

PENWORTHAM



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**PENWORTHAM
GALA**
Saturday 10 June
and Sunday 11 June 2017
Craft and local fundraising stalls
Food and drink • Live music • Children's funfair
Something for everyone!



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Dear Resident,

As the recently elected Mayor of Penwortham, I am very pleased to welcome all residents to our new look Town Council Newsletter, and I very much hope you enjoy reading it.

Now that Spring is well and truly here, we can all start to enjoy the better weather and longer days and thoughts turn to the events through which all Penwortham residents can come together and celebrate our community. The Gala – one of the biggest free events in Lancashire – will once again take place on Hurst Grange Park on 10 and 11 June and as usual we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy, young and old. Let's hope for better weather this year than last!

Later in the year, as the nights draw in, we can look forward to the Firework Display on Middleforth Green Park, another free event hosted by the Town Council.

Of course, none of these events, or the many others in the community throughout the year would be possible without the unstinting efforts of the numerous volunteers we have within Penwortham, whether it's the Royal British Legion who are so vital to the Remembrance Day parade in November or the volunteers who maintain the War Memorial and keep it tidy in memory of Penwortham folk who laid down their lives in past conflicts.

The volunteers for Penwortham in Bloom will once again be working hard to make the town look attractive to residents and visitors alike whilst the Friends of Hurst Grange Park help that space maintain its Green Flag status, and other people give up time to tidy the Cemetery or the pond area on Marsh Way. And that's to name just a few!

If you would like to contact any of these groups or want details of any other volunteering opportunities, feel free to contact us on info@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk or on **750533**.

Whether people grew up here like myself or have moved into Penwortham over the years, I am always struck by the sense of community we have here and I can assure you the Town Council is constantly grateful for the support and input of residents who contact us or who come down and let us know their views at the Council meetings we hold on the first Tuesday of the month (except August), starting at 7.00pm at the Community Centre on Kingsfold Drive. If you'd like to have your say, feel free to join us – you'd be most welcome!



Councillor Jim Patten
Mayor of Penwortham

*If you would like the Mayor of Penwortham, Councillor Jim Patten to attend any of your events, please ring the town council on **01772 750533**.*



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who WE ARE...

Penwortham Town Council is a statutory body and is the first tier of local government in England and the closest to you.

The Town Council consists of 18 councillors elected to make decisions on your behalf.

We have a number of formal powers including:

- Providing allotments (next to Penwortham Methodist Church on Leyland Road)
- Maintaining Hill Road Cemetery
- Managing Penwortham Community Centre
- Maintaining Penwortham War Memorial
- We are a statutory consultee on all planning applications in Penwortham received by South Ribble Borough Council
- We hold monthly council meetings alongside the police to enable members of the public to raise local issues
- We also employ a lengthsman to help keep Penwortham litter free and tidy. If you know of any areas in Penwortham that need some attention, please contact the council office.

where YOUR MONEY GOES...

The town council raises a precept (a form of council tax from Penwortham residents) and provides events in the town throughout the year, including Penwortham Gala, two Christmas Markets, an annual fireworks display and a Remembrance Parade each year on the nearest Sunday to the 11 November (Armistice Day).

Penwortham Town Council is currently in the process of taking over the running of Priory Young People's Centre and the former Penwortham Library building from Lancashire County Council. This take-over will ensure these public buildings remain in the community and open to the residents of Penwortham.

PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2017/18

Tuesday 6 June 2017
Tuesday 4 July 2017
No meeting in August
Tuesday 3 October 2017
Tuesday 7 November 2017
Tuesday 5 December 2017
Tuesday 2 January 2018
Tuesday 6 February 2018
Tuesday 3 April 2018

Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday 6 March 2018
(Prior to Ordinary Meeting)

Annual Meeting of the Town Council
Tuesday 1 May 2018

All meetings are open to the public and members of the public may raise matters of concern at the meetings.

The agenda's and minutes of the meetings are published on the Town Council's website: www.penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk

Discover PENWORTHAM'S HIDDEN HISTORIES!

Penwortham Heritage Trail (Higher Penwortham Circular Walk)

This family friendly walk covers part of Higher Penwortham and includes sites dating from the Norman Conquest to the 20th century. This is the second Penwortham Heritage Trail and this time the walk begins and ends at the Coach House on Hurst Grange Park off Hill Road. The walk takes in Cop Lane, Rawstorne Road, Liverpool Road and Priory Lane leading onto Priory Park.

Why not follow the latest Penwortham Heritage Trail and find out some interesting facts about your town!

