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35th Anniversary Dinner.....25th September

Sorry, did you miss it? We had a wonderful evening. The Regimental Way Golf Club did us proud. We had 63 people attending. We welcomed guests from Harlow Tye, Bishops Stortford, Chelmer Bridge and Chelmsford Rivermead with 25 of our own members and their partners – oh! and of course a member from Barnstable Club with his partner. Among the assembled guest were four Founder Members Stan Harvey, Roy Thorne, Mike Savill and we were very pleased to see Philip Stunt.

The evening started with the meal and the fellowship that goes with it. This was followed by a short break before the assembled multitude was to be address by our speaker. This short break did go on a bit because members mingled and chatted and it was not an easy task to break up the talking.

Current President John Bucknell introduced Stan Harvey the Club's founder President. A warm welcome was given to Stan Harvey when he rose to speak. Stan related to the audience the detail of the formation of

the Club. A new Club had to be started by someone not involved in Rotary. Archie Deavin from Chelmsford Club approached Stan to be that one. Stan knew Robert Raven well and conned him in to supporting him. Robert knew a chap named Thorne and so the number grew to six. These six were then required to sign up to a commitment to start a new Club. From these humble beginnings they gathered together 30 members and on the 26th September 1972 the Club received its Charter. Stan went on to tell us more of the early stages. He concluded his address with a piece from his inaugural speech.

President John thanked Stan for his words and invited Margaret Harvey to join them. At this point Mike Savill appeared with a presentation bouquet of flowers for Margaret. At this time Michael Ardley approached Jackie Bucknell and made a presentation of a bouquet of flowers.

President John was not finished yet. He now turned to Stan and made a presentation of the Paul Harris Fellowship that the Club had agreed to present to him. Stan was lost for words. When he did regain his composure he thanked the Club profusely for the honour that it had bestowed on him.

It was now time for the final toast. **'Rotary and Peace the World Over'**.

Tony Bugden



President John and First President Stan Harvey (who is of course John's father-in-law) proudly display the original Mildmay Charter



Roy Thorne, Philip Stunt, Mike Savill and Stan Harvey – all Founder Members of Chelmsford Mildmay

photos: Ron Gregory



The DG calls

On September 11th District Governor Brian Piccolo (Rotary Club of Kelvedon) was a welcome visitor to Mildmay. He spoke of his experiences at the gathering for incoming DGs at R.I., and being a couturier, of some amusing incidents to do with the DG blazer etc.

The DG and his minder with the President and Vice Presidents of Mildmay

1240 District Conference at Slough/Windsor



Report – Part One

by Tony Bugden

After a short introduction from D.G. Brian Piccolo, our first speaker **Susie Rice** took the platform.

Susie was down to talk about Teenage Cancer. She related a story that she went to talk to a (nameless) Rotary Club. On arrival the President apologised for the low attendance, stating that many members felt it was very morbid subject. Susie gave her talk and at the end she was very strongly applauded. The President invited her back to speak again because he felt that once the absent members heard about her presentation they would all wish they had heard it.

Susie said initially she was involved with children's cancer. She worked at Gt. Ormond Street as a play specialist, where she learnt the methods for coping with seeing a child with this terrible disease. They also helped the children to understand their disease and how they could get the best out of their situation. This continued until she met up with an 18 boy. "How do you greet them? 'Oh, I am play specialist' (the hall bursts into laughter). 'I never used my title for obvious reasons. When a child becomes 18 the N.H.S move them to adult hospital care. Think about it, a teenage in a ward with 5 other older adults all with the same problem. A teenage needs a different environment. The N.H.S does not acknowledge teenagers or that they get the disease. 1 in 300 teenage boys and 1 in 280 teenage girls get cancer. It is considered to be an old persons disease.'

The Teenage Cancer Trust aims to build new units at a cost of £1.5m. Currently they have 7 and want to increase the number to 13, so that all teenager sufferers can have access to a unit. 2.500 teenagers a year are told they have cancer.

Just a few anecdotes from Conference.

During life you have varying days. One day you are the pigeon and the next you are the statue.

There was a man in a balloon. He was descending towards the ground and he called down to a lady walking below. "Where am I?" The lady replied, "You are in a hot air balloon, about 80 feet above the ground, 65 degrees north and 40 degrees west." The man in the balloon was not amused and said, "You must be an engineer." To which she replied, "yes and you must be management." He replied " yes but how do you know that?" She said, "You have been elevated by hot air." "You don't know the position you are in." "You don't know where you are going." "You don't know how to get out of it and you expect someone else to tell you." The man in the balloon said, "and you're of no help." She responded, "that is typical, you blame someone below you and it is all their fault."

