



May Day 2025

Programme

Monday 5 May - 12pm - 5pm



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Mayor's Welcome

As Mayor of Penrith, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all - residents, visitors, families, and friends to this year's Penrith May Day celebrations! This event is a true highlight in our town's calendar, and I hope to see lots of you here today to share in the fun, tradition, and community spirit that make Penrith such a special place.

This year marks a new chapter for Penrith May Day, as it is the first time Penrith Town Council has had the honour of organising the event. For the past 40 years, the Penrith Lions Club has done an outstanding job running this much-loved celebration, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their dedication, hard work, and passion. Their commitment has created wonderful memories for generations, and we are proud to continue their legacy by ensuring this event remains a treasured tradition.

May Day is a time for us all to come together, celebrate our town's rich history, and enjoy a fantastic day out with family and friends. This year, as we mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, it also offers a quiet moment to reflect on the importance of community, resilience, and the values that continue to bring us together.

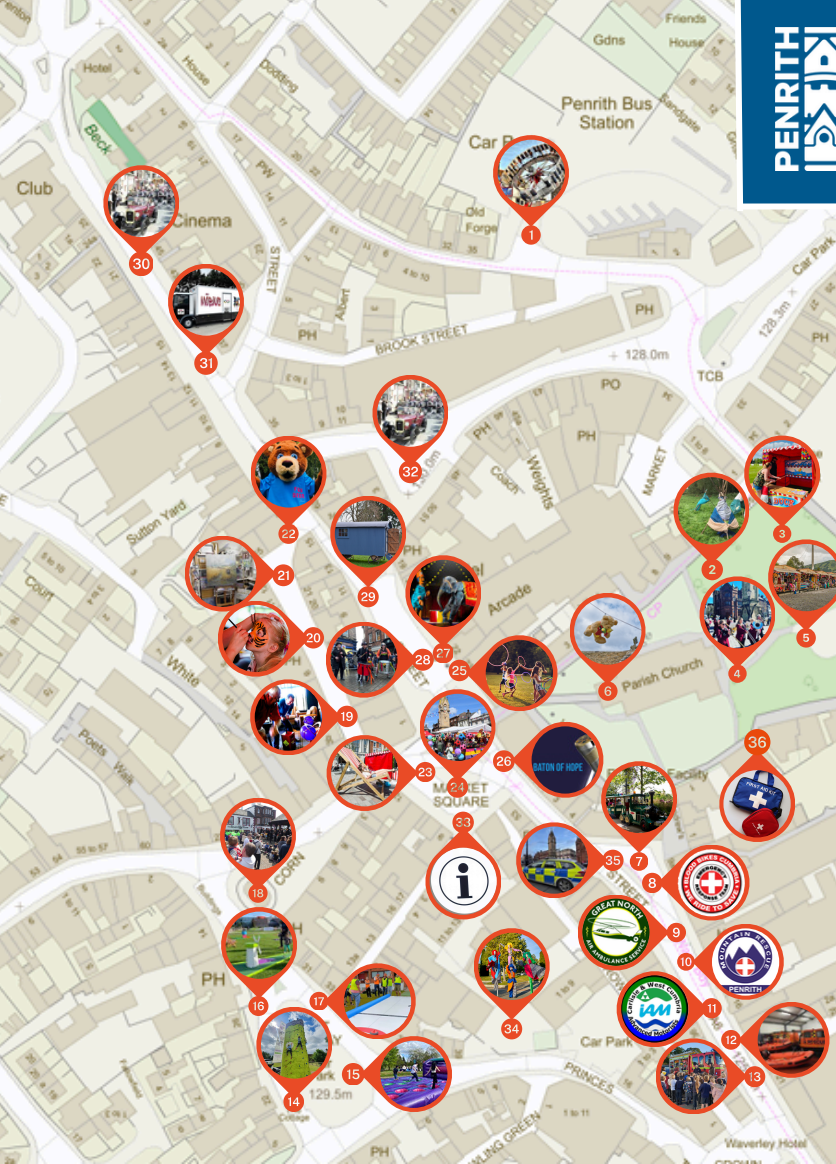
We have an exciting programme of entertainment, performances, and activities lined up—so whether you're here to enjoy the funfair, take part in the activities, or simply soak up the lively atmosphere, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked tirelessly to make today possible—from the organisers and volunteers to local businesses and community groups who have come together to support this event. Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make Penrith such a wonderful place to live, visit, and celebrate together.

So, let's make this a May Day to remember! Enjoy the celebrations, embrace the festivities, and most importantly, have fun!



