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Institution falls silent for Victims' Day

On Tuesday, 1st of September, the Orange Institution will fall silent in respectful memory of the 338 Orangemen and one Orangewoman who lost their lives during the Troubles.

This is the third year of the Institution's Orange Victims' Day, which aims to ensure the memories of all those who died, many of whom were serving members of the security forces, will not be forgotten.

Covid-19 restrictions will have an impact on the scale of events, however County, District and Private Lodges are being encouraged to hold events in their areas which commemorate murdered members within their locality.
Wreath laying ceremonies will take place while many Orange halls are expected to fly flags at half-mast.

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EDITORIAL

Memory of those who lost their lives must never be forgotten

The 1st of September will see members of the Orange Institution pause for reflection on what is the third annual Orange Victims' Day.
2018 saw the inaugural Orange Victims' Day take place. It was envisaged as an event to ensure that the memory of the 338 Orangemen and one Orangewomen killed during the Troubles would never be forgotten.
The organisation suffered immeasurably during the Troubles. Indeed, approximately one in every ten victims was a member of the Orange Institution.
The memorial garden and stained-glass window at Schomberg House, together with dozens of memorials in Orange Halls and other locations, are a lasting tributes to those who lost their lives during the republican terror campaign.
In many cases they were serving members of the security forces, however others were targeted simply because of their Protestant faith.
The Orange Institution has a proud history of service and sacrifice - stretching back over many years.
In addition to paying tribute to those who lost their lives during the Troubles, Orange Victims' Day continues to highlight the plight of the injured and bereaved.
They too have suffered over the years and are often forgotten, despite the fact that they have to deal with the physical and emotional trauma from the past on a daily basis.
The Covid-19 pandemic is having a significant impact on planning for every event.
Numbers attending must be reduced and social distancing guidelines adhered too.
However it is important that where possible small memorial events take place on or around Tuesday, 1st of September.
To assist anyone planing on holding a remembrance service, the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has made available a number of resources relating to victims' day. These can be accessed through the Grand Lodge website.

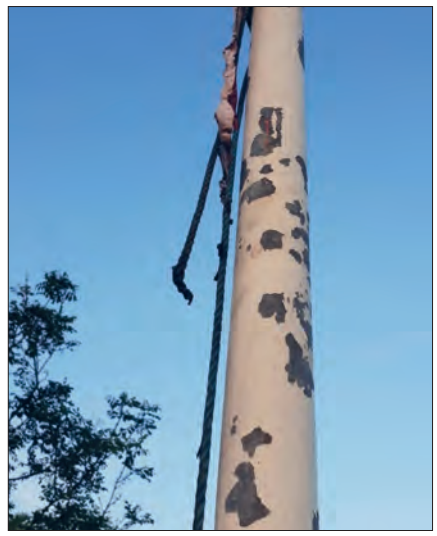
Pin badges still available

A few months ago, The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland commissioned a special pin badge to acknowledge the role played by members of the Orange Institution in the fight against Coronavirus during 2020.
The badge was also designed to commemorate the Institution's historic decision to cancel the Twelfth of July parades for the first time since the Second World War.
The badge has proved very popular with members, however there is still a limited number available for sale.
These can be purchased from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland webshop or at Schomberg House. £3+p&p.
All proceeds raised from the sale of the pin badges will be donated to charitable causes.



Hate crime attacks continue against Orange culture

A number of incidents at properties owned by the Orange Institution early in the month of August caused a sense of disappointment and frustration amongst members according to the Institution's Chief Executive, Iain Carlisle.
The Union flag flown at Listullycurran Orange Hall, near Dromore, County Down was lowered and burnt.
In another incident, flags were removed and burnt at Glenanne Orange Hall in South Armagh.
In Londonderry, a banner supporting NHS staff and essential workers was removed from a memorial garden in Newbuildings and was later burnt on a Republican bonfire in Galliagh.
Mr Carlisle stated: "In a year where many people, across the entire community, have recognised the hundreds of charitable projects carried out by our members and praised the civic leadership shown by the Orange family, it is deeply disappointing that there are still those in society who seek to attack and destroy our property and cultural traditions."
He added: "Sadly these are not isolated incidents; there have been several attacks on Orange Halls since the commencement of Lockdown, the issue of security at our properties is one we will be reviewing and raising with the PSNI."
In a statement shared on Facebook, Worshipful Master of Listullycurran Truth Defenders John Brennan said: "How ironic that on the 75th anniversary of VJ Day - when the free world remembered the sacrifice to defeat fascism and totalitarianism and to uphold freedom and democracy - we discovered that the flag of one of the nations which saved the world from the forces of tyranny had been burned outside our hall.
"On Saturday evening one of the brethren noticed that the flag at Listullycurran Orange hall which had been raised at the beginning of July had been lowered and burnt.
"We are grateful to Lisburn PSNI who responded promptly to our report and sent two officers out to investigate. Police have told us they are treating this as a hate crime and rightly so.



The Union flag was cut off the flag pole at Listullycurran Orange Hall in Co Down. Below, pictures from the Glenanne Facebook page contrast the contribution of the Orange Brethren to the contribution of those responsible for burning flags.



This attack was not just on the property of our lodge but on our community.
There are reports of similar incidents in the area with a flag flying outside the home of a brother Orangeman also burned.
"I would appeal to members of the local community to rise above this provocation. Nothing would please the bigots responsible more than to be able to point at the Unionist community and say they were no better.
"We know that the contribution of Listullycurran Truth Defenders is recognised and appreciated by the local community."
He added: "There has been an Orange presence in Listullycurran since 1795 and if anyone is naive enough to think this disgusting attack on our community will do anything to change that they need to think again."
Like Listullycurran, Glenanne Crown Prince LOL 133 has been very active in its local community, not just during the Covid-19 pandemic, but for many years.
A statement appeared on the lodge's Facebook page challenging those responsible to show what they offer the community.
The statement reads: "Over the past few days we have had reports of the theft of flags from around the village. The remains of some such flags have been found burnt around our own Orange Hall.
"We would like to go on record to ask these people what have they got to offer the community of Glenanne?
"While they work to divide communities and create tension and strife where there is none, we as a lodge and a community will continue our work in Glenanne. We will not be deterred.
"We delivered hampers to the elderly and vulnerable during the pandemic, what have you done?
"We gave up our time to collect and deliver vulnerable people's groceries during the pandemic, what have you done?
We invested our time and money to create a community space in our community Glen project, what have you done?
"You have nothing to offer Glenanne or any area for that matter.
"Despite your actions of intolerance and disrespect, we will continue our work within the community and for the community."
Since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, there have been over 500 attacks on Orange Halls and property.

ORANGE NEWS

Loyal Order leaders come together to remember victims of terrorism

The leaders of the Loyal Orders will gather at Schomberg House next week to mark the third annual Orange Victims' Day.

On Tuesday, 1st of September, the Orange Institution will formally remember the 338 Orangemen and one Orangewoman murdered by terrorists during the Troubles. The day will also serve to highlight the ongoing plight of the injured and bereaved.

Grand Master Edward Stevenson will lead the acts of remembrance by laying a wreath and paying his respects at the Institution's memorial in the Garden of Remembrance.

He will be joined in the small ceremony by representatives of the Junior Grand Lodge, Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland, Royal Arch Purple Chapter, Royal Black Institution and the Apprentice Boys of Derry.

It is believed this may be the first time the leaders of the Loyal Orders have formally met for such an occasion.

A series of commemorative events are expected to take place across Northern Ireland. County, district and private lodges are being encouraged to hold small events in their areas – in line with the Covid-19 guidelines - which commemorate murdered members within their locality.

This year, the 1st of September marks the 45th anniversary of the IRA attack on Tullyvallen Orange Hall, which claimed the lives of four Orangemen, with a fifth dying as a result of his injuries.

The 1975 Tullyvallen Orange hall massacre in south Armagh was carnage on an unimaginable scale.

The Institution wishes to use victims' day to commemorate and highlight the losses suffered across the organisation during the terrorist campaign.

The majority of Orange victims were murdered whilst serving as members of the security forces.

Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson, said the day would continue to be one of "remembrance and reflection" for the Orange family, while aspiring to give "hope for the future" for those left bereaved and injured.

He said: "I remain determined that the innocent victims of the Troubles and their families should remain a key priority for the Orange Institution and I view the continuation of our designated victims' day as a public demonstration of that.

"This year, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to the memory of those who lost their lives during the Troubles and also our support to those who lost loved ones or suffered life-changing injuries.



Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson pictured laying a wreath at the memorial window in the Museum of Orange Heritage in 2019.

"The Orange Institution suffered significantly. Almost one in every ten of all those killed was a member of our organisation. This yearly initiative continues to serve as a constant reminder of the loss experienced by Orangeism during the terrorist campaign."

He added: "Cemeteries across this Province bear testimony to the sacrifice paid by so many people, particularly our members. More than half of them were singled out by republicans because they were serving the community in the security forces. Others were targeted because they were Protestant and members of the Orange Order. They must never be forgotten."

Mr Stevenson said the Institution remained committed to lobbying on behalf of innocent victims, and in so doing, counter all attempts by republicans to alter the history of the Troubles.

He added: "We see on a near daily basis the efforts of republicans to re-write history in an attempt to create some kind of justification for their campaign of murder. The Orange Institution will never allow the perpetrators of violence to be viewed as victims."

In 2011, a memorial stone was dedicated by Grand Lodge at a special remembrance event which was held at the Ulster Hall. The permanent tribute now resides in the memorial garden at Schomberg House.

A contemporary stain glass window is also located at the Museum of Orange Heritage, so too a memorial book recognising every individual victim of the Troubles.



Special web-page launched to support acts of remembrance

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has created a special Orange Victim's Day resource page on its website to assist those wishing to host small acts of remembrance on Tuesday, September 1.

The web page - which can be accessed at www.goli.org.uk/orangevictimsday - includes a special message from Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Edward Stevenson.

It also features a history and background to Orange Victims' Day which provides details about the origins and context of Orange Victims Day, including the legacy of the 'Troubles' upon the Institution and its members today.

Along with a section detailing suggested actions lodges may wish to take, the site also has a specially-commissioned Prayer for Orange Victims Day.

In 2015, the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland commissioned a short film entitled 'Strong to Survive' which focused on Orange victims and their stories. A selection of clips from the film have been included on the site to give an insight into the real human stories behind the statistics.

The full film is available from 'Schomberg House' and 'Sloan's House'.

