



# THORNTON CLEVELEYS GALA



SATURDAY 14TH & SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2025



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## **Message from the Chairman Holly Moorhouse**

As I reflect back over the last 12 months life has dramatically changed for myself and my family with the birth of my little girl Lily Rose in November 2024. I want to say a personal thank you firstly to my mum Helen Moorhouse who is also our Secretary. She has stepped in as Acting Chairman whilst I am on Maternity Leave and has been juggling working, her Secretary role, acting chairman and being the best Nana to Lily. I also want to thank our Committee and Friends of the Committee who work so hard behind the scenes to make sure this event can continue and who have supported me over the last 12 months. But we still need the community's support to make the parade a family fun event whether that it is entering into one of our fancy dress categories, donating your time/wagon to create something special for all to see or decorating your home/shop window to join in the celebrations!

Looking back on Gala Weekend 2024 I am so happy to see our weekend event go from strength to strength we were so lucky to have so many incredible bands, singers and dance groups perform on the Saturday and entertain the crowd. Although the weather was not on our side on the Sunday I couldn't get over just how many of you still turned up to enter our parade and took the time to come out of your houses to support us.

I want to thank Gala Queen Freya, her retinue and all the parents for their hard work, they should be so proud of how well they have represented Thornton-Cleveleys and I wish them all the best of luck for the future.

I would like to wish Gala Queen Elect Blythe and Rosebud Queen Elect Penny and their retinues good luck for their year in office. I hope you all have an incredible time making memories that will last a lifetime.

This year the committee has been working hard again to create a Gala week with us having our Gala Band Concert on the Tuesday leading up to Gala Day, Gala Festival Day on King Georges Playing Fields on the Saturday and Gala Day on King Georges Playing Fields on the Sunday. We hope you can start your Father's Day off celebrating with us on Gala Day.

Without the incredible support from the whole community, we would not be in our 127th year. Whether that is taking part in the parade, attending one of our fundraisers, being one of our sponsors, coming out to watch the parade, or giving up your time to help we couldn't do it without you so again a big thank you.

I am thoroughly looking forward to a fantastic gala weekend on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June 2025 and I can't wait to see you all there

Holly Moorhouse  
Chairman Thornton-Cleveleys Gala Committee



Chairman Holly Moorhouse and daughter Lily Rose Armitage

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Holly Moorhouse

## **Secretary/Acting Chairman**

Helen Moorhouse

## **Treasurer**

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Dave Brady

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Karla O'Connor

## **Committee**

The committee comprises of a small team who work hard throughout the year planning for the next gala event. We meet once a month with extra meetings held in the weeks leading up to Gala Day. Anybody can join this hardworking team whether it be as a full committee member or as a friend of the committee if you can only spare a limited amount of your time. For more information on how to join us please see our website [www.thorntoncleveleysgalaofficial.co.uk](http://www.thorntoncleveleysgalaofficial.co.uk) or contact Helen Moorhouse by email - [helenemoorhouse@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helenemoorhouse@hotmail.co.uk) or by phone - 07701097990



The 'Windmill Logo' used on the front cover of our Gala Programmes for many years, was designed by the late Fred Callaghan who was a hard-working Gala Chairman in the 1970's.

- A permanent tribute in his memory.



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## **Gala Week Events**

### **Sunday 1st June 2025 – Gala Horse Show and Gymkhana starting at 9.00am.**

Presented by Thornton Cleveleys & District Horse Club Society at their showground, opposite Rossall School, Broadway, Thornton Cleveleys. All the usual classes: show jumping, equitation, working hunter, gymkhana. Etc. Rosettes will be presented to all classes – refreshments available. Thornton-Cleveleys Gala Queen Freya will be present from around 1.30pm onwards and will present the Gala trophies after the classes finish.

Horse Club Chairman – Tony Ansell. Tel: 07831454202.

