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PENWORTHAM NEWS

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SATURDAY 14TH + SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2025

PENWORTHAM GALA

2 DAYS OF FAMILY FUN PLUS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FAIRGROUND
FACEPAINTING
FOREST SCHOOL

SATURDAY PROCESSION
STARTS 12 NOON AT HILL ROAD SOUTH
AND FINISHES AT HURST GRANGE PARK
WITH FUN AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL
FROM 1.30PM UNTIL 10PM

SUNDAY:
OPEN AIR CHURCH SERVICE 11AM
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC 12.30PM
PENWORTHAM DOG SHOW 1.30PM
CIRCUS SKILLS & BUBBLE FUN 2.30PM

PENWORTHAM ARTS CENTRE

THE VENUE



Housed in the former library on Liverpool Road (next to Tescos), Penwortham Arts Centre (also known as The Venue) is a space for all manner of gigs, shows, events and exhibitions. With a fully licenced Bar, Stage and Big Screen, **The Venue** hosts regular touring **Bands**, **Film Events**, **and our legendary Comedy Night**. Plus, keep an eye on our socials for a range of new and exciting Creative Workshops and other events!
For all the latest happenings, see Facebook.com/PenworthamArtsCentre.

Highlights and Exciting Happenings
Coming Soon at The Venue:

Get Creative at The Venue (Monthly)
Your opportunity to get together with friends and family, make some amazing memories, and try out a wide range of new and creative activities – Including **Light Grafitti**, **Sound Baths**, **Craft and Music Workshops** and much more! No previous experience necessary – Just an attitude to be creative, have fun and try new things.

Bands and Live Music (Monthly)
From Rock to Pop, Folk, Indie, Reggae and more – The Venue has an amazing line-up of Live Music events planned for 2025. With bands like **Red Hot Drop** and **Acoustic Floyd** making their long-awaited returns, together with some exciting and eclectic jazz music from **Kader**, and some classic Cumbrian ceilidh from **Striding Edge**.

Comedy Night (The 3rd Friday of every month)
Featuring a range of **TV-famous comedians**, together with the most hilarious **Up and Coming Talent**. Grab your tickets and get down to The Venue on the third Friday of every month for a barrel of laughs and a bucket-load of fun and side-splitting antics.

Penwortham Community Cinema
Afternoon & Evening Film Screenings (Monthly)
Showing everything from modern **British** and **World Cinema**, to **Hollywood Classics** and **Recent Blockbusters**! It's everything you need to enjoy the Big Screen experience in Penwortham, with a range of tasty snack, treats and fully licenced Bar available as well.

For more Information, keep an eye on
Facebook.com/PenworthamArtsCentre
for monthly announcements and visit
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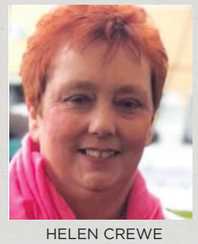

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Dear Penwortham Residents

Welcome to the 2025 Gala edition. Firstly, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am to have been elected as Mayor of Penwortham at the Town Council annual meeting earlier this month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the former Mayor, Councillor David Shaw, who served our community so well throughout his Mayoral Year. I would also like to congratulate Councillor Tracey Flannery on her appointment as Deputy Mayor.

My first community event in Penwortham was thirty-three years ago, attending Penwortham Gala and I have enjoyed it every year since. I have always had a deep connection to our town having attended Middleforth Primary School, Priory High School, whilst also playing football for Penwortham Town FC and playing Cricket for Vernon Carus Cricket Club. I look forward to supporting and celebrating all the great things Penwortham has to offer and the unsung heroes who do heroic work supporting our community over the course of my mayoral year.

I will serve as mayor with the principles I was fortunate enough to be brought up on, solidarity, compassion, empathy and fairness. I was also very proud of how our community came together during the Covid pandemic to support each other, ensuring no one was left behind and I will continue to serve my time as mayor with these principles. With this in mind, I have chosen four charities which are all close to my heart and I will use my mayoral year to promote all of them and what they stand for.

- Derian House
- Tippytoes Baby Bank
- Doctors without Borders
- Medical Aid Palestine

I have purposefully chosen two local charities along with two international charities because I believe whether a child is from Palestine, Israel, Sudan or Penwortham, they deserve the same freedom, protections and hope for a healthy and happy life.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this years Gala, where we have something on offer for everyone, with great entertainment all day and into the evening, celebrating our community. I hope to see as many of you there as possible!