ORANGE NEWS

Comment: TUV Leader Jim Allister MLA

Sinn Fein's role at Storey funeral showed contempt

Sinn Féin, by their actions at the funeral of IRA terrorist Bobby Storey laughed in the faces of grieving families across the Province, whether they were Protestant or Catholic.
For months Michelle O'Neill stood alongside Mrs Foster at almost daily press conferences lecturing the people of Northern Ireland on the importance of adhering to the coronavirus regulations.
Sinn Féin, in the office that they hold, decreed what those regulations would contain. Regulation 5(2)(g), which was in full operation in all its parts during the Storey funeral, was abundantly clear: you could not attend the funerals of your friends. The deputy First Minister told us that there were no exemptions to the regulations, yet proceeded to tell us that she would never apologise for attending the funeral of a friend.
The people who made the law were the people who, in full view of the cameras, breached the law.
Not only did Sinn Fein laugh in the face of grieving families, but they also ended up laughing in the face of the Assembly, because they knew that it hadn't got the will to do anything about their disregard for the law.
The Assembly merely expressed "disappointment" at Sinn Fein's actions.
There was no censure much less a call for resignations.
Republicans know that the absurdity of the governmental arrangements in Northern Ireland mean that they can do as they please. Three quarters of the Executive were disappointed in them, but they know that they can cling to office. Why? Because of the farcical situation of mandatory coalition, which robs the Assembly of the right of true sanction.
For a few days we had the usual "sound and fury, signifying nothing" but two months on we can see there were no consequences for Republicans.
As time as gone by further revelations about the funeral should only add to the outrage which the public feel. We now know that while other grieving families were turned away from getting into the crematorium Republicans were allowed access for the Storey cremation. We also know that Sinn Fein Ministers travelled to the funeral in publicly paid for ministerial cars.
The contrast between the contempt for ordinary people displayed at the Storey funeral and the leadership provided by the Loyal Orders over the marching season could not be clearer. Orangeism provided responsible leadership which was tellingly absent from those who jointly head the Executive.

Editor's note:
We continue to monitor the developments surrounding the investigations into the Bobby Storey funeral and will report on the outcomes in future editions.

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Comment: Kenny Donaldson, Spokesman for Innocent Victims United

Any further delaying tactics on victims' pension must result in sanctions

We along with others have campaigned vociferously for the implementation of the Pension as per the contents of the legislation agreed in law at Westminster, back in January. We have been insistent that there be no fudging of the eligibility issue and we continue to insist that this be the case.
The recent High Court ruling by Judge McAlinden is a first step redress of this wrong and many more steps are needed over the coming months and years.
The Judge's finding was scathing of the Deputy First Minister's behaviour and that of Sinn Fein, he found that the blocking of the implementation of the scheme was politically motivated and unlawful
The nonsense needs to end from Sinn Fein, stop the lie that ex-prisoners are being discriminated against, these convicted terrorists have access to a National Health Service, to welfare benefits and to many other services courtesy of the United Kingdom Nation alike every other citizen, law abiding and otherwise.
The Pension introduced into law is intended as an acknowledgement for those innocents within Society who did not seek to bring about harm to others and whose lives were forever and permanently changed, they are the people who have been discriminated against and who have to endure 25 years of appeasement of terrorism and its' political annexes. Enough is Enough.
Support must get to those who have waited so long to be acknowledged for what they have gone through and the implications that has had upon their lives and that of their families and carers.
We welcome confirmation that Justice will act as the department to administer the scheme, it is the most appropriate option that was available. The Justice Minister's claims that the scheme could cost up to £800 million is a significantly higher projection than the £130-150 million which has been suggested throughout the campaign for recognition and since.
It is important that immediate work is done in resolving why the disparity?
We also have repeatedly made the case that the threshold for psychological injury eligibility must be higher than the 14% threshold for physical injury otherwise the floodgates could open and the intentions of a scheme that was to support those with lifechanging injuries would be severely compromised.
14% psychological injury relates to mild mental health difficulties.
This said, the UK Government must be constructive in discussions around budget which must happen promptly, we have stated our view that they should centrally provide finance for the historical payments due victims/survivors from the period of Stormont House, 2014 to the point the Executive was restored, with Stormont then picking up the tab on an annual basis thereafter.
The UK Government should also factor into the block grant the need for a top up to facilitate the paying of Pensions to British citizens living outside the immediate reaches of the Northern Ireland Executive, namely those living in other parts of the UK, mainland Europe and further afield.
We acknowledge the efforts of Jenifer McNern and the broader Injured Group in bringing forth the recent High Court case and for their efforts over the last decade. We commend their courage along with many other seriously injured innocent victims/survivors who have spoken up and pressed the need for change.
Any further gamesmanship by Sinn Fein must result in sanctions upon that party.
The innocent victims must not suffer any further pain and hardship as a result of their 'ourselves alone' approach.

ORANGE NEWS

Omagh District presents cheque to local hospital



Omagh District Orange Lodge LOL No. 11 recently presented the Palliative Care Ward at Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex with a generous donation of £2,000.

Bro. James Anderson, Treasurer of Omagh District Orange Lodge LOL No. 11, said: "It is a great honour for me to present one third of the proceeds of the people's vote for charity at our successful 'Strictly Come Dancing' event to the Palliative Care Ward in appreciation of the dedication and care provided by staff in the ward."

The total money raised was £6,000, which was shared equally with the Palliative Care Ward, Alzheimer's Society and Aware NI.

Pictured, from left to right, are Briege McLaughlin, Staff Nurse; Sister Thelma Graham; James Anderson, Treasurer of Omagh District Orange Lodge LOL No. 11 and Paulette Armstrong, Nursing Assistant.

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Institution prepares to mark Heritage Week

History, tradition and identity will take centre stage once again as the Orange Institution plays host to its fourth annual heritage week, from the 21st to 28th of September.
The timing of Orange heritage week has significant historical and cultural relevance, commencing on the anniversary of the formation of the Institution in 1795. It will culminate on Ulster Day, marking the anniversary of the signing of the Ulster Covenant by unionists in opposition to Home Rule in 1912.
While recent changes to Covid-19 restrictions will make it difficult to host events such as those seen in previous years, it is hoped the occasion will be appropriately marked.
Ahead of Orange Heritage Week the Museum of Orange Hertitage at Schomberg House will re-open for the first time since March.
As part of Orange Heritage Week, the Friends of Sloan's House are holding their Annual Diamond Day Lecture on Monday evening, 21st of September 2020, in the Museum of Orange Heritage, Loughgall. The Friends is the support group for Sloan's House and was formed 11 years ago in 2009 – it now has over 250 members, mainly in Northern Ireland, but also spread over the United Kingdom and even in the United States of America and New Zealand.
The lecture is held on or near to the anniversary date of the Battle of the Diamond and over the years, a wide variety of speakers have delivered the annual presentation. This year, Wor. Bro. Richard Edgar will speak on the '50th Anniversary of the Formation of the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR)'. Richard is a renowned historian from Tandragee and is a member of Teemore Golden Springs LOL No. 61.
This is not the first time that Richard has delivered the annual lecture and such is his popularity due to his extensive research that the Friends were keen to have him back again.
The lecture is open to all members of the Friends group to attend, but due to the current Covid-19 pandemic restrictions on the number meeting inside, the total may have to be restricted accordingly. The Museum Meeting Room will be the venue, with social distancing measures strictly adhered to.
At this meeting, the annual Friends membership subscription of £10 is due for renewal and members will then receive a specially – commissioned 2021 Diary which marks the Centenary of the formation of Northern Ireland.

*** If your District of Lodge is hosting an event for Orange Heritage Week email the details to info@goli.org.uk and they can be shared on the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland's Facebook and Twitter accounts.**

Obituary: Rev. Dr. Warren Porter

It was with much sadness that the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland learned of the passing of Wor. Bro. Rev. Dr. Warren Porter on Sunday, August 2, 2020. He was 93.
Rev. Dr. Porter was a member of the Orange Order for more than seventy years, having joined in 1945.
An honorary member and Past Chaplain of Caheny Sons of William Temperance LOL 271, Rev. Dr. Porter served the Institution in a number of capacities over the years.
He played an active role within Garvagh District LOL No. 4 where he was a Past District Chaplain, the County Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge and also the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.
In the mid-1990s, he was Assistant Grand Master under the then Worshipful Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Robert Saulters. He was also a Grand Chaplain within the Institution.
Grand Master Edward Stevenson offered his sympathies to the Porter family at this sad time.
"I was saddened to learn of the passing of Rev. Warren Porter on Sunday," said Mr Stevenson.
"He gave sterling service to the Orange Institution over many years and for his dedication we are truly grateful.
"I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to the Porter family and extend the prayerful help and support of the Orange Family to them at this very sad time."
Wor. Bro. Rev. Ian McClean, Grand Chaplain, described Rev. Dr. Porter as "a real character".
"Rev. Warren Porter was blessed with a lot of good sense. Indeed, he displayed great sense often at a time when the Orange Institution badly needed it," said Rev. McClean.
"He also possessed great wisdom and has the ability to see right to the point of a situation.
"Rev. Porter was dedicated to the Orange Institution and will be greatly missed."
Rev. Dr. Porter was buried following a private ceremony at Moneydig Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, 5th of August.

ORANGE NEWS



Mayor of Causeway Coast & Glens thanks Bushmills Brethren

Bushmills District LOL No. 21 has thanked its Lodges and Brethren, especially those who gave up their weekend to assist with the 'Causeway Covid Caring' food delivery project around the District area.

The District was pleased that the Mayor of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Alderman Mark Fielding and his wife, Phyllis, were able to join with them.

Alderman Fielding brought thanks to the Brethren of the District for their outstanding efforts over the last four months.

A spokesman for the District said: "We continue to support those who have been shielding up until recent days and those who are still in need.

"Our delivery as in previous weeks has been supported by grant aid from Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council," he added.



Fivemiletown food parcel deliveries end after 16 consecutive weeks

Thursday, 30th of July, 2020 marked the final day that Fivemiletown District Orange delivered the Government food parcels.

For 16 consecutive weeks, the volunteers have been travelling the narrow country roads and back lanes of the Clogher Valley to bring some extra support to the most vulnerable in the community.

It has been both rewarding and humbling to see how this small act of kindness has truly brightened the lives of many who have been struggling during this pandemic.

The Brethren trust that the local community has found their work helpful as we continue towards a new normal.

Thanks go to all of the volunteers for their dedication in delivering over 500 food parcels. Please continue to stay in touch and offer help to your older friends, family and neighbours.

Pictured above are some of the volunteers who have been involved in the project.

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MUSEUM NEWS

Institution marks VJ Day anniversary

Saturday, 15th of August, marked the 75th anniversary of VJ Day - the formal surrender of Japan.
As part of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland's coverage of the event, curator of the Museum of Orange Heritage Dr Jonathan Mattison looked at the contribution of three Orangemen.


