

Mildmay Matters

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Farewell to Keith



Keith Webb will be leaving Mildmay later in September to begin a new life in Suffolk. Keith has made an enormous impact on the Club and Rotary in District 1240 since he joined Mildmay in June 2000. He served on the Sports and Entertainment in 2002/3 and was the Rotaract contact from 2001 to 2003 before taking over the Chair of Membership Services in 2004.

Keith was elected President of Mildmay for 2005/6 and principally due to his leadership the Club received its first Presidential Citation in 2006. Following his successful Presidency Keith did not rest, but immediately became Chairman of Community and Vocational Service for 2006/7 and followed that by becoming Assistant Secretary from 2007. Keith also took an increasing interest in District affairs and in 2008 was elected District Secretary.

Furthermore, during most of this time Keith was helping to care for his wife Pat who was in the grip of Alzheimer's from which she died earlier this year.

We will miss Keith enormously – not least for his prowess on the golf course! – and he leaves with our very best wishes and the hope that he will be at least an occasional visitor to Mildmay.

Speaking at Mildmay

The Club welcomed Rowena Kerslake, CEO of Chelmsford YMCA, to its meeting on the 18th August. During an entertaining talk Rowena – who was at one time a member of Mildmay – was able to give the Club an update on what the 'Y' has been doing, and how its activities are changing and expanding to meet changing times.

Whilst she was with us President Richard handed over a cheque for £1000 which represented the YMCA share of the proceeds from the 2009 Edmund Carr Great Baddow Charity Races.

In thanking the Club Rowena assured us that a worthy use would be found for the donation.



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Did you miss this one

At five minutes and six seconds past 4am on Friday 7th August this year, the time and date was:
04:05:06- 07/08/09

Return from Nepal

In March Emma Randle and her team of Chelmsford Explorer Scouts talked to us about their forthcoming visit to Nepal and on September 8th they came back to report on a very successful trip.

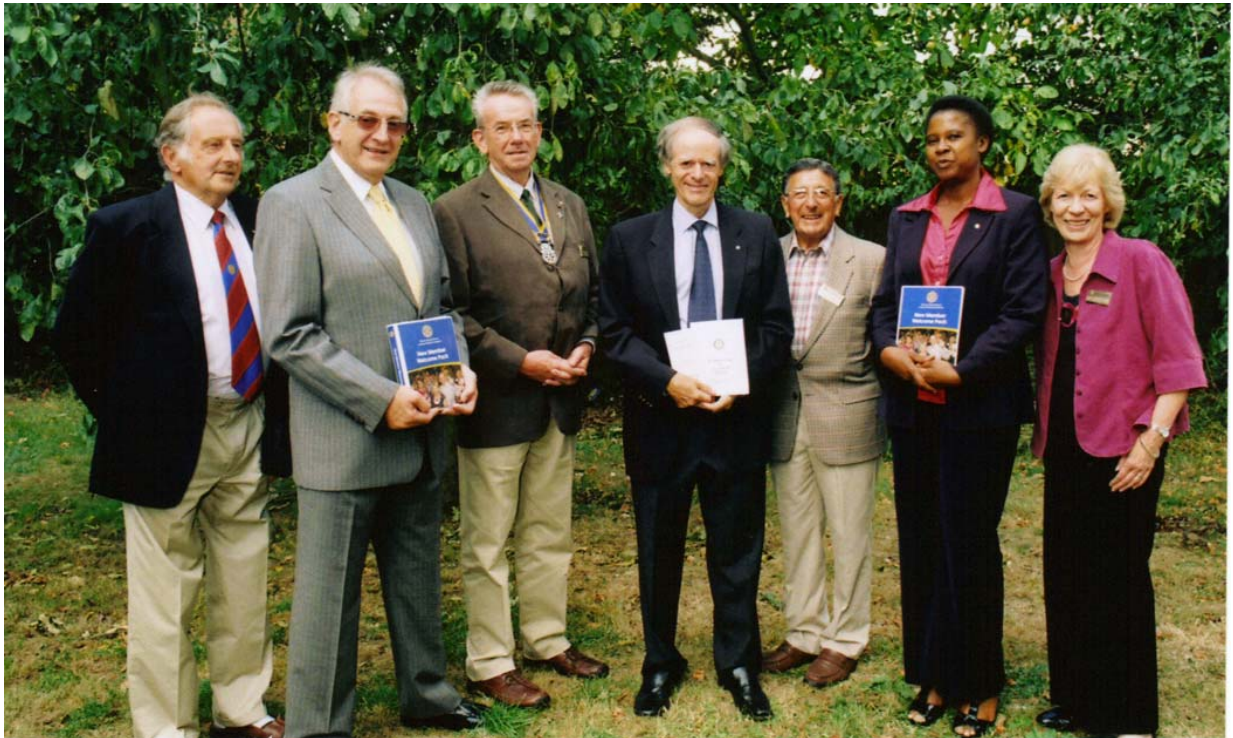
As intended they combined trekking white water rafting and the opportunity to see Sherpas in action with a time helping to refurbish a local school.

