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Orange Family celebrates a successful '12th at Home'



Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson pictured enjoying the '12th at Home' celebrations in Co Tyrone.

Picture: Graham Baalham-Curry

The Twelfth of July 2020 will definitely go down as one to remember!

The Orange Institution pulled out all the stops in its effort to ensure the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was celebrated in great style.

Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson thanked everyone for playing their part in the successful celebrations.

He said: "We celebrated the occasion very differently this year with the 12th at Home and I am delighted to say it was a great success.

"We may not have had our traditional parades due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, but this will be regarded as a great day for the Orange Institution. Coronavirus didn't ruin our Twelfth – we adapted and celebrated it locally and at home."

He added: "I trust everyone had an enjoyable time and we look forward to a double celebration in 2021 with a return of our traditional Twelfth of July parades and the Northern Ireland Centenary celebrations."

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EDITORIAL

Well done to all for playing their part in a successful Twelfth

'A Twelfth of July like no other'. That was the much-used phrase across the media as reporters and camera crews found themselves faced with the challenge of covering Twelfth celebrations the like of which they had never seen before.

With no Orange Order parades, it was garden parties, barbecues, tractors-runs, banner displays, drive-in church services and of course, Radio Boyne.

The TV coverage saw reporters at the side of the road - not for parades but covering tractor-runs. They were in the field - not the demonstration field but playing fields used to host drive-in church services.

The Orange Family went above and beyond in its efforts to mark the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

Just a few short weeks ago it seemed any kind of celebration would have proved impossible. However, the gradual easing of restrictions by the Northern Ireland Executive gave scope for small gatherings.

Banners were displayed at Orange Halls and key local landmarks right across the jurisdiction of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

Brethren carried banners up mountains, they cycled the route of their traditional Twelfth parade, they played lambeg drums, pipes, flutes and accordions. Providing a fitting background to many people's celebrations was Radio Boyne.



Supported by the introduction of the Orange Order mobile app, Radio Boyne broadcast for four days presented by Grand Lodge Outreach Officer Bro. David Scott. Judging by the many positive comments received, this was very much a worthwhile project that was well received not just locally but around the world.

A special word of thanks goes to all members of the Orange Family who took the time to engage with the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland over the Twelfth of July period.

Through our Facebook, Twitter and the new mobile app, we received hundreds of pictures of people enjoying the 'Twelfth at Home', messages of support and best wishes from around the world.

It may have been a Twelfth like no other, but the Orange Family pulled out all the stops to ensure the day was celebrated in style.

For now, we must continue with our good works where needed, and remember the responsibility we all bear when it comes to adhering to the guidance which will help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Orange Halls to re-open

Recent easing of the Covid-19 restrictions has allowed for the re-opening for Orange Halls.

This is good news and will be welcomed by all who use the facilities.

However it must be remembered that Covid-19 is still active and steps should be taken to maintain social distancing and other safety measures.

Grand Lodge will be circulating guidelines to all secretaries advising of the procedures that must be followed to allow lodge meetings to be held.

GOLI takes action against negative view of Institution online

Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has taken the first steps to challenge an article carried on the rt.com website relating to the Twelfth of July celebrations in Northern Ireland.

Grand Secretary Rev. Mervyn Gibson (pictured) has written to rt.com, which is the website of Russia Today, to highlight the Institution's serious concern at several significant inaccuracies within the article.

Issue is also being taken with the presence of an undated photograph used to illustrate the piece.

Appearing in the Op-Ed section of the website, under the headline 'Why are Northern Ireland's reckless Orange Walks endangering the lives of thousands of people in a pandemic?' the article, written by Chris Sweeney, takes a tone which suggests the Orange Order has been irresponsible in its approach to Covid-19.

This flies in the face of the high level of support the Institution has received in recent weeks and months for the work of its membership in helping all members of their communities, and the decision taken to cancel all parades and meetings.

The correspondance to rt.com explains that the opinion article contains several factual inaccuracies.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland cancelled all parades and meetings held under its jurisdiction on 24 March 2020, a policy which remains in place to this day.

As an alternative the 'Twelfth at Home' initiative was launched, as members and supporters were encouraged to celebrate at home, and a number of online and other resources were made available to stimulate this initiative.

A number of prominent individuals, including the



First Minister of Northern Ireland Arlene Foster MLA, the Health Minister Robin Swann MLA and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Brandon Lewis MP have publicly welcomed the 'Twelfth at Home' initiative and the leadership shown by the Loyal Orange Institution on this issue.

Three key inaccurancies raised are as follows:

'Why are Northern Ireland's reckless Orange Walks endangering the lives of thousands of people in a pandemic?'

Orange parades have been cancelled since 24 March 2020. This decision was taken specifically to protect the public during the pandemic.

The Main Image: 'Orange lodges marching in east Belfast to mark the Battle of the Somme'.

The use of an undated image of an Orange parade from more than a year before the Covid-19 pandemic, risks implying that this parade took place during the current lockdown restrictions. This is not the case.

This year's Battle of the Somme commemoration parade in Belfast on 1st July was cancelled as per the 24 March communication.

'First up is the Grove Pipe Band, who'll set off at 2PM from Kurin Road in Garvagh for a two-hour procession. The marches (known as Orange Walks) are a significant part of the culture in the country, and also parts of Scotland. Some of the participants, known as Orangemen, wear white gloves and black bowler hats.'

A number of bands, in compliance with Government regulations and current restrictions at that time, participated in small-scale parades in streets and local areas in support of the spirit of the 'Twelfth at Home' initiative. In many cases this involved bringing the music to the public, at a safe distance so that supporters could see and hear the parade from the safety of their own property or doorstep. This had the positive effect of preventing the public from travelling, mixing with others and congregating in particular areas. Parades organised by bands are not considered 'Orange walks' or 'Orange parades' as they are not organised by the Orange Institution. The use of the term 'Orange walk' may imply that a parade is organised by an Orange Lodge.

Furthermore, no contact was made with the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland seeking input or offering a right of reply.

At the time the article appeared - Friday, 11th of July - the Grand Lodge website and social media channels had been carrying the 'Twelfth at Home' messages for many weeks but it is not mentioned within the article.

