



# Mildmay Matters

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## Purple Pinkie Race Night

**On the 7<sup>th</sup> February the Chelmsford Clubs held a Race Night in aid of Purple Pinkie**

**Tony Bugden** writes: It was something different. What were we expecting? Perhaps some form of display of a number of races on a television screen with a race card and one would bet on the horses in the same way as one would on the course. It was nothing like that. Each race had six horses, each of which had been purchased in advance. Six jockeys were selected for these horses. The horse was a wooden likeness secured to a board at 90 degrees. Attached to the horse was a string the length of the course. This was attached to a round piece of wood. The jockeys sat the length of the course away from the horses with their back to them. At the signal to start the race each jockey rolled this piece of wood to wind up the string and draw the horse towards them. The winner was the horse that arrived at the winning line first. Horses were bet on in the normal way using the Tote. Well - some won and some lost. We did all get either a fish & chip or a chicken & chip supper.

The evening in general was a success and raised about £900 for purple pinkie but would it would have been better if more people had attended.

From President Pat – A steep learning curve for all those from Mildmay who went along but they soon learnt about the important wrist action required by the jockeys to get their mounts to the winning line! There were some Mildmay successes – Savill's Folly came in first in Race 2 and in Race 7 the Bidder Trophy was won by Mildmay ridden by jockey Ian Pessell of Chelmsford Rivermead.

And don't forget to check out all Purple Pinkie activities at [www.purplepinkie.com](http://www.purplepinkie.com)

.....and on the next page there is more about **Purple Pinkie**

*.....and here's how it's done!*



.....and this is what is happening about *Purple Pinkie* at the macro level

## GLOBAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COMMITS MILLIONS IN AGGRESSIVE PUSH FOR POLIO ERADICATION

*Rotary International, Gates Foundation and UK Government pledge critically needed funds and urge donor and endemic country governments to help end crippling childhood disease*

Rotary International, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the British and German governments today committed more than \$630 million in new funds to fight polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa and Asia and threatens children everywhere. In addition to pledging needed funds, leaders urged additional donors and leaders of countries where polio still exists to join them in an aggressive push for eradication.

News broke on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> that the Gates Foundation is awarding a \$255 million challenge grant to Rotary, which Rotary will match with \$100 million raised by its members over the next three years. At the same time, the UK government is giving an additional £100 million (\$150 million) and Germany is giving an additional \$130 million (€ 100 million), over the next five years, both to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

As a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Rotary's chief role is fundraising, advocacy and mobilizing volunteers. The announcements came during the Rotary International Assembly, the humanitarian service organization's annual leadership conference.

"Rotarians, government leaders and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment so polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation. "However, complete elimination of the polio virus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

## CHELMSFORD ROTARY CLUBS MUSIC AWARDS



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January the 4 Rotary Clubs in Chelmsford held a Music Awards evening at St Cedds School for Young Musicians in Chelmsford.

The Mayor of Chelmsford Councillor Tom Willis was in attendance to present the prizes with the Mayoress Jane Willis.

The winner this year was Sasha Millwood, a pupil at King Edward V1 Grammer School, Chelmsford, playing the Piano, and the runner up was Josephine Wilkins playing the Flute.

Sasha will now go forward to participate in the Rotary District 1240 Young Musician Award which is to be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on the 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

**Congratulations to Mike Ardley who represented Mildmay on the Organising Committee for all his efforts and on another excellent occasion**



*Mayor Tom Willis with Sasha Millwood- Mike Ardley and Pet Thornton The Mayor with Josephine Wilkins*

# MILDMAY CELEBRATES BURNS NIGHT

In the tradition of recent years Mildmay honoured the memory of Robert Burns by having haggis served as the main dish at lunch on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. It was Alan Willis' turn to address "the Great Chieftain o' the Puddin' Race" and give a few words by way of explanation. Just in case any member is still in doubt about the origins of the haggis the authenticated version is given below



