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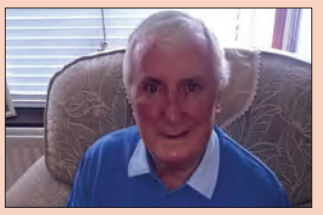
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It's nomination time

The Orange Community Awards return to Co Antrim next month and nominations have already opened for you to select your prospective winners.

Saturday, March 14, is the date for your diaries as Lisburn's Lagan Valley Island provides the perfect venue for this showpiece event.

The awards represent an excellent way for the membership to have its say in celebrating the work of their fellow Brethren across a range of different categories.

Each year, individuals, lodges and bands are formally acknowledged for their contributions during the previous 12 months.

Grand Lodge uses this evening to put the spotlight firmly on the membership, who receive deserved recognition for their work in the community, fundraising efforts for charity and other achievements.

Awards to be presented include best new banner, individual and lodge community involvement, youth development, sporting achievement and Christian Outreach.

The musical side of the awards sees recognition for both individual musicians and bands.

Once again, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Edward Stevenson will be presenting the Grand Master's Award. In 2019, that prestigious honour went to Sidney McIldoon, a former prison officer, who played a key role in initiating new members of the Orange Institution.

No Surrender LOL 20, from Banbridge, Co Down, claimed the lodge community involvement award in 2019 after their members raised £21,000 for charity by participating in a 130km walk of remembrance on the Western Front.

It is encouraging to learn that they have big plans in place for another major fundraising adventure!

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Pictured at the Grand Lodge meeting in December are Grand Secretary Rev. Mervyn Gibson; Deputy Grand Master Harold Henning; Henry Dunbar, former President of the Imperial Grand Orange Council and Past Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland; Grand Master Edward Stevenson and Grand Treasurer Brian Dorrian. All senior officers were re-elected. **Full report on page two.**

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EDITORIAL

Challenging time ahead for Unionism

The early signs appear to indicate that 2020 will be a year of significant political challenges for Unionism, locally and nationally.

The Secretary of State, Julian Smith MP, has succeeded in his efforts to restore the Executive at Stormont.

After three years where nothing much at all happened, a remarkable early January rush saw a deal agreed, an Executive formed and ministers in place all within a matter of days.

The 'New Decade, New Approach' document is the creation of the British and Irish governments and has been signed up to by our local political parties. Many of the ambitious plans contained within the document have already come under pressure as it becomes clear this deal did not come with a blank cheque from the Treasury.

Following an initial viewing, the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland made public its objection to the heavy emphasis on commitments to Irish language and the role of the Irish Language Commissioner. By contrast, the commitments to Ulster Scots/Ulster British culture were much more loosely defined and lack credible detail. There are further issues, including significant ongoing reservations around proposals concerning legacy - which do not have the support of the victims community.

The 'New Decade, New Approach' document ties up difficult issues, like the Irish language and Legacy, with other matters which are of concern to all. Who wouldn't want to see a first-class health service, nurses paid an equal wage to their counterparts elsewhere in the United Kingdom, money for roads, improved education provision and the like?

Grand Lodge representatives made their concerns known to the Secretary of State and Unionist politicians on a number of occasions in the last weeks of 2019. They knew our stance going into the talks process.

For now, continued engagement and consultation will be the focus of Grand Lodge – not just with politicians and Government, but also with the membership of the Institution so that their views can be heard and expressed.

We will be vocal in our disappointment over Irish language legislation, but we will also be considering any opportunities that the Ulster British elements may present the wider Orange Family.

There can be no doubt that challenges lie ahead, but Grand Lodge will not be found wanting!

Hall attacks continue

It was a case of new year, same old story as we learned of attacks to three Orange halls around the turn of the year.

The Protestant Hall at Glenavy was daubed with 'IRA' graffiti, while halls at Belleek in South Armagh and Plumbridge, Co Fermanagh, were also attacked.

A disappointing start to 2020 but be assured, Orangeism will not bow to such intimidation.

Grand Master re-elected



Grand Master Edward Stevenson and Leslie Bell of the McCrea Memorial Trust



Grand Master Edward Stevenson and William McKeown of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Society. Pictures courtesy of John Smyth



Grand Master Edward Stevenson pictured with Rev. John Noble, of 'Gospel Goal'

In mid-December, Edward Stevenson was once again unanimously re-elected as Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

All other Senior Officers of Grand Lodge were also re-elected at the meeting in Banbridge Orange Hall, including Harold Henning as Deputy Grand Master.

The presiding officer at the election was Henry Dunbar, former President of the Imperial Orange Council and Past Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland.

Wor. Bro. Stevenson has held the post for just over nine years, having taken up the role in January 2011. He described his re-election as a "tremendous privilege".

He said: "To receive the confidence of the membership of the Orange Institution is a humbling experience but also a tremendous privilege. I am proud to continue as Grand Master and very much look forward to fulfilling the respective duties of the role in what will be a challenging year ahead."

Members voiced their views on a range of important issues, including Brexit and a desire to see the Orange Institution play its part in developing a strategy that would unite Unionism.

The meeting also discussed the local political situation, during which the members present expressed their overwhelming and ongoing opposition to any new legislation concerning Irish language.

Members took the opportunity to highlight their frustration at the already stark funding disparity which exists between Irish language projects compared to support for cultural traditions and community infrastructure in the Unionist community.

70 years of service for Edith

Newtownhamilton WLOL 98 has celebrated the occasion of Sister Edith Watt reaching her 70th year of membership of the Women's Orange Institution.

At one of their recent meetings, which take place at the King George IV Memorial Orange Hall, recognition was offered in respect of Sister Watt's long service.

Edith has served in many senior positions within Newtownhamilton WLOL during her time as a member of the Institution, including Secretary, Chaplain, Deputy Mistress and Lecturer.

She was presented with a medal and a bouquet of flowers to mark her significant achievement by Newtownhamilton WLOL Worshipful Mistress, Ann Bradshaw.

Warm tributes were also offered to Edith by other Sisters who were in attendance on the evening.



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Loughgall 1st District Lecturer Bro. John Gilpin with Derek and Geoffrey Winter at the Loughgall Lecture Class

New Orange Lecturers receive their certificates at Loughgall

In October last year, the Grand Lecturer most Worshipful Brother Robert Barr was pleased to visit and carry out an examination for new lecturers at the home of Orangeism in Dan Winter's house at The Diamond

As a result of this two new lecturers were passed for Loughgall District, Brothers Geoffrey and Derek Winter, who are sixth generation direct descendants of Dan Winter.

The two brothers belong to LOL 118 at the Diamond Grange Loughgall and are sons of Hilda Winter MBE.

Also in attendance were the County Grand Lecturer Tom Marshall and the Loughgall 1st District Lecturer Bro. John Gilpin, who instructed the lecture class assisted by the 2nd District Lecturer Bro. Laurie Ramsey.

It was a hard year's work by both candidates and instructors who met every Monday night at Hilda Winter's over the winter.

Rumour has it that an apple tart was consumed at every class!

The two Brethren were awarded their certificates by most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Edward Stevenson at the County Armagh Grand Lodge Meeting in Armagh Orange Hall.

This event also created a little bit of history with the three Grand Masters being in attendance, Edward Stevenson, SGM William Anderson, from the Royal Black, and John Clarke from the Royal Arch Purple.



Three Grand Masters pictured in Co Armagh. Sovereign Grand Master William Anderson, from the Royal Black Institution; Worshipful Grand Master Edward Stevenson, and John Clarke, Grand Master Royal Arch Purple

Co Armagh districts present legacy cheques

The 11 Orange Order districts in Co Armagh have donated a total of £54,000 to the Drew Nelson Legacy set up by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to advance projects within the Institution.

This amount for 2019 surpasses the £41,000 donated by the Co Armagh lodges in 2018 to a fund which is being generously supported by lodges across Northern Ireland and in the Irish Republic.

The picture shows representatives from the Co Armagh districts gathered at Sloan's House Heritage Centre in Loughgall to hand over their cheques.

The generosity of the lodges was praised by the County Armagh Grand Master Bro. Denis Watson, by the Deputy Assistant Grand Master of Ireland Bro. Harold Henning and Bro. Lewis Singleton, a trustee for the Drew Nelson Legacy.



The late Bro Drew Nelson was Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and his sterling work in advancing the Institution to greater and meaningful potential has been the inspiration for the legacy in his memory.

The 160 Co Armagh lodges, with a membership of 5,000, raised the money for the legacy fund through fund-raising events and from personal donations by individual brethren.

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Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Edward Stevenson pictured with former chief executive of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland, Robert McLean at his testimonial dinner in the Hilcroft Hotel, Whitburn.



Canon Will Murphy, Deputy District Chaplin, assisting with the installation of Bro. Robert Todd as Deputy Master of Aghavilly LOL 619 Armagh District. Bro Todd has a hearing impairment and Canon Murphy provided signing for Robert.

Prayers and support for Australia

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland is helping the membership to send much-needed support to those affected by the bush fires in Australia.

This follows correspondence between Grand Master Edward Stevenson and representatives of the Grand Orange Lodge of Australia, offering prayers, sympathy and any practical support possible at this very difficult time.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Australia has set up a disaster relief fund to help those affected and the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland is facilitating its brethren and sisters to contribute to the fund.

Grand Master Edward Stevenson said: "The bush fires that have been ravaging parts of Australia are the worst ever experienced. They have been going on for months and have resulted in the loss of life and property.



"Grand Lodge of Australia has organised a disaster relief fund and we are very keen to make a contribution that would be used to assist those directly affected by the wildfire crisis."

Any lodges or individual members who wish to make a donation can do so by sending it to Schomberg House, 368 Cregagh Road, Belfast, BT6 9EY. All donations should be clearly marked for the Australian Bushfire Disaster Fund with cheques made payable to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

The Grand Master added: "Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland continues to send its prayers to the brethren and sisters in Australia at this very difficult time."

Tribute: Harry Miller

The officers and members of Tamlaght LOL 999 (Co Fermanagh) were saddened at the death of a very loyal and long-time member, Bro. Henry Alexander (Harry) Miller.

