

District 1020 Archives

District Genealogy

The spread of Rotary Clubs in District 1020

The first Scottish clubs are the Rotary Clubs of **Glasgow** and **Edinburgh**. These two founder clubs were formed by the Irish-born 'entrepreneur' William Stuart Morrow (right) in 1912.

Glasgow Rotary Club (RIBI Club number 5) went on to directly establish **Dumfries** (RIBI 47 in 1922); **Inverness** (RIBI 55, 1922); **Hamilton** (RIBI 201 in 1926); **Kilmarnock** (RIBI 260 in 1927); **Paisley** (RIBI 291, 1928); **Rutherglen** (RIBI 517, 1944); **Queen's Park** (RIBI 672, 1948); **Kelvin** (RIBI 676, 1948); **Rothsay** (RIBI 700, 1950); **Govan** (RIBI 733, 1952); **Greenock** (RIBI 773, 1953); **Dennistoun** (RIBI 804, 1955), **Glasgow North and Bishopbriggs** (RIBI 963, 1962); and **Eastwood** (RIBI 1130, 1971).

The **Dumfries** club is mother club to **Kircudbright** (no.660, 1948); **Thornhill & District** (no.1244, 1975); **Annan** (no.685, 1949); and **Dumfries Devorgilla** (no.1907, 2002). The **Annan** Club is mother to **Lockerbie** (no.1196, 1973) while **Kircudbright** formed clubs in **Castle Douglas** (no.972, 1963); and **Stranraer** (no.761, 1953). **Castle Douglas** organized **Dalbeattie** (no.1264, 1976) and **Stranraer** organized **Newton Stewart** (no.1040 in 1967).

Other 1020 clubs devolve from **Hamilton** who sponsored the **Motherwell and Wishaw** Club (no.336) in 1930. **Lanark** is another of **Hamilton's** 'daughters' being formed in 1950 (club no. 707) and established **Biggar** (no.1298, 1977) who then established **West Linton and District** (no.1596, 1986). The **Motherwell** club were especially busy in forming daughter clubs –



Coatbridge and Airdrie (no.446) in 1936; **Bellshill** (no.959) in 1962; **Carluke** (no.1363) in 1979; and **Larkhall** (no.1183) in 1973. The **Coatbridge** club went on to sponsor clubs in **Cumbernauld** (no.1038) in 1966; **Monklands** (no.1276) in 1976 and **Kirkintilloch** (no.746) in 1952.

The three clubs last mentioned are, therefore, great- great- granddaughter clubs of **Glasgow**!

If we think the **Glasgow** club was busy in spreading the Rotary ideal in Scotland, the **Edinburgh** club surpassed their city rivals by a substantial margin by establishing clubs all over Great Britain beginning in 1917 and last spreading Rotary in 1993.

Edinburgh established no less than 22 clubs starting with **Leeds** (RIBI no.11) in 1917; **Leicester** (no.13, 1916); **Portsmouth and Southsea** (no.14, 1916); **Bristol** (no.15, 1917); **Perth** (no.16, 1917); **Cardiff** (no.17, 1917); **Nottingham** (no.18, 1918); **Derby** (no.20, 1918); **Dunfermline** (no.45, 1921); **Kirkcaldy** (no.48, 1921); **Falkirk** (no.167, 1924); **Hawick** (no.429, 1936); **Peebles** (no.591, 1946); **Leith** (no.734, 1952); **Musselburgh** (no.769, 1953); **Portobello** (no.771, 1953); **Corstorphine** (no.814, 1955); **Galashiels** (no.854, 1957); **Haddington** (no.921, 1960); **Murrayfield Cramond** (no.1161, 1972); **Braids** (no.1162, 1972); and **Edinburgh Breakfast** (no.1791, 1993).

One of **Edinburgh**'s daughter clubs – **Falkirk** – organised the district 1020 clubs of **Grangemouth** (no.679, 1949); **Bathgate** (no.748, 1952); **Denny** (no.860, 1957); **Larbert** (no.1137, 1971); **Polmont** (no.1201, 1974) who sponsored the most recent club in district 1020 – **Edinburgh Park**.

These daughter clubs have also been busy extending Rotary. **Grangemouth** organised the **Linlithgow and Bo'ness** club in 1955 (no.803). This club helped form the Rotary Clubs of **South Queensferry** (no.1296) in 1977 and **Linlithgow Grange** (no.1758) in 1991. **Bathgate** is mother club to both **Livingston** (no.1216, 1974) and **Whitburn** (no.1538, 1984). **Whitburn**, in turn, is mother club to the **Shotts and District** Rotary Club (no.1668, 1988). **Denny** is mother club to **Kilsyth** (no.1200, 1974).

Another of **Edinburgh**'s daughter clubs – **Hawick** – sponsored the **Langholm** club in 1977 (no.1293) while the **Peebles** Club helped form the **Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Traquair** club (no.1565) in 1985 and **Melrose** (RIBI no. 1973) in 2009.

Musselburgh is mother club to both the **Dalkeith** (no.1050, 1967) and **Penicuik** (no.1101, 1969) clubs. **Penicuik** is the mother club of **Loanhead and Roslin** (no.1500, 1983) While **Dalkeith** is mother to **Esk Valley** (no.1895, 2001).

Corstorphine sponsored the **Currie-Balerno** club (no.1445, 1981).