### **Tuesday 10th June 2025 - Thornton Cleveleys Gala Band Concert**

This year our Gala Band Concert will take place at Thornton Little Theatre with doors opening at 6:30pm. The event will be £8 for adults and £2 for under 16s in aid of Thornton-Cleveleys Gala. We are so lucky to be supported once again by Thornton-Cleveleys Brass Band.

### **Thursday 12th June- Sunday 15th June – Funfair on King Georges Playing Fields**

We are delighted to welcome back J.W Shaw Amusements who organise the fair that is on the Gala Field.

### **Saturday 14th June 2025 – King Georges Playing Fields**

The field will be open from 12pm-9pm where we will have food & drink stalls plus live entertainment.

### **Sunday 15th June 2025 - Gala Day & Funfair on King Georges Playing Fields.**

The parade will set off from King Georges Playing Fields at 12pm.

The field will be open from 12pm - 7pm with food & drink stalls.

The Funfair will open at 12pm.

Trophies will be presented on King Georges Playing Fields at 2:15pm

Our Crowning Ceremony will begin at 2:30pm on King Georges Playing Fields

## **2025 Gala, Carnivals and Club Days**

**8th June** Poulton Gala

**15th June** Thornton Cleveleys Gala

**15th June** Singleton Gala

**21st June** Fleetwood Carnival

**28th June** Lytham Club Day

**5th July** Hambleton Gala

**12th July** Pressall and Knott End Gala

**12th July** St Annes Carnival

**19th July** Bispham Gala





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## Gala Queen Freya 2024/2025

It had always been a dream for me to be given the role of Gala Queen, ever since my older sister Ava took on the role of Princess when I was 3.

This year has been a dream come true. From the moment I was chosen and able to choose my theme, alongside picking my dress it has been incredible.

On Thornton Gala day I was so excited to not only have my float and retinue with me but also to be accompanied by a tribe of Vikings.

After being crowned I got the opportunity to visit local Galas representing Thornton. Whilst the weather wasn't always great, particularly Fleetwood that caught us in a thunderstorm just before the parade started subsequently leading to it being cancelled. We always made sure to have lots of fun with all the other retinues.

I've truly loved my year as Queen and so thankful for the opportunity.









# Thornton Cleveleys Gala

## 2025

## EVENTS PROGRAM

**TUES  
10th  
June**

### Summer Concert

Thornton Little Theatre  
Victoria Road East  
Thornton Cleveleys

Featuring Thornton Cleveleys Brass Band  
Doors open 6:30pm  
Entry Fee - £8 Adults £3

### Music Festival

King George's Playing Fields  
Victoria Road East  
Thornton Cleveleys

12pm-8pm  
Live Music  
Food & Drinks Stalls  
Fun Fair

**SAT  
14th  
June**

**SUN  
15th  
June**

### Gala Day

King George's Playing Fields  
Victoria Road East  
Thornton Cleveleys

12pm-6pm  
Parade around Thornton  
Crowning Ceremony  
Food & Drinks Stalls  
Fun Fair

### Parade Route

Leaving King George's Playing Fields at 12pm and making its way around Thornton.  
Please come out and support us and all members of the community who have taken the time to create a display for the parade.

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More Info:

[www.thorntoncleveleysgalaofficial.co.uk](http://www.thorntoncleveleysgalaofficial.co.uk)  
Facebook: Thornton Cleveleys Gala

## **Sunday 15th June 2025 - Gala Day**

**10am**

Hoisting of the Gala flag

**11am**

Flower laying and service of remembrance at the cenotaph

**11:15am**

Judging of procession entries will take place on King Georges playing Fields

**12pm**

The Gala procession will depart from the Victoria Road East entrance of King Georges Playing Fields

**12:15pm Approx.** - Thornton Village

**12:30pm Approx.** - Spar on Lawsons Road

**12:45pm Approx.** - Trunnah Road/ Fleetwood Road North Junction

**1pm Approx.** - Gardeners Arms on Fleetwood Road North

**1:15pm Approx.** - The procession will return to King Georges Playing Fields via the entrance next to Seniors Fish and chips