Harry joined the lodge in June 1946. He was elected secretary in March 1948 and held this office for 61 years until his health began to fail.

Harry also served as Royal Arch Purple Registrar for 60 years.

According to the Tamlaght lodge minutes, members believe Harry never missed any of their monthly lodge meetings or indeed any district Lodge meetings. The members recognise Harry as a truly exceptional Brother Orangeman.

New Year Honours

Congratulations to the four members of the Orange Institution who were each recognised with a British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year Honours.

Robert Montgomery, a member of Garvetagh True Blues LOL 1486, received a BEM for Voluntary Service to Education in Castlederg.

Alan Ross, a member of Slatt LOL 475, was awarded a BEM for services to the Community in Ballymena.

Gary Laffin, a member of Drumlough Heroes LOL 153, was recognised for services to the Reserve Forces and the community in County Down and County Armagh.

Paul Michael, a member of Thornhill LOL 651, was honoured for services to Local Government in Antrim and Newtownabbey.

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Fifty Year Jewel for Sister Newell at Kilkeel

There was a special cause for celebration at the November meeting of the Mournes First Women's Loyal Orange Lodge No. 52 in Kilkeel Orange Hall.

At the end of the meeting members had a very special presentation to Sister Sally Newell.

She was presented with her 50 Year Jewel by County Grand Mistress, Sister Beth Lunney.

The County Grand Secretary, Sister Gillian McIntyre, was also in attendance.

Sister Newell was presented with some beautiful flowers and gifts from fellow Officers and Sisters.

A very enjoyable supper was had and Sister Newell reminisced and told stories of her years with WLOL 52.





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Lisnamulligan Purple Heroes LOL 436 presenting a cheque for £2,000 to DGM Harold Henning for the Drew Nelson Legacy Project.

Members of Upper Crossgare enjoy museum visit





Members of Upper Crossgare LOL 1608, pictured above, enjoyed a visit to the Museum of Orange Heritage at Schomberg House at the start of December.

Left: Wilby Hanna pictured with his son, Graham, and grandson Zak. The trio are pictured beside the famous 'Hannaman' drum which was designed and made by Wilby. Zak is enjoying great success in mountain running and is currently ranked sixth in the world!

Schomberg tour for Rockmacraney Brethren



Brethren from Rockmacraney Temperance LOL114, Richhill District, who held a meeting in Schomberg House and afterwards enjoyed a very interesting guided tour of the Museum of Orange Heritage.

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Memorial Room dedicated at Ballyleaney

On Friday, November 15, 2019, Ballyleaney Purple Star LOL 11, Richhill, had a night to dedicate a new Lambeg drum and a newly built Memorial Room.
The Lambeg drum was dedicated to the memory of the late Wor. Bro. Adrian Turbitt who sadly passed away in 2018.
Adrian was the power behind the building of the Memorial room. He had a vision to create a room dedicated to the memory of the men of Ulster who have served their country and paid the ultimate sacrifice.
Adrian was involved in every aspect from the initial idea to the planning, fund raising and the physical hands on building and joinery work.
Sadly, he was unable to see the completed room but the spirit of Adrian Turbitt will be forever ingrained into the walls of Ballyleaney Orange hall.
Also in attendance at the dedication were Adrian's wife, children, mother and brothers.
The large turnout or the dedication was a testament to the stature of the man and of the high esteem in which he was held.

Ulster Human Rights Watch call to Orange Order victims of the Troubles

A human rights body is reaching out to hundreds of Orange Order members left injured through terrorist attacks during the Troubles.



Ulster Human Rights Watch Advocacy Service is offering to help victims and survivors in their search for answers and to access professional and financial entitlements.
URHW says people left psychologically or physically injured by terrorist actions stand to qualify for a range of payments paid either on a monthly basis or, if they are sixty or over, a significant lump sum equivalent to ten years of payments.
The call to Orange Order victims and survivors coincides with a Government Consultation on a new and long overdue Victims Payment Scheme, which is expected to go 'live' in May.
Axel Schmidt, URHW Advocacy Support Manager, said the task now was to ensure than no one was left behind.
Mr Schmidt, pictured, said: "On the proposed Payments Scheme, Ulster Human Rights Watch would encourage the Orange Order and individual members of all Loyal orders to make applications for their entitlements.
"We have made it clear that terrorists must be excluded from the scheme. It would be a monumental injustice and morally indefensible to allow the gunman and bomber to qualify for a payment, but the Government knows that there is extensive backing for this approach.
"Secondly, we can assist when the time comes to get what you are entitled to. The range of payments is wide, from a suggested £9,870 annually to £1,974 annually and it is important that you are aware of the qualifying criteria.
"UHRW knows that many Orange Order members are suffering in silence, but that doesn't have to be the case. We can help with finding answers to questions they might have about incidents that took place.
"We can also have case files and records re-examined in order to progress their cases. If they lost a loved one or a relative was injured, and want to know the full story, we can assist.
"A total of 340 Orange Order members were killed in the 'Troubles' and in many of these sad cases, there are gaps in the information that was made available. Many are unsolved crimes with the perpetrators not identified, arrested or prosecuted. In some instances, investigations can be progressed if new relevant information is unearthed.
"We can help unlock the door to access official mechanisms and information held by statutory organisations and agencies which could lead to a re-opening of your case and push your quest forward. All the services we offer are free.
"We work with a wide range of statutory agencies including the Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB), PSNI Serious Crime Branch, the Attorney General, who has the power to direct new Inquests and the Public Records Office (PRONI) which holds most of the inquest and court case records.
"There is a wealth of information out there. Contact us on 028 3834 4500 or email info@uhrw.org.uk.
"You can visit the website www.uhradvocacy.org.uk and we are also on Twitter @UlsterHumanRW
Mr Schmidt added: "We are a registered charity and our over-riding aim is to get as much closure as possible for the hundreds of people who bore the brunt of a sustained murderous onslaught on innocent people."

Ballyrobert LOL 389



Worshipful Brother Brian Blair, Worshipful Master Ballyrobert LOL 389, and Brother Samuel Larkham, Treasurer LOL 389, presenting a cheque for £500 to Macmillan Cancer Support from the recent Coffee Morning held in Ballyrobert Orange Hall. Pictured receiving the cheque is Ward Sister Deirdre Totten, Macmillan Centre Antrim Area Hospital.



Pictured at the opening of Kerr-Smiley Orange Hall after refurbishment, are Miss Jessica Stewart, daughter of Bro. Aaron and Emma, and Bro James Murphy. In this picture Jessica is two months old and James is over 91 years her senior!

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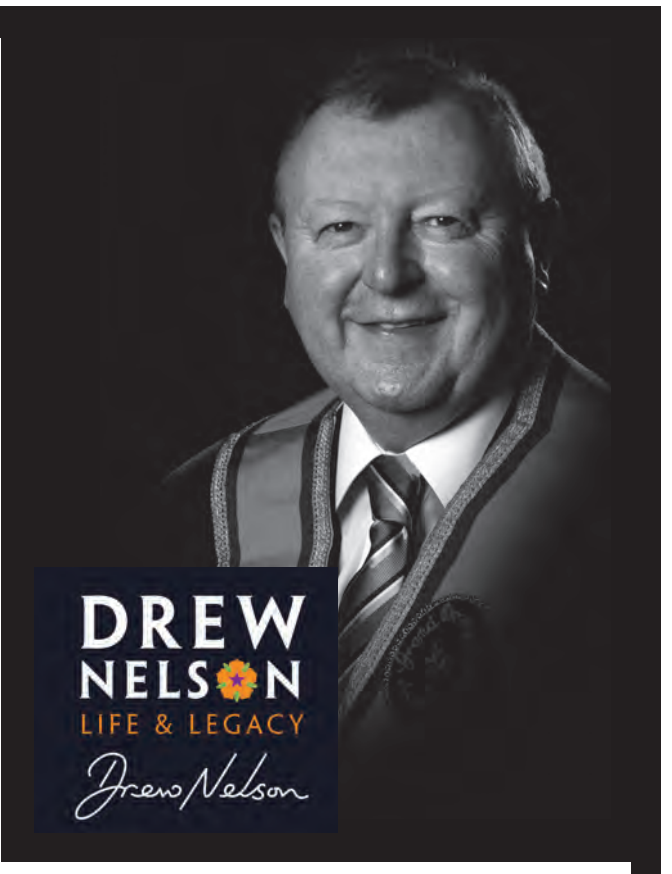
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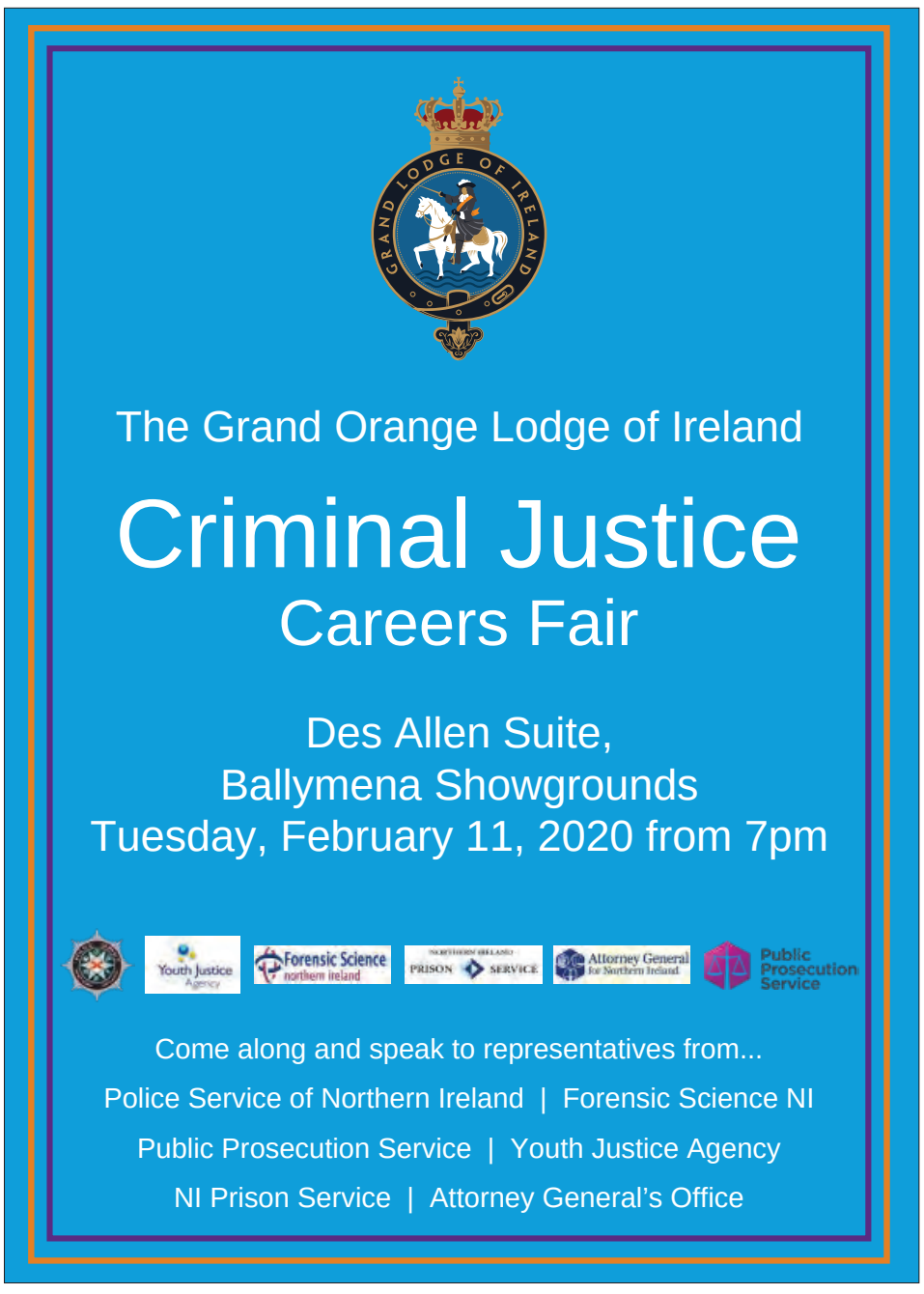
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DREW NELSON LEGACY

