

# Mildmay Matters

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## A REMINDER

Edition no.289 issued at the end of September 2010 was the first in our new format of three or four editions each year which take the form of a review of what has been happening in Mildmay during the period. So this is coverage from October through to the end of the year.

Whilst not peculiar to Mildmay it is worth recording that December turned out to be the coldest one since records began with significant snowfall on several occasions. As a result one or two members living some distance from Chelmsford or down narrow and difficult lanes were unable to get to a meeting or attend committee. As a nation we have made the decision not invest the vast sums needed to ensure that snow is cleared immediately from our roads and airports and hence we have to suffer the occasional inconvenience.

## TANZANIA COMPUTER PROJECT

This has been the major project undertaken by Mildmay in 2009/10 and at various times has involved all Club members. It has been organised by the International Committee under Chairman Nanette with Tony Barker acting as Project Leader. One of the key players has been Honorary Rotarian Amani Sedoyoka who was a member of Mildmay until he had to return to Tanzania in 2009. Amani has been able to coordinate the unloading of over 300 computers, printers and other computing equipment at Dar-es-Salaam and arrange for their distribution to schools with the necessary skilled teachers and premises security.

At the Club meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October using Andrew Britter's specialist IT knowledge a live link was made with Amani in Tanzania and we were able to hear at first hand how the distribution stage was being carried out. The following are some excerpts from the presentation made by International Chairman Nanette.

### **Rotary Club of Chelmsford Mildmay collected, refurbished and boxed:**

- 287 PC sets (that is a PC, monitor, keyboard and mouse)
- 82 laptops
- 5 PC/monitor combos
- 45 printers
- 7 projectors
- 3 scanners
- 3 cameras
- 2 video cameras
- (Unit cost - £8.73)

**By the time of the shipping, Amani said:** *We have already prepared a good number of volunteers especially trainers, who are staff of The Institute of Finance Management (IFM), Computing department, who will train teachers. We have more than 30 you Rotaractans from Rafiki Club, which is a club of students from IFM who are happy to do all the manual work and some in training and technical support. I am arranging with one of the Universities (Mzumbe University) so that their computing students can work with schools. Apparently there are starting their industrial attachments on October to March, so it will be a good timing as I intend to attach them to schools. So am happy and eagerly waiting for the day. Am sure it is going to be as busy as anything but we will make it.*

...and it certainly was busy as the photos which follow demonstrate.....



The Rotary Club of  
CHELMSFORD  
MILDMAIY  
Computers for Tanzania

- Jan-July 2010 – collected from schools
- August 2010 - boxes loaded for shipping
- 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2010 - ship sailed with computers
- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010 - ship arrived
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010 - arrive on Tanzanian soil
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2010 - all collected from port



*International Chairman  
Nanette Wright makes the  
presentation*



*.....the goods being loaded by  
Club members at John Bucknell's  
Farm in August*

**Jangwani Girls' High school:**

- 50 yrs old, so has electricity, and already had 2 good computer labs (although would need a 3rd)
- 1480 students and good number of alumni
- School admin had 1 computer and most operations done manually, and school keen to equip staff with computers and server loaded with digital material, and database for student records
- Has 1 teacher and 20 old computers (originally donated by the British Council but few now working)
- Consequence of few PCs working is that few science students were getting access to computers



Tambaza High School in  
Dar Es Salaam  
receives computers from  
Rotary Club of Chelmsford  
Mildmay



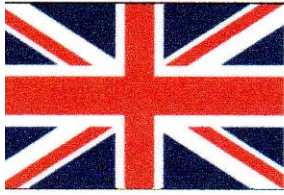
Rotarian Eliamani  
Sedoyeka is responsible  
for overseeing Mildmay's  
project in Tanzania,  
shown left

All the goods safely delivered!!!

This has unquestionably been Mildmay's most ambitious and rewarding project for many years and the planning of Phase 2 has now started.

## TWINNING WITH KLERKSDORP – SOUTH AFRICA AND LESOTHO

Earlier this year Mildmay made a Twinning agreement with the Rotary Club of Klerksdorp and below is a copy of this agreement which was duly signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of the two Clubs



### Twinning Agreement

The Rotary Club of Chelmsford Mildmay, District 1240, United Kingdom  
and

The Rotary Club of Klerksdorp, District 9320, South Africa and Lesotho

hereby agree on this day *28<sup>th</sup> January* 2010 to recognise each other as a sister club

The purpose of this twinning agreement is to foster a relationship between the two clubs which will promote mutual understanding, friendship and co-operation in all areas of Rotary activities.

We also believe that this agreement will help to promote international harmony between our countries.

The two clubs will actively encourage close co-operation between their members by sponsoring joint projects and offering mutual support for the club activities. The clubs will work to establish friendship and understanding by arranging visits to each other's District from time to time.

We believe that this twinning relationship will bring our two clubs closer together and have mutual benefit for our work in Rotary.