All times are approximate, so please arrive to watch the procession in good time

**If you wish to take part in the procession, you will need to complete the entry form at the back of this programme or on our website [www.thorntonclevelandsgalaofficial.co.uk](http://www.thorntonclevelandsgalaofficial.co.uk) and please sign in for judging on King Georges Playing Fields by 11am in the red committee hub next to the stage - you need to be ready for judging at 11.15am.**

### **Events on the Gala field**

This year our Gala Crowning Ceremony, funfair and stalls will all take place on King Georges Playing Fields.

**12pm**

Gala field will open with stalls and funfair

**1pm**

Entertainment will start at the arena on King Georges Playing Fields Dancers.

**2:15pm**

Trophies will be presented to our winners in the main arena on King Georges Playing Fields.

**2:30pm**

Crowning Ceremony of the Rosebud Queen takes place in the arena- in the event of bad weather this will take place at The YMCA Sports Hall, Victoria Road East, Thornton-Cleveleys.

## Gala Parade Route 2025



The Parade will leave King Georges Playing Fields at 12pm. It will then make its way down Victoria Road East into Thornton Village. Turn left onto Lawsons Road and continue down Trunnah Road. It will turn left onto Fleetwood Road North and makes its way back to King Georges Playing Fields.



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## Children of the Gala 2025

### **Gala Queen Elect 2025 Blythe**



I want to start by saying thank you for choosing me as Thornton-Cleveleys Gala Queen this year. It is an incredible honour to be crowned and to be a role model for future gala queens. When I took part in the parade last year with my school, I saw the previous years gala queen and afterwards I applied to join the retinue. That was the first time I've applied for anything by myself and it shows that if you want something, then just go for it.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself. In my spare time I go to a theatre club and I go dancing every Saturday. I really enjoy it and I look forward to performing in the local area. Since I moved here when I was small, I have always felt safe wherever I am. I think that's really important.

We are lucky to have the beach so close and I go there a lot with my dog, who is happy when the tide is out.

I want to thank my Mum for helping me get my beautiful dress and caring for me every day, she always knows what's best for me.

Thank you once again for choosing me to be this year's Queen, I will do my best to be an ambassador for Thornton-Cleveleys.

I hope you all enjoy our brilliant Gala, and appreciate the work that's gone into the whole event.

Blythe Black-Charie

Hello everyone!

My name is Penny and I am 9 years old, I am super excited to be crowned this year's Rosebud Queen!

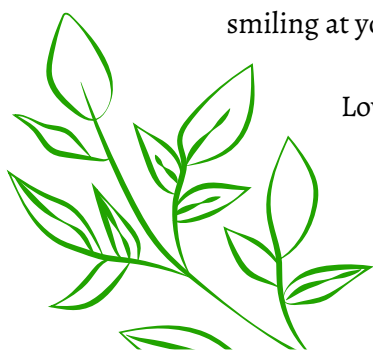
In 2023 my sister was crowned Gala Queen and I was proud to be her flower girl, now I am thrilled to be chosen as this year's Rosebud Queen 2025/26.

I can't wait to meet my retinue, have some fun and create some amazing memories, it is also important to continue to carry on my family tradition.

I love spending time at home crafting, reading David Walliams books and attending brownies each week. On the weekends, I enjoy meeting up with my friends, going on days out with my family or visiting the local cinema.

During my time as Rosebud Gala Queen, I am especially excited to visit the other local galas and community celebrations where I will be representing Thornton-Cleveleys. I look forward to waving and smiling at you all during Gala Day!

Love, Penny 🌹.