At this time of year the Orange Order is regularly a topic for columnists and this is often in a less than flattering light. As columnists write under the cover of opinion, which is fine, there is little choice but to accept it and move on. It is their view and they are entitled to express it. However, where there are factual inaccurancies these must and will be challenged as strongly as possible.

Complaint raised with Google

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has formally reported an image which is currently displaying on the internet when the term 'Orange Order' is entered into the Google search facility.

The photograph, which appears on randompublicjournal.com, has been crudely doctored with an Orangeman being superimposed in front of a white supremacist flag.

This is clearly designed to dicredit the Orange Institution and display its membership in a very negative light.

The matter has been raised directly with Google through the available reporting channels and is currently being processed.

ORANGE NEWS

Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson



Bands played key role in a successful Twelfth

In recent days I have written a letter to all members of the Orange Institution thanking them for their support over recent weeks - especially the Twelfth of July.
It is my firm belief that the '12th at Home' celebrations were a great success. That view was confirmed after hearing of the great lengths many within the Orange Family went to, to ensure the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was memorably marked.
I have enjoyed hearing about the celebrations you held in your homes.
To all the lodges who brought out their banners, the bands who brought musical entertainment to our doors, to everyone who took part in the day, I say 'thank you'.
Indeed, the bands community really complemented our '12th at Home' initiative.
I had the pleasure of visiting Brethren and members of the Orange Family at a number of Orange Halls in Co Tyrone and was greatly encouraged by the positive way they chose to met a very difficult situation.
I was also pleased to see a strong turnout of Brethren, members of the Association of Orangewomen of Ireland and their families at the drive-in church services which were held by many Districts and Lodges.
Our Institution is founded on strong Christian principles and it is of the greatest importance that we remember this and practice them in our daily lives.
Radio Boyne was an ambitious project but I'm sure I speak for the vast majority of people when I say it too was a success.
On behalf of the membership, I offer thanks to everyone who played their part in the success of Radio Boyne.
After a few weeks rest, it is only natural that our attention turns to the future.
We have had some positive news about the opening of our Orange Halls.
We have been seeing regular easing of the Covid-19 restrictions and it was very good to hear that Orange Halls were permitted to reopen from Friday, 24th of July, under certain guidelines.
I know from speaking to many of you that Lodge meetings are something that has been greatly missed during the Covid-19 pandemic.
Lodge meetings are important, not just for the functioning of lodge business, but for the social outlet they provide to many.
As we look further ahead, 2021 is a year with plenty to look forward to.
We trust that Covid-19 will be under control to the extent that our parades can return and the 331st Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne can be celebrated with the parades we enjoy so much.
Of course, 2021 also sees Northern Ireland reach its centenary and we look forward with much anticipation to great celebration for this important anniversary.
In closing, I wish you all well for the rest of the summer.

'12th At Home' really was one to remember!

By Deputy Grand Master Wor. Bro. Harold Henning



Congratulations everyone on what was a brilliant '12th at Home'.
When the Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson asked me to oversee the '12th at Home' celebrations I was excited, but also slightly uncertain of what exactly it would involve.
Now, when I look back, I can't help but be amazed by the efforts so many within our great Institution put in to making sure the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was celebrated appropriately.
For me personally, the Twelfth was a whirlwind of events.
I visited the Boyne and brought back a drum of Boyne Water which I poured at the gates of the Mourne District's field which was used for their special Twelfth drive-in service. This ensured all those who drove out after the service crossed the Boyne!
I climbed to the top of a mountain! Perhaps not something I'd do every Twelfth, but I certainly enjoyed Brethren from Legananny LOL 1455 and the Rathfriland District as they climbed to the top of Slieve Croob in Dromara with their banner.
To hear the sounds of the fife and Lambeg drum as we looked across Co Down and wonderful scenary of the Mourne Mountains is something I won't forget.
I was delighted with the success of Radio Boyne.
A big project, there's no doubt about that, but a great success.
I really enjoyed tuning in for the mix of traditional Orange music, history, feature interviews.
It is great that many of the programmes are now available on the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland website as a lasting legacy of this project.
We broke new ground for the Orange Institution over the Twelfth with the launch of our first ever mobile app.
Initially the app was been designed to complement Radio Boyne, however we are now exploring ways for broader development of the platform going forward.
I trust you all enjoyed your '12th at Home' and thank you all for your support and assistance over the past few weeks.

Grand Mistress Sister Joan Beggs

This Twelfth had something for everyone



As we reflect on the Twelfth celebrations of 2020, I would just like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone at Schomberg House for the imagination and thought that went into the planning and execution of the 12th at home programme.
There was something for everyone and we learnt about Orange history, culture and heard music associated with the marching season at home or in our gardens. This gave us something to focus on as we all missed our usual Twelfth day celebrations.
It was good to see many of the Brethren still put the arches and bunting up throughout the province and local communities joined in their areas with plenty of novel ways to celebrate which will be remembered for years to come. The bandsmen and women also helped out by parading around their own areas where families were able to see and hear them from their homes and gardens.
Brethren and Sisters, representing their Lodges, laid their wreaths at Cenotaphs or other appropriate places with dignity, decorum and social distancing.
I felt privileged to be able to lay a wreath on behalf of the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland in Dungannon on the morning of the 1st of July. As always this was a humbling experience as we remember those who fought and died for our freedom.
Instead of the pre-Twelfth Sunday parades and services held there were drive-in services in a lot of areas and it was good to be able to go along and feel a part of everything even though it was different. We diversified and managed to do something to remember our Christianity amongst the celebration of our culture.
There was a great spirit of goodwill and making the best of it and everyone got involved in the planned celebrations.
My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to all who have lost loved ones during these trying times and I trust we are on our way out of this current crisis and will soon be able to resume our lives in the new normality we find ourselves in.