Cecil Reid in Ceylon.


Thomas Anderson.


Lt William James Livingstone, Karachi 1944.

Cecil Reid
In 1940 Cecil Reid had just turned 18 and was living in Bramcote Street in Belfast and was a member of Young Men's Christian Total Abstinence LOL No. 747. In June of that year he enlisted in the Royal Air Force Regiment and in 1942 was deployed overseas. The RAF Regiment was tasked with guarding and defending airfields throughout various theatres of the war.
His regiment was sent to the Far East as part of Allied attempts to drive back the Japanese. He had an eventful voyage. After departing from Freetown his ship had engine trouble and was separated from the rest of the convey for 36 hours. This was a very anxious time as they feared attack at any moment "We were a sitting duck for over one and a half days."
Cecil's unit was to spend 18 months in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) before being sent to Hyderabad in India. After two months of jungle training, they were deployed to Burma. He described the role they had to fulfil, "As soon as the army took an airfield we jumped onto it and held it. The first airfield we were at, a Wing Commander was shot in the middle of the runway and the Japanese wouldn't let anyone get near him. He lay there for three days. It was dodgy country."
Cecil was also impact by another aspect of the War's inhumanity, as he witnessed some of the first Allied prisoners to be released from Japanese Prisoner of War camps. He described some of them as looking like skeletons that could hardly stand upright.
At the end of the War, Bro. Reid was present when senior Japanese Officers and officials arrived to formally surrender their forces in Burma.

Thomas Anderson
Thomas Anderson was born in 1908 and grew up in Belfast. His parents lived in Londonderry before moving to Belfast to find work. Like many Protestant families that moved to that booming industrial city, they were steeped in the Orange Tradition and attended the Twelfth celebrations every year. Thomas was a skilled craftsman and made a wooden King William for the top of the Orange Arch in Hanna Street. As a skilled musician, Thomas joined Duncairn Flute band. This passion for music would remain with him throughout his life.
In 1939 he and a friend joined the Territorial Army, not only for the excitement but also because they got a free pair of boots! As the political situation deteriorated in Europe, Thomas was mobilised and deployed with the 8th (Belfast) Anti-Aircraft Regiment, to protect the city. With the deployment of the British Expeditionary Force to France, Thomas and his comrades soon found themselves caught up in the 'phoney war', and then the mad dash to escape German encirclement in France.
In May and June 1940, thousands of Allied troops were evacuated from ports in France and Belgium.
The 8th (Belfast) HAA was one of the few units to be evacuated from the port of Cherbourg, along with their weapons. Back in the UK they were deployed to protect Coventry and then London during the Blitz.
At the beginning of 1942, the Regiment was redeployed to the Far East and would see action in several battles against the Japanese. It was during the Arakan campaign to push the Japanese from Burma that the force earned a fierce reputation for accuracy and gained the nickname 'The Twelve Mile Snipers'. James was finally demobilised in 1946.
Like many old soldiers, he did not reveal much about his wartime exploits after he came home. One incident was, however, too good, not to retell. As the war was ending, he and his fellow Orangemen celebrated the Twelfth of July in the Jungle. They got local women to make them collarettes, erected an Orange arch and held their own parade! It was a little taste of home amidst the chaos of war.
Thomas was a member of LOL No. 1947.

William Livingstone M.C.
William Livingstone enlisted in the Royal Ulster Rifles on the 24 March 1930. His early service years took him to places such as Palestine, Egypt, and Hong Kong. While serving in Hong Kong, he joined Star of the East LOL No. 802.
After his stay in Hong Kong, Livingstone was posted to India and returned home to the United Kingdom via Bombay.
In 1940, Livingstone was stationed in Wales but in 1941 his battalion prepared for overseas duties and sailed from Liverpool to India.
In India, they were stationed at Secunderabad. During this time, Livingstone was promoted firstly to Regimental Sergeant Quarter Master then to Regimental Sergeant Major. Also, during this time, many men left the unit for jungle warfare in Burma. Livingstone followed suit and joined his battalion in Burma in 1943. He was recommended for the Military Cross by Major W.P. Scott who said that "throughout the campaign, his courage, bearing and endurance have been of a high order and inspiration to British, Burmese and Gurkha ranks alike."
Livingstone returned to India injured and spent a long time recuperating in hospital. After his stay in hospital, Livingstone and his battalion were stationed in Karachi (in modern day Pakistan). At the end of WWII Livingstone was offered the position of Captain if he stayed in the army. He declined this offer and returned home to Ulster to be with his wife and family.

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ORANGE NEWS



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Cheque for LEMOS

Wor. Bro. Colin Hopps, District Lay Chaplain of Keady District LOL No. 8, is pictured (centre) presenting a cheque for £3,000 to Wor. Bro. Brian Dorrian, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, (right) in aid of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Society (LEMOS). The money was raised from a sponsored walk of The Mall in Armagh City on Wednesday, 1st of July. Wor. Bro. Hopps completed 11 laps of The Mall; each one representing the 11 Districts that make up the County Armagh Grand Orange Lodge. This money will be of great benefit to the charity which provides a range of grants to assist in the prevention or relief of poverty to families who have an association with the Institution.
Also included in the photograph is the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson.
The presentation took place at Derryfubble Orange Hall, near Benburb.

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ORANGE NEWS



Scottish lodge visits Sloan's House

Dreghorn Parish Loyal Defenders LOL 218, Scotland, became the first Lodge to visit Sloan's House since the museum re-opened in early July after lockdown. This is the Private Lodge of the Grand Master of Scotland, Most Wor. Bro. Jim McHarg. He placed a wreath in the Garden of Remembrance in memory of our murdered Brethren, on behalf of his Grand Lodge, and the Lodge Worshipful Master also placed a wreath likewise.

The brethren then had a socially distanced tour of the museum.



Boyne Day goes online for 2020

Saturday, 22nd of August, saw the fourth annual Boyne Day celebration organized by the Museum of Orange Heritage. However, this was a Boyne Day like no other as the entire event was held online due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

The annual family fun day event hosted at Schomberg House - normally a highlight in the calendar with lots of young people and their families in attendance - could not go ahead. However, the museum made a number of resources available online for children and teachers.

Commenting on the initiative, Museum curator, Dr Jonathan Mattison, said that Boyne Day had become an integral component of the museum's interaction with the wider community.

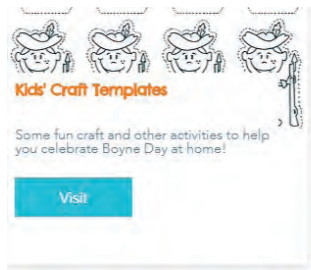
He said: "Boyne Day is our way of bringing the legacy of the Battle of the Boyne to life. This was one of the most seminal battles and indeed moments in the history of the British Isles and was integral to the Glorious Revolution.

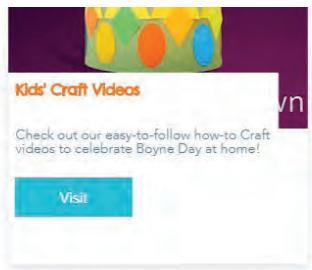
"As the tourist sector grows in both Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, it is important that we increase knowledge and understanding about the Williamite Trail in Ireland and its impact on our shared history. Given current restrictions, we had to cancel the planned family day the museum but hinstead created several online resources for children and educationalists.

"Virtual visitors to the museum were able to access a number of online resources and activities as part of our endeavour to bring the Museum of Orange heritage into people's homes and explain a little more about the significance of the Battle of the Boyne and the Glorious Revolution."

Amongst the material that people can access through the Museum of Orange Heritage website are a selection of craft activities, a short podcast on the Battle of the Boyne, our related children's Workbook Soldiers, Spies and Supplies, and suggested background notes and draft lesson plans for teachers.

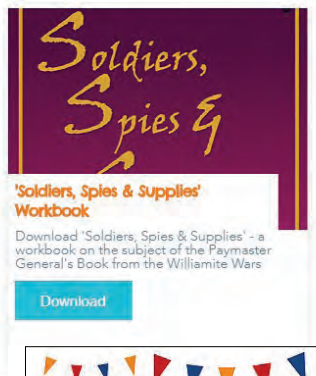
Anyone wishing to learn more about Boyne Day and the Museum of Orange Heritage, please visit our website at www.orangeheritage.co.uk/boyneday

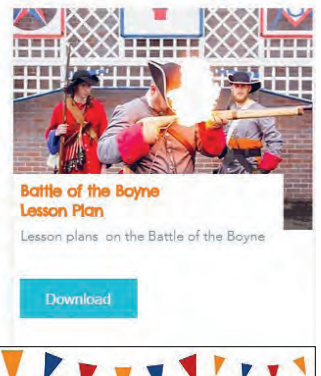
















Radio Boyne programmes now available online



The Thompson Brothers - Mark and Graeme - hard at work recording their contribution for Radio Boyne. Picture: Graham Baalham-Curry

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has made many of the programmes which featured on Radio Boyne during the Twelfth of July celebrations available online for repeat listening.

A new 'Listen Again: Radio Boyne' section has been added to the Grand Lodge website with many of the key feature broadcasts included.

The Orange Institution's pop up radio station - Radio Boyne - was live between 10th and 13th of July 2020. As part of this initiative a number of special audio broadcasts were produced.

These included programming featuring traditional tunes, popular songs and hymns alongside heritage, history and information programmes which provided easy listening and set the scene for the big day.

Among the broadcasts made available are programmes featuring a mixture of history and music as well as the recording of the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne - Platform Proceedings.

Shows such as the 'Birth of Orangesim' and 'The Orange Family: A Worldwide Fraternity' take a look at the history of the Orange Institution and what it means to be a member, with input from leaders around the globe.

A special feature entitled 'Old Tyme Gospel' is a two-part show with the Thompson Brothers playing the choruses and hymns of yesteryear in their own unique style

All nine of the five-minute history lessons with Dr Jonathan Mattison, curator of the Museum of Orange Heritage, are also available.

Already the web page has been accessed hundreds of times, proving once again the popularity of the Radio Boyne Project.

If you missed Radio Boyne the first time around or listened to it all and would like to listen again, visit www.goli.org.uk/radioboyne

ORANGE NEWS

Wherever you go, I want you to know

Kids love to dream about what they might do when they grow up: jobs they might have, places they might go, people they might meet. And parents and caregivers love to encourage and support them.