If you would like me to come along and visit your sports club/team, school, group, organisation or business, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our democratic services officer:
daniel@penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk



With very good wishes,
Councillor Will Adams

Penwortham Community Library

Penwortham Community Library is a community library, independent of Lancashire County Council, run by Penwortham Town Council and managed by the local community.

Services include:
Hundreds of books to borrow
Community meeting spaces
Refreshments
Daily newspapers
Computers

The Community Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am until 4pm.

PENWORTHAM GALA & PROCESSION



PENWORTHAM GALA
AND **PROCESSION 2025**
SATURDAY 14TH
AND SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE PENWORTHAM GALA AND PROCESSION 2025

ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND BEST ANNUAL EVENTS IN THE CALENDAR!



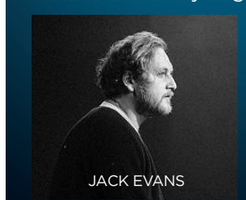


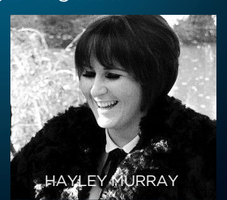
SATURDAY NIGHT GALA ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

Jack Evans (Guitar Vocalist)
6.30-7.15pm

Hayley Murray
8.30-9.15pm

Family friendly, female vocalist. She's utterly fab! Powerhouse vocals. She performs a nice mix of classics and family sing-a-long stuff.


JACK EVANS


HAYLEY MURRAY

MAIN HEADLINE ACT

Blowjangles
7.30-8.15pm and 9.15 until 10pm finish

Blowjangles Bring Ska & Reggae Vibes to Penwortham Gala!

Get ready for some high-energy tunes as Blowjangles, Blackburn's legendary multi-horn street band, bring their unique ska and reggae sounds to Penwortham!

Dressed in their signature purple and black, and with over 27 years of performances under their belts, Blowjangles are known for turning any event into a party. Expect lively tunes, plenty of dancing and lots of smiles!

Catch Blowjangles at Penwortham Gala – you won't want to miss it!



*Timings subject to change



SATURDAY DAYTIME GALA ENTERTAINMENT

12:00 DANCE GROUP
Carlova Dance Studios

12:20 CHOIR - PRIMARY SCHOOL
Penwortham Broad Oak Primary School

12:40 DANCE GROUP
En Pointe Academy Of Dance

13:00 SOLO SINGER
Em-Lou

13:20 DANCE GROUP
LINE DANCE DEMONSTRATION
Step4ward Dance

13:40 ENTERTAINER
CIRCUS / JUGGLING / STILTS ETC
Wolf Entertainments

14:00 DANCE GROUP
Eden Singleton Dance Company

14:20 SOLO SINGER
Holly Wilson

14:40 DANCE GROUP
Barnes Wearden School for Performing Arts

15:00 SOLO SINGER
Em-Lou

15:20 DANCE GROUP
My Stage Company

15:40 SOLO SINGER
Holly Wilson

15:55 DANCE GROUP
PM Dance

16:15 DANCE GROUP
CARNIVAL STYLE
Spectrum Dance

*Timings subject to change

PENWORTHAM GALA 2025

This year the Procession will be led by the fabulous **Boom Dang** street band, and will be based around the theme of Fantasy and Adventure – and once again, the local community will come together and line the streets to celebrate, support and cheer-on an amazing spectacle of creative flair – delivered by local schools, groups, community organisations, clubs and more!

The **Procession** will start at 12pm and will wind its way through the local streets and finish around 1.30pm at **Hurst Grange Park**, where it will officially launch our fabulous week-end of Gala festivities in the park, with fun and activities for all.

The Procession Route and Times:
12.00pm: Start on Hill Road South > onto Marshalls Brow > onto Cop Lane > onto Liverpool Road > onto Chesmere Drive > onto Moorhey Drive > then back onto Cop Lane, where the procession will end at the entrance to Hurst Grange Park.
(Estimated Finish Time: 1.30pm – 2.00pm)

The Park Activities will include live Music, Dance and more on stage, with performances from a wide range of local groups, and your Saturday night headliner will be the superb ska and reggae band **Blowjangles** (on stage from 8:30pm, they will get you on your feet ready to dance the night away)!

Other features include Craft, Gift and Community Stalls; a Fairground; and lots of interactive activities for the whole family to try out. So, whether it's fun and games, live entertainment, or just enjoying the day with family and friends – this year's Penwortham Gala and Procession will certainly be one not to miss!

THE FIRST EVER OFFICIAL PENWORTHAM GALA DISCO!