Penwortham is home to a number of historic sites of interest, including:

- 1 The Lodge, Hurst Grange
- 2 Hurst Grange & Coach House
- 3 Penwortham Priory
- 4 The Oaks' Garden Wall

All Photo's courtesy of Mr Andrew Allen

Printed guides of the walk are available at Penwortham Community Centre and South Ribble Borough Council Offices.



History OF PENWORTHAM GALA

by Elizabeth Basquille

Have you ever wondered how the annual Penwortham Gala began? There are all kinds of theories: some say it evolved from an ancient pagan midsummer ritual and its origins are lost in the mists of time! Don't believe a word of this, as it actually dates back to 1977, the same year that Elvis Presley died, Red Rum won the Grand National for the third time, and the Queen celebrated her Silver Jubilee.

Plans to celebrate her 25 year reign were being made all over the country, and Penwortham's Town Councillors came up with the idea of a gala to be held in June on Hurst Grange Park.

There was to be a procession setting off from the car park of the Plough Inn, an opening ceremony by the Mayor, sports, sideshows and competitions, refreshments and a mobile ice cream van. The day ended with a disco and a grand firework display! The budget available was £400 of which the fireworks alone cost £140.

Local businesses contributed with sponsorship in exchange for a mention in the programme, and volunteers from the local Lions and Rotary clubs as well as Scouts and Cubs helped with the events on the day.

The great day (11th June) arrived and the weather was fine! 1976 had been a year of heat waves and hosepipe bans and '77' was a good summer too. The day was declared a huge success and the idea put forward to do it annually.



In September Councillor Jim Breakell proposed that this should be so, and was seconded by Councillor Mrs Lyons.

So, there we have it! The real history of Penwortham Gala, which has remained almost unchanged through 40 years. The main differences are that the Gala now takes place over two days, though the main events are still on the Saturday, and the fireworks have morphed into an annual fireworks celebration and moved venue to Middleforth.

So, happy 40th birthday Penwortham Gala. We wish you many happy returns of the day!

If you would like to share any memories or pictures of Penwortham Gala throughout the years, please contact the town council.

We would love to hear them!



Do you have any spare time to help us maintain Hill Road Cemetery? If so, we are looking for individuals to weed, brush paths, prune bushes, trim borders, paint benches etc. You can do as little or as much as you like, it's really up to you. If you would like to become a volunteer please contact the town council office on **01772 750533** or email marie@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk



Your Penwortham Neighbourhood Policing Team

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PCSO 7436 **Hannah Blundell**
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If you wish to speak to a member of the team please ring 101 or email for general enquiries. Always dial 999 in an emergency.

If you wish to receive regular police updates for your area by email, you can sign up to our InTheKnow service online www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/in-the-know/

Penwortham Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Thank you to everyone that voted in the local referendum earlier this year.

An overwhelming 90.2% voted in favour of adopting the Neighbourhood Plan for Penwortham. South Ribble Borough Council will now bring the plan into legal force and it will form part of the statutory development plan for Penwortham. Consequently, decisions on whether or not to grant planning permission in Penwortham will need to be made in accordance with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

If you would like more information on the NDP, please contact the Town Council.



Foodbank AND CAFÉ

Did you know that 'Penwortham Churches Together' run a friendly foodbank and café every Friday from 9.30am until 12noon at Penwortham Community Centre. If you would like to know more about how to become a volunteer or further information on how to use the service, please contact **Rev'd Sharon Baines** on **01772 641521** or email: assistantpriest@stleonardspenwortham.org

You can also drop off food and non food items such as toiletries and hygiene/sanitary products at collection points in Booths Supermarket, Millbrook Way, Co-op Supermarket, Pope Lane, The Co-op Funeralcare, Liverpool Road or directly to Penwortham Community Centre.

Tesco Planning Application Update

Planning App Ref: 07/2016/1171/FUL
Land at Liverpool Road/Cop Lane, Penwortham

Following the submission of Tesco's plans to South Ribble Borough Council to erect a new foodstore, two non-food retail units and petrol station together with car parking, the Borough Council have now received responses from the statutory consultees and residents and are preparing for the planning application to go before the Planning Committee to consider.

Once a decision is made, the Borough Council will issue a decision notice.





Saturday 10 June

12.30pm Gala procession lead by the Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service Pipe Band starting from Middleforth CofE Primary School, Hill Road South.

2.15pm The official opening of Penwortham Gala 2017 by the Mayor of Penwortham

2.30pm Amanda Rogers School of Dance and Performing Arts

2.50pm Cat Morewin, solo vintage/50's/swing singer from Penwortham

3.10pm Performances by the Double 'R' Arts Theatre Group. Our local stars of the future!!

