

## A Million Reasons to Read a Book World Book Night

After hearing a mention last autumn on Radio 4 that a scheme was afoot to find volunteers to give away a million books, I rushed to the computer to find out about World Book Night.

The night in question was March 5<sup>th</sup> 2011, and 20,000 volunteers were needed. We had until 4<sup>th</sup> January to register, and I think I must have been one of the earliest, and was thrilled to be chosen. I collected the 48 specially printed copies of my book in February.



armoured bears, witches and gypsians, and the mysterious Dust. It creates a whole extraordinary, beautiful and sometimes terrifying world.

As the culmination of World Book Week, there was a huge launch on 4<sup>th</sup> March in Trafalgar Square, with most of the authors present. The

BBC joined in with many radio programmes in the previous week, and a whole evening on the night itself.

### Daemons and Bears

The scheme is funded by a group of publishers who chose 25 books from a poll of favourites across the industry. I chose Philip Pullman's *Northern Lights*. He is an Oxford author; the book begins in Oxford; it is the first of a trilogy, so if you like it you can read on; and also, I found the story mesmerising. It's the story of the girl Lyra, starting in an ancient Oxford college, and taking her on a journey to the far north in search of a kidnapped friend. It has daemons and

### Books to be Shared

An important aim of the event is for books to be shared. My books were given away in Wychwood Library, with the help of Ruth and Liz. If you have one of them, please give it away again when you have read it. Look in the back cover for its individual ID number. You can use this to register to join the world's biggest book club, with access to discussion groups and various book events, and I will be able to trace the journey of my books as they travel from one reader to another.

**Heather Shute**

## Mark Jones Memorial Golf Tournament

In Aid of the Pancreatic Cancer UK and John Radcliffe Hospital/Oncology Ward  
**Chipping Norton Golf Club Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Please check out our website for more details: [www.markjonesmemorial.org.uk](http://www.markjonesmemorial.org.uk)  
First tee off at noon. Cost £45 per golfer (£180 per team). £30 for CNGC Members  
Mixed Men and Women. £20 non-golfing guests for evening activities.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prizes awarded. Bacon Roll on Arrival. 8<sup>th</sup> Tee Challenge.  
Free Drinks at Halfway House. Rolling Buffet from 6:30 pm. Raffle throughout the day.

### GRAND AUCTION 8 PM

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