## Haggis

**Kingdom:** Animalia

**Location found:** Scotland

The wild Haggis (plural: Haggi) lives in the highlands of Scotland. It is round, four-legged, fur-covered, and usually less than a foot in length (comparable in size to a grouse). It is a shy creature, rarely seen, and for this reason there is great disagreement about its exact morphology and habits. For instance, many who claim to be Haggis experts say that the legs of the Haggis are longer on one side of its body than the other, in order to allow it to better stand on the steep slopes of the highlands. As a consequence, the haggis can only run around hills in one direction, and to catch one you simply run around the hill in the opposite direction. If true, this morphological feature would make the Haggis a cousin of the American [Sidehill Gouger](#). However, [other Haggis observers](#) deny this to be true, insisting that all the legs of the Haggis are of equal length.



Some Haggis-ologists speculate that the Haggis is related to the Australian duck-billed platypus, being a descendant of migratory platypuses who found themselves trapped in Scotland during the last ice age and evolved to become highly adapted to its cold, damp weather.

To catch a Haggis it is advised to disguise your scent with liberal amounts of whisky, and then adopt a stumbling gait, swerving from side to side, so that the animal won't see you coming. Many stores in Scotland also sell [Haggis Whistles](#). It is claimed that "in skilled hands this whistle can perfectly mimic the mating call of the Haggis."

It is sometimes said that Haggis is actually a traditional Scottish dish made from the heart, liver, and lungs of a sheep, mixed with oatmeal, suet, and seasonings, and boiled in the stomach of the animal. This is simply not true.



## GLOSSARY OF SCOTTISH TERMS

**Bagpipes:** An inflated pigs bladder squeezed to sound like the mating call of the 'haggis'

**Caber** A stout wooden pole. A type of 'disselboom' to pull a tamoshanter

**Famous Grouse** Emblem of the Scottish Rugby Team

**Haggis**  
i. The traditional meal of meal at celebrations  
ii. Scotswomen over the age of 90

**Sporran** A type of 'balsack' to protect and keep the family jewel warm

**Tossing the Caber** Using the caber for a game of 'jukskei'

**Tamoshanter** A type of golf-cart

**Troons** Ridiculous Golfing shorts with a tartan motif

Haggis is a very filling dish and so you may feel the need for a little exercise to shed the pounds which may have been gained in celebration and so here is a suggested exercise regime to bring you back in shape:

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room either side. With a 5lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there for as long as you can.

Try to reach a full minute then relax.

Each day you will find that you can hold this position for a just a wee bit longer. After a couple of weeks move up to a 10lb bag.

Then try 50lb potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100lb bag in each hand and to be able to hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level put a potato in each bag.

.....with grateful thanks for the above to the Rotary Club of Klerksdorf South Africa (and President Pat!)

# Club Attendance

from the Honorary Secretary

**Attendance:** It is required by R.I.B.I. bylaws that members are advised of their level of attendance following each 6 month period.

Leave of Absence excuses members for the period agree and therefore do not count in the possible attendance figures. Leave of absence is granted by Club Service Committee and confirmed by Council, but should Council meet prior to the Club Service Committee then it would be considered by Council. Leave of Absence is grant following a member's request to be excused attendance due to circumstances in excess of the norm (2 weeks holiday is considered as the norm)..

Attendances can be "made up" by attending a meeting at another Club, they can also be made up with attendances to other Rotary functions and meetings, e.g. District meetings, Club external functions, Club Council Meetings. Claims for attendances should be submitted to the Secretary monthly.

**The attendance requirement** is for Rotarians to have a minimum of 50% attendance at which a minimum of 25% must be at Club

**Visiting Clubs:** Should you be attending anther Town somewhere else in the world and wish to attend the local Club, the Secretary has a book that details every Club, Meeting place, day and Time and the details of the Secretary who out of courtesy you should contact and advise of your intent to attend their meeting.