ORANGE NEWS

Secretary of State commends Institution for its contribution during Coronavirus pandemic

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis MP, has commened the Orange Institution for its work in helping in the fight against Covid-19.
Speaking on Radio Boyne to mark this year's Twelfth at Home, Secretary of State Brandon Lewis, said: "The Covid-19 pandemic has been unprecedented and I would like to take this opportunity to thank and commend the senior officers of the Orange Institution for their influence and ingenuity during this ongoing public health emergency. I was pleased to convey this personally to the Grand Master last week, when I met with the Grand Lodge officers in Belfast.
"Your '12th At Home' initiative is to be applauded - encouraging members and supporters to celebrate with family and friends, while complying with government guidance and public health advice is something I fully support.
"Your organisation, along with the other Loyal Orders, has been at the fore across Northern Ireland, and border counties in the Republic, in assisting the fantastic overall community response to the crisis.
"I'm aware of the remarkable efforts of individual lodges and members who have been providing PPE, delivering food hampers and other provisions to the elderly and vulnerable, and providing care packs and other medical equipment to health workers and facilities. This effort exemplifies your organisation's Christian outreach.
"And let us not forget all those Orangemen and women who have been among those working in key roles professionally on the front line during the fight against Covid-19. The worst of times has brought out the very best of Orangeism.
"This year, no public manifestations of your culture and heritage may feel surreal and difficult to comprehend. However, through the airwaves of this radio station and the range of many activities organised by Grand Lodge, you can all play a part to make 2020 a Twelfth to remember and one which is safe for the entire community.
"If circumstances had been different, l could have been attending a Twelfth parade in Northern Ireland today. Hopefully, next year as Northern Ireland marks its centenary, I will be able to join with you. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy your day and the celebrations, and equally importantly, act responsibly and stay safe. Thank you."

Our culture and traditions thrive

This year's Twelfth of July may not have been marked by the usual parades and pageantry but its success was a timely reminder that our cherished culture and traditions can endure even the most serious of threats.
We can look back with nostalgia to World War Two when lodges opened up Orange halls to shelter refugees of the Blitz and families found new ways of celebrating by flying flags and displaying Orange lilies on their doorsteps. Many of the traditions forged then are still with us today.
Whether it be a charity tractor run in Fivemiletown, a make-your own arch competition in Markethill or districts coordinating the delivery of vital food and supplies to the vulnerable, it is clear that the spirit of community and ingenuity that sustained our fathers and grandfathers remains lives on.
During Covid-19 families, businesses and households were asked to make difficult sacrifices in order to keep themselves and their neighbours safe. It was essential that leaders of all strands of public and civic life recognised their role in setting the tone.
I therefore commend the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Royal Black Institution for their stewardship throughout this period. At a time when the irresponsible actions of some others put narrow political allegiances ahead of public health it was this leadership and restraint that helped maintain the hard-fought gains in tackling the virus.



The '12th at Home' programme was a great outreach and offered something for everyone – crafts and colouring for children and young people, recipes for your 11th night barbeque, the pop-up 'Radio Boyne', online services, vibrant displays in our towns and villages and drive-in services. These events and resources were enjoyed by families in every corner of Northern Ireland as well as further afield and credit must go to the organisers.
Of course, we would have much preferred to spend the day with our friends and neighbours. I for one missed the visit of my sister and brother-in-law who regularly travel from England to the celebrations. However I am always mindful that with every challenge comes opportunity. 2020 has offered an unlikely platform to build bridges, connect in different ways with new audiences and educate more people in our community about the history of Orangeism and our unionist identity. I believe we should harness this progress and experience moving forward. Learning from the example of our forefathers let the legacy of Covid-19 prove once more that through adversity our culture and traditions strengthen and thrive.
I extend to all Officers and Brethren my best wishes and hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

First Minister of Northern Ireland and Leader of the DUP Arlene Foster MLA

Institution provided tremendous leadership

Many eyes were on the Unionist community on the Twelfth, ready to grasp any real or perceived breach of the regulations.
The reality is that they were left scrabbling around desperate to find something to complain about as the vast, vast majority heeded the Orange advice to have a Twelfth at home and celebrate responsibly.
The Institution has provided tremendous leadership on this and I am delighted that the Unionist community has responded so well. Cancelling what is unquestionably one of the largest cultural events in Europe and foregoing generations of tradition was a big sacrifice which deserves much wider recognition than it has received to date and stands in stark contrast to the actions of others in recent days. While Stormont can no longer even give press conferences about the pandemic because the joint head of government blatantly broke her own guidance to honour a terrorist, there is no need for any Orange leaders to go into hiding. Orangeism rose to the challenge in 2020.



While some in the media seem loath to acknowledge this I note that it was recognised by the PSNI. It has also been noted and appreciated by people across Northern Ireland. Having made this sacrifice for the public good, we can look forward to celebrating in style in 2021 as we mark the centenary of Northern Ireland.
TUV Leader Jim Allister MLA

12th at Home celebrations were a major success

As predicted beforehand, this year did indeed see a Twelfth like no other due to the Order's decision not to hold parades and demonstrations in 2020 motivated by its desire to show leadership and play its part in helping prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.
A number of initiatives were forthcoming as part of the four day "Twelfth at Home 2020" celebration, which was a major success, not least 'Radio Boyne.'
The media coverage of the Orange Order's role was positive and the Twelfth was marked by light-hearted events such as tractor runs, plus more formal ones like drive-in prayer services at a number of locations, and of course the traditional wreath laying took place at Belfast City Hall and other venues, all the while observing social distancing.
The responsible leadership shown by the Orange Institution was in stark contrast to the behaviour of a certain political party which shamefully brought large crowds onto the streets of Belfast for a funeral, in open defiance of the health regulations and with no regard for public safety.
One BBC programme caught my eye, broadcast on the Twelfth itself. It was a compilation of previous footage and highlighted a number of key aspects of Orangeism, including the Battle of the Diamond and Dan Winter's Cottage alongside some fascinating old footage of Twelfth's gone by.



I have often thought that there is an important job of work to be done to explain the history of Orangeism, including the wider European context in which the Battle of the Boyne took place, the landing of William in Carrickfergus, the route to the Boyne, the Battle itself and how the Order was formed and developed. Perhaps this is something the Order could explore in conjunction with the BBC because it is a story well worth telling and a history worth remembering.
The Twelfth 2020 was a unique experience, and if we all play our part to help ensure public safety, I have no doubt that we will all be able to make up for it next year in 2021, when we will also be celebrating Northern Ireland's 100th birthday.