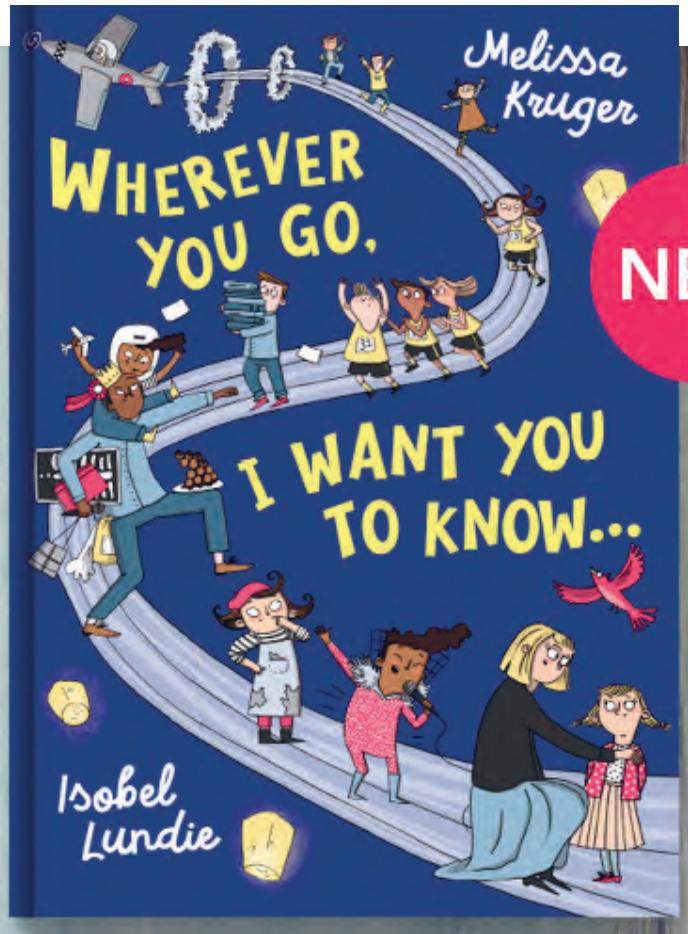
But for Christian parents, their greatest aspiration for their children, their dream of all dreams, is that whatever their kids do and wherever they go, they will love and follow Jesus.

As children embark on life's journey with all their potential and aspirations, express to them your biggest dream with this beautiful illustrated rhyming children's book.

As well as teaching children about the only thing that really matters in life, this book also reminds parents that telling their kids about Jesus is more important than anything else.

Makes a wonderful gift for a wide range of children - from 3 year olds to 8 year olds and even beyond - for birthdays, Christmas or just as a present.

Written by Melissa Kruger: mother, bestselling author (including Five Things to Pray for your Kids), speaker, blogger, and Director of Women's Content at The Gospel Coalition.



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Ross steps out to raise funds for the Drew Nelson project



On Friday, 31st July, Bro Ross Hall of Gibson's Hill True Blues LOL 91 completed a sponsored walk completing a route past the Orange Halls in Lurgan District.

Bro. Hall started out at Tamnificarbet and passing Ballydougan, Calvertstown, Bleary, Corcreeny, Brownlow House, Derryadd, Esky and finishing at the Bannfoot.

The 20.5 mile journey took about seven hours to complete.

Bro. Hall did this as part of the Gospel Goal 10,000 Step Challenge, which tasks participants with walking 10,000 steps every day in July to raise money for Gospel Goal and the Drew Nelson Legacy Project.

Donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rosshall-stepchallenge2020

Sir George A. Clark Bart Memorial Bursary Trust Fund

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- To help those in low income families to pursue a tertiary level
- education course.
- To assist in post graduate research in fields which can promote our Protestant Faith, Heritage and Culture.
- To enable those with learning difficulties to attend courses which would aid them to be more independent.

The fund is particularly keen to assist young people in low income situations and operates on an application basis each year.

Closing date for applications is Friday 2nd October 2020 at 4pm.

This Fund gives preference to students studying in Northern Ireland.

Forms are available now by contacting

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PULPIT

by Rev. Ian McClean



The dilemma that can be solved

Our government has a dilemma.
Imagine yourself a fly on the wall of the Cabinet Room as you listen in.
Minister of Health (as he consults a large file of papers): Covid-19... hasn't gone away... wash your hands... social distance... no unnecessary travel...work from home... face masks... limit all gatherings... Oh and yes, I need more money for the Health Service.
Business Secretary (bigger file of papers): Generate revenue... back to work... visit shops... spend money... unemployed... Oh and yes, I need more money to kick start the economy.
Chancellor of the Exchequer (two piles of papers): Vast sums paid out... furloughing... industry subsidies... commerce supported... balance of payments... borrowing, borrowing, borrowing... years, decades in hock... debt, debt debt... taxes.
Prime Minister When can we get back to normal?
Business Secretary (discovering another file from the Secretary of State for Science) let me see... long phrases... big words... hmmm... hmmm... I don't know, but I need more money for research.
Yes! Our government has a dilemma, as do many other governments. I don't have the answer. Do you? Let's spare a thought for those whom God has placed in positions of authority, and pray for them too as the Lord has told us. (1 Timothy 2:2)
3,300 years ago in the land of Egypt a man called Moses had a dilemma. He was a royal prince with vast resources available to him. He lived in the lap of luxury – gold, jewels, sumptuous feasts, servants, entertainment – what more could anyone ask for? Yet he had a dilemma. He was a Hebrew. Those who were his real family were despised slaves, treated as less than animals. But worse than that – whereas the Egyptian court in which he lived was a centre of corruption, tyranny and paganism – Moses had been brought up among the covenant people of Yahweh. He knew that the religion of those among whom he was living was utterly wrong, and that the real true God was the God of the Hebrews.



Here was a young man whose life was a practical example of the proverb that was to be penned by Solomon many centuries later: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." No doubt his conscience often agonised over this difficult situation. But Moses was a wise young man. He did something that a lot of people don't do. He didn't just brush the matter aside, or try to forget about it. He took a long hard look at his situation, weighed up the pros and cons, and came to a decision.
The inspired writer to the Hebrews put it this way: "By faith, Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward." (Hebrews 11:24-26)
The choice that Moses made was the right one. He made his choice "By faith" in the One whom he could only know about through the types and sacrifices of the Old Testament. Today we can see far more clearly than he ever could, for we have God's full description of how Christ died for our sins. We too have the challenging words of the Saviour "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 9:36)
Yes, we have a dilemma, but thank God that He has given us the solution in the person of his Son.

Recognition for Carrickfergus lodge's efforts during pandemic



Worshipful Master Bro. Sammy Johnston and the Brethren of Carrickfergus Temperance LOL 1537 were honoured and humbled to recieve a certificate of appreciation from the Mayor of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council for our lodges efforts during lockdown.
The lodge offered its congratulations to all those across the borough who recieved or are to receive these commendations.
Community spirit was fantastic when it was needed most.
Thanks go to Councillor Marc Collins, Councillor Cheryl Johnston and MLA David Hilditch for taking time from their busy schedules to accompany the Mayor for the presentation.



OBSERVER

Republicans push 'agreed Ireland' agenda

Hardly a day goes by without republicans pressing the case for a referendum on an 'agreed Ireland', which Northern Ireland Protestants, Unionists and loyalists identify as being a case for a united Ireland.

Amid the hype about Brexit and the possible implications for Northern Ireland, the Sinn Fein and republican campaign has been stepped up, and some of those involved in this have been assuring the British and Unionist population that it has nothing to fear from a united Ireland. They tell us that the right to remain British in Ireland will be respected, and everyone in this 'new Ireland' will be free to promote their cause.

Unfortunately for Sinn Fein and republicans, previous experience in Ireland on this vital issue are not encouraging for Protestants, and the harsh facts prove this to be the case. There were over 350,000 Protestants, or 10 per cent of the population living in the 26 counties of the Irish Free State at the time of Partition in 1921.

Within a few short years, by 1926, the number of Protestants had shrunk to just over 100,000 or just over 3 per cent of the total population. Two thirds of the Protestants had left the Free State and moved to Northern Ireland, mainland Great Britain, and the Dominions, particularly Canada.

Only a small proportion of the huge Protestant exodus had been connected to the British Army or Civil Service with headquarters at Dublin Castle. Most were ordinary Irish citizens of every trade and profession, and in a huge proportion of cases, they were intimidated and forced out of the homes many of the families had occupied for generations.

Recent books by Robin Bury, and the late Peter Hart, tell of the harsh treatment handed out to the Protestants, many of whom were murdered because they were accused of being 'British collaborators'. This was untrue, and as Hart pointed out over a dozen Protestants in the Bandon Valley were shot dead a few weeks after the British Army had left, and the victims were innocent citizens whose only 'crime' was their religion and perceived loyalty to Britain.

Hundreds of the great Houses owned by the Protestant Anglo-Irish population were burned, and the owners forced to move out of the country.

I am old enough to have known some of the refugees who fled from the south to the safe Unionist majority town where they were allowed to live without threats and intimidation. My father worked with a man from a town in Wicklow where his family had lived for generations, and owned an important business. The family had to flee overnight with hardly any possessions to a small town in County Down, and although they later received some financial compensation from Irish Government grants, it was only a fraction of the value of their property.

I also knew a lady from County Cavan, a devout Christian, whose family were given 24 hours to leave, and she had horrific memories of the incident in which masked gunmen had delivered the threat to a family with no political connections.

In my mother's primary school there were five children, whose family had been forced out of Cavan, and the only reason given by those who made the threats were because the children's father was an Orangeman. Happily, it was the Orange Order in the town where they received sanctuary who secured a house and job for their Cavan member, but it didn't wipe out the memory for that family, especially the children who had been badly frightened by the experience.

These are just a few examples of what happened to Protestants forced out of the Irish Free State, and it is estimated that some 40,000 moved to the new Northern Ireland State in the 1921-23 period. Many of those forced to leave the South joined Orange lodges and Black preceptories in Belfast and other towns and villages. This exodus reduced the Orange membership in the Irish Free State to five counties, a huge reduction in membership.

Today we are assured that Protestants, Unionists and Orangemen will have nothing to fear from an agreed Ireland, but past experience does little to assure them that they will not face a similar situation as their predecessors in the 1920s.

Unionists will no doubt continue to be under pressure to take part in discussions on the future for this island, but it has to be said that republicans will have a huge task in putting their case, especially as there has been no apology for the treatment handed out to the innocent Protestants, Unionists and Orangemen forced out of their own country as British rule ended in the 26 counties.

Agriculture remains a key industry

It was in the 1980s, and the editor of the weekly paper in which I was a senior reporter, assigned me to spend four days in the Republic to do stories to run with an advertising feature being carried in a number of papers in our group.

My base was Limerick city, but the stories were mainly centred on counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary.

