

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 1935, and the Inaugural lunch was arranged for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at the same venue.

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



In the past 75 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 24<sup>th</sup> September 1935

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year



Rotary Year 2010 - 2011

Celebrating 75 years of 'service above self'

## 2010

### **Mock Interviews**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Warriner School

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

### **Old Ford Rally—Gaydon**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July

For the first time 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.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Charter Dinner**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September— Gaydon Motor Heritage Centre

### **Children Singing for Children Concerts**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November—St. Mary’s Church

For the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8 years a total of over £27,000 has been raised through this event for local and international children’s charities.

### **Family Christmas Festival of Music**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December - St. Mary’s Church

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in conjunction with the Banbury Symphony Orchestra a festival of Christmas music for all the family. This event has raised almost £8,000 over the past 4 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 almost £38,000 since 2002.

## 2011

### **Young Musician of The Year**

Heats - Friday 21<sup>st</sup>/Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Sibford School

Finals - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Sibford School

The 20th year of this event which has seen over 2,500 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 Nation Finals.

### **Young Chef of The Year**

January - date to be confirmed

Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 second time Birmingham Chamber Orchestra will give another excellent performance to entertain and help raise funds.

### **Thanks for Life - End Polio Now**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Wednesday 3<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Blessed George Napier School

Giving year 10 students the opportunity to gain experience in attending an interview, this will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year we have returned to Blessed George Napier School, and approximately 140 students will be interviewed.

### **Stroke Awareness Day**

April - date to be confirmed - Castle Quay Shopping Centre

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

### **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.

### **Young Musician 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Concert**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Sibford School

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Young Musician of the Year, former winners of the competition return to Banbury to entertain us with thanks for the opportunities given them by the competition.