### **Rosebud Queen Elect 2025 Penny**





## Gala Rosebud Queens/Princesses of Previous Years

1968	Alison Owens	1986	Kimberley Sugden	2004	Nicole Bittley
1969	Janet Ogden	1987	Zena Whitworth	2007	Charlotte Mountcastle
1970	Susan Terras	1988	Nicola Bentley	2008	Alisha Stewart
1972	Ruth Jones	1989	Rachel Fallon	2009	Isabelle Bristow
1973	Helyn Leach	1990	Tanya Leach	2010	Georgina McDermott
1974	Debbie Bryne	1991	Nicola Wilson	2011	Cassia Turner
1975	Paula Cowen	1992	Laura Fallon	2012	Caitlin Diver
1976	Linda Howard	1993	Claire Curran	2013	Mary Smith
1977	Kerry White	1994	Jennifer Whiteside	2014	Megan Pilkington
1978	Helen Levett	1995	Samantha Brookhouse	2015	Emilie Major
1979	Jeanette Hoop	1996	Kerryne Howe	2016	Dakota Higson
1980	Donna Williams	1997	Lily Earnshaw	2017	Molly Ellison
1981	Julia Postlethwaite	1998	Hannah Mitchell	2018	Megan Hudson
1982	Kelly Hodgkinson	1999	Katie Barnes	2019	Emily Sanderson
1983	Cassandra Lomas	2000	Lizzie Hill	2022	Pixie Hammond
1984	Michelle Maunder	2001	Laura Murphy	2023	Kaia Davies
1985	Emma Bamber	2002	Caroline Rheubottom		





## Prince Charming's of Previous years

1928	Hilda Barnes	1977	Jane Greenwood	2004	Gemma Tattersall
1931	Hilda Croft	1978	Michelle Jones		Holly Moorhouse
1947	Shirley Ingle	1979	Andrea Heaney		Chloe Major
1948	Sadie Farren	1980	Tina Bannister	2005	Holly Moorhouse
1949	Shirley Ingle	1981	Beverley Bramhall	2007	Luke Fuentes-Moreno
1950	Joan Richardson	1982	Johanna Wilcock		Chloe Franklin
1955	Joan Thwaites	1983	Carol Clough	2008	Rosie Lloyd
1956	Margaret Powell	1984	Lisa Ray	2009	Ashleigh Baron
1957	Wendy Wallwork	1985	Gaynor Mackelt	2010	Abigail Bowling
1958	Hazel Aspinall	1986	Catherine Burgess	2011	Taylor Hampton
1959	Pamela Shone	1987	Michelle Prescot		Sabrina Hesk
1961	Joyce Wilson	1988	Kelly Hodgkinson	2012	Elika Davies
1962	Valerie Hardacre	1989	Leigh Harper	2013	Laura Crane
1963	Barbara Swann	1990	Louise Cuthbertson	2014	Syafiqah Norazlan
1964	Susan Shearstone	1991	Rebecca Brown		Ashleigh Baker
1965	Marjorie Bradford	1992	Emma Bunn	2015	Scarlett Rushton
1966	Margaret Gleeson	1993	Samantha Gee	2016	Dalton Fox
1967	Patricia Jenkinson	1994	Jennifer Clare		Connor Heath
1968	Gail Cook	1995	Nicola Wilson	2017	Grace Oates
1969	Mary Porter	1996	Leanne Mellor		Alfie Sproat
1970	Tracey Johnson	1997	Samantha Rayner	2018	Mary Smith
1971	Christine Bowes	1998	Loren Adams		Clayton Hammond
1972	Lesley Millward	1999	Nicola Birtwistle	2019	Maria Seddon
1973	Julie Schofield	2000	Samantha Rayner		Natasha Southern
1974	Brenda White	2001	Nicole Birtwistle	2022	Clayton Hammond
1975	Diane Turner	2003	Mary Jones	2023	Alice Tarpey
1976	Karen Squires				

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## **Gala Queens of Previous Years**

