

### Annual Community Fireworks



### Annual Golf Competition

The club's am/am golf competition in July is the major fund-raising event of the year.

Approaching £100,000 has been raised for charities over the last 18 years.



Raising funds for Nith In-shore Rescue

### Our popular Annual Burns Night Celebration



President  
2015–2016

**Gordon Steele**

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# The Rotary Club of Thornhill and District

What is Rotary?  
Who are we?  
What do we do?

You are cordially invited to join us on any Wednesday evening at the Thornhill Inn.

Ian Lewis our club membership convenor would be delighted to arrange this for you.



Ian can be contacted on  
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Meetings are held on Wednesdays at the  
Thornhill Inn  
Drumlanrig Street  
Thornhill  
01848 330326

We meet at 6.30 with a meal at 7 pm

## What is Rotary?

Rotary is the largest voluntary organisation in the world. There are over 1.2 million Rotarians in just short of 33,000 clubs world-wide. In the UK and Ireland there are over 1800 clubs with approaching 55,000 Rotarians. There are eleven clubs in Dumfries and Galloway.

Rotarians are men and women who have enjoyed the benefits of being successful in their chosen career and feel that the time has come to put something back into their community - locally and internationally; the desire to enrich the lives of those who require support and encouragement, from young people to those in advancing years.



Mock Interviews  
Sanquhar Academy

Rotary is not simply all about service. Yes, Rotary's motto very aptly is 'service above self' but all Rotarians are committed to ensuring that the service comes with a significant injection of enjoyment; like-minded people enjoying each other's company whilst doing their bit for those less fortunate than themselves.



Rotary 70's  
Night—a social  
get-together!

## Who are we?

The Rotary Club of Thornhill and District has approaching 40 members. There are Rotarians from just north of Dumfries through Auldgirth, Thornhill and north to Sanquhar. The Cairn valley is also represented with several members from the Dunscore and Moniave areas.



Rotary BBQ stall at Thornhill Gala

We are men and women representing a wide range of employment. Visitors to our club often comment on the light-hearted banter which provides the backdrop to our meetings. Most evenings we invite a speaker to give us a short presentation on their employment or perhaps on one of their interests. We are never disappointed at the significant number of interesting people who live locally and are willing to share their experiences with us.



Club Visit to Nith In-hore Rescue HQ

## What do we do?

Our aim is to set up projects which will enhance the life and prospects of those in our communities both here and abroad. We work with young people in our schools through the Primary School Quiz, Young Chef competition, the Mock Interview Programme for secondary students and so on. We run the local bonfire and fireworks evening - a very popular event which is enjoyed by families.

We support SWS RnR, a charity which provides much needed and appreciated holidays in Dumfries and Galloway for soldiers injured on active service in Afghanistan and elsewhere.



Club Visit to SWS RnR

Every year we also set up projects with an international dimension. Our family Duck Race on the River Nith at Friar's Carse Hotel was organised to raise funds for these two international projects - a good example of bringing together service and good fun.



Rotarian Kirsty as daffy duck!

We also invite two local charities to become involved by fundraising for their own benefit.