I visited several of the new industries then springing up in the Republic, and was taken by the planners on a tour of Shannon New Town, which was making the headlines for its success in attracting overseas firms and investments.

I found these very interesting, but it was on visits to several leading farms in rural Munster that I learned of the admiration and high regard that the owners had of agricultural standards in Northern Ireland.

Perhaps, as a townie, whose family working backgrounds were based on linen, newspapers and the military, it was understandable that I was ignorant to a large extent of the importance of our agricultural industry.

That working visit to Munster proved an education in this regard, as I was highly impressed by the praise showered on our Northern Ireland farmers by their Southern counterparts.

"We can't tell the Northern farmers anything they don't already know as they are the leaders in European agriculture, several of the Munster farmers told me, and they were sincere in their views, providing me with a whole list of reasons why we should be so aware of how important agriculture was to the Northern Ireland economy

That is decades ago, but I don't think things have changed, and recent figures produced by DUP Minister Edward Poots bear testimony to this.

Mr Poots said that 10 per cent of the population of the United Kingdom are fed by Northern Ireland farmers, the equivalent of the population of London.

Mr Poots also revealed that agriculture makes up 32 per cent of the manufacturing sector in Northern Ireland, which makes it by far our leading industry

The industry employs around 100,00 people, and that in itself is breathtaking.

Bearing all this in mind, it is vital that everything possible is done to protect our agricultural industry, especially with Brexit looming.

It is also of the utmost importance that policing is stepped up in the countryside to reduce the serious rise in rural crime, which it is estimated amounts to £3million each year.

Farms in Northern Ireland are being targeted by criminals, with livestock and expensive machinery being stolen on a regular basis.

It has assumed alarming levels, and there is evidence to show that a large proportion of the stolen property is being taken by the thieves across the border.

The farmers, of course, are alert to the problem, and do all they can to protect their property, and the communities in which they live also play their part.

The police give a high priority to this sort of crime, and a spokesman for the PSNI confirmed that the Service remains committed to reducing incidents of crime in rural areas.

However, there is also a feeling on the part of many farmers, supported by their MLAs, that the problem must be a priority in policing, and few would contest that viewpoint.

Fair play needed at Queen's

For many years there have been allegations that Queen's University, our main seat of learning in Northern Ireland has become a cold house for Protestant and unionist students.

Examples of this have been provided by young people who opted to go to universities in Great Britain because of stories they had heard about republican influence in the Student's Union at Queen's, and the reputation the university had acquired from the time the band of the RUC had been axed from playing at graduation ceremonies, and when some people attending these had sat during the playing of the National Anthem.

Recently, 400 people, including the daughter of First Minister Arlene Foster, signed a petition set up after Unionists had reacted with alarm to the election of the new president of the Students' Union at Queen's.

They expressed concern over social media posts by the president, in which she appeared to signal her sympathy for militant republicanism, and called on her to apologise to all students, from every community and identity for her promotion of what they claimed was "a threat to civil political discourse on campus".

The Students' Union spokeswoman said that once in post, the SU President "is required to adhere to a student officer protocol, detailed in the Constitution of the Students' Union, which details responsibilities and conduct relating to their role".

No doubt there will be further claims and counter claims, but the main concern for people in the Protestant and Unionist community is that everything possible is done to ensure that Queen's University is a place which welcomes everyone of whatever religion or political allegiance, or none, and that nothing exists to support claims that the university is a cold house for Protestants.

That matter should receive the utmost attention, because in the years ahead, as the Corvid-19 pandemic recedes, the attention will switch to attracting new industry to Northern Ireland, in order to provide jobs and ensure that this region of is equipped to hold its own.

Belfast Castle foundation stone laid in the summer of 1869

History Lessons
with Dr David Hume MBE

A major event in the history of Belfast took place in August 1869, when the foundation stone of the new Belfast Castle was laid.
Work had been progressing on the building, which was a descendant of the first Belfast Castle built in the late 12th century by the Normans, and another built on the same site in 1611 by Sir Arthur Chichester, ancestor of the Donegall family.
When the Marquis of Donegal decided to build a new mansion in 1862, he selected a new site on the slopes of the Cave Hill, in the Deer Park of his lands.
The architects for the castle were Lanyon, Lynn and Lanyon, and Sir Charles Lanyon was prominent at the laying of the foundation stone.
A report in the Belfast News Letter of August 14 that year highlights that Sir Charles Lanyon, the architect, presented a ceremonial trowel to Mrs. Torrens, who formally pronounced the foundation stone well and truly laid.
A parchment inside the bottle placed in the foundations highlighted that the castle was built by George Hamilton Chichester, third Marquis of Donegall and was signed by the Marquis as well as Lanyon, Lynn and Lanyon, the architects and W. B. McMaster, the builder.
The band of the Queen's Own Royal Antrim Rifles, of which the Marquis was colonel, played at the occasion.
A 'wooden tent' had been erected inside the principal floor of the castle building and around 100 ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner provided by Mr. and Mrs. Torrens.
Sir Charles Lanyon, who also spoke, referred to the natural beauties of the site.
The celebration concluded around 7pm that evening, although younger members of the party adjourned to Park Lodge, where dancing took place for a short time.
The report stated that "The main building is now up to the level of the floor of the principle rooms.
"The site, which is the Deer Park on the Cave Hill, is one of the finest to be found anywhere, commanding extensive views of the Lough, the Clandeboye district and the beautiful Valley of the Lagan.



"The style of building is Scotch baronial – one of the principle features of which will be a tower at one of the angles some 90 feet high. The pale, pink-coloured Cookstown stone with which the building is faced is extremely attractive and suitable. The park, which contains about 250 acres, has been extensively planted during the last three or four years, and has been walled in for about a mile along the Antrim Road."
The third Marquis of Donegall decided in 1862 to build a new castle within the Deer Park and the construction was completed in 1870, costing considerably more than the £11,000 which the Marquis had set aside of the project: this would equate to at least £1.3 million today.
His son-in-law, Lord Ashley, heir to the title of Earl of Shaftesbury, provided financial help and when the Marquis died in 1884 the Earl inherited the property.
In 1934 the Shaftesbury family presented Belfast Castle to the City of Belfast.
The Donegall family are remembered through several of Belfast's street names, while Shaftesbury Square is also a reminder of the link with the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Ballyronan native founded Orange Lodge in Glasgow



James Bell was a native of Ballyronan in County Londonderry and rose to prominence within the Orange Order in Scotland.
He was WM of Lily of the Valley LOL 131 in Glasgow – a lodge he helped to form from a dormant warrant – in 1905.
An article in the Weekly Telegraph of September 30, 1905, details that he was also a Grand Auditor, WM of Cowcaddens Orange Friendly Society and DM of RBP 257 as well as being a member of the Masonic Order.
Bell was born at Ballyronan, an area where, it was noted, Orangeism had to struggle to survive in the past: "they were harassed and threatened on every side by Roman Catholics" the report said, creating tensions whenever brethren sought to mark the Twelfth anniversary.
Bell was probably too young to belong to an Orange lodge in Ballyronan, however, for he went to Glasgow as a youth.
It was there that he joined LOL 58 when he was old enough to be initiated, and he remained with the lodge for several years before transferring to LOL 78.
At that time the warrant for LOL 131 was dormant and Bell and others renewed the warrant and developed the lodge into one of the most impressive within the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was reported.
The Ballyronan man had taken out the warrant in 1895 and since that time had been WM of the lodge, although expressing the wish to relinquish the office on a number of occasions.
The report provides us with an interesting social history, noting his dedicated in travelling the three miles to the lodge meetings, something which would not be as convenient as in the modern era.

Twelfth festivities in Cavan in 1896

The Twelfth of 1896 saw County Cavan Orangemen assemble at Ballyhaise, the grounds of Castleterra Rectory being made available to them by the Rector, W. F. Wilkinson.
The Cavan Weekly News and General Advertiser highlighted the event and also celebrations of local lodges in July.
Lodges from Ballyjamesduff District (4), Cootehill (6), Belturbet (10), Ballyconnell (3), Cavan (14), were joined by Brethren from Leitrim and City of Dublin LOL 1738 for the occasion.
Two women's Orange Lodges, Belturbet No.1 and WLOL No. 8, Bawnboy, were also in the procession.
The fulsome report is augmented in the Cavan Weekly News of July 18, 1896, by articles from other local lodges, among them Cornagall LOL 1625.



This provides a localised report on the Orange event and notes that the members of the lodge met at 9am on the morning of the 13th, processing at 11.30am for the meeting at Castleterra Rectory. The lodge was led by J. Lockington as Worshipful Master, and they were also accompanied by Rev. R J Hope, (Drung Vicarage), Mr R J Hope and a Mr Edmonds.
"On their return a halt was made at the Vicarage where hearty cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Hope. Mr Hope in returning thanks bestowed a well-deserved compliment on brother Edward O'Neil for the excellent training of the band," it was reported.
The day was rounded off by a soiree in the evening in the Cornagall lodge room, where guests were R. J. Hope and Mr. Edmonds.
Dancing was suspended at 10.30pm for a programme of songs, recitations and solos on flute and violin.
Among those participating being Bro. John Turner, whose songs included "The Purple Marksman", Mr. Edmonds, who provided recitations and Bro. O'Neil, who provided a solo on the violin. Bros. Henry Lockington, F. Foster and W. Beatty also sang during the evening, after which "dancing was then resumed and continued till an advanced hour in the morning".

Daughters of Irvinestown in New South Wales

The daughters of Irvinestown might be expected to be found in Fermanagh but in 1905 they were very active within the Orange Institution in New South Wales.
A report in the Weekly Telegraph newspaper noted that the lodge (full title Daughters of Irvinestown LOL 342) met in the Oddfellows Hall, Ashfield, Sydney.
We glean a little detail about some of the members from the selection of a committee to co-ordinate an annual concert in September.
Sisters Foord, Coles, Nicolson, Lewis, Durham and Travener were to work with LOL 38 on the plans for the event, it was reported in September 1905.
Local placenames were to be found elsewhere among Orange lodges overseas.
Also in 1905 there was a report on County Antrim True Blues LOL 156 in Glasgow, which met in the Chalmers Street Halls.
Robert Weir was WM of the lodge and his deputy was John Gilmour, a report in January 1905, noted.
Aside from their monthly business, the lodge was also planning a social event, at which music would be provided by the Blackwoods Royal Scottish Standard Quadrille Band.
The presence of such names overseas is a sure sign of an Ulster connection in the formation of such lodges.

MOTOR MOUTH

with Graham Baalham-Curry



Outlander's electric version is a UK best-seller

Mitsubishi updates popular plug-in hybrid

The Mitsubishi Outlander has been on sale for sixteen years now and, for the last six of those, an electrified version has attracted enormous sales.