Cllr Doug Lawson, Penrith
Town Council Chair & Penrith
Mayor



What's on Where

Sandgate Bus Station

1. Taylors Funfair - From 10am

St Andrews

2. Stomping Ground - FREE outdoor play for 5-16 year olds
3. FREE Vintage Stalls & Games
4. Town Band & Milnthorpe Steel Band
5. Community Groups
6. Teddy Bear Zipwire
36. First Aid Point (Penrith Parish Centre)

King Street

7. Landtrain Terminus
- Exhibiting:
8. Blood Bikes
 9. Great North Air Ambulance
 10. Penrith Mountain Rescue
 11. Carlisle & West Cumbria Advanced Motorists
 12. Bay Search & Rescue
 13. Penrith Fire Service
 35. Cumbria Police

Great Dockray

14. FREE Keswick Climbing Wall
15. FREE Inflatable Fun, including Wipeout and Football Darts
16. FREE Obstacle Golf
17. FREE Curling

Cornmarket

18. Music in the Bandstand

Little Dockray

19. FREE Balloon Modeller
20. FREE Face Painting
21. Street Artists (EVAN)
22. Sunshine Bear (Roving)

Market Square

23. Giant Deckchair
24. Community Groups
33. Penrith Town Council Information Point

Devonshire Street

25. Euphoric Circus - free circus skills
26. Baton of Hope
27. Upfront Puppet Circus (FREE)
28. Music (Roving)
29. Shepherds Hut - Music

Middlegate

30. Tractors (Static)
31. Mobius Loop (Digital Creation)

Burrowgate

32. Vintage Vehicles (Static)

Angel Square

34. Entertainers (Roving)

*Please note, the locations marked on this map are for illustrative purposes only and may not accurately represent the exact positions of the acts and entertainment which is also subject to change on the day of the event.

What's on When



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Schedule



Time	Bandstand	Devonshire Street	St Andrews
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Brunswick School Choir / Eden Dance	Stanelli's Super Circus	Milnthorpe Steel Band
12.30pm - 1.00pm		BJamba	Milnthorpe Steel Band
1.00pm - 1.30pm	The Maybe Band	Streetbeats	
1.30pm - 2.00pm		Kenneth Wilson	
2.00pm - 2.30pm - Walking Parade			
2.00pm - 2.30pm		Stanelli's Super Circus	Milnthorpe Steel Band
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Streetbeats	Pete Garnett	Milnthorpe Steel Band
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Blue Jam Ceilidh	Stanelli's Super Circus	Town Band
3.45pm - Vehicle Exit Procession			
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Cassette Baby		

Entertainment

All Entertainment, other than the funfair, will be FREE and be taking place between 12pm - 5pm.

Community Stalls

Organisations attending the Penrith May Day event to run community stalls include:

Market Square

Penrith Lions Club
Cumbria Wildlife Trust
Oak Tree Animal Charity
The Inner Wheel
The Dog's Trust

St Andrews

Young Farmers Association
Penrith Cricket Club
Penrith & District Red
Squirrel Group
4Eden / My Community

King Street

Cumbria Police
Blood Bikes
Great North Air Ambulance
Penrith Mountain Rescue
Carlisle & West Cumbria
Advanced Motorists
Bay Search & Rescue
Penrith Fire Service

FREE Land Train

Explore the Penrith May Day Event Site for free with the Land Train, running non-stop throughout the day. Stops are listed below:

1. King Street (Terminus)
2. Market Square
3. Great Dockray
4. Narrows
5. Sandgate Bus Station

Each stop will be clearly marked with a flag, where passengers can get off and on.