Ballymena event puts spotlight on careers in Criminal Justice



The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has announced that it will be taking the lead role in a unique careers evening in Co Antrim.
Working closely with the agencies from the Department of Justice, the Grand Lodge of Ireland has put together a Criminal Justice Careers Fair.
The event will be held in the Des Allen Suite at the Ballymena Showgrounds on Tuesday, February 11, from 7pm.
Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Youth Development Officer, Gary McAllister said the evening would be of great value to young people interested in learning about a career in criminal justice.
This is the latest in a number of career information evenings that the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has organised throughout Northern Ireland.
Commenting, Mr McAllister said: "The event will be an opportunity for people, young and old, to explore potential career opportunities in various agencies across the Criminal Justice sector.
"Agencies expected to attend include the PSNI, Youth Justice Agency, NI Prison Service, Public Prosecution Service, Attorney General's Office and Forensic Science NI.
"Criminal Justice is a wide-ranging field of employment with many excellent career paths and we are delighted to be able to offer this event. It is also important to remember that the PSNI recruitment campaign opens on the 4th February and closes on the 25th February, meaning this event will fall right in the middle of the recruitment campaign, giving attendees an excellent opportunity to get real, helpful advice on how to go about applying for the various roles within the PSNI."
Mr McAllister added: "This event further shows the Loyal Orange Institution is fully vested in the development of our young people and ensuring they get every opportunity to explore and take up promising careers. It also shows that we are a major stakeholder in tackling the issue of under-representation of our community within the criminal justice sector and are a willingness to work with other key stakeholders to address these issues and others which affect our society."

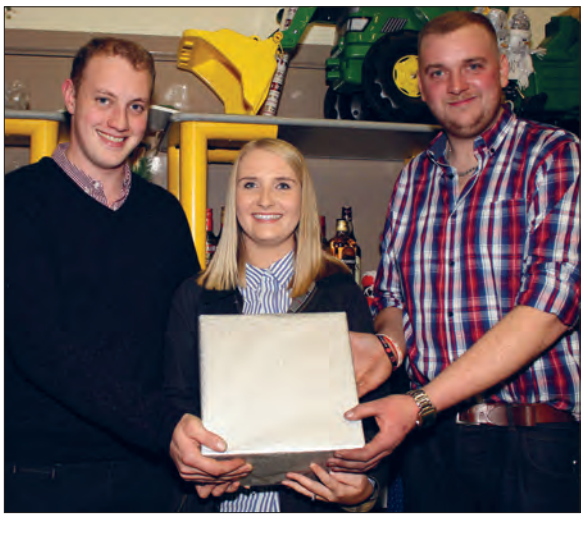


If you would like to find out more about this event, or the youth development work being done by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, contact Gary McAllister on 028 9070 1122 or email youth@goli.org.uk



Presentations made at Killycurragh

The Brethren of Killycurragh LOL 200 recently made a number of presentations. Above: The lodge presented a cheque to Omagh District Master Robert Cummings for the Drew Nelson Life and Legacy Project. This money was raised through a quiz night.
Below: At the lodge's annual bazaar, a presentation was made to the secretary to mark his recent wedding.





Family Fry-Up at Mullinagoagh

A 'Family Fry Up' was hosted on Saturday, September 28, by LOL 669 in Mullinagoagh Orange Hall, Dromore, County Tyrone, Fintona District No 8.
This was part of the Institution-wide fundraising morning for the Drew Nelson Legacy Project.
The event goes under the flagship, "Brew for Drew". However, the organisers here had decided theat they would provide a full breakfast!
The decision was taken that there would be no charge per head and no tickets, simply donations to the Drew Nelson Legacy Project. A fantiastic total of £1,250 waas raised which will be forwarded on to the Legacy Project.



Bro. Alan Hudson (left) Treasurer of Waringstown LOL No 83, pictured handing over a cheque for £1,050 to Bro Sam Kells, WDM of Lower Iveagh West No 8 District. Looking on is Bro Richard Fleming, County Secretary. The money was raised by selling the Nelson Tie, with proceeds going to the legacy fund. There are still some of these exclusive ties left. For further details text Bro. Hudson on 07909 333 187.



Donemana LOL 503 recently held a barbecue for the Drew Nelson Life and Legacy Fund. Pictured is Bro. Cummings receiving a cheque for £1,000 for the fund from Bro. Keith Buchanan.

Sponsored cycle in aid of Drew Nelson Legacy Fund

Members of the private lodges which make up Limavady District LOL No. 6 took part in a sponsored cycle in aid of the Drew Nelson Legacy Appeal.
Prior to setting off from the showgrounds, the District Master of Limavady Wor. Bro. Mark Smyth offered the cyclists a few last minute words of encouragement before they set off on the challenging 36 mile route.
Leaving Limavady, the members cycled to Aghanloo Orange Hall then onto Bellarena Orange Hall and Myroe Orange Hall, where Myroe LOL 259 laid on refreshments for the cyclists before they set off again towards Ballykelly Orange Hall. A steep climb followed to Ballynarrig Orange Hall before a more gentle pace to Largy Orange Hall and Ardinariff Orange Hall.
Another welcome break came at Boveva Orange Hall where members of Boveva and Dungiven Orange Lodges provided more refreshments.
Refuelled, the cyclists then tackled Dales and Scott's Braes before arriving at Ballyquin Orange Hall, then passing through Ardgarvan arriving at Edenmore Orange Hall before heading back into Limavady town.
They made their way past Limavady Orange Field and finally the Limavady Orange Heritage Centre before arriving back at the showgrounds for a well-earned rest and a barbeque.
The sponsored cycle in aid of the Drew Nelson Legacy Project follows on from a recent fundraising coffee morning held in the Limavady Orange Heritage Centre.
The Drew Nelson Legacy Project is the Grand Master's nominated appeal.



Wor. Bro. Mark Smyth, District Master, addresses the cyclists prior to the 36 mile sponsored cycle around the Orange Halls of Limavady District.



Members of Aughlisnafin LOL 1463 met in October for the presentation of a number of cheques to Bro. Ken Lunney, co-ordinator for Drew Nelson Legacy, by Wor. Bro. Victor Morrow, WDM of Castlewellan LOL 12, Wor. Bro. John Smyth PDM, on behalf of LOL 356, and Wor. Bro. Dessie Bennett, on behalf of LOL 1463. A very large crowd was in attendance and tea was served by LOL 1463. Pictured, front centre, is Wor. Bro. Ken Lunney (Drew Nelson Legacy) accepting the cheques. Included in the picture are members of LOL 1463 who hosted the evening.
Photograph by J. Smyth

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Air Ambulance presentation



Memberers of Ward Memorial WLOL 232 Drummond presented a cheque for £310 to Kerry Anderson of the Air Ambulance. The money was the proceeds of their recent 60th anniversary service held in Drummond hall.



Lodge members with special guests Sis. Lunney and Sis. Martin. The special anniversary cake is being cut by Sis. Elsie Dickson and Sis. Maisie Magowan.

Bro. Hugh Dickson Memorial WLOL 117 celebration dinner

In October 2019, the members of Bro. Hugh Dickson Memorial WLOL 117 held a dinner to celebrate 60 years from its formation.
After a number of years with dwindling membership, it looked like the lodge may soon come to a close. However, with some inspiration, nine new members have been initiated since June 2019, reversing the fortunes of the lodge.
Guests of honor were the County Mistress (Co. Down) Rt. Wor. Sis. Beth Lunney, and Sis. Joan Martin.
After opening remarks from the Worshipful Mistress Sis. Lila Johnston, a short lodge history was read by Wor. Sis. Elsie Dickson, one of two remaining founding members, and daughter of Bro. Hugh Dickson who the lodge is named after. After the meal, Rt. Wor. Sis. Lunney presented 60 Year Jewels to both Wor. Sis. Elsie Dickson and Wor. Sis. Maisie Magowan.
Missing on the night due to ill health was Sis. Martha Henning, who has 50 years service.