Most of the team are now off to University having seen something of a very different culture and way of life. (The Club had made a contribution of £100 towards the costs.)



Emma Randle and some of her team with Rotarians Jaqui Rose and Pat Gaudin before the trip.

More New Members



It's habit-forming – but what an enjoyable habit! Once again new members have been inducted into Mildmay in the past month. Second from the left above is Robert Cappin who is an Internet Attraction Ticket Broker (we haven't had one of those before!). In the centre of the picture is Graham Fildes who is transferring from the Rotary Club of Romford and is another of David Pond's "finds" on the Channels Golf Course and is a retired Financial Consultant. Second from the right is Kuzekwenela "Nelly" Mhangami who was introduced by Lieonorah Chinduta and runs her own Project Management and Training business in Chelmsford. It is wonderful to have another three new faces at our table and we wish them a long and fulfilling stay in the Mildmay Club and the wider Rotary family.

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Just before the funeral service, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?'

'98,' she replied, 'Two years older than me'

'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented.

She responded , 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

Chelmsford V Festival – Tent’s etc.

On the 25th and 26th August eleven members (and Linda Wolfenden from Inner Wheel) joined with other Rotarians from across the District to collect camping equipment left behind in Hylands Park.

The sight of acres of tents ranging from one person to near marquee in size says something of the throw away society of today. Although it is subject to confirmation around 600 tents mostly in the four to six person category were rescued and bagged-up for distribution to needy causes such as children’s societies and care homes and scout and guide troops.

Also left over were many un-opened cans and bottles of drink – both soft and alcoholic as well as tins of beans and other convenience items. An enterprising Mildmay member constructed a suitable trolley which was the filled with drink cans only to then be purloined by a gentleman in a white van claiming to be from the Baptist Church – perhaps he had in mind an immersion!

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Corrections to the Rotary in Chelmsford Directory

Please insert:

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Please correct:

Graham Fildes Post Code: CM2

Nelly Mhangami – this is the correct spelling of her surname.
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Nanette Wright:
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The Hon. Sec. wishes it to be known that these errors are not of his making!

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Post the Ashes

- Q:** What is the main function of the Australia coach?
- A:** To transport the team from the hotel to the ground.
- Q:** What do you call an Australian with a champagne bottle in his hand?
- A:** A waiter.
- Q:** Why do Australians call their favourite drink XXXX?
- A:** Because they can't spell beer.

(supplied by Michael Vandome before the present One Day series – currently Australia 4..England 0)

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Say it slow:

On a beautiful summer’s day, two American tourists were driving through Wales. They reached Llanfairpwllgwyllgogoerychwyrndrobwylllantysiliogoch and stopped for lunch. Still gazing at the place sign outside, one of the tourists approached the waitress and said, “Before we order, I wonder if you could settle an argument for us. Can you pronounce where we are, very, very, very slowly?” “Sure,” the girl shrugged. She leaned over the counter and said “Burr gurr King”.

PROGRAMME

| DATE | SUBJECT/SPEAKER | DUTY |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| September | | |
| 1 st | Business Meeting Object of Rotary | Ron Gregory Mike Ardley |
| 8 th | Emma Randle – Return from Nepal | David Harper |
| 15 th | Charity Lunch at Lee Farm (John Wolfendon) | David Hollingworth |
| 22 nd | Anne Massey - Introducing “Vinvolved” | Gordon Neilson |
| 29 th | Lieonorah and Nelly – Child Care | Richard Pilbrow |
| October | | |
| 6 th | Business Meeting Object of Rotary | David Pond Mike Ashton |
| 13 th | District Governor John Banks | Tim Roper |
| 20 th | TBA | Mike Savill |
| 27 th | David Thompson – Hobart’s Funnies | Amani Sedoyeka |
| November | | |
| 3 rd | Business Meeting Object of Rotary Tony Barker | Alistair Simpson |

DIARY DATES

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| September | |
| 9 th | A day at Dedham: meeting at The Boathouse for lunch at 12 noon. It is an open invitation to all – partners, spouses etc. In the afternoon there are three options; a walk to Flatford Mill (and back), hire a boat on the river or ramble round the village and locality. |
| 16 th | Rotary in Chelmsford Annual Golf Day |
| 25 th to 27 th | District Conference in the Cotswolds |
| October | |
| 3 rd | District Conference Session and DCM |
| 17 th | Hope and Homes for Children – “Caprice” in Chelmsford Cathedral |
| 21 st | District Quiz |

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