Middle age is when the broadness of the mind and the narrowness of the waist swap places.

A shepherd is tending his sheep. When a very flash young man turns up in a very flash car. "Oh" says the Yuppie, "would you like me to tell you how many sheep you have and if I get it right will you give me a sheep?" "All right," said the shepherd. The Yuppie gets out his laptop, makes his satellite connection connects up to his spreadsheet, analyses the data, and sends it to his blackberry. He says to the shepherd, "you have one thousand, four hundred and seventy two sheep." The shepherd says, "Correct." The Yuppie replies, "can I have my sheep?" The shepherd says, "Take your pick. The shepherd says to the Yuppie, if I tell you what your job is can I have my sheep back?" The Yuppie agrees. The Shepherd says, "You are a consultant." The Yuppie says, "How do you know that?" The shepherd replies, "you turn up uninvited, you make a ridiculous demand, to tell me something I already know about a subject you nothing about." "Now can I have my Dog back?"



The distribution of the monies raised from the 2008 Charity Races took place on the 2nd September at the Great Baddow Millenium Hall. The six local charities who received cheques for £1300 each were [Home Start](#) (Jenny Coates), [Farleigh Hospice](#) (Jane Caleno), [Hargreave House](#) (Margaret Hutchon), [CHESS](#) (Hillary Riggs), [Women's Refuge](#) (Evelyn Mochrie) and [Helen Rollason](#), (Geraldine Vallis).



Letter from Laura

As you will remember we supported Laura Grant on her trip to South Africa.

Dear all

I have just returned from my amazing adventure in South Africa, 5 months of hard work, new experiences and adventure.

As you probably already know I was volunteering at Hobbiton on Hogsback, an outdoor centre set up to provide disadvantaged children an escape from the hard every day life they have to deal with. To provide education and life skills to try and improve their chances in the future.

Hobbiton works on the basis of having main stream school from the local area coming to the centre and paying the full fee for the adventure in order to fund the under privileged camps.

However many of the main school have children from all different backgrounds and coming from very difficult home situations so being aware of all the problems going on in South African homes and surroundings and being sympathetic to each individual is very important.

My trip was amazing and I gained a lot through difficult situations from language barriers, violence between groups and having to adapt to new surroundings and culture. I have become more confident and feel I was able to help children gain a lot too, whether it be overcoming fear or just showing them a fun time away from everyday life.

Id like to thank you all for your support I received for the adventure, I couldn't have done it with out your help.

I gained so much and will remember it as such an amazing part of my life which I hope helped others.

I'm just about to get started on my full detailed report of the big adventure and it will follow as soon as complete

Thank you again.

Laura

Programme

DATE	SUBJECT/SPEAKER	GRACE/DUTY
October		
9 th	Sally Davis and pupils from Thriftwood School	Mike Savill
16 th	Races Update- David Thompson	Alistair Simpson
23 rd	Proact Community Resources Centre –Ada Fashade	Vic Gowers
30 th	Barnardos- Possible Evening Meeting (TBC)	David Thompson
November		
6 th	Business Meeting	Jimmy Eaton
	Object of Rotary	Mike Ardley
13 th	TBA	Ron Gregory

New Look Mildmay Matters:

I'm still anxious to have your views on the new format –there is still only one response along with the initial views put down by the Hon.Sec. in an attempt to get things moving. So please have your say or I shall have to exercise editorial judgment and continue with the present format.

PROGRAMME MONTHS

Foundation.....Januaryand July
Membership and Service..... Februaryand August
Youth.....Marchand September
Community and Vocational..... Apriland October
International.....Mayand November
Council.....Juneand December

Seen around the world's Hotelssupplied by our travelling members

TOKYO HOTEL: Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not a person to do such things please not to read notis.

BUCHAREST (ROMANIA) HOTEL: The list is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

LEIPZIG (GERMANY) ELEVATOR: Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

BELGRADE (YUGOSLAVIA) ELEVATOR: To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving then going alphabetically by national order.

PARIS HOTEL ELEVATOR: Please leave your values at the front desk.

ATHENS (GREECE) HOTEL: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. daily.

YUGOSLAVIAN HOTEL: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

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