1934	Kathleen McGuirk	1968	Sheila Lloyd	1995	Emma Gleave
1935	Marjorie Counsell	1969	Kathleen Tuson	1996	Gemma Bullen
1936	Alma Woods	1970	Angela Street	1997	Lindsay Barnes
1937	Annie Didsbury	1971	Carol Longland	1998	Leanne Mellor
1938	Alison Cheadle	1972	Judith Clegg	1999	Kharena Cooke
1939	Joan Pullin	1973	Joanna Bird	2000	Candice Beckett
1947	Margaret Spriggs	1974	Caroline Hamer	2001	Jennifer Whiteside
1948	Margaret Whiteside	1975	Christa Thornton	2002	Kerryne Howe
1949	Joan Richardson	1976	Alison Livesey	2003	Poppy Taylor
1950	Margaret Dutton	1977	Lorraine Roe	2004	Sophie Stapleton
1951	Jeanne Farmery	1978	Michaela Wilson		Gemma Tattersall
1952	Vary Shearer	1979	Gillian Smith	2005	Chloe Franklin
1953	Christine Lang	1980	Diane Carney	2007	Chloe Major
1954	Joan Hawkins	1981	Kirsty Robertson	2008	Ellie Bates
1955	Angela Hind	1982	Paula Cowen	2009	Holly Moorhouse
1956	Beryl Osman	1983	Julie Franklin	2010	Lucy Thistleton
1957	Gillian Roach	1984	Susan Hunt	2011	Katy Seddon
1958	Barbara Jenkins	1985	Debbie Wilde	2012	Sophie Midgley
1959	Christine Pearson	1986	Melanie Longrigg	2013	Abigail Eaves
1960	Lynn Graham	1987	Diane Gyselman	2014	Caitlin Diver
1961	Brenda Wilcock	1988	Susan Heaney	2015	Laura Crane
1962	Lorraine Maguire	1989	Zoe Redman	2016	Ashleigh Baker
1963	Sharon Bowker	1990	Gail Chamberlain	2017	Natalia Ellis
1964	Lynn Bowker	1991	Clare Bilsborrow	2018	Aimee Hudson
1965	Susan Gowling	1992	Katie Powell	2019	Emilie Major
1966	Joan Davies	1993	Melanie Stewart	2023	Layla McDevitte
1967	Pamela Jackson	1994	Michelle Chapman	2024	Freya Lloyd

## **Britannia's of Previous Years**

2018	Emilie Major
2019	Coral Hughes

## **Britannia Consorts of Previous Years**

2018	Star Hammond
2019	Poppy Hughes

## **Acknowledgements**

**The Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped to make the  
2024 Gala a success**

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## **Thornton Cleveleys Gala 2025 Parade Entry Form**

**Please Indicate Class Entry Required:**

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Expected number of entrants?</u></b>	<b><u>Will you be using a float? Y/N</u></b>
Pre-school/Nursery		
Fancy Dress Child Under 16		
Fancy Dress Adult Over 16		
Fancy Dress Group (at least 2)		
Dance/Cheerleader Troupe		
Organised Group Float		
Youth Groups		
School/Uniformed Organisation Section		
Decorated Mobility Scooter/Wheelchair/Bike		
Business Award		

<b><u>Name of Group:</u></b>	<b><u>Contact Name:</u></b>
<b><u>Address:</u></b>	<b><u>Mobile:</u></b>
<b><u>Email:</u></b>	<b><u>Alternative Contact Number:</u></b>

All entry forms must be submitted to the Gala Secretary, Mrs Helen Moorhouse – 162 West Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, FY5 2EQ. **This year we are asking for a donation to Thornton-Cleveleys Gala to enter the parade – suggested donation £1.**

**During the parade we will only allow money collections for Thornton-Cleveleys Gala as this is our primary source of income to be able to put on the event.**

All classes need to be assembled on King George's Playing Field Thornton by 11.15 on Gala Day. Marshals will be available to direct you to the correct class location and judging will commence at 11.30am.