Galashiels extended Rotary in the borders towns of **Kelso** (no.1151, 1971); **Selkirk** (no.1257, 1976) and **Lauderdale** (no.1632, 1976). The **Kelso** club is mother to **Jedburgh** (no.1239, 1975).

Within East Lothian, **Haddington** sponsored clubs in both **Dunbar** (no.983, 1964) and **North Berwick** (no.1037, 1966). **Dunbar**, in turn, is mother to both **Tranent** (no.1134, 1971) and **Eyemouth & District** (no.1163, 1972). **Dunbar**'s daughter club is **Eyemouth** who in turn is mother to **Duns** (no.1224, 1974). **Tranent** is mother to **Longniddry & District** (no.1395, 1980).

To summarise, here are the clubs of District 1020 in alphabetical order and with their genealogy listed.

CLUB NAME	MOTHER CLUB	DAUGHTER CLUB
ANNAN	DUMFRIES	LOCKERBIE
BATHGATE	FALKIRK	LIVINSTON
		WHITBURN
BELLSHILL	MOTHERWELL & WISHAW	
BIGGAR	LANARK	WEST LINTON
BRAIDS	EDINBURGH	
CARLUKE	MOTHERWELL & WISHAW	
CASTLE DOUGLAS	KIRKCUDBRIGHT	DALBEATTIE
COATBRIDGE & AIRDRIE	MOTHERWELL & WISHAW	KIRKINTILLOCH (D 1230)
		MONKLANDS
		CUMBERNAULD
CORSTORPHINE	EDINBURGH	CURRIE BALERNO
CUMBERNAULD	COATBRIDGE & AIRDIRE	
CURRIE-BALERNO	CORSTORPHINE	
DALBEATTIE	CASTLE DOUGLAS	
DALKEITH	MUSSELBURGH	ESK VALLEY
DENNY	FALKIRK	KILSYTH
DUMFRIES	GLASGOW (D-1230)	KIRKCUDBRIGHT
		THORNHILL
		ANNAN
		DUM F DEVORGILLA
DUMFRIES DEVORGILLA	DUMFRIES	
DUNBAR	HADDINGTON	EYEMOUTH
DUNS	EYEMOUTH	
EDINBURGH	RIBI FOUNDER CLUB	LEEDS (D-1040)
		HAWICK

		ABERDEEN (D-1010) PEEBLES LEICESTER (D-1070) LEITH PORTSMOUTH & SOUTHSEA(D-1110) MUSSELBURGH BRISTOL (D-1100) PORTOBELLO PERTH (D-1010) CORSTORPHINE CARDIFF (D-1150) GALASHIELS NOTTINGHAM (D-1220) HADDINGTON DERBY (D-1220) MURRAYFIELD <small>CRAMOND</small> DUNFERMLINE (D-1010) BRAIDS KIRKCALDY (D-1010) EDINBURGH BREAKFAST FALKIRK
EDINBURGH BREAKFAST	EDINBURGH	
EYEMOUTH	DUNBAR	DUNS
FALKIRK	EDINBURGH	STIRLING (D-1010) DENNY

		GRANGEMOUTH LARBERT BATHGATE POLMONT KELSO
GALASHIELS	EDINBURGH	LAUDERDALE SELKIRK
GRANGEMOUTH HADDINGTON	FALKIRK EDINBURGH	LINLITHGOW BO'NESS DUNBAR NORTH BERWICK
HAWICK	EDINBURGH	LANGHOLM
INNERLEITHEN, W & T	PEEBLES	
JEDBURGH	KELSO	
KELSO	GALASHIELS	JEDBURGH
KILSYTH	DENNY	
KIRKCUDBRIGHT	DUMFRIES	STRANRAER (D-1230) CASTLE DOUGLAS
LANARK	HAMILTON (D-1230)	BIGGAR
LANGHOLM	HAWICK	
LARBERT	FALKIRK	
LARKHALL	MOTHERWELL WISHAW	
LAUDERDALE	GALASHIELS	
LEITH	EDINBURGH	
LINLITHGOW BO'NESS	GRANGEMOUTH	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY LINLITHGOW GRANGE
LINLITHGOW GRANGE	LINLITHGOW BO'NESS	
LIVINGSTON	BATHGATE	
LOANHEAD ROSLIN	PENICUIK	
LOCKERBIE	ANNAN	
LONGNIDDRY	TRANENT	
MELROSE	PEEBLES	
MONKLANDS	COATBRIDGE AIRDRIE	
MOTHERWELL WISHAW	HAMILTON (D-1230)	COATBRIDGE AIRDRIE LARKHALL

		BELLSHILL CARLUKE
MURRAYFIELD CRAMOND	EDINBURGH	
MUSSELBURGH	EDINBURGH	DALKEITH PENICUIK
NEWTON STEWART	STRANRAER (D-1230)	
NORTH BERWICK	HADDINGTON	TRANENT
PEEBLES	EDINBURGH	INNERLEITHEN, W & T MELROSE
PENICUIK	MUSSELBURGH	LOANHEAD ROSLIN
POLMONT	FALKIRK	EDINBURGH PARK
PORTOBELLO	EDINBURGH	
SELKIRK	GALASHIELS	
SHOTTS	WHITBURN	
SOUTH QUEENSFERRY	LINLITHGOW B'ONESS	
THORNHILL	DUMFRIES	
TRANENT	NORTH BERWICK	LONGNIDDRY
VALE OF CARRON		
WEST LINTON	BIGGAR	
WHITBURN	BATHGATE	SHOTTS