4.00pm Carol May's Academy

6.30pm Kate Stokes performing a range of musical theatre songs.

7.00pm SKA Pop Party Band performing classic ska and reggae hits from all decades. Up-beat, non-stop, sing-along, floor-filling and feel-good music!!

8.30pm Gerry Trew is 'Rod Stewart'

10.00pm Finish

Sunday 11 June

11.00am Penwortham Churches Together Open Air Church Service

12.30pm The Teddy Bear's Picnic and Children's Entertainment - Bring your little ones along for a picnic in the park, balloon making and a magic show!

2.30pm Afternoon entertainment including music by the Lostock Hall Memorial Brass Band and lots of family fun entertainment.

Gerry Trew will be performing a fully costumed look-alike and sound-alike tribute to Rod Stewart as the headline act at this year's Penwortham Gala.

Taking you through an authentic recreation of Rod performing live hits that span over three decades. Songs including: Maggie May, Handbags and Gladrags, First Cut is the Deepest, Sailing, This old heart of mine etc.

The ultimate **Ska pop party band** will be performing at this year's gala so bring your picnic and enjoy this talented trio made up of guitar, bass and drums. The show is upbeat, non-stop, sing-along, floor-filling and feel-good. The band performs classic Ska & Reggae by artists such as Madness, The Specials, UB40 & Bad Manners, as well as popular hits from all decades and genres that are given their signature ska & reggae twist.

Kate Stokes is a young singer/songwriter from Penwortham. She is 19 years old as has been performing for the last 4 years. Since joining Double R Arts in 2013 she has developed a passion for performing and has been involved in a range of performances and concerts. She is an incredibly versatile performer both being very comfortable accompanying herself on acoustic guitar as well as belting out musical theatre classics.

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of Penwortham



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Useful Telephone Numbers

Medical

- **Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust**
01772 644400
- **Kingsfold Medical Centre** - 01772 746492
- **Royal Preston Hospital** - 01772 716565
- **St. Fillans Medical Centre** - 01772 325001
- **St. Mary's Health Centre** - 01772 214800

Local Councils

- **Penwortham Library (Kingsfold)** 0300 123 6703
email: Kingsfold.library@lancashire.gov.uk
- **Penwortham Town Council** - 01772 750533
- **Preston City Council** - 01772 906000
- **South Ribble Borough Council** - 01772 421491
- **Lancashire County Council** - 0300 123 6701
- **Lancashire Youth and Community Services** - 01772 621125
- **MP for South Ribble, Seema Kennedy** - 01772 619266
- **Welfare Rights** - 0300 123 6739

Community Groups and Support

- **Age Concern** - 01772 552850
- **Forever Young Keep Fit** - 01772 747935
- **Layzee-Dayzee Lunch Club** - 01772 747103
- **Penwortham Town Women's Guild** - 01772 743575
- **Penwortham Women's Institute** - 07889 273 367
- **Progress Housing Group** - 01772 450 600
- **Samaritans** - 116 123
- **South Ribble Pensioners Association** - 01772 330330

Crime

- **Crimestoppers** - 0800 555 111
- **Police Non Emergency** - 101
- **Victim Support Line** - 0845 303 0900

Other

- **British Rail** - 0845 748 4950
- **Electricity Emergencies** (National Grid) - 0800 40 40 90
- **National Gas Emergency Service** - 0800 111 999 (24hr)

'Lay-Zee Day-Zee' Lunch and Friendship Club celebrates its 15th year!

To celebrate 'Lay-zee Day-Zee's' fifteen year anniversary, the group celebrated by raising a toast! **Renee Blow** (pictured above), local volunteer, started the group in April 2002 for people to enjoy a hot meal and enjoy socialising with friends. The club is still going strong with over twenty members meeting at Penwortham Community Centre each Monday lunch time come rain or shine!!

If you or anyone you know would like to join the lunch and friendship club, then come along to Penwortham Community Centre from 11am until 1.30pm every Monday.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CLUBS IN PENWORTHAM

What's on...

Become a member of the Women's Institute (WI) - Meetings are held every month, except July, fourth Thursday of the month from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Penwortham Community Centre. Please contact Ellen Eccles email: ejeccl12@btinternet.com or tel: 07889 273 367 or contact Elaine Jones on 07703 923 133.



Men's Meeting first Monday of each month at Penwortham United Reformed Church at 2pm. Tel: 01772 462229 for further information.

Royal Voluntary Service Lunch Club at Penwortham United Reformed Church, every Wednesday morning. Tel: 01772 623 450.

Forever Young Keep Fit (over 55's) 10am every Wednesday and 10.30am every Thursday at Penwortham Community Centre.



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