With its attractively low company car tax, the Mitsubishi Outlander plug-in hybrid vehicle (PHEV) took 50% of the UK's electric car and hybrid sector sales at one point, whilst today remaining as the best-selling plug-in vehicle in the UK.

With no real direct rival, the Outlander was the perfect family and company car.

Even for private ownership, it's priced within reach at £35,815 which is around £5k more than a non-hybrid version. Though at a glance, monthly private leasing options are less than attractive.

Outlander now faces some stiff competition from the PSA group with the likes of the Vauxhall Grandland X Hybrid4, DS7 E-Tense, and the Peugeot 3008 Hybrid4, as well as Honda's Hybrid CRV.

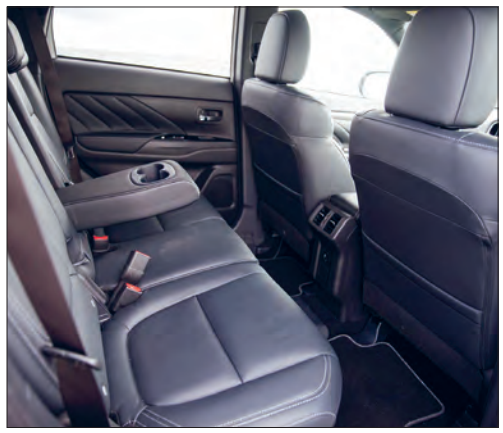
After six-years of success and, with a five-year, 62,500 mile warranty, can this Mitsubishi remain at the top of its class?

Available only in four-wheel-drive with an electric motor on each axle, and an automatic gearbox, the Outlander is equipped with a 2.4-litre petrol engine and a large battery pack.

As such, there are three ways to deliver power. Fully petrol, fully electric (up to 28 miles and up to 83mph), or a combination of both.

Seeing 0-62mph in 10.5 seconds, the Outlander isn't what you would call slow.







With three automatically activated drive modes, Outlander does the thinking for you. EV priority mode sources energy from the battery and powers the front and rear motors.

Series hybrid mode uses the petrol engine to run the generator that charges the battery while driving, and kicks in for sudden acceleration, driving uphill, or when the state of battery charge is too low.

A Parallel hybrid mode activates at high speed and sees the petrol engine (with front electric motor assist) powering the front wheels, whilst the electric motor at the rear powers the rear wheels.

With a seamless transition between modes, you can be assured that the Outlander will always be in the mode most economical for your driving style.

During my week with the model tested and pictured, I never once plugged this Outlander into a 3-pin wall socket, nor a fast-charging point, as a matter of fact. Something that is the case for the vast majority of these vehicles. Many being driven as a petrol, with the business car benefits of a hybrid.

However, a home charge can be done in around five hours, with a fast charge achievable in less than 30 minutes.

With game-changing engineering buried underneath and a stylish, yet practical appearance, the Outlander is typically Japanese inside with a driving experience that does nothing more than what it says on the tin.

The cabin, despite being much less utilitarian than has been the norm from most Japanese makers for decades, still lacks some of the refinement seen in rivals. And, even with re-calibrated suspension and larger front brakes, isn't quite as agile or engaging to drive, as others.

Don't get me wrong, the Mitsubishi is more than adequate in both regards, perhaps just showing a little age in areas that have not been updated vastly since the plug-in variants inception.

The cabin offers generous amounts of room for both front and rear passengers, with front seating that is more supportive than expected, and suitably comfortable, too.

Ride quality is comfortable thanks to the slightly soft suspension and although body-roll is noticeable when cornering at speed, it wouldn't put me off ownership.

For buyers who need a commercial vehicle but perhaps don't like a pick-up or van, there are two plug-in Outlander models available for around £25,000.

The passenger friendly range starts from £35,815 with a 'Verve' trim which includes fabric seat trim, electronic parking brake, brake auto hold, DAB digital radio, keyless operation system, hill start assist, and LED daytime running lights.

A 'Design' starts from £36,825 and adds 18-inch alloy wheels, rear view camera, and smartphone link display audio. From £38,945 a 'Dynamic' trim adds blind spot warning, black cabin headlining, full black leather with front heated seats, eight-way electric adjustable driver's seat, and rear cross traffic alert.

An additional safety pack creates the 'Dynamic Safety' which is priced from £41,465 and adds forward collision mitigation system, lane departure warning, ultrasonic misacceleration mitigation system, front and rear parking sensors, and adaptive cruise control.

Priced from £41,705 is an 'Exceed' trim which adds LED headlamps with auto levelling, 360-degree parking camera, navigation system with colour screen, rear USB ports, and premium diamond quilted leather seats with heated steering wheel.

An 'Exceed Safety' is available from £44,225 adding extra safety equipment.

Mitsubishi servicing should be done every 12500 miles or annually (whichever comes first).

Arlene's recipes

Beefy burrito bowls



Hooray ! The kids are back to school! Stuck for meal ideas, and fed up with the same old thing? Try feeding the family with this very trendy and tasty, minced beef recipe. It is very nutritious and is one of my favourite mid week meals. Everyone will love topping their bowl with the refreshing avocado, cheese, cherry toms, yogurt and coriander.

Beefy burrito bowl
(serves 4)
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1 red onion, thinly sliced
1 red pepper, sliced
1 yellow pepper, sliced
2 heaped teaspoons ground cumin
1 heaped teaspoon smoked paprika
1 teaspoon mild chilli powder
1 large clove of garlic, crushed
500g Northern Ireland Farm Quality Assured steak mince
1 tablespoon tomato puree
1 small tin chopped tomatoes
1 can of red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
To serve
250g basmati rice, cooked according to pack instructions
Toppings
2 avocados, peeled, stone removed and sliced
The juice of 1 lime
250g cherry tomatoes, halved
150g Cheddar cheese, grated
A small bunch of chopped coriander
A handful of rocket leaves
3 tablespoons natural yogurt

1. Heat the olive oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat and cook the onion for a few minutes, stirring occasionally before adding the sliced peppers, continue to cook for 5 minutes.
2. Stir in cumin, paprika, chilli powder and crushed garlic, cook for a further minute before adding the steak mince to the frying pan. Break the mince up with a wooden spoon as it browns, stir in tomato puree and tinned tomatoes, cook for 10 minutes, then add kidney beans and cook for 2 minutes until heated through.
3. Spoon the cooked rice into deep serving bowls and top with the beef mixture.
4. Top the burrito bowls with avocado slices, cherry tomatoes, cheese, rocket leaves, coriander and a dollop of yogurt. Squeeze the lime juice over the avocado and serve.

COOKS TIP: Try serving the burrito mix, topped with gtated cheese, in a tortilla wrap and serve the toppings on the side. Delicious served with sweet potato wedges.

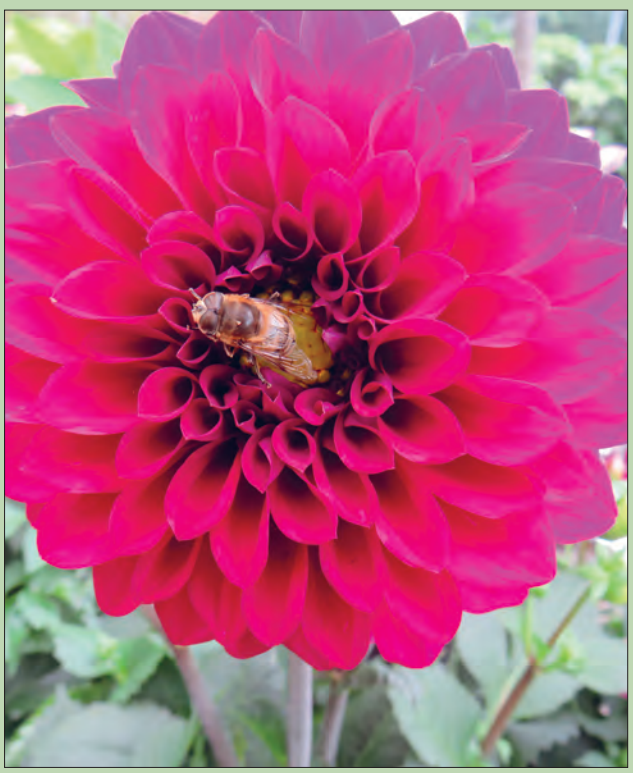


Gardener's Corner

by Beth Lunney



September can be one of the most beautiful months of the year. The days can still be warm and sunny even though we are moving into autumn and many plants will continue to give a lovely show. Dahlia plants will flower from mid-summer until the frosts in autumn. They have big, showy flowers which come in a vast array of colours and shapes. Ours are beautiful this year and are ideal for a late-summer border or to use as a cut flower. They are native to Mexico and Central America and were declared the national flower of Mexico in 1963 – Dahlias are related to Sunflowers, Daisies and Chrysanthemums.



Dahlias grow from dried roots known as tubers; these are available to buy from late-January onwards or already growing in pots during summer. Plant the tubers in pots filled with multi-purpose compost in early spring just below the surface of the compost, water well and grow them in a light, frost-free place. Once the fear of frosts have gone they will be ready to plant out in their flowering position of continue growing them in the pot. In most places in Northern Ireland Dahlia tubers will not overwinter outside – we are too cold and damp – so the tubers will need to be lifted. Allow the plants to get the first touch of frost – the foliage will appear blackened. Cut back the stems to around 4-5 inches then gently lift the tuber and remove any loose soil. Leave the tubers upside down in a tray lined with newspaper in a dry, frost-free place for a couple of weeks to dry out. Once the tubers have dried they can be left in a tray and covered with dry compost then placed in a dark garage or shed – they do not need light at this stage. Check the tubers now and again for rot and remove any rotten tubers. Come early spring the whole planting process can start again for a colourful show next summer.
In South America the Aztecs grew the tubers for food. After the Spanish Conquests attempts were made to grow the tubers in Europe as a food crop but this never took off. Dahlias have no fragrance but the bright colours attract bees and pollinators. They are attracted to Dahlias that are more open as they need to access the centre of the flower and this is impossible for them with pom-pom varieties which are very dense in petals. The yellow centre of the Dahlia is where the pollen is and where the bees can collect the nectar.
Dahlias have been grown now in Europe for over two hundred years with the first plants that came from Mexico being grown in the Botanical Gardens in Madrid, Spain. Today Dahlias come in all colours and colour combinations except blue and there are many gardeners working hard to try to produce a true blue Dahlia as well as one with a scent. In the United Kingdom there is a National Dahlia Society which was founded in 1881. This Society holds many exhibitions and conferences with their main exhibition being held at the RHS Gardens Wisley.