Left: Wor. Sis. Lila Johnston WM welcomed all to the dinner.

Right: Rt. Wor. Sis. Beth Lunney addressing sisters and guests at the dinner.





Left: Presentation of 60 Year Jewel to. Wor. Sis. Maisie Magowan by Rt. Wor. Sis. Beth Lunney, County Grand Mistress.

Right: Presentation of 60 Year Jewel to. Wor. Sis. Elsie Dickson by Rt. Wor. Sis. Beth Lunney, County Grand Mistress.



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Wor. Bro. Hubert Scullion, District Secretary Ballymena District No 8, presents Deputy Grand Master Harold Henning with money raised by some of the private lodges in Ballymena District through the coin card project.



Wor. Bro. Kenneth Harbinson, Worshipful District Master, presents Deputy Grand Master Harold Henning with a cheque on behalf of Glenavy District No 4, County Antrim.



Deputy Grand Master Harold Henning receives a cheque for the Drew Nelson Legacy Project from Wor. Bro. Fred Willoughby on behalf of Sir Edward Carson Memorial LOL 1991.

Cheques presented in Co Antrim for Drew Nelson Legacy Project



Deputy Grand Master Harold Henning is presented with a cheque for the Drew Nelson Legacy Project from Wor.Bro. Francis Beckett, Worshipful District Master of Ballinderry District No.3, County Antrim



Wor. Bro. Robert Hayes, Past District Master, presents a cheque for the Drew Nelson Legacy Project to Deputy Grand Master Harold Henning on behalf of Leslie Memorial LOL 206, Magheragall District No 9, Co Antrim



Wor. Bro. William J Kernohan presents a cheque to Deputy Grand Master Harold Henning on behalf of Ahoghill District No12 County Antrim. This was the proceeds from the big breakfast Brew For Drew event.



Anne Sinton Memorial WLOL 105

Orangeism in mid and south Armagh is currently in a good condition, with a great example being the ladies of the Anne Sinton Memorial WLOL 105. Under the leadership of Worshipful Mistress Catherine Dougan, during 2019 the town based lodge initiated an impressive twelve new Sisters, bringing the membership to 34! In addition another new Sister is poised to be admitted in February. A significant section of the lodge is between the ages of 18 and 24, and a junior girls lodge connected to WLOL 105, the Daughters of Anne Sinton, is also in a very healthy state. Plans are currently being made for the year ahead, the goal being to continue to celebrate Orange culture, charity fundraising and to further increase membership Thoughts are drifting ahead to 2023 when the Lodge celebrates its centenary.



Markethill District LOL 10 County Armagh pictured following their first meeting of 2020. Pictured are Assistant Secretary Bro. William Bradshaw; outgoing Secretary Bro. Bryan Hunter; Secretary Bro. Lewis Singleton; District Master Bro. Stephen McCammon; County Armagh Grand Master Bro. Denis Watson; Deputy Master Bro. David Alexander; Treasurer Bro. Gary Hutchinson and Lecturer Bro. Ivan Ross.









Brew for Drew in Co Londonderry

Tobermore District No11 raised £465 from their Brew for Drew event last year. Pictures show Brethren with the cheque for the Drew Nelson Life and Legacy Project and guests enjoying the event.

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Grand Secretary Rev Mervyn Gibson pictured with Barry McQueen and Roger Gardiner



Curator of the Museum of Orange Heritage, Dr Jonathan Mattison, pictured with Gilbert Cromie, Nigel Anderson, Faith, Rachel and Abigail.

Christmas at the Museum of Orange Heritage, Belfast







Above left: Chief Executive Iain Carlisle pictured with Marcus and Lisa McVeigh.

Above right: Members of Ballyvicknakelly LOL 828 with their Lambeg Drum which was made in 1849.

Left: Lord Rogan and Grand Secretary Rev. Mervyn Gibson.

Right: Service Officer Coleen Large takes guests on a tour of the Mueum of Orange Hertitage.





Carols at Sloan's House

A large crowd attended at the Museum of Orange Heritage, Sloan's House, Loughgall, on Saturday afternoon, December 7, for Christmas at the Museum.
The Mid-Armagh Community Network Ulster-Scots Fiddle Orchestra performed a shortened version of the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
It was a great afternoon, with an appreciative audience listening to the centuries old story in words and music of the birth of the baby Jesus.
At the conclusion of the event, all were treated to refreshments provided by Sloan's Coffee Shop and a retiring collection was taken for charity.
The Museum Directors wish to thank the orchestra for coming along and reminding everyone in attendance of the true meaning of Christmas.

Orange Community Awards 2020

From front page
One of the oldest Orange lodges in Ireland received the highly competitive best new banner award, Inch LOL 430, formed in 1797.
A new award introduced this year is the Junior Grand Lodge Award.
All those in attending can look forward to a full and varied programme of musical and dance entertainment, as well as a few surprise performances!
Chief executive of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Iain Carlisle, said: "The Community Awards provide a wonderful platform for us to highlight and reflect the outstanding commitment which many members of the Institution give to their lodges and communities.
"Their aim is to recognise and reward excellence, and we are looking forward to returning to Lisburn for what promises to be another memorable evening."
He added: "With the deadline soon closing for nominations, we would encourage all members and lodges to get involved in this wonderful annual event."
Tickets are now available directly from the Lagan Valley Island box office.
Application forms for the various categories are currently available by emailing communityawards2020@goli.org.uk or by calling 028 9070 1122. The closing date for receipt of completed nominations is Friday, February 14, 2020.









Images show some of the entertainment from the 2019 Orange Community Awards

ORANGE COMMUNITY AWARDS

2020

Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland

The Annual Orange Awards Ceremony showcases the extensive community work undertaken by members of the Orange Institution, recognising and rewarding excellence, as well as acknowledging the achievements of those within the Loyal Order and marching band fraternity.

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- Lodge Community Involvement Award 2020
- Lodge Membership Increase Award 2020
- Individual Musician's Merit Award 2020
- Youth Development Award 2020
- Christian Outreach Award 2020
- Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland - Orangewoman of the Year 2020
- Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland - Lodge Membership Increase Award 2020
- Junior Grand Lodge Award 2020
- Grand Master's Award 2020

Get nominating!

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MOTOR MOUTH

with Graham Baalham-Curry



Jaguar's I-Pace pulls out all the stops and brings more than a few surprises.

This big cat is truly electrifying!

When it comes to performance SUV's, there are several I could think of that would easily tick all the boxes, this Jaguar wasn't one of them, until I got a drive that is.

Welcome to the Jaguar I-Pace, priced from £60,995. The I-Pace claimed an historic treble at the 2019 World Car Awards, claiming the title of world car of the year, world car design of the year, and world green car.

Jaguar's I-Pace is a fully electric performance SUV that will see 0 to 60mph in a mere 4.5 seconds via its all-wheel-drive system, with a claimed range of 292 miles and, being a Jaguar, it is very much a driver's car, delivering a staggering 696Nm of instant torque and more importantly, sports car agility.

This big cat really is truly electrifying to drive.

I'll be the first to admit that I am not fond of electric vehicles, perhaps due to the fact that manufacturers never give us media in NI the opportunity to drive them locally. I guess a lack of understanding due to this and, dare I say it, lack of infrastructure for such vehicles in Ireland means that many manufacturers don't wish to loan a vehicle that will likely end up stranded somewhere remote.

I know for sure that my 'drop of a hat, go anywhere' work and lifestyle, wouldn't lend itself to many of the electric vehicles on today's market. That said, I am talking from experience of







electric vehicles whenever they were first introduced, a time when range wouldn't allow more than a trip to your local shop and back.

With a real-world range of 250 miles the I-Pace actually is a realistic electric vehicle and one that I feel could cope with the daily challenges of most users, myself included. Let's face it, 100 miles gets you from one side of Northern Ireland to the other, pretty much.

It also gets you from Belfast to Dublin, thus meaning a return journey to Dublin, or covering the width of Northern Ireland and back is feasible.

Should however mileage be tight and you find yourself in need of a drop of fuel, it isn't just a case of pulling up to a pump, squeezing a trigger and spending a couple of minutes queuing up at the till to pay, before you set about your journey again. With a vehicle like the I-Pace you would need to plan an hour's break close to a rapid charging point, the kind found at most public charging stations.

This hour of charging would give you in the region of 168 miles and in fairness, that hour would allow you to stretch your legs, grab a bite to eat, have a coffee, and a bit of a comfort break before continuing your journey. To fully charge on a rapid charger you will need to allow around 90 minutes.

Charging at home couldn't be simpler, and overnight with an approved Jaguar wallbox, a full charge can be achieved in around 12 hours. When photographing this I-Pace I noticed a 3-pin socket in the boot which was connected to some sort of power inverter enabling you to plug the car into a domestic socket.

Regarding this method of charging, I was advised to forget it, leaving the two previous and more practical methods of charging as the best.

Driving wise the I-Pace really took me by surprise and with its instantaneous power, the all-wheel-drive system distributes power in a way that maximises unimaginable traction. I have been fortunate enough over the years to drive some seriously fast cars, but the way in which the I-Pace gets up and goes will leave you with nothing but childish laughter and a huge smile.

With its weight distribution creating an almost perfect balance, the most challenging of meandering country roads can be driven in a way that most SUV's could only dream of, and with a surprising amount of comfort and refinement.

Inside the I-Pace is a spacious place to be and hints at the way future Jaguars will be finished as it is better styled and better screwed together than most previous models from the brand. The model tested featured black leather trim, heated, with white stitching and I recall a heavily dished steering wheel, something which not only looked fantastic but felt great too.

There are just three trim levels available on the I-Pace and it comes with more than you can ever require from £64,495. This price drops to just under £61,000 as the I-Pace is eligible for the Government Plug-In Car Grant. However, pricing listed below will not include any government incentives.