Ulster Unionist Party Leader Steve Aiken OBE MLA

ORANGE NEWS

Attacks on Orange property continue

The continued attacks on Orange property have shown little sign of stopping - even during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Despite the world facing a global health crisis, for some, targeting the halls and property of the Orange Institution remains high on their agenda.

Over the Twelfth of July period a number of halls saw damage to bunting and other decorations displayed for the celebrations.

Three flags were "ripped down" from Killyglen Orange Hall, outside Larne, on Sunday, 12th of July.

Guttering at the rural premises was also damaged.

The incident has been condemned by Lodge Secretary and Larne Lough DUP Councillor Gregg McKeen who described it as a "hate crime against the Orange community and a ploy to try to raise tensions with the community".

The incident is believed to have occurred during the early hours of the morning.

Bro. McKeen believes that it is linked to another incident at Cairncastle Orange Hall. He said: "I believe both are linked and are someone's attempt to increase tension and cause offence in this area."

Bunting was erected at Cairncastle Orange Hall (pictured) on the 12th of July evening, after the District's drive-in service for the 13th morning, when the lodge was holding an Act of Remembrance.

When members arrived at the hall they discovered the bunting had been ripped down under cover of darkness.

Commenting on the incident, WM Bro. Trevor Acheson said: "We quickly repaired this and put more up along with some flags at the Orange Hall."

In Co Down, the Union flag was cut from a flagpole at Ballygowan Orange Hall, near Hillsborough, on Saturday, 25th of July.

This is the third such incident to happen at the hall.

These incidents were reported to the PSNI as hate crimes.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland keeps a database of attacks on halls that it is notified of.

During the Covid-19 pandemic there have been a number of instances of graffiti on halls, flags stolen or damaged, attempted break-ins, and a building in the grounds of one hall was destroyed in an arson attack.



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ORANGE NEWS

Storey funeral showed Republican arrogance and disregard for others

At the funeral of convicted Republican terrorist Bobby Storey we witnessed an example of a total disregard for the health of the people of Northern Ireland. Sadly, this is something we also experienced from Republicanism throughout the 'Troubles' when they murdered and terrorised communities indiscriminately.

We should not be surprised with such arrogance from Sinn Fein, as their name 'Ourselves Alone' reflects their mindset – we only care about what we want and what's good for us, which leads to we will do what we want when we want.

The funeral was organised by 'Sinn Fein' and the blame for the breaking of the regulation's rests with them. However, there are many questions that need answered about those who conspired with them; resulting in the show of strength and special status being given to this funeral that saw the breaking of existing Covid-19 regulations. Exceptions that caused hurt across all communities, particularly with the thousands of people who had obeyed the regulations for the sake of everyone's health

In next month's Orange Standard we will report on the 'investigations' into the breaking of the regulations. The people of Northern Ireland need and deserve answers to the many questions arising from the funeral of Bobby Storey.



Congratulations to Bro. Leslie Campbell (pictured centre) of Brunswick LOL 1702 in Annalong and his new wife Naomi.
Leslie is pictured here with his father Stanley and brother Christopher - also both LOL 1702 members.
Despite the current restrictions, the wedding celebrations had a strong Orange influence as the bride's father is Cllr Harold McKee of Kilkeel True Blues LOL 1034!

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Muckamore Diamond LOL 1422 presented a cheque to Antrim Food bank as part of the Orange Instituitions support to local organisations during this Covid-19 Pandemic. Worshipful Master Bro. Paul Jackson explained that with many families facing financial difficulties at this time either through redundancy or reduced incomes by being placed on furlough, it was decided by Lodge members to make a donation to the local food bank who play such a vital role in supporting local families from across the community at this time.

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ORANGE NEWS

Ballyrashane LOL 431 purchases defibrillator



The members of Ballyrashane LOL 431, from outside Coleraine, have been working hard since the Covid-19 pandemic hit the country.
They have been providing assistance and looking out for those who are in need across the local community.
Bro. Mervyn Tosh, Deputy Master, is pictured with the defibrillator that was recently installed outside Ballyrashane's newly refurbished War Memorial Orange Hall.
The defibrillator is for the use of the local community, however, it is the Lodge's hope that it is never needed!
Also pictured is Bro. Mervyn Tosh, D.M; along with Wor. Bro. Norman Rainey, PM; and Wor. Bro. Henry McCurdy, PM, with a small selection of food packages that the lodge has been distributing to residents in their community.
Wor. Bro. Henry McCurdy PM and Wor. Bro Norman Rainey PM are also pictured making a donation of much-needed PPE to Brookmount Nursing home in Coleraine.
The local band and Lodge usually stop by this home to play the residents a hymn on their way to meet the district lodge on the Twelfth morning.
As this obviously this couldn't happen this year, members felt a small donation was in order.





Community Funding now available

The Orange Family has been to the forefront of the efforts to combat Covid-19 and played a key role in many areas through the provision of food parcels, hot meals and other support initiatives.
As people begin to return to work and shops and businesses reopen, the focus is changing.

To assist with this The Community Foundation has announced details of the New Needs Fund, which is available to help organisations and communities to address new needs appearing as a result of the Coronavirus and to find new ways of meeting existing needs.

Up to £15,000 is available to support communities to build back and recover from Covid-19.
Full details of what type of projects may be eligible for support along with other relevant information can be found at community-foundationni.org/grants/the-new-need-fund/

Details of Small Capital Grants Programme

Co-operation Ireland has been appointed by the Department for Communities (DfC) as the Intermediary Funding Body for the 2020/21 Small Capital Grants Programme for Northern Ireland.
The purpose of this Programme is to promote Partnership and Collaboration among Voluntary and Community organisations.

