

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.

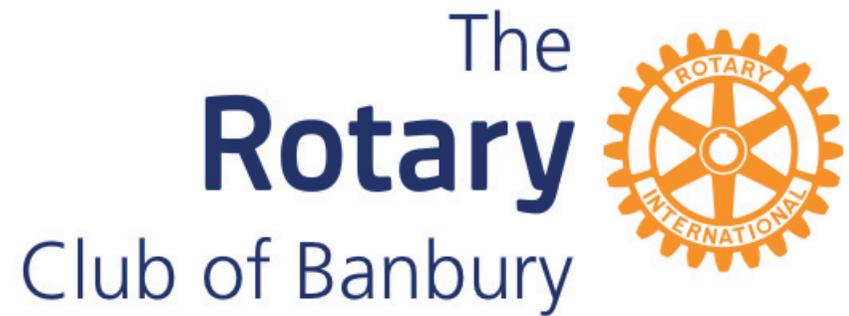
The first meeting of the provisional club was held at the Wincott's Café in South Bar on Friday 10th May 1935, and the Inaugural lunch was arranged for Friday 24th May at the same venue.

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 79 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 years.



Chartered 24th September 1935



Rotary Year 2014 - 2015

Celebrating our 79th year of 'Service above Self'
to local Banbury and International Communities.

2014

Practice Interviews

26th & 30th June, 3rd 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.

Ian Brodey Memorial Bursary

We will continue to support the existing eight beneficiaries of the Bursary and this year seek to find two further students to assist with their University degrees

BYHP Practice Interviews

We will continue to assist BYHP with its unlocking potential project by giving unemployed young people experience in attending an interview.

Stephen's Summer Steaming

31st August

For the fifth year an afternoon of train rides and activities helping raise funds for Rotary's Foundation charity.

Banbury Canal Day

5th October

We will again be present at this prestigious Banbury event to promote Rotary and do a little fundraising.

Children Singing for Children Concerts

10th to 13th November—St. Mary's Church

For the 13th year running pupils from more than 20 local primary schools will perform over four evenings to raise funds for both local and international children's charities. Over the previous 12 years a total of over £50,000 has been raised through this event.

Tour de Trigs

6th & 7th December, Warriner - Banbury Area.

North Oxforde's toughest Team Endurance hike, Seniors 50 miles in 24 hours, Juniors 30 miles in 15 hours.

Family Christmas Festival of Music

13th December - St. Mary's Church

For the 9th year in conjunction with the Banbury Symphony Orchestra a festival of Christmas music for all the family. This event has raised almost £15,000 over the past 8 years.

Banbury Service Clubs Christmas Carol Concert

14th December - Methodist Church, Marlborough Road

Rotary Clubs, Inner Wheel, Round Table, 41 Club, Lions, Tangent & Probus come together for seasonal celebration and thanks.

Street Organ Collections

4 to 6 dates in December tbc

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 £59,000 since 2002.

2015

Young Musician of The Year

Heats - 16th & 17th January - Venue tbc

Finals - 28th February - Venue tbc

The 25th year of this event which has seen over 2,500 young people take part, many winners have gone on to be professional musicians

Young Chef of The Year

13th February - Banbury College

Now in its 7th year this event gives local young chefs the opportunity to go forward to regional and national finals of this Rotary event.

Thanks for Life - End Polio Now. Crocus Concerts

Dates tba. February

We will actively support the promotion of the End Polio Now campaign. In 2014 nine secondary schools raised £3,800. A further donation from our club took it to £5,000 and this was trebled to £15,000 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation enabling 45,000 children to be vaccinated.

Practice Interviews

3rd & 5th March - Blessed George Napier School

Giving year 10 students the opportunity to gain experience in attending an interview, this is the 12th year we have returned to Blessed George Napier School, and approximately 140 students will be interviewed.

Rotary District 1090 Conference

6th to 8th March - Telford

A party from our club will support District Governor, Tim Cowling's, Conference.

Presidents Night Dinner

25th April, Wroxton House Hotel

The President and his wife Diana invite Club Members and their partners to celebrate with a St George's Day themed party event.

Party for the Blind and Partially Sighted

11th May - Methodist Church, Marlborough Road

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

Contact Club Meeting in Aalen Heidenheim, Germany

14th, 15th & 16th May

Our German friends will be hosting the annual Contact Club meeting with visitors from Biella in Italy, Olten in Switzerland, Villefranche en Beaujolais in France and Banbury.

Young Musician 25th Anniversary Gala Concert

21st June - Tudor Hall School

Former winners of the competition return to Banbury to entertain us.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

This is a leadership development programme which focuses on secondary school students, university students, or young professionals. For the last two years we have supported two students from Frank Wise School.