

The 25th Penwortham Youth Music Festival
Monday 20th to Saturday 25th 2017
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Once again we had a successful festival with choirs, ensembles and individuals taking part, many for the first time. Unfortunately sessions on the Tuesday evening had to be cancelled as there were no entries.

On the **Monday evening** fourteen young people from Lancashire senior schools performed in six different vocal classes ranging from traditional, musicals and Gilbert and Sullivan opera to pop songs. We had three senior choirs performing this year – two from Balshaws C E High School, Leyland and Penwortham Girl's High School.

On the **Tuesday afternoon**, children from Special Needs schools - Park School, Blackpool, Broadfield School, Oswaldtwistle and Acorns Primary, Preston gave us some wonderful and memorable performances.

On Thursday evening we had two school choirs – Longton Primary and Ormskirk Asmall Primary, both performing in a non-competitive section. There were two primary instrumental ensembles from Ormskirk Asmall Primary (Brass) and St. Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School (Ukuleles, guitars and percussion). A guitar trio from St. Catherine's RC Primary, Leyland also performed.

Saturday was dedicated to individual instrumental classes with 27 entries in piano, strings, brass, woodwind and church organ. Andrew Clelland of Longton playing the church organ was the winner of the "Penwortham Young Musician" (Instrumental) competition, Matilda Prescott Jones (piano) of Leyland was second and William Melling (Piano) of New Longton was third. Ruth Jakubovic of Leyland was judged to be the "Penwortham Young Musician" (Singer) of the year.

Over the three day festival, 250 young people performed before family and friends and were judged Mrs Sheila Kent, Mr Philip Dewhurst, Mrs Angela Rowley and Mr Daniel Chandler, professional adjudicators from the Federation of Music Festivals. The performers represented 25 colleges, senior, primary and special schools, mainly from the South Ribble, Preston, Chorley and West Lancashire areas but also from Bolton, Blackpool, Wyre and the Fylde.

Matilda Prescott-Jones (piano) and Ruth Jakubovic (Singer) were nominated for the British Federation of Music Festivals NW Championship to be held at St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham on Saturday 16 September 2017.

The Festival received sponsorship from the Harris Charity and Penwortham Town Council,
Philip Walsh
Festival Director

The following schools were represented:

Acorns Primary School, Preston *
All Hallows RC High School, Penwortham
Archbishop Temple C E School, Preston
Asmall Primary School, Ormskirk
Balshaws C E High School, Leyland *
Broadfield Specialist School, Oswaldtwistle
Cardinal Newman College, Preston
Cop Lane Primary School, Penwortham
Euxton C E Primary School
Hutton CE Grammar School

Leyland St. Mary's R C High School
Longridge High School
Longton Primary School
Oakhill College, Whalley
Park Community Academy, Blackpool *
Penwortham Girl's High School *
Penwortham Priory Academy
Runshaw College
St. Catherine's Primary School, Leyland
St. Gregory's Primary School, Chorley
St. Mary Magdalen's RC Priamry School, Penwortham
St. Michael's High School, Chorley
University of Manchester
Westholme School, Blackburn
Whitefield Primary School

* Choir or band