### City of Klerksdorp

- Founded 1837 by the Settlers
- Named after first magistrate, Jacob de Clerq
- 1886 – Gold discovered
- 1899 – 1902 2<sup>nd</sup> Boer War – Several battles around Klerksdorp
- 1932 – Gold mining industry revived by large companies
- ± 400 000 inhabitants
- Important agricultural area – maize, sunflower, sorghum, groundnuts
- Headquarters of South African Sussex Cattle Breeders Association

### Stilfontein House of Safety



**YOUR  
HELP  
IS  
NEEDED !!!**

With the closure of many mines and the subsequent retrenchment of mineworkers, many children are left destitute and sexual abuse of these children is not uncommon.

The situation is further worsened by the AIDS epidemic which has left some children as young as 8 as heads of their households.

The home is run on a strictly volunteer basis and care givers do their utmost to provide the children with a stable environment.



In August President John wrote to President Johan Gerber of the Klerksdorp and in his letter he said "We are very excited about twinning with the Rotary Club of Klerksdorp, gaining a different perspective on Rotary and perhaps picking up some ideas from each other. I also hope that there may be an opportunity to link with you to achieve a matching grant in support of one of your local projects."

One of the possibilities would be to seek a Matching Grant for a project such as the Stilfontein House of Safety run by Klerksdorp which is detailed above and it is hoped that progress will soon be made on this idea.

## CHELMSFORD CLUBS TOGETHER

### Quadrant Shopping Evening

There is nothing like a little retail therapy to keep the ladies (and a few men) happy – especially near to Christmas and particularly when discounts are on offer. So following the success of 2009 the five Chelmsford Rotary Clubs arranged an evening's pre-Christmas shopping in conjunction with the Chelmsford Co-op with part of the proceeds being donated to the Macmillan Nurses.

The occasion was organised by our own Gordon Neilson who did a sterling job and was able to report the following figures:

In 2009 we sold 244 tickets and had 217 through the door; in 2010 we sold 245 tickets and 223 came along on the night.

We raised £1,869.50 for Macmillan which was up on last year's figure of £1,524 by 23%.

In 2009 we had 24 surveys returned in 2010 we had 89, raising an additional £44.50 for the charity.

The store took £12,477 on the evening against £18,683 in 2009. The loss was because of a reduction in furniture sales. However after the event we took a further £2,380 that we can account for from the evening by Rotary members.



The Society generously funded the costs of the evening including restaurant staff, glass hire, wine, champagnes, prizes, fashion stylist, chef, Essex Life photographer, goodies bags, leaflets and tickets.

It was felt to be a huge success by Quadrant and a date has been set for next year, Wednesday, November the 16th.

The cheque presentation to Macmillan Nurses – Yes!

You've spotted that the sum on the cheque is out by £169.50 simply because when all the figures were available there was more to give.

A very deserved "Well done" to Gordon!

### Mayor's Charity Market -Mulled Wine and minced pies

Another regular event in the Chelmsford calendar is the Dickenson Market in the High Street. This year it was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> and was a way of Rotary helping the Mayor raise money for a local Charity. Nearly £400 was handed over.



All is ready – just customers required!

Philip Savill with President John (Gwyn Calvert-Painter from Rivermead behind with the bell)

## GSE – BRAZIL 2011

In December the District selection interviews took place for the Group Study Exchange Team to go to Brazil later in 2011. The four candidates chosen are:

<b>Janet West</b>	<b>Sports Marketing</b>	<b>Chelmsford Mildmay</b>
· Latefa Mansarit	Youth Counsellor	Colchester Trinity
· Sara Wyatt	Midwife	Basildon
· Laura Simkins	Financial Services Administration	Brentwood



Congratulations to all the Team with a special mention for the Mildmay nominee Janet West (pictured on the left).

And Mildmay were also successful with David Thompson being selected as the Deputy Team Leader.

## CLUB ATTENDANCE

It is a requirement that attendance of members at club meetings and other authorised Rotary duties are regularly reported to the Club. It has been agreed that this is best done by including these every six months in Mildmay Matters.

The information that was contained within this table is relevant to members of the Rotary Club of Chelmsford Mildmay only, and it has therefore been decided to withhold it from publication on this site.

If there is anybody who needs the information it can be provided, on written application to the Hon Secretary.

## MILDMAY PLAYS BANKER

In the past few months the following sums have been given to local Charities from the Club's Charity Account:

Helen Rollason CancerTrust	£ 250.00
Springfield Colts	£ 100.00
Home Start	£ 200.00
Savenake House	£ 200.00
Computer Project	£ 200.00 (shipping costs)

These amounts are in addition to total of £7250 handed over to six other local charities during the summer as a result of monies raised at the Edmund Carr Great Baddow Charity Races

## CHRISTMAS 2010

On 17<sup>th</sup> December President John and Anthea generously invited members and partners to a Drinks Party. Well they called it that but in addition we were treated to a dazzling range of canopies and such goodies prepared and presented by Jennie Cappin, Nanette Wright and Anthea. It was a delightful way to get into the spirit of Christmas and to all involved we say a very big thank you.

Then on the 21<sup>st</sup> the Club held its traditional Christmas Lunch attended by 31 Members with 20 partners and two invited guests, Muriel Booth and Margaret Edgell. A jolly relaxed affair at which we were able to thank Romar's staff for the efficient and cheerful way they had looked after us throughout the year.

Evidence of the success of both events is shown in the photos below!