As such the amount of grant available to applicants will be dependent on the number of partners included on an application:
2 partner groups = can apply for £1,500
3 - 4 partner groups = can apply for up to £3,500
5+ partner groups = can apply for up to maximum £5,000
To be eligible for grant assistance organisations must:
❑ be constituted voluntary /community sector organisations located in Northern Ireland
❑ have an annual income of less than £100,000 per year.
This grant is only eligible for expenditure on capital items and groups must be able to incur the expenditure before 31 March 2021.
Completed applications should be emailed to smallcapitalgrants@cooperationireland.org, and must be received by 5.00 pm on Friday 14th August 2020.
Application forms and guidance notes can downloaded via the website www.cooperationireland.org/small-capital-grants-programme

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Radio Boyne hits the right notes with listeners around the world

When it was confirmed that Twelfth of July parades would not be taking place in 2020, it was clear something had to be done as a focal point for celebrations that could take place within the limitations imposed by the Covid-19 restrictions.
Within the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland there was a strong opinion that the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne should not pass without suitable recognition.
After a number of brain-storming meetings the '12th at Home' initiative was formed along with a broad outline of what would be offered.
However, it was felt that something was needed that could bring together the strands of our Orange history and heritage, our musical culture and our Christian faith.
From this came Radio Boyne.
Chief Executive Iain Carlisle explains: "This year has been an extraordinary one for us all. Despite the loss of our traditional large scale parades we knew that in order to maintain a degree of relevance and visibility over these past months, the messages coming out of the Institution had to be clear, relevant and professionally presented.
"We've recently revamped our websites and our social media audience continues to grow significantly - so adding a digital radio broadcast seemed a good fit for the Institution at this time. Radio Boyne involved a lot of work by a number of staff members in a relatively short period of time as well as external technical support, but I'm pleased to say that the end product was very well received by our listeners and that we've had some great feedback since the broadcast.
"Society today, especially younger generations, have come to expect frequent or indeed constant information delivered to tablets, phones or even watches. The creation of a new Orange Order App has been another significant development which allowed the many thousands who downloaded it to listen to Radio Boyne but also receive up to date messages and updates."
He added: "The App will continue form part of our integrated communication approach in the future for a range of projects."
The man tasked with presenting Radio Boyne is no stranger to the microphone.
Bro. David Scott, Grand Lodge's Outreach Officer, is known to many within the Institution, particularly due to his role with the annual Orange Community Awards.
With some experience of community radio, he was tasked with presenting Radio Boyne.
Like all other members of the Orange Order, David felt the disappointment of not having a Twelfth parade.
However, Radio Boyne certainly filled the time usually spent playing with Drumlough Pipe Band on the Twelfth.
David explained: "The Boyne Radio experience was something else! My job with Grand Lodge allows me to regularly engage with not only the membership of the Orange Order, but with many schools and community groups across the island of Ireland.
"However, as soon as I put on the headphones, little did I think I would be broadcasting to and engaging with listeners around the globe. Reading messages from Scotland, England, Wales, Kansas, USA, Cyprus, Northern France and New Zealand, it really did bring the story of Global Orangeism to life.
"It was an honour and a privilege to be given the responsibility of being the 'voice' of Radio Boyne for the Twelfth at Home 2020. It was a huge responsibility and I realised the enormity of the project but there was a huge 'buzz' knowing that I was helping create a bit of history and had an opportunity to make it year and a Twelfth to remember.
"I imagine I will probably not fully appreciate until at a later time in life, when I'll sit back and realise what I have actually been a part of and have done.
"A bit like being one of the event organisers for the Covenant Parade 2012 and the Royal Visit to Sloan's House in 2016, it was actually a few years after when I realised I was part of very significant events in the history of Orangeism and indeed Northern Ireland."
Radio Boyne did indeed attract a global following, with many messages received in the following days congratulating the Institution on the success of project.
Many people were involved in Radio Boyne and the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland would like to thank to everyone who recorded programmes, took part in interviews and supported this project in many different ways.
You can listen to some of the shows from Radio Boyne through the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland website - www.goli.org.uk/radioboyne



Deputy Grand Master Wor. Bro. Harold Henning pictured with Outreach Officer Bro. David Scott during the Radio Boyne broadcasts which formed a key part of the '12th at Home' celebrations.

Grand Lodge officers hold meeting with Secretary of State



Grand Master Edward Stevenson led senior officers to a meeting with Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis MP at Stormont House recently.
Also taking part in the meeting were Deputy Grand Master Bro. Harold Henning; Grand Secretary Rev. Mervyn Gibson and Assistant Grand Master Bro. Stuart Brooker.
The meeting was described as positive, with Grand Lodge officers raising a number of key issues such Legacy matters, developments surrounding Brexit protocols and plans for 2021 and the Centenary of Northern Ireland.



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Grand Master visits Brethren in Fintona District to celebrate the Twelfth of July

Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson called with Brethren at a number of lodges in Fintona District. Bro. Stevenson visited the halls and wished the Brethren well as they celebrated this very different Twelfth of July.













The Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson, pictured with Newtownstewart W.D.M. W. Bro. David Dunbar and sons Bro. David Stevenson, District Lecturer and Bro. Jonathan Stevenson, District Lay Chaplain, at the Mourne Valley Boyne Anniversary Tractor Run. It was a really family day as we have a picture of three generations together in Newtownstewart.





County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast Officers pictured laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in Belfast. Pictures: Graham Baalham-Curry

County Grand Lodge of Belfast marks the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne

The County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast held its annual Act of Remembrance at Belfast City Hall Cenotaph on Monday, 13th of July.

The service was led by County Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Rev. Mervyn Gibson and accompanied by Millar Memorial Flute Band.

Rev. Gibson welcomed Brethren to the service before giving a short address, which reflected on the current Covid-19 crisis and also challenges of times gone by.

He said: "The headline on the front of the Belfast Telegraph reads 'It's the Strangest Twelfth Ever.' No, not this morning's headline, that was the headline 50 years ago on 13th of July 1970.

"Fifty years ago today the 12th was also celebrated on Monday 13th. The headline was not referring to an earlier health lockdown. The front-page article went on to explain it was the strangest Twelfth ever because it was the most massive peacetime security operation in the United Kingdom.

"The start of what we refer to as the Troubles made it a special Twelfth, the terrorism that evolved was to see thousands murdered across our Province, not least the 339 members of the Orange Institution.

"Fifty years later, this year it is another special Twelfth, because of another form of terror – the Coronavirus.

"This Cenotaph reminds us of the many battles our kith and kin fought for our freedoms. This year the battle is with the bug. May this generation do all we can to defeat Covid-19 and obey the regulations as we do today.

"Traditionally we parade here - today we simple gather to remember those from this great city of Belfast who served crown and country in various wars and conflicts around the world.

"In our remembrance we give thanks for the NHS and all those who have and continue to serve on the frontline, remembering also all those families who have been bereaved by Covid-19."