The judge's decision is final, and trophies will be presented in our arena on King Georges Playing Fields from 2:30pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

# Thornton Cleveleys Gala Accounts 23-24

INCOME	2024
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	
Band concert	502.92
Psychic Nights	1099.89
Fun Day	612.75
Tombola/ Collecting Tins	188.26
Wyre Lottery	43.00
Craft Fair	135.00
<b>PROGRAMME</b>	
Adverts	280.00
<b>GALA DAY</b>	
Gala Parade	726.33
Grand Raffle	470.00
Gala Day Stalls	645.00
Costumes	115.00
<b>GRANTS/DONATIONS</b>	
Glasdon	200.00
Nice One Ices	140.00
Mark Ineson Donkeys	30.00
Millfield School	20.00
JW Shaw (Funfair)	2300
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LCC	1967.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,894.46</b>
Amount in HSBC	<b>5275.93</b>

EXPENDITURE	2024
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	
Band concert	60.00
Psychic Nights (inc hot-pots and refunded tickets)	564.40
Fun Day	482.06
Grand Raffle – printing tickets	156.00
<b>GALA WEEKEND</b>	
Retinue Outfits	88.72
Retinue expenses	124.08
Thornton Cleveleys Brass Band	350.00
Photographer	0.00
Retinue and Special Guest Food	110.96
Toilets hire	522.00
Use of Land (Wyre Council)	50.00
TEN License	21.00
Programme and Flyers	838.00
Floats	202.66
Saturday Entertainment	1250.00
Security, Road Safety, First Aid	2474.50
Stage and PA	1710.00
Trophies/ Engraving	425.43
<b>INSURANCES</b>	
Hut	261.40
Public and Employee Liability	1053.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
Equipment (various)	370.39
Printing, stationery and postage	323.94
Lottery licence	20.00
Wreath	20.00
Website	374.09
Bank charges	73.32
Committee shirts	235.93
Roller Banner and Feather Flag	318.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,479.88</b>



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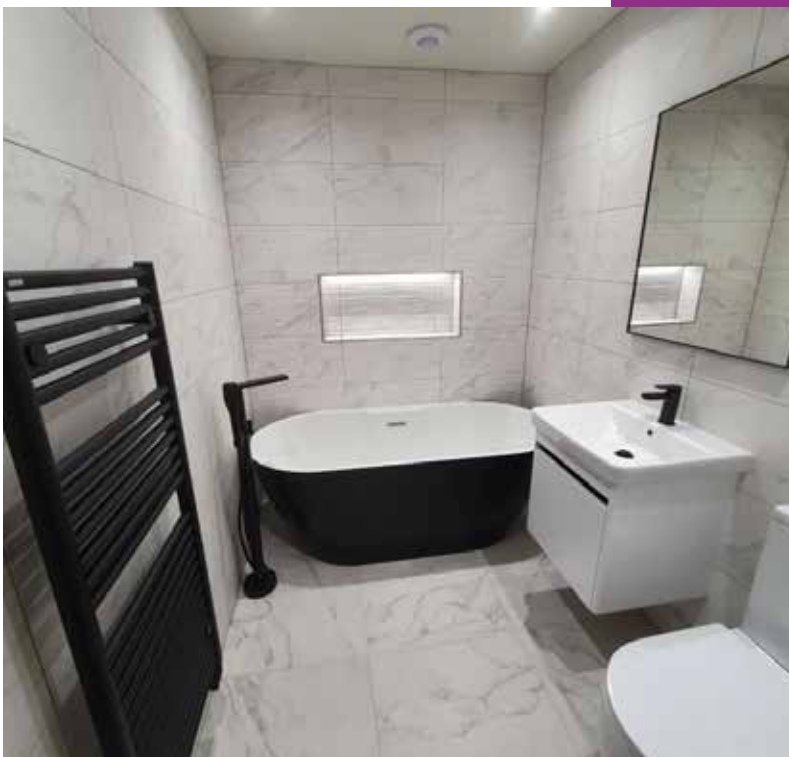
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