



Mildmay Matters

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Purple Pinkie - £30000 !

Yes! That is the wonderful sum - and it could still be more as bits and bobs are still coming in - raised by the four Chelmsford Clubs towards the District 1240 initiative in aid of Polio. The total for the District is still being counted by DG Ken Buck and if you want to know more keep an eye on the 1240 website where there should be an up-date soon. (or look at www.purplepinkie.com)

It was David Pond who spoke at Club of the tremendous lead given by President Pat who worked tirelessly to keep the momentum going in Chelmsford. And she was given good support by Mildmay members who seemed to be outnumbering the others when the rotas were posted. A great effort all round!



Rtn Graham Hart has his purple beard and head shaved



Rtns Amani Sedoyeka + John Johnston (Ch Bridge)

.....and below part of the national press coverage and what RIBI is doing to alert the public.

ROTARY LIGHTS UP THE WORLD TO END POLIO

What do the Houses of Parliament, the Roman Coliseum, Sydney Opera House, and a Scottish castle have in common?

Each of these iconic landmarks will provide a dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic Rotary message over the next week: **End Polio Now**. Those three words - Rotary's pledge to rid the world of this crippling childhood disease - will be projected onto the exterior of each structure in an effort to encourage the world to unite against polio.

The illuminating idea was born in the UK when Rotary lit up the Houses of Parliament this time last year. The eye catching pledge will be projected on to the Houses again at 6pm this Saturday (21st February), followed throughout the week by The Coliseum, Sydney Opera House, and the prestigious Eileen Donan Castle in the West Highlands (often portrayed in films).

"By illuminating these historic landmarks with our pledge to end polio, Rotary clubs are announcing to the world that we will not stop until the goal is achieved," said Ian Thomson, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. "We hope people everywhere will see these words - either in person or through the media - and join with us and our partners in this historic effort to rid the world of polio once and for all.

...and a few more images from Purple Pinkie



...and some hot news from the Purple Pinkie Front.....

At the Club Meeting on the 17th March Alistair Simpson handed over a cheque for £172. This was the result of a personal initiative by Alistair who enlisted Chelmsford Borough Council to have a Dress Down Purple Day which led to members of staff at the Council collecting this substantial sum on the day. "Well done" to Alistair and Chelmsford Borough staff.

New Member

A very special welcome to *David Almond* who was inducted into Rotary, and Mildmay, at the Club Business Meeting in February. David who recently retired as a teacher of languages was introduced to Mildmay by David Pond. They met through golf and so we look forward to having another good player in our team.

David made a most amusing and assured response to his welcome from President Pat and he looks like being a great asset to Mildmay.



Left to right: David Pond, David Almond, President Pat and Assistant Governor Neil Muir.

Rotaract Fundraising

Six stalwarts from Mildmay turned up to support Rotaract on Thursday 19th February at the RAFA Club in Chelmsford.

It's an annual occasion when Rotaract raise funds for The Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) partly as a thank you for allowing them to use the club free of charge. Lots of bidding for mystery parcels and a fish and chip supper into the bargain!

A good night out for the Gaudins, Savills and Tilsleys.



Mike and Audrey Savill make short work of the fish & chips

The Honorary Secretary writes.....so read and act !!!!!

Apologies:

Apologies should be notified to the Secretary by 9.30am on a Monday. If you are aware of an appointment on a Tuesday three weeks hence do not wait until that Tuesday morning before apologising. It has been known that a member has apologised because they have a hospital appointment. Now they were not given that appointment on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning!

Late apologies are acceptable by Tuesday 9.30am but this is for unforeseen changes in circumstances, not general use.

District Assembly, Saturday 16th May:

This is a meeting held by District for the benefit of all incoming committee Chairmen and Officers of Clubs. The idea is for the appropriate District Officer to set out their views on how the different Club committees can support the District and the District Officer in achieving the aims and goals for the coming year. There is also a session for new members to assist them in their understanding of Rotary and the way it operates and is an opportunity for them to make observations on how the introduction and assimilation into Rotary of new members can be improved. Note the date in your diary and plan to attend.

Mildmay "Assists"

Members may recall that about a year ago we had a visit from Georgina Rhymes of the Play and Resource Centre (PARC) which operates a range of services at Black Notley for children with various disabilities including autism. And on two occasions (one last week) we have been addressed by Clive Stobbs of Autism Anglia. Directly as a result of these contacts Alan Willis invited both to apply for funding support from the Eastern Counties Educational Trust (ECET) of which he is a trustee. ECET supports children with educational and emotional difficulties and Alan reports that they have recently decided to award £4778 to PARC as the first of three annual instalments to support a part time play worker and also to make a grant of £8500 to Autism Anglia to help with their new domestic kitchen facility at Kelvedon. This can justifiably be claimed as an "assist" in ice hockey terms from Mildmay and demonstrates the benefits of Rotary keeping in touch with the community.

On Marriage.....

ATTORNEY: *What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?*

WITNESS: *He said, "Where am I Cathy?"*

ATTORNEY: *And why did that upset you?*

WITNESS: *My name is Susan!*

ATTORNEY: *How was your first marriage terminated?*

WITNESS: *By death.*

ATTORNEY: *And by whose death was it terminated?*

WITNESS: *Take a guess.*

.....and later

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE

Worn once by mistake. Call Susan

JOINING NUDIST COLONY

Must sell washing machine and dryer. £100

FOR SALE BY OWNER

Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition. £200 or best offer.

No longer needed, got married last month. Wife knows everything.

Supplied by David Pond

PROGRAMME

DATE	SUBJECT/SPEAKER	DUTY
March		
10 th	Autism Anglia (Clive Stobbs/John Sparkes)	Jackie Rose
17 th	Emma Randall (- Nepal Trip)	Mike Savill
24 th	Keith Cranmer (Essex Association of Boys' Clubs)	A. Simpson
31 st	David Thompson (Races information/tasks etc.)	P. Stunt
April		
7 th	BUSINESS MEETING	Object of Rotary Grace Keith Webb David Thompson
14 th	NO MEETING (following Religious Bank Holiday)	
21 st	Christine Hogben – Farleigh Hospice	Roy Thorne
28 th	Dr Anthony Lipscombe - St John's Neo-Natal Unit	John Tilsley
May		
5 th	BUSINESS MEETING	Object of Rotary Grace Alan Willis Michael Vandome
12 th	Races Briefing – David Thompson	
19 th	Send a Cow – Jean Brown	
26 th	Yes/No Family Lunch	

DIARY DATES

March

20th Chelmsford Rivermead Charter Night Dinner

April

8th District Council Meeting - Maltings Academy,
Witham

May

16th District Assembly (see Hon.Sec's note above)

17th **CHARITY RACES DAY (all hands required)**

June

13th Strawberry Cream Tea (fundraising event)
in Nanette Wright's garden

September

16th Rotary in Chelmsford Annual Golf Day



Copy Date for April Issue..... Friday 10th