Middlegate & Burrowgate

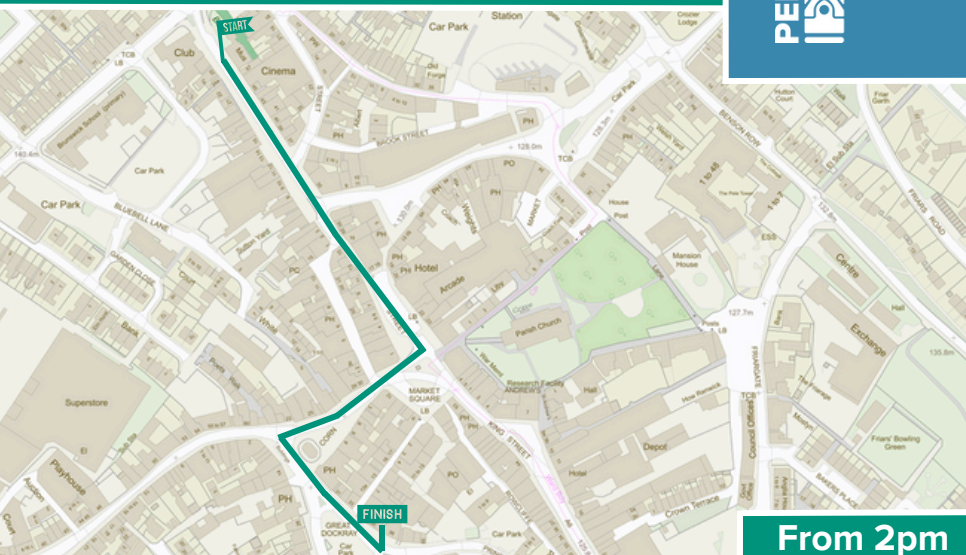
Vintage Vehicles and Tractors will be exhibiting between 12pm and 3.45pm, where they will be judged by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from 1pm, with rosettes awarded to the winners.

Walking Parade Route



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Parade



Walking Parade - From 2pm

Featuring Penrith Players, Bjamba, the Town Band, Penrith Lions Club and Eden Dance!

Led by a Tractor and the historic Lions head, expect a colourful procession filled with music, dance, and history that will bring Penrith's streets to life!

The parade will follow the route shown on the map to the left, moving through Middlegate, Devonshire Street, Cornmarket, and concluding in Great Dockray.

For more information about the inspiration behind the parade, please visit the Penrith Arts & Culture website by scanning the QR code to the right:



Vintage Vehicles & Tractors Route



Vintage Vehicle & Tractor Exit Procession - From 3.45pm

Featuring up to 40 vintage vehicles & Tractors!

Following being awarded rosettes for attendance and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in various categories judged by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Vintage Vehicles and Tractors will follow the route showed on the map to the left. They will enter Middlegate, Devonshire Street, Cornmarket, and drive up Castlegate.

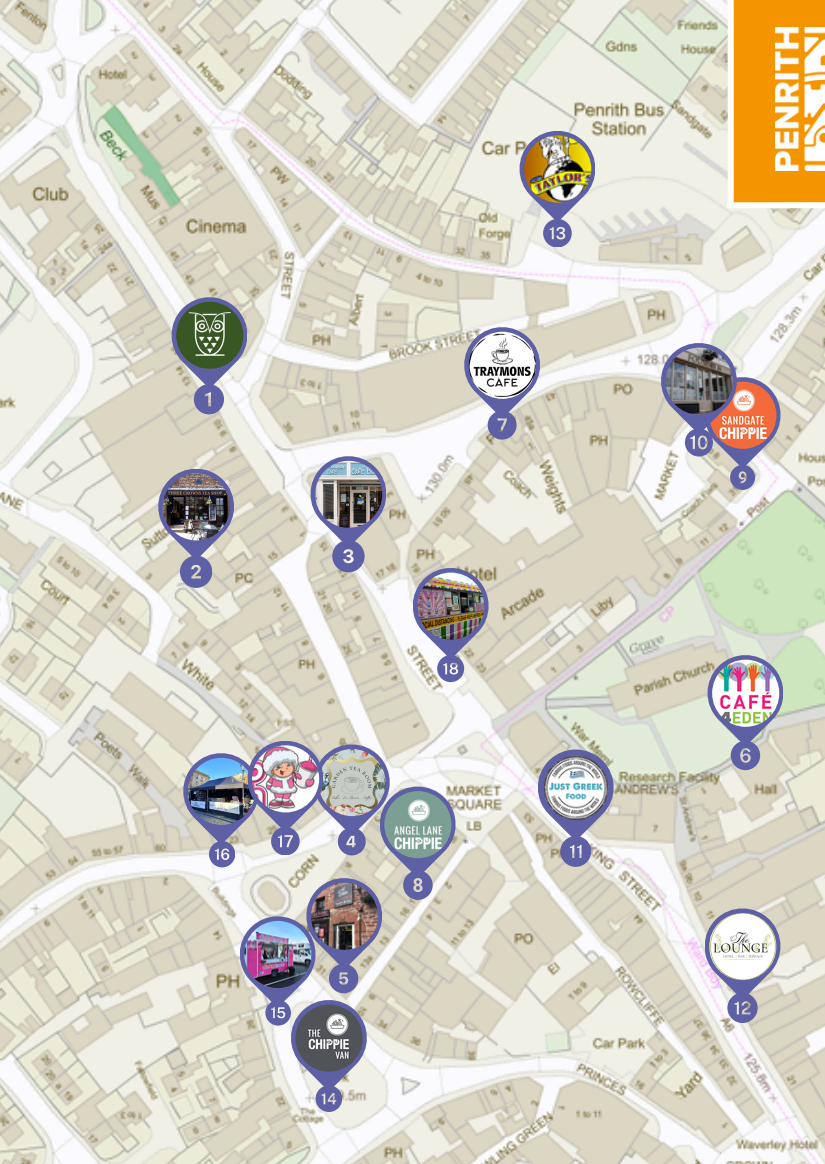
Please be mindful of these vehicles.