Donnelly Group in Dungannon, who I tested this vehicle through, can most certainly explain all the various incentives and company car benefits that come with electric vehicle ownership, as they are simply beyond my knowledge.

Starting with an I-Pace 'S' you get 18-inch alloy wheels, LED headlights, heated door mirrors with approach lights, luxtec sports seats, navigation Pro, connect Pro, smartphone pack and DAB radio along with Meridian sound system. Driver assistance includes traffic sign recognition and adaptive speed limiter, driver condition monitor, lane keep assist, park pack, rear camera, and cruise control with speed limiter.

Next in the model line-up is an I-Pace 'SE' which starts from £69,995 and features 20-inch alloy wheels, premium LED headlights with signature daytime running light, powered open/close tailgate, power-fold heated door mirrors with memory, grained leather sports seats, and a drive pack.

The 'SE' model tested and pictured features several optional extras such as 20-inch diamond cut alloy wheels, metallic Firenze Red paint, fixed panoramic glass roof, life shine warranty, service plan, and cold climate pack. Expect to pay in the region of £75,000 for this model with options.

Finally, and from £74,995, is an I-Pace 'HSE' which features a different style of 20-inch alloy wheel, matrix LED headlights with signature daytime running light, powered gesture tailgate, Windsor leather sports seats, Meridian surround sound system, and a driver assist pack.

I ought to thank both Donnelly Group for the chance to experience the I-Pace (can I have another go, pretty please?) and Jaguar for producing this vehicle which has not only opened my eyes to, but also changed my thoughts on the future of electrical motoring.

Fact File for model tested:
Make: Jaguar
Model: I-Pace
Trim: SE
Engine: Dual electric motor
Gearbox: Automatic
Cost Circa: £75,000.

Arlene's recipes

Honey Panna Cotta with raspberries and passion fruit



Make room for romance with this beautiful Panna Cotta for someone you love on Valentine's Day.
For a wonderful flavour combo I use Clandeboye Estate Greek style yogurt flavoured with honey and topped with tangy sweet passion fruit and raspberries.
A perfect finish to a special day!

Serves 8
4 fine gelatine leaves
600ml Clandeboye Estate Greek yogurt
150 ml double cream
150 ml semi-skimmed milk
75g runny honey
A little oil for greasing
125 g fresh raspberries
75 ml water
75g caster sugar
3 passion fruit
Mint to garnish

1. Soak the gelatine leaves in a bowl of cold water for 5 minutes, until soft.
2. Place the cream, milk and honey in a pan. Bring to the boil, then remove from the heat. Remove the gelatine leaves from the water, squeeze out and stir into the cream mixture until dissolved. Sieve the mixture into a large jug, Gently stir in the Greek yogurt until well combined then pour into 6-8 lightly greased dariole moulds.
3. Cool, then chill for 1-2 hours or overnight until set.
4. To serve dip the bases of the moulds in hot water for 10 seconds. Using a small palette knife, loosen the pannacotta from the edges, then turn out onto serving plates.
5. Add the 75ml water to a small saucepan with the sugar, heat gently and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Add the pulp of three passion fruit and turning up the heat boil for 3-5 minutes until syrupy. Allow to cool and add the fresh raspberries.
6. Serve the passion fruit and raspberries beside the turned out pannacotta or on top of the pannacotta and garnish with a mint leaf.



Gardener's Corner

by Beth Lunney

It's all go on the Nursery Centre right now. Christmas and New Year are long gone and we are gearing up for spring. New deliveries are coming in all the time now and no one on the Nursery Centre can say they have nothing to do.
Our seeds potatoes have arrived and this year we are stocking a new variety to us called 'Stemster'. The parentage of 'Stemster' Potatoes is 'Desiree' crossed with 'Maris Piper' and was produced by Jack Dunnett of Caithness Potatoes Ltd. Scotland in 1986. These potatoes are large with an oval shape and red skin. They have good disease and drought resistance are high yielding and can be used for boiling, baking, mashing, chipping or roasting. They are an early main crop variety.
Two other fairly new varieties of main crop potatoes we have stocked for the last couple of years are 'Pink Gypsy' and 'Setanta' and we are getting good reports back on them from our customers. 'Pink Gypsy' has mottled cream and pink skin. It has white, creamy flesh which has a good fluffy texture when cooked. It has good all round disease resistance and stores well. 'Setanta' has excellent blight resistance and a floury texture. It has red skin and is great for roasting and baking.



Potato Stemster

Our roses are already showing some shoots and leaves. Roses just seem to come through everything. The Rose of the Year for 2020 is a floribunda rose which produces hybrid tea type flowers and is named 'Sweet Honey'. This rose has clusters of soft honey-apricot, fragrant flowers all summer and into autumn. The flowers are shown off beautifully against its dark green glossy foliage and it has good disease resistance. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Plant in a sunny rose bed or border. 'Sweet Honey' will make a great low informal hedge and it also performs very well in containers.
We hope to stock the 'Home Florist' range of roses this year again. This is a brand developed by our rose grower and the roses are specially selected for their suitability to use as a cut flower. There are four varieties in the range, 'Timeless Cream' is cream to light salmon, 'Timeless Charisma' is rich red opening to deep pink, 'Timeless Pink' is light pink to apricot and 'Timeless Purple' is purple to pinkish-violet. All of these roses have a lovely, heady rose fragrance and a classic rose flower shape and contrast and blend well with each other. The petals are suitable for making your own pot-pourii. Like all roses, the 'Home Florist' range of roses like a sunny bed or border in moist but well drained rich, fertile, deep soil. They will also be happy in containers.
Although we are busy getting things ready this is a lovely time of the year. We can see that there is a wee bit more light in the evenings, the snowdrops are up, our batch of 'Tete a Tete' dwarf daffodils are through and starting to make buds and you can see the buds on the cherry trees starting to fatten up for flowering. Roll on the spring.

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OBSERVER

Northern Ireland centenary

Northern Ireland will soon commemorate its centenary and there have been suggestions as to how this should be marked.
No doubt there will be mixed views on this important centenary and how it should be commemorated. Indeed, it is likely that republicans will argue that the centenary should be ignored, or an emphasis placed on what they perceive to be the negative effects, including partition.
My own personal view is that it would be impossible to ignore such an important anniversary, and Northern Ireland's birth cannot be ignored.
I would suggest to those who may already be planning the commemoration that a determined effort should be made to inform the mainland British people about the creation of Northern Ireland, and the important part it has played in British life in the past 100 years.
A huge section of the mainland British public have little, if any, knowledge of Northern Ireland and its history.
The Troubles, with the appalling loss of life and the carnage and destruction, has undoubtedly influenced a lot of people across the water, especially in England, to look on our province as a place with a grim way of life.
On holidays throughout England and Wales over the past two or three decades, we found that to be the case. There were exceptions, notably the experience of men who had served in Northern Ireland with the Army, and they agreed that there was a lot more about the province than the terrorism and violence.
However, it cannot be denied that there has been an appalling lack of knowledge about Northern Ireland, and I believe the centenary of the it's formation will enable the Assembly to inform the mainland folk about aspects of our history they know little about.
Few of today's generation in mainland Britain are aware of the great contribution made by Northern Ireland to the victory in World War Two.
On our holidays, I found that English people were astonished that Northern Ireland produced some of the most distinguished military men of the War. Names like Montgomery, Alexander, Alanbrook, and Templar, are still regarded with awe, but hardly any of the people who spoke to while on holiday realised the Ulster connection.
Some of the people we talked to were under the impression that Northern Ireland was neutral in the war, and they certainly did not know about the vital importance of Londonderry in the war against the U-Boats.
None had heard of Belfast being bombed by the Luftwaffe, and were astonished when I told them that over 1,000 people had lost their lives, the largest total of any British city apart from London.
The part played by Ulster workers in helping to clear bomb damage in London after the war, or of the thousands of workers from Northern Ireland who worked in the car factories of the Midlands was news to them.
There are many other facts about Northern Ireland that could be part of an educational programme aimed at the mainland British.
We have a large media team at Stormont, and surely have the means of getting a positive story about Northern Ireland across to the mainland.
This will require planning, but it surely not beyond the resources or the personnel at Stormont.
Great Britain has a large Northern Ireland population, especially in the London and South of England. There are thousands of Ulster students in universities on the mainland, and many settle in England, Scotland and Wales.
The centenary of Northern Ireland will present many opportunities to inform the huge public across the water of the many achievements in our province, and the good things which have all too often been overlooked or totally ignored.
Now is an opportunity to show the real Northern Ireland and let our fellow citizens in Britain know about the good aspects of our society which far outweigh the negative aspects. So let's do it, is the message to our Assembly and Executive.

Orange arches still a proud tradition

Once they were a familiar sight in most Protestant and Unionist areas of Northern Ireland in the weeks leading up to the 12th July, writes Brian Courtney.
Most districts in Belfast, for example, could boast an Orange arch, and in the week before the Twelfth parade, special bus tours of the arches were a common feature, with people from the provincial towns and villages flocking to the city.
In the 1950s and 60s the Shankill, Sandy Row, Donegall Road, East Belfast, and other Protestant districts had more than one Orange arch.
One of the most fascinating and attractive was a famous arch in Brown Street, at the bottom of the Shankill Road. The arch carried many inscriptions referring to the heritage of Protestant Ulster, and with a strong Reformation theme.
I recall interviewing the late Bro. Charles McCullough, a great Orangeman and Unionist, whose parents once owned a shop in Brown Square.
He told me about the great pride there was in the district about the arch, which attracted hundreds of people each year to see and photograph it.
Belfast still has a number of Orange arches, and in most predominately Unionist towns and villages in Northern Ireland it is a similar story.
Recently, the News Letter carried a very interesting feature about the famous Queen Street Orange arch in Lurgan – it is one of the most prominent in the province.
Loyalists who help put up the arch each year pointed out that Lurgan now has only one Orange arch in the town.
Once it had eight arches, but changing demographics and movement of population had changed things.
Neighbouring Portadown has an impressive total of six Orange arches, and those erected at the Twelfth period this year were Edenderry, Parkmount, Mourneview Street, Queen Street, Rectory Park, and Jervis Street.
There is another arch in the Union Street in the heart of loyalist Edgarstown, and while its main theme is the heroism and sacrifice of the 36th (Ulster) Division in the 1914-18 War, it also marks the victory of King William at the Boyne in 1690.
There are, of course, scores of Orange arches throughout Northern Ireland, and it would be interesting to know if any town can equal or beat Portadown's impressive arch total.
We would welcome information from our readers about any special features of Orange arches in Belfast, or other towns and villages.

