies.



Pilgrim Gerald with his proud family

Swindon No.32

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

At Lodge night on 15 September, Maureen Hughes was proud to present a £500 donation to Wiltshire Treehouse, a local charity that supports bereaved children and young people across Swindon and Wiltshire.



Wiltshire Treehouse provides a safe, understanding space where children can explore their grief—offering advice and guidance for families, specialist group programmes, and training and support for professionals, helping young people build the coping skills and confidence they need after the death of someone important to them.

ASK DANNY

On Monday 21 July, the Lodge was delighted to welcome Maria Lynch and her team from Ask Danny, who gave an informative talk about the support they provide for adults with learning difficulties who are in hospital, or preparing for an admission. Their work helps reduce anxiety and improve understanding for everyone involved, including the use of comfort bears and resource boxes packed with practical items designed to aid communication



between patients and hospital staff. Following the presentation, Michelle and Brian proudly presented a £500 cheque to support their ongoing efforts.

Swindon No.32

AFTERNOON TEA AND BINGO



A very successful fundraiser followed on Saturday 16 August, with our Afternoon Tea and Bingo event. Thirty-eight people attended and enjoyed a wonderful spread of sandwiches, cakes, and scones, lovingly prepared by Michelle, Tracey, and Amber. Bingo was called by Brian, and Tesco kindly donated 30 raffle prizes, which added to the fun of the afternoon. In total, the event raised £507, which will go towards our year-end donation for AbC – Affected by Cancer, a valued local charity supporting those affected by cancer.

MICHELLE HOBBS - LODGE'S FIRST LADY PRESIDENT

Michelle Hobbs made history at Swindon 32 Lodge by becoming our first Lady President. She was formally inducted into her new role by Terry Cornelius at our Easter Bunny event—an especially fitting occasion to mark such a proud milestone for the Lodge.



Swindon No.32

EASTER BUNNY RACE NIGHT



Good Friday 18th April saw 40 members and friends attend a fun packed Easter Bunny Race Night at Swindon Moose Hall. The rabbits were a bit naughty and tried to escape at times but it provided great entertainment. Overall, we raised over £300 for our Presidents chosen charity for 2025/6, ABC Affected by Cancer.



PROSPECT HOSPICE DONATION

Swindon 32 Lodge President, Michelle Hobbs, was delighted to present a donation of £2,000 to Prospect Hospice in January 2026, continuing the Lodge's proud tradition of supporting charities that make a real difference to people and families in the local community.

Prospect Hospice provides vital care and support to individuals living with life-limiting illness, as well as compassionate guidance for families, friends and carers when they need it most. The Lodge was pleased to contribute towards the Hospice's ongoing work—helping ensure patients receive comfort, dignity and specialist support, while also easing the pressures faced by loved ones during incredibly challenging times.

Michelle thanked everyone at Prospect Hospice for the dedication and kindness they show every day, and also expressed her appreciation to Lodge members and supporters whose fundraising efforts made the donation possible. The presentation marked a meaningful moment for Swindon 32 Lodge, reflecting the Moose values of community, compassion and practical help where it is most needed.

The Lodge extends its best wishes to the Prospect Hospice team and all those they support, and looks forward to continuing to back important local causes throughout the year.



Winton & Wimborne No.397

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Winton & Wimborne Branch rounded off the festive season in the best possible way—with music, community spirit, and meaningful support for local causes—at a specially arranged Saturday evening Christmas Concert performed by the Hammond Academy.

The event provided a warm and welcoming opportunity to bring together Moose members, friends, and family for an enjoyable evening of seasonal entertainment.

The Hammond Academy delivered a superb performance, setting the tone for a thoroughly uplifting evening. The programme captured the spirit of the season, offering a mix of festive favourites and crowd-pleasing pieces that had the audience fully engaged from start to finish.

As well as being a brilliant social occasion, the concert also served an important purpose: it gave the Branch the chance to make its annual charitable cheque presentations to a range of charities and community groups supporting people locally. These presentations are always a proud moment for the Branch—tangible proof that when members come together,

the impact reaches far beyond the walls of the Lodge. Each cheque represented the fundraising efforts, generosity, and steady support shown throughout the year, and each recipient was welcomed with genuine



appreciation and warmth.

We would extend sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. Evenings like this remind us what Moose is all about: friendship,

fun, and helping others. Winton & Wimborne Branch wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year—and looks forward to another year of community support and shared successes.



Tredegar No.1

PILGRIM CELEBRATION

On 8th November 2025, Tredegar Lodge marked a proud and memorable occasion as members gathered to celebrate Gerald Gardner on receiving his Pilgrim Degree. A long-serving and well-respected member of the Moose, Gerald's achievement was recognised with genuine warmth and appreciation from everyone in attendance.



The evening was not only a celebration of Gerald's milestone, but also a fitting tribute to Tredegar's other Pilgrims, Keith Jenkins and Albert Skeates. Their dedication, loyalty, and years of service to the Order were acknowledged throughout the night, reminding everyone present of the commitment and community spirit that keeps the Lodge strong.