Platform proceedings from the County Grand Lodge of Belfast, introduced by Deputy County Grand Master, Wor. Bro. William Mawhinney, were recorded at Barnett's Park. This included a virtual message from Rt. Wor. Bro. Edward McGonnell, County Grand Master of the County Grand Orange Lodge of Glasgow. Music was again provided by Millar Memorial Flute Band.

Recordings of both events are available to watch on the Belfast County Facebook page, as is a special virtual Twelfth.



County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast Grand Chaplain Rev. Mervyn Gibson leads the Service in Belfast.











The Landau arrives at Hawthorn House Care Home in East Belfast.



Residents enjoyed the day.



Ballyhackamore Star of the North flute band, alongside Ballyhackamore Star of the North LOL 1053 visited nursing home residents in East Belfast.

Historic Landau on display in East Belfast

As part of the Twelfth of July celebrations in East Belfast, members of LOL 1053 Star of the North brought a bit of history out on display.

In 1904 Ballymacarrett District LOL No 6 had acquired a Landau. This was, of course, at a time when no cars would have taken part in any parades, so horses and horse drawn carriages were widely used.

The Landau was in storage for a number of years before being gifted to the City of Belfast Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber used the Landau for the Belfast Lord Mayors parade annually up to the late 1990s.

The Landau still continued to be used on the Twelfth for many years during this time until late 1980s/early 1990s. The Landau was fully preserved by members from LOL 1053 Star of the North, Ballyhackamore.

The key message is that the Landau is still standing and in brilliant condition and will continue to remain part of the East Belfast Orange history in general, but the 'Hack' lodge in particular.

The stunning Landau carriage and horses visited two nursing homes in East Belfast as part of the Twelfth at Home celebrations accompanied by Star of the North Flute Band.



Fiona Martin, Hawthorn House Care Home receiving flowers from Paul McMichael, Treasurer LOL 1053.

Pictures: Graham Baalham-Curry

Brethren share Union Jack food parcels throughout community







Orange Brethren in East Belfast handed out 400 Union Flag food boxes throughout their community as part of the 12th at Home celebrations. The gesture was very well received as you can see in the pictures above as Bro. Brian McKee, LOL 1980, speaks with residents. Pictures: Graham Baalham-Curry.





Bloomfield Brethren enjoy a different Twelfth walk

Members of Bloomfield Temperance LOL 490 celebrated the victory at the Boyne in a very different way this year.

On the 13th of July, the lodge members met at Knocknagoney Park, as close to County Down as they could possibly get.

This is significant as the first LOL 490 Warrant was issued in 1891 in Co Down. Brethren then headed off on the footpath to the Holywood Arches, close to where their original Orange Hall stood.

Brethren then made their way to the McCurrie/Neill Memorial Garden on the Newtownards Road to lay a wreath. Finally, Brethren made their way to Ballymacarrett Orange Hall.

Government restrictions were observed at all times, but the Brethren still enjoyed getting together again after lockdown.





Belfast Harbour LOL 1883





Members of Belfast Harbour LOL 1883, Belfast District No.1, on 13th July celebrating 12th at Home by visiting Brothers Arthur McCracken and Henry Briscoe. Brothers McCracken and Briscoe are both recovering from ill health and have over 110 years service to the lodge between them. They were delighted to receive a visit from their Brethren.

Leitrim Brethren visit key sites for Twelfth





As Leitrim County couldn't meet or parade in Enniskillen with the County Fermanagh Brethren, it was decided to mark the 2020 Twelfth of July by visiting each place name on their banner. CGM Bro. Joey Morton went to Enniskillen Castle; DCGM Bro. Elvis Curran organised the social distancing at the photo of both lodges of the county; County Grand Secretary Bro. David Morton went to the Aughrim Battle Site; PCGM Bro. Robert Mitchell visited the Walls of Derry, and Bro. Tony Watson was pictured on the Banks of the Boyne.







The Orange Family in Co. Monaghan celebrates





Members of the Orange Family in Co Monaghan gathered to celebrate the Twelfth of July.

Below: Members of Duminan LOL No. 193 accompanied by their flute band.

Left: Doohat LOL No. 264 and their accordion band.

Bottom Left: Drum Accordion band.









Lodges in Clogher Valley mark 2020 Twelfth of July

Bro. Trevor Lockhart, County Grand Secretary-of County Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge, visited a number of lodges in the Annahoe and Fivemile-town Districts as they marked the Twelfth of July.
Bro. Lockhart presented the lodges with a certificate to mark the occasion.

























Tractors gathering at Glenageeragh Hall.



Members of Augher Lodge who turned out to greet the tractors.



Tractors setting out on their Journey around the Valley.

Tractor run in Clogher Valley

The 2020 Twelfth in the Clogher Valley was certainly unique and one which will live long in the memory. While conscious of the need to conduct the celebrations in a manner that did not increase the risk of the spread of Coronavirus, the District was determined that the 330th Anniversary would not go by unmarked.

A Drive-in Orange Service was held on Sunday the 12th July, at the Mart Car Park Clogher. The attendance was excellent with close to 100 cars in attendance and a tremendous offering of £900 taken up for the Co Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge Fund for key health workers. The speaker was the District Chaplain the Rev Raymond Robinson.

On Monday the 13th, members, friends and families were encouraged to mark the day with the focus being very much a 'Twelfth at Home'. The District ran a photo competition with people encouraged to submit photographs of their Twelfth at Home. The categories were A Twelfth Breakfast, Dressed for the Day, and An Evening Tea/barbecue.

The main event of the weekend was a Tractor Run which commenced at Glenageeragh Orange Hall, and proceeded through the villages of Augher, Clogher and Fivemiletown, passing all nine Orange Halls in the District in the course of its 17-mile journey. With over 60 tractors taking part it proved to be a spectacular sight as tractors decorated with bunting and flags passed through the Clogher Valley. Tractor also carried flags and banners in support of the NHS. The event drew considerable interest with both BBC and UTV making a rare visit to the Valley for the Twelfth.