ORANGE NEWS



Outgoing Worshipful Master of Galgorm LOL 239, James Kernohan, is pictured receiving his Past Master's Collarette and Certificate from new Worshipful Master Steven Craig and County Grand Master Robin Matthews. James served as Worshipful Master for 22 years and bows out having led the lodge in hosting the annual Ballymena Twelfth Demonstration in 2019.



James Kernohan pictured with his sons, Peter and James Jnr, the small photo to the left also shows the late Jim Kernohan, James' father, watching on.



Rising Sons of Aghavilly

The Installation of Officers in connection with the Rising Sons of Aghavilly LOL No. 619 (Armagh District LOL No. 5) took place in Aghavilly Orange Hall on Thursday 5 December when Bro Chris Keys was installed as Worshipful Master and Bro. Robert Todd (Junior) was installed as Deputy Master.
Pictured from left to right: Wor. Bro. Roy Pillow, Worshipful District Master; Wor. Bro. Rev. Dr Canon Will Murphy, Deputy County Grand Chaplain of County Armagh; Bro. Chris Keys, Worshipful Master and Bro. Robert Todd (Junior) Deputy Master.
Wor. Bro. Rev. Dr Canon Murphy is Chaplain to the Church of Ireland Ministry to Deaf People. He can be found in the Kinghan Church in Belfast's Botanic Avenue most Sundays conducting a service for the deaf. He assisted in the Installation Ceremony by providing interpretation to the newly installed Deputy Master.
The remaining Officer Bearers include: Bro. Robert Keys, Chaplain; Bro. Mark Dougan, Secretary; Bro. Jonathan Agnew, Treasurer and Bro. Trevor Girvan, Foreman of Committee.
The Lodge is currently the second largest in Armagh District with 48 members.



STEPPING OUT
Supporting our Marching Bands
by Quincey Dougan

Donegal bands plan triple celebrations

The 200th Anniversary 12th Parade in Toronto - on the 18th July 2020 - will see three bands from South Donegal, Ballymagroarty Accordion, Killaghtee Accordion and Moyne Pipe, participate in their third 12th parade inside a week.

A contingent of 150 people from South Donegal are planning to make the long trip across the pond to help commemorate this landmark achievement alongside their Canadian counterparts.

At the moment the three bands are in the process of fundraising for the venture and are preparing to do a sponsored walk of the Waterford Greenway in March which is 46km long.

There are still some spaces available on the six-night trip to Canada which departs on the 16th July, with Orangemen and women across Ulster very welcome to travel with the party.

See details at the end of this article.

Next month's Stepping Out will focus in on another bands preparing for the trip to Toronto.

❏ Would you like to join Co. Donegal Grand Orange Lodge on their trip to Canada for 200th anniversary parade? Trip departs - July 16. Three nights in Toronto; two nights in Niagara Falls; and one night in London. Fully escorted tour with all transport, sightseeing trips and visits to Orange Halls included. Cost £1750pps.

For further information or to book contact David Mahon or Mandy Ellis.



Big band fundraiser for Tim

A large number of well-known marching bands are set to feature in an evening dedicated to fundraising for a Co Armagh football fanatic who has been confined to a wheelchair since birth.

The fifteen bands are gathering to aid passionate Glasgow Rangers fan Tim Webb raise funds towards a new wheelchair.

Thirty year old Tim, from Portadown, is well known across banding and football circles and is member of LOL 107 and RBP 503, proudly parading alongside his father every year on the Twelfth and Thirteenth.

Speaking about the fundraiser, Tim said: "I was born with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. You can either get a new chair through the National Health or buy one privately.

"It's better for me to go privately as I've struggled with the National Health chairs. I like a chair I can use myself – a lightweight chair that's nimble, easy to get around in."

Tim has an incredibly positive outlook and leads a life more active than many who don't need assistance to get around.

He continued: "I've been in a wheelchair all my life, although I try not to let my disability get to me. I use it to get about. I use it when I'm doing archery. I'll use it when I'm going over to Scotland to Rangers, and I be over there maybe every other week.

"I've been into the archery maybe seven years though the last two years I've been stepping up my training."



Tim Webb pictured during last year's band season with Lisburn Young Defenders drum major, Naomi Orr

Tim's dad, Ivan, also well know across marching bands in Mid-Ulster, and his friend Neil have been the driving force behind the Big Band fundraiser in Armagh Orange Hall on February 8.

Everyone is welcome to come along, with food and refreshments available and amazing nights entertainment guaranteed.

Churchill contest

The Churchill Flute Band held their fifth annual Entertainment Contest in the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall, Londonderry on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Ten bands from all across Northern Ireland helped celebrate an incredible milestone.

In an incredible achievement, they were celebrating their 184th Anniversary!

The day started with the Grade 3 competition which was won by Ballywillan. The next performances on the day were in Grade 2 and included Orangefield and Cahard, with Orangefield pipping Cahard to the title in a close contest. Grade 1 then followed featuring Ballylone, Hamilton, Ballyclare Victoria, Ballymena Young Conquerors and Ballygowan.

It was a hotly contested competition with barely anything between the top two bands, Ballygowan and Ballylone.

Ballygowan edged the first place this time.

The final section was Melody, which featured Millar Memorial and Sir George White Memorial flute bands. In yet another highly contested grade, Millar Memorial came out in front of Sir George White to collect the top prize.

Every band that participates on the day is in the draw for the most entertaining prize irrespective of Grade, with 2019 seeing the Grade 1 Champions Ballygowan Concert Band taking the silverware.

The band wish to thank all those that competed for bringing another high quality day of music to the Maiden City and look forward to welcoming them back next year for the Churchill Flute Band 185th Anniversary Entertainment Contest, scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020.

Band scene mourns talented artist

The entire Ulster banding community and far beyond was both shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic passing of Davy Erwin, better known as Hedley. An incredibly talented and innovative artist, his work graces the bass drums skins, banners, flags and other accoutrements of hundreds of marching bands. Such was the originality of his art work, mixing his long practiced skills of sign writing, graphic design and fine art, that he gained the moniker 'Master of the Brushes'. His unique ability to interpret people, places and events into the concept of his productions meant each and every one could truly be regarded as a work of art. His contribution of the band scene, his vision and his commitment will be truly missed.



Davy Erwin

If you would like to publicise your band or event, or indeed submit images for publication, please contact Stepping Out on 07835 624 221 or via email at qdougan01@qub.ac.uk. Submissions for ALL of our marching band genres are welcome including flute, accordion, silver and pipe

PULPIT

by Rev. Ian McClean



Put your trust in the Saviour

Nahum Tate was born in Dublin in 1652. He graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 1672 but by 1676 he had gone to live in London where he spent the rest of his life writing, mainly poetry. He was appointed Poet Laureate by William III in 1692.
Nicolas Brady was born in Bandon, Co Cork in 1659. In 1685 he graduated from Trinity College Dublin. He was appointed prebendary of Cork Cathedral, but moved to London after a few years where he ministered in several parishes. In 1694 he became chaplain to William III.
Two protestant Irishmen, one a poet, the other a gospel minister, who moved to London and who were both honoured by William III Prince of Orange.
Their Puritan sentiments and the talents which they had developed resulted in the formation of a remarkable partnership in the composition of the Tate and Brady Psalter.
After the Reformation, the singing of metrical psalms had become popular, initially in Geneva, but English versions began to appear as early as 1547. When the Tate and Brady version was published in 1696 it was soon adopted by the Anglican Church in England and Ireland. In my library is a copy of the Book of Common Prayer printed in 1833 and the Tate and Brady Psalter is bound with it. It was shortly after that date (the middle of the 19th century) that the singing of metrical psalms began to die out in the English Church. Today, the Tate and Brady Psalter is almost forgotten. However, there is one psalm portion from it that is still frequently sung today and appears in many modern hymn books (sometimes slightly altered) – verses 1 – 10 of Psalm 34.

Thro' all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
The praises of my heart shall still my heart and tongue employ.

Here is a beautiful expression of praise to God. The majesty of the subject and the poetry in which it is expressed surely must appeal to people of all generations who would honour God for who he is and what he does. No matter what the Christian's situation is, he has every reason to praise the Lord, not only privately but also publicly, not only with the heart, but also with the tongue.

Of his deliv'rance I will boast, till all that are distressed
From my example comfort take, and charm their griefs to rest.

The psalmist is boasting. Should he? What about those who are listening, especially those who, for whatever reason, are distressed. Surely they don't want to listen to someone boasting. But this is different. He's not boasting about himself or his own achievements. He's boasting about what the Lord has done for him in saving him, and in what he will do for them too! What is this example that he calls on others to follow?

O magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt his Name;
When in distress to him I call'd, he to my rescue came.

This is not just the psalmist's own experience, this rescue, this salvation. It is the salvation of all who, throughout the generations have, with true repentance and saving faith, called on the Lord.

Their drooping hearts were soon refresh'd who look'd to him for aid;
Desir'd success in ev'ry face a cheerful air display'd.

To us today the language may appear a bit antiquated, but the sentiments are timeless. The Lord Jesus himself tells us "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7)
The camera, as it were, now moves and focuses on the by-standers who have witnessed this conversion.

Behold, say they, behold the man whom Providence reliev'd;
The man so dang'rously beset, so wondrously retriev'd.