News from the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland

THE ORANGE TORCH
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119 v 105)

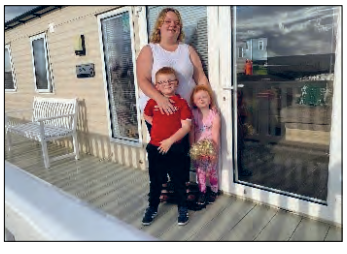
A difficult summer, but we look to a bright future

Brothers and Sisters,
I am sure like me you are disappointed that we are still unable to resume lodge meetings and other activities due to the Scottish Government guidelines during this current Covid pandemic. We must of course continue to follow Scottish Government advice as we hopefully proceed to an ending of the crisis in its current form.
It has been a difficult summer for all of us particularly for those who have lost loved ones or friends and my thoughts and prayers are with all of those affected. Others have seen their employment under threat with the financial reality that presents. The financial cost to our country is immense. If Scots had voted to leave the UK in September 2014 our economy would be in tatters with a lack of financial resources and we would be facing a financial storm like nothing ever before experienced. The financial support from the British Government has been very much appreciated by all of Scotland's citizens. In July I would normally have been speaking at one of the Twelfth Boyne celebrations in Northern Ireland and visiting friends, however as they were all cancelled it was the first time in 40 years that I remained at home in Ayrshire. The one benefit of this was that I attended our local war memorial on the Twelfth with my lodge to lay a wreath and attend a religious service in my home village.
My lodge celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and we had organised a trip to the Somme in September which was cancelled due to the pandemic. Fortunately in August we managed to visit Northern Ireland where we visited Carrickfergus, The Boyne, Dan Winter's cottage and Sloan Heritage Centre. We enjoyed a pleasant and educational weekend with friends. The Grand Lodge executive are keen to see meetings and other Orange events return to some kind of normality as soon as the government guidelines allow it. We will continue to provide updates when we have something to share. I would like to personally thank the many members of our Institution the Lodges and Districts who have worked tirelessly in our communities providing financial and practical support to those who require it. Well done all of you. Faith, Hope and Charity but the greatest of these is Charity.
Jim McHarg,
Grand Master



Good news to bring on the Home Fund front

Mid-way through March and the Scottish Orange Home Fund Executive were in the throes of preparing the three Holiday/Respite facilities for opening up for the 2020 Season.
Like everything else in the country, the plans came to an abrupt halt when the Pandemic known as Covid-19 hit the UK shores and a five-month Lockdown began. Scotland has been a little slower than other UK countries to loosen lockdown but holiday parks have reopened subject to certain restrictions at the end of July. With two thirds of the holiday season over and after much discussion, lots of planning and hard work and with several operational changes the Home Fund Executive were able to demonstrate that every possible necessary precaution had been taken to allow us to open up the three facilities on the weekend of 14/15th August to safely allow at least some of our members to enjoy a holiday or respite break.



The continuing restrictions placed on our way of life, look as if they will be around for some considerable time to come and have caused us to cease the practice of offering senior members of the Institution in Scotland a shared holiday with fellow senior members, for the time being. However we will be able utilise the senior members facility, along with the other two facilities for Respite and Holiday Breaks for those members including senior members to enjoy a much needed break with their family or carers.
Brother Dale Hall who lives in Berwick Upon Tweed and is a member in Edinburgh District is one of the first to enjoy a holiday break at the beautiful Riverview Villa in Wemyss Bay.
Dale was furloughed early in lockdown but returned to work after a few weeks and has been working ever since. Like thousands of others life has not been easy for this family throughout the Pandemic. Brother Hall's wife Fiona is a Staff Nurse in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and has left their two children several days each week to travel between Berwick and Edinburgh to nurse patients on the "covid wards" at the hospital. In recent weeks this journey has been made even more difficult when she has had to "run the gauntlet" from the hateful campaign of some Scottish Nationalists gathering on the Scottish Border at Berwick with the vile messages of "English Go Home". We were delighted that this family are able to enjoy some quality family time together after an exhausting few months where they will seem to have been like "passing ships in the night". The past five months have seemed surreal for most of us but have been particularly difficult for those members who have had to "shield" in their homes until very recently. We hope that some of these members will be amongst those able to enjoy a quiet time in beautiful, peaceful surroundings with their family / friends "bubble" members or carers. This year we were set to offer around 90 senior member a shared holiday break with fellow senior members and around 70+ other members a respite break. Instead a maximum of only 30 members will be able to enjoy a break however, we believe that it is important that we have made every attempt to ensure that at least some members will feel the benefit and the semblance of "normality" these much needed breaks will bring for them.

Scottish Orange Home Fund - A brief history

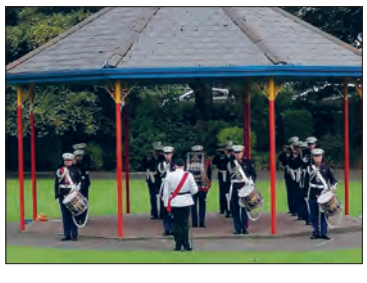
The Scottish Orange Home Fund started life as the Ladies Orange Home Fund in 1973 when some of the Sisters of Scotland returned from a holiday in Canada. They were so impressed by the work done by the Canadian members in providing residential homes for their senior members and they began raising funds to establish some similar type of provision for senior members in Scotland. In 1978 The Ladies joined forces with Male Section and the Scottish Orange Home Fund was established and registered as a Charity. A Swiss- Stylet Chalet was purchased in the Seton Sands Holiday Village in the East Coast Fishing Village at Port Seton where 4 Senior Members each week throughout the 30+week season enjoyed a holiday break together. This facility operated successfully for 28 years and provided holidays for around 120 senior members each year. It was replaced in 2006 by a new very modern facility and in 2008 the charity expanded its provision and purchased a second facility at Seton Sands that would provide Respite and Holiday Breaks for those members in need of a break. In 2015 we added a third facility this time on the West Coast in Wemyss Bay near Largs in Ayrshire. This facility also provides Respite for members in need as well as family holidays for those younger members and their families who would, for a number of reasons, otherwise be unable to enjoy a family holiday.
At the Spring session of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in early March, Grand Lodge gave approval for the Scottish Orange Home Fund to Launch a special fundraising appeal to replace one of the three existing facilities with a new facility that would be more suitably adapted for those members with disabilities and mobility problems. We were prepared that to realise this plan would take some considerable time and hard work to raise the necessary funds but we were not prepared for the lockdown situation which will see our charity like so many others experience a dramatic loss in fundraising income for the financial year 2020/21. However we look forward to the day when we will once again be able to return to some of our regular fundraising ventures.



STEPPING OUT
Supporting our Marching Bands
by Quincey Dougan

Band activity still very visible

The continuing Covid-19 restrictions, and indeed their tightening, continue to place limitations on Ulster's vibrant banding community. Nevertheless our massive marching movement could still be seen through the month of August expressing its important communal and cultural nature. The annual Relief of Derry anniversary on the 8th was the biggest manifestation, with the absence of the big day itself in the Maiden City replaced by dozens of localised smaller processions. Over eighty bands were on the move covering all six counties alongside representatives of Apprentice Boys Branches, including Ballykeel Loyal Sons of Ulster in Ballymena, Craiganee Accordion in Bushmills, Edenmore Flute in Limavady, Hillhaven Flute in Loughgall and North Fermanagh Young Defenders in Kesh. The evening also saw the first appearance of a brand new band onto the streets, the Curley Orange Defenders Flute remembering the Siege in Keady, County Armagh. Another expression of banding activity during the month included the marking of VJ Day by Somme Memorial Flute in Bangor (left), where they paraded alongside the Royal British Legion in Ward Park. While full scale band parades have of course still not resumed, several bands have however worked within the relevant regulations to mark the occasions by traversing their home towns. On what would have been the occasion of the Drumaheagles Young Defenders Flute annual procession, the band made their way around their normal route, but instead of collecting money for band funds to assist with uniforms and instruments they collected for two important charities, MacMillan and Chest, Heart and Stroke. The tremendous amount of £1,418.15 was raised, and made up to £1,500 by the band members to be split evenly. Other bands paraded for causes in the absence of being able to hold normal fundraising events. One such band parade with a difference was hosted by Mavemacullen Accordion (above) in Markethill. On the 21st the band made its way around the well-established town procession route, watched by many either in their vehicles or socially distancing, with the purpose to promote on-line fundraising towards their new uniform and instruments. For more information visit the bands Facebook page. Elsewhere both Omagh and Portadown witnessed two of their popular local bands out to showpiece their new uniforms. Portadown Defenders and Blair Memorial Pride of Omagh, both were resplendent in sharp colourful new outfits, drawing many positive remarks both from those within the towns on the evenings, and across social media.





Community Award for Milltown

On the 14th of August, Portglenone's Milltown Accordion was delighted to receive the Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Scheme Award for their community work throughout the recent Covid-19 crisis. The honour was bestowed on the band by Mid and East Antrim Mayor, Peter Johnston. During the lockdown members supported the local community in a variety of hands-on ways, assisted by generous donations from local businesses O'Neill's Nisa Extra and Fullan's Food Hall. Bags of essential products were collected and distributed to many senior citizen residents within the community, as well as checking on them and maintaining valuable social interaction. In addition the band also contributed financially to an appeal for scrubs for medical staff, alongside making a donation of a supply of PPE equipment to the residents and staff of the Carnmoyne Residential Home. Milltown Accordion Band would like to thank their members and volunteers who gave of their time along with the businesses and individuals who supported them during this community response.



Milltown Accordion proudly receiving their award.

Sad news for South Londonderry

The passing of a highly respected South Londonderry bandsman on the 19th of August has been received with great sorrow across the entire band scene. Richard Scott, just 33, was tragically killed during a work-related accident. As a hugely dedicated member of Magherafelt's Dunamoney Flute for over fifteen years, Richard had travelled across the length and breadth of Ulster parading. He could regularly be seen proudly taking 'his' place in the outside corner of the band's ranks, and his professional and disciplined approach when he was wearing the uniform was apparent to all. The band's high opinion of Richard was clearly visible at his funeral, when members formed a guard of honour to demonstrate both the respect in which he was held, and how much he will be missed. Richard is survived by parents June and Harold, sister Cherith and brother Jordan. The the band has publicly requested, "that you keep Richard's family in your prayers in the coming days and weeks ahead. Safe in the arms of Jesus." Any donations in Richard's memory can be made to the Air Ambulance Northern Ireland and the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Society via Garvin's Funeral Services, Magherafelt.