The Orangemen of the nine lodges in the District also marked the occasion by taking their banners to the highest point in the District, namely, Knockmany Hill. A video proved to be a hit on social media, with over 16,000 views on Twitter. To view the footage twitter.com/FMTDistOrange/status/1282098891849175040



Members of Murley Silver Band who provided some music as the tractors passed by.



David Mulligan (Glenageeragh Lodge) with his superb tractor and banner display.



Jackie Haslett (Fardross Lodge) with one of the oldest Tractors on display.











Comber District puts banners on display

To commemorate the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, the Lodges of Comber District Loyal Orange Lodge accompanied by the Worshipful District Master, Deputy District Master, District Offers and the County Grand Master and Deputy Grand Masters met briefly in Comber Square at noon where the Lodge Banners were unfurled to mark the day.

Darren Black, District Master, Comber District LOL No 15; Sam Walker, County Grand Master of County Down; Stephen Harris, Deputy District Master, Comber District LOL No 15; (rear) Alan Stewart, District Standard Bearer. Pictures: Graham Baalham-Curry













Lambeg drums signal start of 12th at Home celebrations in Hillsborough

As part of their 12th of July celebrations, Hillsborough District LOL No. 19 had lambeg drummers playing at three venues in the town – the Castle, the War Memorial and the Orange Hall.
The District also held a Drive in Church service at Hillsborough Free Presbyterian Church. Officers were delighted to see the car park near capacity and thanked Rev. Ian Kenny and Grand Chaplin Rev. Dr. Ron Johnston for conducting the service. Also Stephen and Nigel Burrows, from Drumlough Pipe Band, for leading Brethren in hymns.



Bro. Marc Cairns, Worshipful District Master, Hillsborough District LOL No. 19; with Stephen Walker, LOL 602; Gary Hull, LOL 792; Stewart Walker, LOL 602; and Warren Currie, Deputy District Master, Hillsborough District LOL No. 19, at Hillsborough Castle gates.

Pictures: Graham Baalham-Curry







Reece Houston, JLOL 55.





Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots



Lambeg drummers pictured with District Officers and Brethren at the War Memorial in Hillsborough.

Brethren of Legananny LOL 1455 climb a mountain to celebrate the Twelfth in style

Members of the Orange Family found many different ways to celebrate the Twelfth of July this year. Legananny LOL 1455 took it to a whole new level as they climbed Slieve Croob in County Down.

The occasion was even broadcast live on Radio Boyne with Bro. Robert Irvine, a member of Legananny Accordion Band, playing 'The Sash' - not many can say they've played an accordion at the top of a mountain, surely?

Bro. Harry Baxter, Legananny LOL No. 1455, welcomed his fellow Brethren and friends to the beautiful setting of Slieve Croob with views over Co Down for what was an important part of the lodge's rather unusual Twelfth celebrations.

The Legananny Brethren were joined by Worshipful Bro. Harold Henning, (left), Deputy Grand Master and Worshipful Bro. Joseph Moorhead, Worshipful District Master of Rathfriland District, as well as a number of family and friends.

There was further traditional music of Lambeg Drum and Fife, which were played by Norman Kennedy and David Houston.



Brethren of Legananny LOL No.1455, celebrate the annual 12th July, with Right Worshipful Bro. Harold Henning, (left) Deputy Grand Master and Worshipful Bro. Joseph Moorhead, (front right), Worshipful District Master, Rathfriland LOL No. 3 District, at the summit of Slieve Croob, Dromara.

Pictures: Gary Gardiner



Bro. Harry Baxter, Legananny LOL No. 1455, welcomes Brethren to the beautiful setting of Slieve Croob



Posing at the summit of Slieve Croob for a photograph were office bearers of Legannanny LOL No.1455, including, from left, Bro. David Priestly, Treasurer, Bro. Harry Baxter, Bro. Samuel Heenan and Bro. Derek Irvine, Deputy Master.



Bro. Robert Irvine, a member of Legananny Accordion Band, gives a rendition of 'The Sash' at the summit of Slieve Croob.



The 12th July tradition of the Lambeg Drum and Fife were played by Norman Kennedy and David Houston.



Brethren of Legananny LOL No1455 raise their banner at the top of Slieve Croob with guest Right Worshipful Bro. Harold Henning, Deputy Grand Master, in attendance.

Drive-in Service for Brethren in Rathfriland District



Attending the Rathfriland District LOL No. 3 Battle of the Boyne 330th Anniversary Drive-In Service were Right Worshipful Bro. Harold Henning, Deputy Grand Master; Reverend Bro. Trevor Boyd, Deputy Grand Chaplain, County Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge; Worshipful Bro. Samuel Walker, County Master, County Down Grand Orange Lodge; Worshipful Bro. Joseph Moorhead, Worshipful District Master, Rathfriland LOL No. 3 District; Bro. Mark Graham, Deputy District Master; and Bro. Harry Baxter, District Chaplain. Also included are Standard Bearers from left, Bro. Aubrey Stewart, Bro. Mayne Macauley and Bro. Sloan McClurg. Pictures: Gary Gardiner



Right Worshipful Bro. Harold Henning, Deputy Grand Master, spoke on the Orange Order Resolution on Faith,- during the Rathfriland LOL No.3 District Battle of the Boyne 330th Anniversary Drive-In Service.



Left: Reverend Trevor Boyd, Deputy Grand Chaplain, County Tyrone, Grand Orange Lodge, was the guest speaker.

Right: Members of the musical group who lead the Praise, during the Battle of the Boyne 330th Anniversary Drive-In Service were, from left, Genevieve Morrison, mum Shirley Moorhead, Bro. David Baxter, Legananny LOL No.1455 and Ester Martin, painist.



Loughbrickland District hosts drive-in Orange Service



Bro. Rodney Campbell, Worshipful District Master, Loughbrickland LOL No.10, and Bro. Stephen Kirkland, Deputy District Master, welcome Reverend Bro. Rodney Magennis, appointed Curate of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva Parish Churches, and Judith McCabe Wells, soloist, to the beautiful surroundings of Loughbrickland Lake, which became the venue for the Orange District Drive-In Service. Pictures: Gary Gardiner.



Reverend Bro. Rodney Magennis was the guest speaker, during the Loughbrickland LOL No.10 District Drive-In.