Here is one, they say, who was brought from darkness to light, one who was lost but has been wonderfully saved.
"But will it last?" some say. "Will he be able to keep it up?" The answer to that is very emphatic. It is the Lord who saves, and the Lord who keeps. He sends those great invisible armies of angels to protect his people.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just;
Deliv'rance he affords to all who on his succour trust.

Jesus affirms this great truth. "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:28)
Having spoken of the great salvation which he himself has received, the psalmist now turns to all who are within his hearing and he pleads with them, and indeed with us.
O make but trial of his love. Experience will decide How bless'd are they, and only they, who in his truth confide.
What a wonderful thing it is to have assurance of God's salvation! This is a blessing that only those who trust in the Saviour can understand. This is a blessing to which nothing else can be compared.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight, your wants shall be his care.

The Spirit of God caused David to pen this Psalm when he was going through a very difficult time. Nahum Tate and Nicolas Brady translated it into this beautiful metrical version during another difficult period, the Glorious Revolution. In these days of uncertainty in which we live, we do well to study this beautiful psalm and put our trust in the same Saviour God.

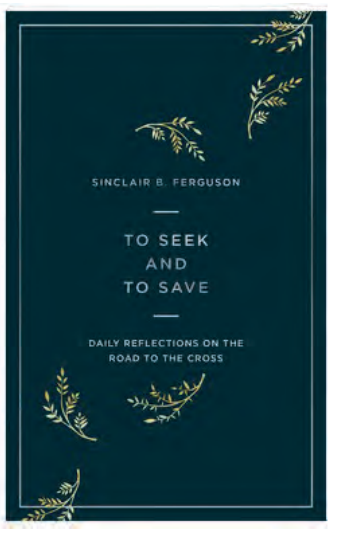
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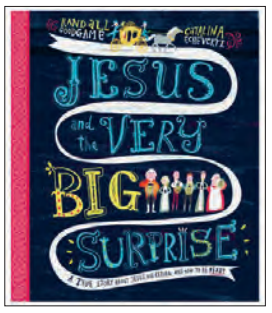


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ORANGE NEWS

Clabby cheque presentation



Members of Clabby Lily of the Valley LOL 387 presenting a cheque for £1553.50 to Mrs Ruth Keys from Marie Curie. The money was raised at a Coffee Morning held in Camgart Orange Hall, Clabby, Co. Fermanagh.

70 years of loyal service recognised



Members of Ballinlea True Defenders LOL 1511 and visiting Brethren and Sisters pictured with Wor. Bro. Sandy McMullan as he receives his 70 year membership certificate from Deputy Grand Master Wor. Bro. Harold Henning.



Wor. Bro. Sandy McMullan, from Ballinlea LOL 1511, receiving his 70 year service certificate from Deputy Grand Master Wor. Bro. Harold Henning.

Members of Ballinrees LOL 1032 present cheques to charities

Following a very successful tractor run held in September, members of Ballinrees LOL 1032 Macosquin District were pleased to support two respected charities.

Members presented £950 to both Northern Ireland Air Ambulance and the Drew Nelson Legacy Appeal.

Mr Cahal Cunning, from the Air Ambulance, was on hand to receive the cheque, and gave the members a report on the work of the Air Ambulance, something that has been a great help in saving lives in Northern Ireland.

Since the Air Ambulance was launched it has been called to over one thousand emergencies, and being a voluntary organisation all donations were greatly appreciated and indeed required to keep the operation going.

When presenting the cheque, Bro. Jonathan Kerr WM said how pleased the Lodge were to be able to present this amount to such a worthwhile and necessary charity.

He thanked everyone for the tremendous support the lodge had received from the drivers who took part and from the general public. More than fifty tractors, both vintage and modern, took part.



Cahil Cunning, from the Air Ambulance, pictured receiving the cheque from Bro. Robert Calvin DM, Bro. Jonathan Kerr WM, and Bro. Edwin Calvin, Treasurer.



Ballinrees members with their cheque for the Drew Nelson Legacy Project

Saintfield Juniors hit top gear



Rising sons of Saintfield Junior LOL 247 presented a cheque for £250 to Bro. Ken Lunney for the Drew Nelson Legacy Fund. The Junior Lodge raised the money through sponsorship and taking part in the Comber Soap Box Derby.

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MUSEUM NEWS

Musical exhibition has museum marching to a different beat

Throughout 2019 the Museum of Orange Heritage (Belfast) highlighted the importance of Orangeism's musical heritage.

As a fitting end to this year of musical celebration we spoke to musician and Orangeman, Fred Johnston, of Ravenhill Road Defenders LOL No. 580.

At 84 years of age, Fred has been involved with the band scene in Northern Ireland since he was eight years of age. It was at this young age that he developed a love for music, with his uncle David teaching him how to play the flute.

Fred recalls: "I couldn't wait to get home from school every day to take up the flute - I just loved it. I have been involved in both concert and marching bands and cherished the experience in equal measure."

The Twelfth of July and Black Saturday are among Fred's earliest memories of being on parade. "The colour, sounds, uniforms all struck a chord. It was something that was for me," he explains.

Fred excelled, especially in the concert band scene, and was involved in several bands, including Alexander Flute Band, Ulster Amateurs Flute Band and Ravenhill Temperance Flute Band. At the age of 12 he remembers being present for a recording session in BBC studios.

Reflecting on that time he said: "It was super for a young lad to experience. There was great excitement in the air with microphones everywhere. Thankfully it was a recording and not a live programme, so we could redo any pieces that didn't sound too good."

Sadly, the Ulster Amateurs Flute Band began to break up after the IRA destroyed their band hall.

"This was a huge loss to the concert band scene in Belfast and Northern Ireland," said Fred.

In addition to concerts and parades, Fred took part in many solo competitions and won the Open Solo Competition hosted by the Flute Band League in 1963. In later life, Fred would serve 14 years as Secretary of the League.

During the 1980s Fred began to impart his love for the Flute Band tradition to the next generation, as he turned to conducting.

"I was still playing in a number of bands but wanted to help other achieve the next level," he explained.



Fred Johnston

"Between 1988 and 1998 I helped to conduct Ballymacarrett Defenders Flute Band, who dominated a series of concert competitions and became Own Choice Champions in 1998."

Importantly, Fred has not only inspired the next generation, but is very pleased that his grandson, Robert, has now taken up the Fflute. Although years and a recent illness has prevented him from being as active in the band scene as he once was, it is still one of his passions.

Fred added: "I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Flute band scene in Northern Ireland. I still to my large and expanding collection of records and CDs. It is a way of life and has been part of my life for over 70 years."

Old banner wanted



Covenanters Christian LOL No. 73 is a historic lodge in Cambuslang, Glasgow. Sadly, over the year's numbers have declined. In 2019, however, a new officer team took over who are determined to keep the flag flying and rebuild the lodge.

As part of a series of initiatives the lodge would like to once again carry a banner on parade.

To this end they are appealing for an old banner that they could refurbish and help boost their public profile. They are hoping to have one in place for their 120th anniversary in 2022.

If any lodge has an old banner that they would be willing to donate, can they please email Bro Robert Totten at totrbrt@aol.com

Pictured are Bro G Pearson, Secretary; with Worshipful Master Bro D Crawford, and and Deputy Master Bro E Robertson.

Museum appeal

The Museum of Orange Heritage (Belfast) is appealing for anyone with stories and photographs about the experience of the Orange Family in the Republic of Ireland in the years after Partition to get in touch.

This year, the museum will be hosting an exhibition about the experience of the Orange Family in the Irish Free State and the Irish Republic.

The museum is keen to give a platform to voices from within this section of the Orange Family and display any relevant artefacts as part of this exhibition. If you would like to share your story as part of this important project, please contact Curator Dr Jonathan Mattison on 02890 701122 or via jonathan@goli.org.uk.





The retiring collection at the Service of Remembrance held in the Museum of Orange Heritage, Sloan's House, Loughgall, on Saturday afternoon, 9 November, a sum of £400, has been presented by the County Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Denis Watson, to Mr Samuel Lockhart of the Royal British Legion. The latter expressed thanks and appreciation for this generous donation. The County Grand Lodge Officers are included in the photograph.

Plans for tunnel to Scotland that sank without a trace...

History Lessons
with Dr David Hume MBE

IN recent months there has been public discussion and speculation about the possibility of a bridge linking Scotland and Northern Ireland. The prospect of a link across the narrow channel is not a new discussion, however.

As far back as the 1880s the idea of a tunnel was being mooted and discussion continued until at least the 1920s. The initial suggestion appears to have been for a tunnel between Portpatrick and Donaghadee.

While the County Down arguments were being progressed, a lobby developed for the Ulster terminus of any tunnel to be at Whitehead in County Antrim, as was detailed in an article in the Belfast News Letter in August 1886.

The writer stated that;

"At the outset it may be stated that the distance by rail from Donaghadee to Belfast is twenty four miles, as against fourteen and three-quarter miles from Whitehead. Then, as regards the trans-atlantic shipping facilities, either take Larne or Derry, and a very considerable time is saved in favour of the Whitehead project..."

It was suggested that development of Portrush as a major transatlantic embarkation port would further allow the railway system from Belfast -via the cross-channel tunnel - to be more fully utilised.

The issue was taken extremely seriously in the last decade of the 19th century, and in the early 1890s a distinguished London engineer named Harrison Hayter had set out his views on the viability of the proposal in the St. James Gazette.

Hayter believed that a total of 34 miles of tunnel would be required and that the proposition, on which he had worked with Irishman James Barton, was as much a political as a commercial question. Perhaps tellingly, he suggested that the scheme would be unlikely to be taken up for purely commercial reasons – although he had no doubt the tunnel, 500 feet under water, could be constructed. His estimation of the cost was in the region of £10 million.



An old postcard of Whitehead; the railway tunnel mentioned conveys the main line to Belfast; by 1914 prospects for a cross-channel tunnel were centred on this area



Donaghadee – a contender for a cross-channel link in the 1890s

Hayter had in mind a route which closely coincided with that taken at the time by the Larne-Stranraer ferries, and in 1897 further detail emerged on the proposal from his firm, with Dundalk man James Barton elaborating on a scheme which would start on Islandmagee and run to a point north of the Beaufort Dyke depression in the seabed, then come out on the Scottish side where a hill dropped steeply down to Loch Ryan and Stranraer.