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2025 • 7.30PM – 10:30PM
@ THE VENUE | TICKETS: £5
PROCEEDS DONATED TO DERIAN HOUSE CHARITY

Step back in time and get ready for a night of unforgettable music, dazzling lights, and tons of dancing!

Join us for a "Disco Across the Ages", where we'll be taking you through the best of Pop and Disco from the 70s to Today.

From the iconic hits of Donna Summer and the Bee Gees, through the 90s and 00s, to the modern spins of today – we'll have the perfect soundtrack for a night of fun and dancing to round off and celebrate our Penwortham Gala Month!

For Tickets see: ***www.tinyurl.com/The-Venue-Penwortham***





Did you know?
you can watch films together at our monthly community screening at Penwortham Arts Centre (The Venue)

PENWORTHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA

- We screen a range of films, from new independent films, to British cinema and Hollywood classics

- Bar available for drinks and snacks, open before and during screening
- Screening on the last Wednesday of each month. Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm
- Buy tickets online via Facebook, Eventbrite, or on the door. Only £4 per person
- 'Feelgood' afternoon matinees will recommence from September £5 on the door
- Find us on Facebook for details of upcoming screenings

We hope to see you there!

Find us on Facebook for upcoming films and tickets. Just search Penwortham Community Cinema

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Working together to make mum's day!

On the Monday before Mother's Day, Penwortham Town Council opened its community centre on Kingsfold Drive for after-school card making and present wrapping.

Working in partnership with Progress Housing Group and supported by community donations, the activity was for young people to show their mum or guardian how much she means to them on Mother's Day.

Children could make a card, decorate a gift bag and choose a gift to wrap.

Isla told us: "I enjoyed making the gift bags. I wanted to make something to make my mum happy."

The 'present room' doors will be open again for Father's Day on Monday 9 June, from 4pm until 5.15pm. Everyone under 16 is welcome, with refreshments served for accompanying adults.

Sam Beattie, Customer Voice Officer at Progress Housing Group, says: "There was a fantastic turn out for the 'present room.' It is great to be able to pool resources with Penwortham Town Council to provide different activities for the young people in the community.

"To continue our partnership working, Progress Housing Group held its Soup Dragon's Den event at the community centre earlier in May. Local residents enjoyed soup and crumble and heard about the good work of various community groups from across South Ribble and the Fylde as they pitched for funding.

"We can't wait to see young families again for our Father's Day 'present room'."

Progress Housing Group owns and manages approximately 12,000 homes, mainly in the Lancashire area and with many in Penwortham. It provides affordable homes for rent, supported housing including refuges and homelessness schemes and shared ownership.



LOOMAR Wellness

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Located in a stunning location in Whitestake, Preston, Loomar is a beautiful new wellness studio designed with a mission to help people de-stress and transform their lives.

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Our year of Growth and Gratitude: **A big thank you to the Penwortham community from Guardians of Nature CIC**

Guardians of Nature CIC is a volunteer-led nature-based therapeutic horticulture project based in Alderfield, a housing estate in Penwortham. We are a group of ambitious and passionate volunteers with a shared vision to heal our broken planet and build a happier and healthier society by getting our hands dirty, literally! We believe that by learning and sharing knowledge through organic food growing, sustainable living and increasing biodiversity we can make a positive difference to individual lives, our community and our planet.

Our mantra, "Together we grow" has truly come to life this past year and thanks to our trusty volunteers, supportive community, and generous grant partners, we have achieved so much and our project is going from strength to strength. We now have two sites in Alderfield, the Allotment and the Woodland Nursery, beautiful spaces where we can share our love of nature with Penwortham residents.

With generous grants from South Ribble Borough Council Community Spaces Fund and Progress Housing, alongside Community Foundation Lancashire, we have been able to build our newest addition to our Woodland Nursery site, 'The Education Hut'. This will house educational courses and workshops, starting in April with our accredited Horticulture Level 1 course delivered by Myerscough College, which will be free to those on a low income.

With the help of Starbucks Hubbub Fund we are building a polytunnel for growing native and pollinator friendly plants to increase biodiversity in our local green spaces. We are grateful for the Co-op Community Fund, donated by Kingsfold residents which has played a huge part in supporting the improvements to the Alderfield Allotment, and the money collected from the sale of plastic bags from Liverpool Road Spar means we have enough growing media for the coming year and has also kept all our Mini Waste Warriors in refreshments and treats.

In September we were extremely proud to be BBC Radio Lancashire's 'Make a Difference' Green Award winners. Thanks to Tracy Robbins of the Eden Project for choosing us and special thanks to Annie Wynn from Let's Grow Preston for nominating us. Their support means the world to us.