From 3.45pm



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Shop Local



Where to Eat, Drink & Shop

Below are a list of businesses which have indicated to the Council that they will be open on Monday 5 May 2025, along with local street vendors:

Cafes

1. Redby Coffee
2. Three Crowns Tea Shop
3. Narrowbar Cafe
4. Garden Tea Room Penrith
5. Oliver's Tasty Bites
6. Cafe4Eden
7. Traymons Cafe

Restaurant & Takeaway

8. Angel Lane Chippie
9. Sandgate Chippie
10. Foundry 34
11. Just Greek
12. The Lounge

Carnival

13. Taylor's Funfair - an assortment of food and drinks.

Street Vendors

14. The Chippie Van
15. Dinky Donuts
16. Holly Bank Farm - BBQ

Street Vendors

17. Eskimo Edith - Slushies
18. Eden Whippy

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Victory in Europe Day 80

As we come together for this year's Penrith May Day celebrations, we also take time to remember and honour a momentous milestone in our history—the 80th anniversaries of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. This significant anniversary marks the end of World War Two in Europe and provides an opportunity for reflection, gratitude, and community spirit.

On 8 May 1945, news of Germany's surrender brought an outpouring of joy across the UK and beyond. Millions took to the streets in celebration, with parties, music, and dancing as people rejoiced at the long-awaited end of the war in Europe. However, for many, the conflict was not yet over. It was not until 15 August 1945 that the war in the Asia ended with Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day), finally bringing peace after years of hardship and sacrifice.

This year's national commemorations will pay tribute to the millions of men and women across the UK and the Commonwealth who played their part in the war effort. From the brave soldiers who fought on the front lines to the children who were evacuated and the countless individuals who kept the country running on the Home Front, their stories remain an enduring legacy of resilience and unity.

Echoing the celebrations of 80 years ago, communities across the country will mark the occasion with street parties, barbecues, and gatherings. These events will not only honour the past but also reinforce the importance of coming together as a community, just as people did in 1945.

As we celebrate Penrith May Day, let us remember the spirit of those who lived through the war and those who never returned. Their courage and sacrifice ensured the freedoms we enjoy today. Whether through shared stories, moments of remembrance, or community festivities, we invite you to join us in marking this important anniversary with gratitude and unity.



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VE Day

Penrith to mark VE Day 80 with Commemorative Event



On Thursday, 8 May 2025, Penrith will come together to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day with a special commemorative event, joining communities across the country in paying tribute to those who served during the Second World War.

On the morning of Thursday 8 May 2025, at 9am, Cllr Scott Jackson, will read the VE Day 80 Proclamation at the Town Hall on behalf of the Penrith Mayor, which the public are welcome to attend.

Later that evening, the Council is organising a commemorative event at St Andrews Churchyard, which the public are also welcome to attend, where, from 9pm, Lakeland Larks will sing songs of the era, culminating in the lighting of a gas beacon at 9.30pm by an army veteran at St Andrews. A tribute will also be read by the Chair of the Penrith Branch of The Royal British Legion.

Survey



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VE Day

Tell us what you think and be in with a chance to win a £50 One4All Voucher!

Following the first-ever Penrith May Day event organised by Penrith Town Council, we are keen to get your thoughts about the day to help us plan and improve future events.

Scan the QR Code below, or visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sgbUJ1xjSx> to access the Council's online survey. It will take between 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey will go live on Monday 5 May 2025 - with the closing date for Submissions being Monday 19 May 2025 at 12pm.

By completing the survey, you can opt to enter our prize draw for a £50 All4One Voucher. The winner will be selected at random and notified within 14 days of the closing date.

Participation in the prize draw is optional, and any personal data provided will be processed in accordance with GDPR. For more details on how we handle your data, please see our Privacy Policy: <https://shorturl.at/18Yhf>



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