## Attendance for the last 6 months

|                 | Poss | Actual | %     | V | a | %     |              | Poss | Actual | %     | V | a | %      |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|---|---|-------|--------------|------|--------|-------|---|---|--------|
| M. Ardley       | 26   | 17     | 68    | 2 | 1 | 76    | R. Pilbrow   | 25   | 20     | 80    |   |   | 80     |
| Mike Ashton     | 21   | 17     | 80.95 |   |   | 80.95 | D. Pond      | 25   | 20     | 80    | 2 | 2 | 96     |
| A. Barker       | 25   | 23     | 92    |   |   | 92    | T. Roper     | 25   | 22     | 88    | 2 | 1 | 100    |
| A. Britter      | 18   | 18     | 100   | 2 |   | 100   | J. Rose      | 16   | 15     | 93.75 | 1 | 1 | 106.25 |
| J. Bucknell     | 28   | 16     | 88.89 | 1 | 1 | 100   | M. Savill    | 25   | 22     | 88    | 1 |   | 92     |
| A Bugden        | 25   | 23     | 92    | 4 | 5 | 100   | A. Simpson   | 25   | 19     | 76    |   | 1 | 80     |
| A. Copsey       | 21   | 17     | 80.95 |   |   | 80.95 | P. Stunt     | 10   | 10     | 100   |   |   | 100    |
| A. Duchars      | 25   | 19     | 76    |   |   | 76    | D. Thompson  | 25   | 21     | 84    | 1 | 2 | 96     |
| H. Frost        | 13   | 10     | 76.92 |   |   | 76.92 | R Thorne     | 25   | 20     | 80    |   |   | 80     |
| P.Gaudin        | 25   | 21     | 84    | 1 | 5 | 100   | J. Tilsley   | 25   | 22     | 88    | 2 | 1 | 100    |
| R. Gregory      | 25   | 21     | 84    | 1 |   | 88    | M. Vandome   | 25   | 18     | 72    |   | 2 | 80     |
| D. Harper       | 25   | 24     | 96    | 1 | 1 | 100   | K. Webb      | 25   | 19     | 76    | 4 | 8 | 100    |
| J. Hodgson      | 25   | 15     | 60    |   |   | 60    | A Willis     | 25   | 18     | 72    | 3 | 1 | 88     |
| D. Hollingworth | 25   | 22     | 88    |   | 1 | 92    | N. Wright    | 23   | 12     | 52.17 | 2 |   | 60.87  |
| G. Neilson      | 25   | 21     | 84    | 3 | 1 | 100   | J. Wolfenden | 20   | 13     | 65    | 1 |   | 70     |
| R. Oscroft      | 22   | 19     | 86.36 | 2 | 4 | 100   |              |      |        |       |   |   |        |

## PROGRAMME

| DATE             | SUBJECT/SPEAKER                                  | DUTY                          |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>February</b>  |  |                               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Crime Stoppers – Tim Scotchmer                   | Richard Pilbrow               |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | My Job Talk – Jackie Rose                        | David Pond                    |
| <b>March</b>     |  |                               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | <b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>                          | <b>Object of Rotary Grace</b> |
|                  |  | Michael Vandome               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Autism Anglia - Clive Stobbs/John Sparkes        | Tim Roper                     |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Nepal Trip - Emma Randall                        | Jackie Rose                   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Essex Association of Boys' Clubs - Keith Cranmer | Mike Savill                   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Races information/tasks etc. - David Thompson    | A. Simpson                    |
| <b>April</b>     |  |                               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>                          | <b>Object of Rotary Grace</b> |
|                  |  | Keith Webb                    |
|                  |  | David Thompson                |

## DIARY DATES

### March

1<sup>st</sup> - Purple Pinkie Lunch      4<sup>th</sup> - Matchstick Club      20<sup>th</sup> - Chelmsford Rivermead Charter Night Dinner

*Copy Date for March Issue..... Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March*