

The Rotary Club of Banbury

In 1934 Banbury was still very much a market town and livestock market, Industries apart from the traditional ones associated with agriculture, were few and were relative newcomers to the town. The population was approximately 14,000.

The first meeting of the provisional club was held at the Wincott's Café in South Bar on Friday 10th May 1935, and the Inaugural lunch was arranged for Friday 24th May at the same venue.

The Club's Charter which was signed and dated on 24th September 1935, was presented at a formal dinner that was held at the Banbury Town Hall on 25th October 1935.



In the past 76 years Banbury's population has grown to nearly 50,000, and the Rotary Club from the 16 founder members to over 70 members today.

The Club's strength lies in its ability to adapt and evolve to meet the ever changing needs of society, and we look forward to continuing to provide 'service above self' both locally and internationally for many year.



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Chartered 24th September 1935

President John Bennett



Rotary Year 2011 - 2012

Celebrating 76 years of 'service above self'

2011

Mock Interviews

Thursday 30th June / Tuesday 5th July - Warriner School

Giving year 10 students the opportunity to gain experience in attending an interview, this is the third year at Warriner School, and approximately 220 students will be interviewed.

Old Ford Rally—Gaydon

Sunday 24th July

For the second year, as part of the annually held “Old Ford Rally”, the Club will be running the part of the show “A ride in an Old Ford” to raise funds for the Trust Fund.

Ian Brodey Memorial Bursary

We will continue to support the existing five beneficiaries of the Bursary and this year seek to find two further students to assist.

Stroke Awareness Day

October - date to be confirmed - Castle Quay Shopping Centre

An annual event to raise public awareness of the risks of hypertension.

Children Singing for Children Concerts

Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th / Thursday 10th November—St. Mary's Church

For the 10th year running pupils from more than 20 local primary schools will perform over three evenings to raise funds for both local and international children's charities. Over the previous 9 years a total of over £30,000 has been raised through this event.

Family Christmas Festival of Music

Saturday 10th December - St. Mary's Church

For the 6th year in conjunction with the Banbury Symphony Orchestra a festival of Christmas music for all the family. This event has raised almost £9,000 over the past 5 years.

Street Organ Collections

December - dates to be confirmed.

A regular annual event, we will again be providing Christmas music to busy shoppers and collecting for charities over several days in the lead up to Christmas. This event has raised over £41,000 since 2002.

2012

Young Musician of The Year

Heats - Friday 20th / Saturday 21st January - Sibford School

Finals - Saturday 3rd March - Sibford School

The 21st year of this event which has seen over 2,600 young people take part in the competition, many winners of which have gone on to be professional musicians. This year's winners will go forward to the District heats and hopefully through to the Regional heats and National Finals.

Young Chef of The Year

January - date to be confirmed

Now in its 4th year this event gives local young chefs the opportunity to go forward to regional and national finals of this Rotary event.

Birmingham Chamber Orchestra Concert

February - date to be confirmed

Returning to Banbury for the third time Birmingham Chamber Orchestra will give another excellent performance to entertain and help raise funds.

Thanks for Life - End Polio Now

Thursday 23rd February

We will actively support the promotion of the End Polio Now campaign and raise funds to match the donation of \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Mock Interviews

March - dates to be confirmed - Blessed George Napier School

Giving year 10 students the opportunity to gain experience in attending an interview, this will be the 9th year we have returned to Blessed George Napier School, and approximately 140 students will be interviewed.

Party for the Blind and Partially Sighted

May - date to be confirmed

An organised party for local blind and partially sighted people which has been held annually for over 30 years.

Dragon Boat Races

May - date to be confirmed - Broughton Castle

For the third time we will hold this biennial event in the beautiful surroundings of Broughton Castle. A truly fun day out for all the family.

Olympic ShelterBox Charity Challenge

June - date to be confirmed.

Andrew Fairbairn will be kayaking approximately 200 miles from Porthleven (close to ShelterBox Headquarters), to Weymouth via The Lizard, Plymouth Hoe (Drake et. al.), Chesil Beach and the Portland Tidal Race.

He'll be giving presentations of ShelterBox equipment each evening and have the opportunity to meet members of the Olympic Sailing Teams, whose countries have received aid from the charity, at the Spirit of the Sea pre regatta celebration.