A delicious buffet was kindly provided by Lyn Price and Gail Williams, which was enjoyed by all and added to the welcoming atmosphere of the evening. Entertainment was also in good hands, with music provided by Jimmy Gee, keeping spirits high and ensuring the celebrations continued in true Moose style.



Tredegar No.1

PILGRIM CELEBRATION

Members and guests had a great time while coming together in celebration. The event reflected everything Moose stands for—friendship, recognition, and pride in those who give so much of their time and support to others.



MAYOR'S APPEAL



An Afternoon Tea in support of the Mayor's Appeal was held on 30th January, where Tredegar Ladies' Circle President Sandra Jones proudly presented a cheque for £650 to Tredegar Mayor Alyson Tippins.

In return, Mayor Tippins presented Tredegar Moose with a commemorative plate of Aneurin Bevan, founder of the NHS, as a token of appreciation for the hard work and support shown.

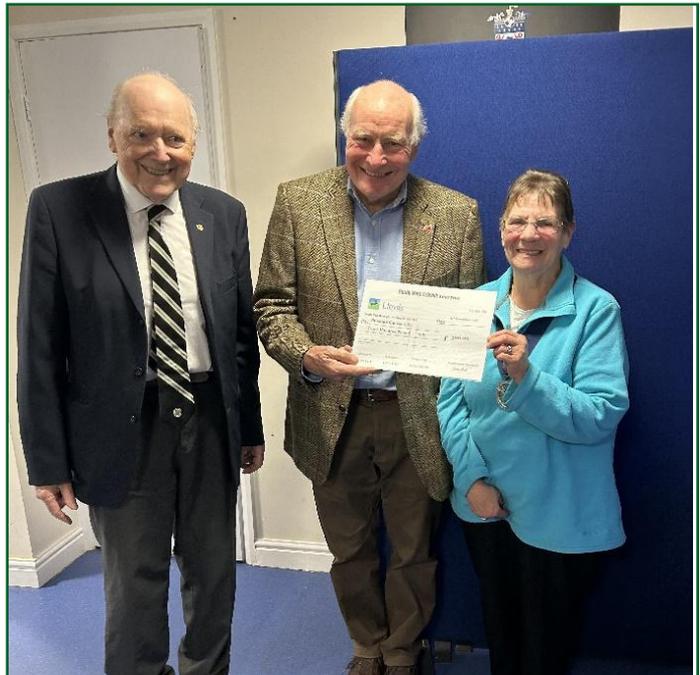
Southwest Friends

SOCIAL GET-TOGETHERS

Southwest Friends is a group set up by members of Legion No. 1 and is open to both Moose and non-Moose members. The group meets for lunch every couple of months and holds a charity draw at each gathering, ensuring their social get-togethers also support good causes.

On Thursday 6th November, Southwest Friends met at Exmouth Lodge for what proved to be an especially meaningful afternoon. Members and guests were given a highly interesting, informative, and in-depth talk on Prostate Cancer, delivered by Richard Watts, who also shared his own first-hand experience. Following the presentation, a questions session took place, giving everyone the opportunity to learn more and discuss the subject openly.

To mark the occasion and support this important cause, Brian Gould, on behalf of Southwest Friends, presented a cheque for £300.



Left to right:
Brian Gould,
Richard Watts
and Beryl Ralph

Christmas Break

CHRISTMAS AT THE DURRANT HOUSE HOTEL

The Moose Christmas Break, held each year to ensure our widows and widowers are not alone over the festive period, proved to be another truly wonderful occasion.

This year's break took place at the Durrant House Hotel in Bideford, which provided the perfect setting. The venue was excellent and the staff could not have been



more helpful, making everyone feel welcome from the moment they arrived.

Our break began on 23rd December, with guests settling in and enjoying time to get to know one another. Christmas Day itself was especially special, filled with good company, laughter, and that unmistakable Moose spirit

of friendship and support.

The fun continued into the evening with a fancy-dress night on Christmas Day, and a huge well done to everyone who made the effort to take part. The prize winners were:



1st Prize: Sharon Odihambo (Tredegar Lodge)

2nd Prize: Janet Hatton (Tredegar Lodge)

3rd Prize: First Lady of Moose, Mary Evans (Neath Lodge)

Those attending and helping to make the break such a success were Lis and John Palmer, Amanda Davies, Delwyn Davies, Janet Hatton, Nesta Lavender, Sharon Odihambo, and National President Philip Evans and his wife, Mary. To those who were unable to attend, hopefully we will see you there next year. A truly memorable time was had by all, and once again the Moose Christmas Break reminded us what our organisation does best—bringing people together when it matters most.



Moving Forward Giving Back

Thank you to everybody
who has raised money on
behalf of Moose International

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of signing new members

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of Moose International

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