Hayter estimated that the cost would be around £8.6 million and that it would take between 10 and 12 years to complete.

The report stated that consideration had been given to a tunnel between the Mull of Kintyre and Torr Head or Fair Head on the Antrim coast, but that, on the Scottish side, this would have led to a considerable extra rail travel.

In 1897 an influential committee was established to promote the scheme, and a delegation was sent from Belfast, Glasgow and London to lobby the Board of Trade in London.

Among those present from Belfast were MPs William Johnston, Colonel McCalmont and Arnold Foster, along with Kyle Knox, President of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce and others from the commercial life of the city. The committee in Belfast was augmented by another in London, to which prominent businessmen from the south and west of Scotland belonged.

James McConnell was among those who addressed the President of the Board of Trade on the issue, and was quoted as saying: "England and Scotland would be brought into close touch, not only with Ulster, but the whole of Ireland, and vice versa, with results of the most beneficial and far-reaching character to the various parts of the Kingdom, from an Imperial and Political, as well as a local commercial point of view.

"Additional facilities would be offered for the transport of passengers and mails between Canada and America and British territory in the far North-West of America. An enormous impetus would then be given to tourist as well as commercial traffic, and the fishery and other industries of Ireland which are languishing for lack of outlets, as also capital, would be stimulated and developed," he said.

One of the MPs present was the Nationalist Sam Young, MP for Cavan, who said he was not a separatist and welcomed closer geographical links and "friendly feeling" with mainland Britain.

The delegation wanted the government to undertake the moderate expense of preliminary borings. However, the President of the Board of Trade was somewhat reticent over the issue, advising that if the Irish MPs were able to set aside the required £15,000 from Irish resources this might be preferable.

During the presentation engineer Hayter, whose firm had constructed the Severn Tunnel, also produced a map showing the planned route of the tunnel from a site described as near Stranraer to another detailed as joining the existing railway line near Carrickfergus.

In 1914 another engineer named H. G. Tyrrell, of Chicago, entered the debate, publishing a booklet expounding his proposal.

He had given considerable thought to which method of construction of a tunnel would be best suited to the stretch of sea concerned and had considered four options, rejecting three of them on the basis of cost or practicality. The first idea was for construction of a continuous embankment or causeway, but it was admitted that this would interfere with shipping and would cost over £20 million to construct.

The causeway idea did carry certain advantages, namely that a double track could be laid and its construction could include the ability to generate electric power from the strong current in the North Channel -which was estimated as being capable of electricity production fifty times greater than the Niagara Falls in Canada.

Tyrrell dismissed the idea, nevertheless, the practicalities and cost weighing heavily in his decision, but also the prospect of a causeway reducing sea levels in ports such as Belfast, Liverpool and Dublin.

His second option was for a tunnel, which was estimated to cost between £7 million and £10 million.

The difficulty was that the rock strata under the sea had to be watertight. A thickness of at least forty feet, as had been the case with the Severn Tunnel, would also be required.

But even if conditions were suited to the project, it was estimated that it would take between ten and twelve years to create.

A third option was creation of a high level bridge, which would have allowed shipping to pass unhindered.

However, construction of this bridge was ruled out on the basis of cost: it was estimated that it would cost between £30 million and £40 million.

This brought Tyrrell to the conclusion that the "floating railway tube" idea was best.

His suggestion was that they should lie in 'quiet water' about 60 feet below the surface of the channel, thus allowing ships to pass unhindered and with safety.

There was a major drawback with the proposal, which was that the metal tubes would eventually rust and have to be replaced, an extremely difficult job under the surface of the waves. It was, though, at £5 million to £6 million, the cheapest option.

The Larne Times and Weekly Telegraph detailed in a report on the subject in February 1914 that; "The tube sections would be built on shore in convenient lengths of 200 to 400 feet, with closed ends, and then towed out into position and sunk. The temporary end dams would be 4ft to 5ft back from the ends, leaving space for the divers when bolting the sections together..."

By February 1915, however, the Prime Minister informed Gershom Stewart KBE, who was Unionist MP for Wirral in Liverpool that it was "hardly practicable" in the "present circumstances to draw up estimates of the cost of a tunnel between Ireland and Great Britain so as to ensure constant means of communication between the interior of Ireland and the Atlantic ports of the west coast."

Had the proposals been realized, the whole coastline and economy of the eastern part of Ulster would have changed, with resultant benefits for other areas, including emigrant ports in the north-west, too. However, the economic impact of the First World War and the political impact of the division of Ireland both had played a part in the shelving of the plans.

Whether the current debate about a bridge will have any different outcome remains to be seen.

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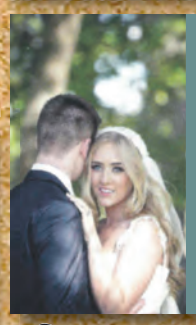
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St Johnston LOL 992 hosts a 'Bowls for Drew' fundraiser

St. Johnston LOL 992, in East Donegal, organised an event for the Drew Nelson Legacy Fund called "Bowls For Drew".
This was held in the Orange Hall, St. Johnston, on Saturday, October 19, 2019. The concept was that experienced bowlers would be paired with non-bowlers, and play against other pairs in groups. The group winners would then play off in a final. It was a fantastic day of bowls and a great social occasion. The crack at the half-time tea break was good and no one took the bowls too seriously, (though there were a couple of suspiciously good non-bowlers)! There was a very exciting final in which Bro. Andrew Buchanan's team narrowly defeated Bro. Raymond Orr's team on the final end.
The lodge is blessed to have a bowling club attached to the Orange Hall and indeed it was bowls club captain and lodge member, Wor. Bro. Derek McClintock (PM) who was the chief organiser. His good work led to €400 being raised for the Drew Nelson Legacy Fund, which is to be passed on through the District Lodge, Raphoe District LOL No.3. This could turn out to be an annual event, so, if you are a bowler, or a suspiciously good non-bowler, then send an email to log your interest. Email; LOL992@outlook.ie

ORANGE NEWS

1974 - the year of the Junior Orange Institution

From the Archives

By Brian Courtney



The year 1974 was described in the Orange Standard as 'The Year of the Juniors'.
In the February edition it reported that a memorable event would be held a month later to celebrate the launching of a Junior Orange Grand Lodge, to be held in Sandy Row Orange Hall, Belfast.
A report of the historic meeting stressed that the Junior Orange Order in Ireland would be 50 years in existence.
At first a distinct and separate branch of the Orange Order, it came under the control of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland in 1925, with the affairs administered by an executive committee.
The report traced the formation of the first lodges in Belfast, followed by lodges in Portadown and other towns, which in those days formed part of the Belfast Junior County Grand Lodge.
In the 1950s the number of lodges in counties Armagh, Down and Antrim had resulted in the formation of Junior Orange lodges in those counties.
In fact, by 1974 there were five County Grand Lodges, covering lodges in all parts of Northern Ireland.
The report said the Junior Orange Grand Lodge resulted from the support and enthusiasm of former Grand Master of Ireland, Bro. Sir George Clark.
The activities of the Junior Institution included many recreational events, through the ever-popular football competitions, quizzes, darts matches, etc.
Annual parades were organised in the junior counties, as well as church services.
The links between the Orange Order and the Ulster Unionist Party were very strong in 1974, and this was reinforced by the return of 10 Orangemen as Unionist MPs in the British General Election that year.
The Unionist MPs included Bros James Molyneux, William Craig, the Rev Robert Bradford, James Kilfedder, and Captain L.P.S. Orr.
Bro Rev Dr. Ernest Long, joint editor of the Orange Standard, was a guest of Portadown's Wesleyan Temperance LOL No 161, monthly meeting in Carleton Street Orange Hall.
He was welcomed by Portadown District Master, Bro Herbert Whitten, MP, by LOL No 161 worshipful master, Bro Rev. Henry Holloway, and other lodge officers, including Bros John Proctor, Cecil Richardson, George Russell, and William Robinson.
Good wishes to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, and to the editor and staff of the Orange Standard were forwarded in March by the officers and members of Star of Ulster LOL No 232, Melbourne, Australia.
The lodge praised the Irish Grand Lodge for its leadership and stand during the difficulties being faced by the loyal people of Northern Ireland in the face of republican terrorism.
Other brethren making news in the Orange Standard in February 1974 included Bros James Mullen and William Anderson, of Parkmount LOL No 127, Portadown District, who were presented with their 50 year membership medals.
The presentation was made by Portadown District officer, Bro Jim Kerr, past master of Portadown Ex-Servicemens LOL No 608.

Awards night at Lisnamulligan Purple Heroes LOL 436

At the October 2019 monthly meeting of Lisnamulligan Purple Heroes LOL 436 four members were presented with long service jewels/bars by Rt. Wor. Bro. Sam Walker, County Grand Master of Co. Down Grand Orange Lodge.
The Lodge also made Wor. Bro. Robert (Bobby) Magowan an honorary member, in recognition of his long service to the office of Treasurer, and fundraising efforts for the lodge throughout his time as a member.



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Wor. Bro. David Davidson, who received a 50 year Jewel, pictured with Bro. Sam Walker and Wor. Bro. Joseph Magill, WM.



Members of Lisnamulligan Purple Heroes LOL 436 pictured at their presentation night. Included are lodge officers and Rt. Wor. Bro. Sam Walker, County Grand Master of the County Down Grand Orange Lodge.



Above: Bro. Ervine Campbell, who received a 50 Year Jewel, pictured with his sons, and Bro. Sam Walker, and Wor. Bro. Joseph Magill, WM.



Wor. Bro. David Bready Snr, who received a 70 Year Bar, is pictured with his son, Bro. David A Bready Jr, and grandson, Bro. David Bready.



Wor. Bro. Robert (Bobby) Magowan, who received a 60 Year Bar and Honorary Membership, pictured with his wife, Wor. Sis. Maisie Magowan.