Richard Scott respectfully remembered and honoured by his fellow band members.

'Mind the Pipes and Drums' project is launched

An exciting new project called 'Mind the Pipes and Drums' has been launched by a project funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund 'Positive Pathways' programme. Through the scheme veterans in Northern Ireland can benefit from free tuition in piping and drumming. Headed by a former bandsman Ricky McGaffin from South Down, all veterans are welcome to get involved, irrespective of experience or musical ability. The goal of the project will eventually see veterans who have never played an instrument before come together with world-class pipers and drummers in a pipe band in its own right, eventually performing in a number of significant locations across the Province and further afield. The fundamental aim of the project is to promote good mental health and provide an environment where veterans can meet other veterans, gain skills and qualifications, and ultimately benefit from the comradeship that the band aims to build within its ranks. Five different locations for bands across Northern Ireland will be pursued, namely Newtownards, Carrickfergus, Ballymena, Tandragee, and Omagh. Veterans interested in finding out more about the project are encouraged to call Ricky on 07964 421665 or email mindthepipesanddrums@gmail.com. For those not just as musical, their involvement is also welcomed via assistance with organisation and equipment.

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

ORANGE NEWS



8th (Belfast) Regiment remembered on VJ Day with new memorial in West Belfast

A new memorial tablet was unveiled on the wall of West Belfast Orange Hall on Saturday 15th August, the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, to commemorate the service of a local regiment which served with distinction in Burma during the Second World War.

The 8th (Belfast) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, was recruited in Belfast and surrounding districts in 1939, prior to the outbreak of the Second World War.

After serving in France and England during the early years of the War, the regiment made the long journey via South Africa and India to service in Burma from 1942-45 becoming part of Britain's 'Forgotten Army' in the war against Japan.

The Regiment took part in the Arakan campaigns, firing effectively against the Japanese Air Force and equally effectively against Japanese ground targets. The long range and accuracy of their firing earned the regiment the nickname of 'The Twelve Mile Snipers'. Their commanding officer was Lt Col James Glencairn Cunningham whose family owned Fernhill House. The commemorative event on Saturday, with numbers limited due to current restrictions, was attended by members of the modern-day Cunningham family, with speeches held in the Spectrum Centre prior to crossing Shankill Road to the Orange Hall.











Among those addressing the event were local historian Bobby Foster (RBP 391) and former MP Mr Danny Kinahan whose father, Robin Kinahan, served as Adjutant to Lt Col Cunningham in Burma and went on to serve as High Sheriff and Lord Mayor of Belfast.

Musical accompaniment was provided by The Regimental Band, Ulster Volunteer Force (1912) in period costume. The event was organised by the Sons of Ulster, Royal Black Preceptory No 375, primarily by Registrar Samuel Coulter PDM. It was supported by funding from the Ulster Scots Agency, represented by CEO Ian Crozier. The engraved tablet was kindly donated by Sandy and Agnes Close of Woodvale Funeral Services. MC for the evening was Sir Knight Gary Wilson PM.

Among the special guests were Richard Reade whose father Robin Reade served in the 8th Regiment and won the Military Cross for exemplary gallantry at the famous Battle of the Admin Box, Col Derek Smyth of the Burma Star Association, Mrs Carol Walker MBE, Director of the Somme Association and Dame Patricia Windsor-Hawkins OBE of St George's Memorial Church, Ypres.

Samuel Coulter commented, "I wish to thank all those who supported this dignified commemoration, held on this 75th anniversary of victory over Japan and the end of the war.

"We hope that this tablet will help to ensure that the bravery and sacrifice of these local men who served in 'the forgotten army' is, indeed, not forgotten but is remembered with pride and with lasting appreciation."

A small number of commemorative booklets produced for the event are available, on a first come basis, from Sam Coulter at the Spectrum Centre.

REMEMBER OUR HEROES
1ST JULY 2020
THEN AND NOW

We will remember them ...



Timothy and John Cairns pictured with Mr Robert McGonigle BEM (President HFB); Billy and Nigel Cairns, and Steven Williamson, Drum Major of Hamilton Flute Band.



Kenneth Alford, Chairman of Hamilton Flute Band, pictured with Steven Williamson Drum Major Hamilton Flute Band, and Timothy Cairns, soloist.

Annual Service of Remembrance in Londonderry

The Hamilton Flute Band, Londonderry, would normally hold a parade to the War Memorial in the City where a wreath laying ceremony takes place, but because of the current restrictions the band were unable to have the parade which would have included the members of the Royal British Legion, the Loyal Orders and members of the armed forces.

This year a very dignified Service of Remembrance was held, officiated by the Rev. Nigel Cairns, Minister of St. Augustine's Parish Church in the City and former Conductor of the Hamilton Flute Band.

Rev. Cairns gave a very warm welcome to all who were in attendance, (Social distance being observed)

After the reading of the Scriptures and Prayer the President of the Band, Mr. Robert McGonigle BEM accompanied by the Chairman of the Band Mr Kenneth Alford and the Drum Major, Mr Stephen Williamson laid a poppy wreath on the War Memorial on behalf of the Band, other wreaths were laid on behalf of the City Council, the City Branch of the R.B.L., the Waterside Branch of the R.B.L. plus wreaths from the Woman's Section of the RBL, the Armed Forces and the Loyal Orders.

The last post and reveille were played, after which Piper Alan Campbell played a lament on the bagpipes. Mr Timothy Cairns, a member of the Band, then played a piccolo solo "The Sleeping Warrior".

The service concluded with the sing of the National Anthem.

After the service the Officers of the Hamilton Flute Band laid a wreath on the Battle of the Somme Monument in the grounds of St. Columb's Church of Ireland Cathedral.


Wor. Bro. John Cairns, P.M. LOL 621 and Past President of Hamilton Flute Band, pictured with Wor. Bro. Billy Cairns, P.M. LOL 1912, Past Chairman of Hamilton Flute Band.



Timothy Cairns and John Cairns (son and father) pictured with Billy Cairns and Rev. Nigel Cairns (father and son).


Timothy Cairns, solist, a member of Hamilton Flute Band, and Alan Campbell, piper, of Kildoag Pipe Band.

We will remember them ...



Officers of Fintona District No. 8 Loyal Orange Lodge assisting Worshipful District Master Bro Raymond Deazley in the wreath laying ceremony in remembrance of those who died at the Battle of the Somme. The service took place at Fintona Royal British Legion 1st July 2020. Pictured are Bros. Raymond Black, Fintona District Lecturer; Joe Keys, District Secretary; Winston Gilmore, Assistant District Secretary; Keith Boland, Deputy District Master; Raymond Deazley, Worshipful District Master; Mervyn Keys, Standard Bearer and Ashley Black, District Treasurer.



Officers of Lisburn District LOL No. 6 who attended a Wreath Laying ceremony at Lisburn War Memorial on Wednesday, 1st of July 2020. Included are the Worshipful District Master Bro. Stephen Law and the Deputy District Master Bro. Paul Graham.



Sixmilewater District LOL No.10 County Antrim attended the Ballyclare War Memorial Park for an Act of Remembrance Service. In attendance were the District Officers and WM's of each Lodge within the District and also the WDM of Sixmilewater District RAPC No.10.



Salters Grange LOL 36 pictured after their 12th of July Act of Remembrance. Included in the picture is the WM Bro. Andrew Wakenshaw.



Brethren from Cookstown True Blues LOL 459 recently met at the grave of Bro. John Burns who died 100 years ago as a result of wounds received while fighting during WWI. Brethren held a short Act of Remembrance, a very poignant and fitting reminder of the sacrifices made by our forefathers and in particular a fellow True Blue. Lest we forget.

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Bro. Anderson Jones recently celebrated his 91st birthday. Annahoe District Master Wor. Bro. Trevor Lockhart congratulated him on achieving 75 years in the Orange Institution.
Bro. Jones is a member of LOL No. 848 The Bawn and said he has enjoyed the fraternity of the Institution where he held a number of offices, including Worshipful Master.



Bro. James King, Larne LOL 844, pictured being presented his 50 Year membership Jewel by Bro. Iain Ross, Deputy District Master of Larne District LOL No. 1.

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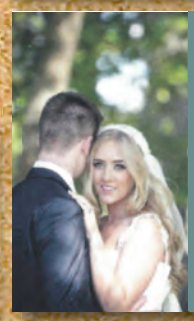
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ORANGE NEWS

Twelfth at Home well-being project

As we enter a recovery period in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, County Fermanagh Widows and Welfare Committee decided to provide some support to the widows and vulnerable members in the County. Isolation has been heightened due to Coronavirus, something that is concerning in terms of ten weeks or more of limited or non-existent social contact and the impact this has had on their emotional, mental and physical well-being.
It was felt important to look out for those who are lonely, afraid and vulnerable. Many of the widows and vulnerable members live alone, some have no family members close by and the Orange Institution is the closest 'family' that they have.
To that end the Widows & Welfare Committee recently secured some funding from the Community Foundation & Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, enabling them to distribute well-being packs. The packs contained gift vouchers and reading material in the form of a Good News magazine, booklets, other leaflets and a Support Agencies directory. In total circa 625 packs were distributed by Committee members in time for "The Twelfth at Home Celebrations 2020".



Pictured with the project organisers and some of the committee members receiving their gifts, are Mrs Joan Browne and Mrs Margaret McCutcheon (Clabby LOL 2024 Tempo District LOL No.16).



Whitewell Temperance presents cheque

On the 10th of July 2020 the Brethren of Whitewell Temperance LOL 533 met at the Cafe at the Museum for a coffee and to carry out Lodge business which would normally take place on Twelfth of July morning.
The Lodge took the opportunity to present a cheque for £350 to Wor. Bro. W. Parkinson, vice-chairperson of the Belfast Widows Fund. Brethren then moved to the Memorial Garden where they laid a wreath in remembrance of their 32 work colleagues murdered by terrorists and also thinking of their other colleagues who are living with the life-changing effects of terrorist attacks.



ORANGE NEWS



Cheque presentation at Larne

Wor. Bro. Roy Beggs, WDM, presented a cheque to representatives of Larne Foodbank on behalf of the Officers and members of Larne District LOL No. 1. Also present for the presentation were Bro. Iain Ross, DDM; and Bro. David Craig, District Secretary.





Fivemiletown District support for local primary schools



Ahead of the re-opening of schools across Northern Ireland, Fivemiletown District was on hand on to help a number of primary schools in their local area.
The Brethren of Fivemiletown District were delighted to have been able to provide a gift of hand sanitiser, face masks and other items of PPE to each of the four local primary schools: Augher Central; St Patrick's Aughadarragh; Carntall and St Macartan's Clogher.

