



# Mildmay Matters

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## Race Day!



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May** saw the Club once again organising the Great Baddow Charity Races – and on this occasion the sun shone and it was just the right temperature for runners and spectators alike.

As usual there was a 2 Mile Fun Run and a 10 Mile Road Race, the latter having regained its' AAA Gold Star rating. Entries were about 700 in the 2 Mile and 850 for the 10 Mile and for the first time entrants for the 10 Mile were able to download an Entry Form.

For the first time for several years Mildmay were able to claim an entrant in the 10 Mile. Leonorah Chindita who joined the Club in 2007 put in a very creditable performance and finished in a very good time –proving that all her training had been worthwhile.

As usual there was an excellent turnout of helpers from the Club to support David Thompson and his Races Committee with the result that somewhere between £12,000 and £13,000 will be available for distribution. This year the Charities nominated are Little Haven Children's Hospice, League of Friends of Hargreave House, PROACT, Epilepsy Action, and the Alzheimer's Society



1. Dave Monk, BBC Essex, + Bob Hendrie Race Director about to start the 10 Mile
2. The start of the 10 Mile
3. Leonorah with President John
4. Leonorah running in the 10 Mile
5. Gary Brownson and Alex Chinnery entered the 2 Mile Fun Run in aid of the Haemophilia Society. Conner and Kenzie Riches in the buggy are both sufferers who will benefit. B & Q, Gary's employers have pledged to match sponsorship raised giving £1000 in all.



# Rotary Club of Chelmsford Mildmay 2008-09

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John Tilsley

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Andrew Britter

## Committees

### Membership and Club Administration

Chair 1 July – 31 December

Chair 1 January – 30 June

Secretary (including attendance)

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Sport, Club Visits and Entertainment

Information, Membership & Membership Development

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### Public Relations/Communications

Chair including IT/web

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Internal Comms – Mildmay Matters, Programme etc

Andrew Britter

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### Rotary Foundation

Chair

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## Service Projects

### Community and Vocational

Chair

David Harper

Richard Pilbrow

Philip Stunt

Michael Ashton

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### Charity Races

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(New member)

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Chair**

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Mike Ardley (Music Awards)  
Tony Barker  
Tim Roper  
Leonora Chinduta

**Rotary in Chelmsford and Rotaract Liaison**

**Richard Oscroft**  
(John Tilsley)

**Examiners of Annual Accounts**

**Keith Webb**  
**John Wolfenden**

**GSE Alumni evening 18 June 2008.....*Pat Gaudin***

The **GSE 2008 team** attended an alumni evening at Colchester Garrison Officers' Club where they met previous team members going back to 1991, whose exchange took them to Michigan USA/Ontario Canada (1991), Argentina (1998), New Zealand (2000), Sri Lanka (2004), South Africa/Lesotho (2006). A representative from each team shared some of their GSE experience and how their careers have been influenced since returning home, so providing team 2008 with valuable insights into what they might expect from their trip to Japan. Previous team members were unanimous in declaring the exchange really is the experience of a lifetime. Following a buffet supper it was the turn of GSE team 2008 to introduce themselves and to indicate their aspirations, expectations - and excitement - at what lies ahead. The team is busy preparing for their visit to Japan in

October/November, learning about all aspects of life in Japan, and also learning some basic Japanese, including recognising those all important signs! Chelmsford Mildmay is sponsoring Shane Bartley, Performance Manager, Essex County Council, and Janet West (reserve) Marketing Officer, Riverside Ice and Leisure, Chelmsford Borough Council.

*From the centre clockwise:*

*Alan Leverett, Janet West, Shane Bartley, Alex Kaye, Lea Fountain and Nicola Wood*



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**LAURA GRANT**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> May Laura came to Club to tell about her experiences on a GAP project in South Africa. Laura was given sponsorship money by Mildmay in 2007 to spend time at Hobbiton about 70 miles inland from East London. It is a camp offering opportunities for the physical, mental and spiritual development of underprivileged children, from AIDS orphans to abused children, street kids to wards of the court and is supported by Rotary clubs in South Africa. Laura gave a fascinating account of her 6 month period at Hobbiton as a volunteer instructor describing the problems of dealing with language and cultural differences. She had to get used to the different concept of time there where "soon" = in the next week or two, "now" = later today, "now now" = in the next hour or so. All somewhat frustrating!

Laura felt she had left her heart in Africa and is eager for the chance to return and help children who have so little but are so grateful for the experience they receive at places like Hobbiton.

# Programme

DATE	SUBJECT/SPEAKER	GRACE/DUTY
<b>June</b>		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Races - Wash Up David Thompson	Richard Oscroft
<b>July</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	CLUB HANDOVER and Business Meeting	Object of Rotary Ron Gregory Richard Pilbrow
8 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting	Object of Rotary Tim Roper David Harper
15 <sup>th</sup>	Shane Bartley – GSE	Mike Savill
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Colin Freeman	Alistair Simpson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Stunt	David Pond
<b>August</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting	Object of Rotary David Hollingworth David Thompson
12 <sup>th</sup>	SCATTER WEEK	

## STOP PRESS!

### 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON.

*from Tony Budgen*

If you didn't attend then it was your loss. There was yes, a meeting of many that you already knew, but of course meeting under different circumstances the conversations are different. We were pleased to see and meet the younger part of the Bucknell family and of course one cannot fail to make the comment, how can Jackie possible have children that old unless she started very, very young. There were other guests some that I had met before, I was particularly pleased to see Hayward Frost there and to meet his wife Joyce. The food was excellent and enough and more for all - and what a selection! If you could not find what you liked to eat then you were a very fussy eater.

The magician, well what can you say? Do you know how it was done? Gordon and I stood and watch very closely as he handled 4 "jacks" but we could not see anything wrong other that shear magic. He concluded that it was all done with mirrors, turned the four cards over and there were four mirrors. I don't believe it!

Thank you Jackie (well she probably did all the arranging) and John for a very enjoyable day and a good conclusion to a very good Presidential year.