In March this year, we were truly honoured to have been chosen as winners of South Ribble Borough Council's Volunteer Organisation of the Year Awards in the green category, along with our amazing Project Manager Jeff Cartwright's Volunteer of the Year Award in the over 25 category, a well deserved acknowledgement of all his hard work designing and building the infrastructure on all of our sites.

WOW! What a year! None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, past and present and not forgetting our marvellous Mini Waste Warriors who never fail to show up on our fortnightly litter picks. Together we've picked up a whopping 7,450 pieces of rubbish since 2022, how inspirational is that!

Finally, as we look forward to a busy and productive Summer, Guardians of Nature remain committed to our mission of fostering a healthier, happier, and more sustainable community. We hope we have inspired you to join us… Together we grow!





Annual **Christmas Lunch**

St Teresa and St Mary Magdalen, Penwortham, St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) held their annual Christmas Lunch on Sunday 8th December at St Teresa's Parish Centre.

60 older parishioners attended including residents from three local nursing homes.

A full turkey dinner was served, and the guests were entertained by the All Hallows Catholic High School Choir and the All Hallows Community Choir. There was a quiz and community carol singing.

The event was a great success and allowed some guests an all too rare opportunity to celebrate and socialise.

The Mayor of Penwortham, David Shaw, the Penwortham Town Manager Marie Curran, and Lancashire County Council, 'Elderly Champion' Joan Burrows all attended.

The SVP would like to thank all who attended and participated to make the event so successful and to the local businesses and Councils for their continued support.

St Mary Magdalen's CPS
work on their carbon footprint

St Mary Magdalen's CPS have been working on their carbon footprint and increasing knowledge of sustainability this year.

They have been led by their fantastic ECO Council who have helped to encourage them all in their quest to follow in Pope Francis's foot-steps through the 'Care for Creation'. As well as learning through their bespoke curriculum – with focus in RE, Geography and Science about how to look after our world and stewardship in the future, they have also had many different projects running...



For use by staff and our neighbours, they now have 2 EV Chargers installed.

All pupils are encouraged to 'walk and stride' or 'walk to school' and every day they each log their journey using an online Travel Tracker. In assembly every week they celebrate the best performing class with their own 3D printed trophy!

Using additional funding from the local flood defence work by the Environment Agency, they have installed a large wooden trough for every class and water butt. Each class has planted carrots, spring onions, leeks and onions and is looking after them all. They're being really patient watching them grow!

The school now has a new Nursery building for 15 pupils which has been built using low carbon footprint materials including a heat pump.

Their ECO council are encouraging all pupils to use their recycling bins – separating rubbish on the playground with their help!
Waste is reduced, thanks to the food waste every day going to feed chickens. They are also looking at reusing our belongings – having held a toy/book swap in school, and annually, the PTFA help to organise a Uniform recycle at the end of each academic year.

Finally trips this year have largely been centred around the environment – all classes have been going for local walks, and have been to Cuerden Valley for river studies; Martin Mere for pond dipping and 'Bring yer Wellies' for outdoor learning.

But when the sun is shining, it's agreed at St Mary Mags' that there's no where better than their school field in Penwortham!





Pupils from Penwortham Priory Academy, All Saints Primary from New Longton, Longton Primary School, Cop Lane Primary School, and One Voice Community Choir, Preston

When Penwortham Schools Came Together with One Voice:
A Musical Day with Tyndale Thomas MBE

Tyndale Thomas MBE, one of the UK's leading gospel musicians, returned to Penwortham Priory Academy on Wednesday, 30th April, for a day of musical collaboration and inspiration.

Tyndale conducted a daytime workshop with Priory singers, All Saints Primary from New Longton, Longton Primary School choir, and Cop Lane Primary School choir. The students then showcased their newly acquired skills in an evening performance alongside the acclaimed One Voice Community Choir, Preston.

Based in the North West, Tyndale Thomas has extensive experience performing and conducting at major venues across the country, including Westminster Abbey for Commonwealth Day, and has been featured in numerous BBC broadcasts.

For many years, Tyndale has led the One Voice Community Choir, producing the album 'The Greatest Gospel Album in the World... Ever'. The choir, under his direction, has also appeared on Songs of Praise.

Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher of Music at Penwortham Priory Academy, who organised the event, remarked, "Both our Priory pupils and those from our feeder primary schools greatly benefited from Tyndale's expertise. The performances alongside the Preston One Voice Community Choir, combined with audience participation, resulted in a night of uplifting entertainment. It was incredible to see the hall filled with a lively atmosphere of music-making, especially considering that everyone learned their songs in just one day."

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