Twelfth treats for Pettigo District

The Brethren of the Pettigo District LOL No. 10 marked the Twelfth of July with a display of banners. The seven lodge banners from within the District assembled at Kesh Orange Hall where the Boyne anniversary was marked in a socially distanced manner. The officers of the District with the County Grand Master were also in attendance.
The day was concluded in true style with a cup of tea and some very loyal looking cupcakes!







Wreath laying ceremoney at Brookeborough District





Left: Assistant Grand Master Stuart Brooker joined Brookeborough No.3 District for a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial.

Below: An aerial view of Brookeborough Flute Band playing an open air concert at the Brooke Memorial Hall.







Co Armagh celebrates Twelfth at Sloan's House

County Armagh Grand Orange Lodge held a short, socially distanced Twelfth Commemoration at the Museum of Orange Heritage, Sloan's House, Loughgall, on the afternoon of Monday, 13th of July.

The County Grand Lodge Officers; 11 District Masters (or their representatives); representatives of the Women's Order and Junior Order in the County attended.

Proceedings were conducted by the County Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Denis Watson, and County Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Rev. Dr. Alan McCann.

The ceremony took the form of a hymn; prayers; reading of the three Twelfth Resolutions; Act of Remembrance and wreath laying.

The Benediction was pronounced by Wor. Bro. Rev. William Anderson, Deputy County Grand Chaplain, and Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution.

A very fitting ceremony on an unusual Twelfth at Sloan's House, the 'Birthplace of the Orange Institution'.







Rt. Wor. Bro. Denis Watson, County Armagh Grand Master, and Wor. Bro. Roger Gardiner, County Grand Secretary, pictured on the 12th of July at the largest collarette in the world - at Edgarstown, Portadown.



Some of the County Armagh Grand Lodge Officers joined Armagh District LOL No. 5 for their annual Act of Remembrance at Armagh Orange Hall on 13 th of July morning, when seven Brethren of the District, murdered by Republican terrorists, are remembered. Armagh City was to have been the venue for the County Demonstration this year, which was cancelled due to Covid-19.



Markethill District LOL No. 10 held its Twelfth drive-in service on Sunday, 12th of July. Well over 200 cars gathered to hear a very inspiring address from the Rev. Nigel Reid. Kristen McMullen brought some equally inspiring music to the day as well. Some of the withdrawal symptoms from no marching was placated by the excellent Mullabrack Accordion. Quite unexpectedly, the live broadcast of the proceedings on the District's Facebook page, while not advertised, still had over 80 people watching concurrently for the most of it! You can watch the service again simply by clicking on that post.



Some members of Tullymacann 110 Teemore Ladies Lodge 177 Tandragee and family enjoying the stay at home Twelfth.



Arches galore in Markethill!

As part of their itinerary to keep the Junior Boys and Girls occupied during the lockdown Twelfth, Kilbracks JLOL 75 in Markethill set the challenge to budding local Orangemen and women to build an Orange Arch. The competition was greeted with great enthusiasm, with each entry submitted of a high standard.

All of the arches went on display at Markethill District No. 10's drive-in service on the Twelfth, where, following a close examination, an independent judge picked two winners. The best boys arch, complete with illumination, was made by Jamie Ingram. The top girls prize went to siblings Tilly, Poppy and Ella Marshall.

Check out the Kilbracks Facebook page to see all the wonderful entries.

Well done to the winners and all who took part!







Sixty years service marked

Kilbracks LOL 119 is one of the oldest Lodge's in Markethill District LOL No. 10. Sitting on the fringes of the town, via documentation in the lodge's possession they incredibly can trace their history right back to 1798. As part of their very different Twelfth celebration's this year, the Lodge took the opportunity to visit some of their longstanding members, many of whom have been housebound for several months. One such visit was to the home of Bro. Bertie Marshall, a past Master of Kilbracks who has clocked up over sixty years service! In the presence of the Lodge banner, several Brethren and some extended family, current Worshipful Master Bro. Jeffrey Greer there presented Bro. Marshall with his sixty years service certificate.



Portadown District LOL No. 1 reported a fantastic turnout at the District Drive in Service which took place on Sunday, 12th of July. The District Officers would like to thanks all those who attended.



Greenisland Temperance LOL 1552 - Carrickfergus District LOL No.19 - pictured at Knockagh War Memorial, Greenisland.



Templepatrick LOL 466 Celebrating the 12th July at Templepatrick War Memorial Orange Hall.

Co Antrim Lodges mark Twelfth day in style



Burnside Orange Hall Antrim



Sixmilewater District LOL No.10. Pictured are Bro. Colin Scott, Deputy District Master; Wor. Bro. William Thompson, Worshipful District Master; and Bro. Brian Graham, District Secretary. All three Brethren are members of Boyd Memorial LOL 312.



Taylorstown Temperance LOL 701

Bro. Joseph Graham was paid a visit by members of his Orange Lodge, Taylorstown Temperance LOL 701 - Staffordstown District LOL No.15 on Monday 13th July. Bro. Graham at 101 years old could possibly be the oldest, and longest serving member of the Orange Institution having completed 83 years service. Pictured are Wor. Bro. Brian McNeilly WDM, Bro. William McNeilly, Mrs Ellen (Nellie) Graham, Bro. Joseph Graham, Bro. Brian Graham, District Secretary Sixmilewater District LOL No. 10 and Bro. Robert Graham DM.



Boyd Memorial L.O.L. 312 - Sixmilewater District LOL No.10 pictured at Burnside Orange Hall Antrim.

Stunning Twelfth display in Bushmills

Bro. James Callaghan of Castlecatt LOL 877, Bushmills District No 21, came up with the novel idea to celebrate the 12th of July at his home in Bushmills. Due to the Covid Pandemic, the Twelfth was cancelled in Bushmills. So James decided to recreate the occasion at his own home. He started to plan the project in May making cardboard cut-outs of Orangemen representing each of the 11 lodges in the Bushmills District and also a variety of supporters.

James and his wife, Tricia, worked tirelessly to accomplish their project, decorating their house and garden with decorative bunting, flags and banners. They also had a marquee to host family and friends throughout the day along with a visit from a neighbouring band.

James admits as the project expanded so did his enthusiasm and imagination. A successful social distancing Twelfth was had by all!







WDM Bro. Chris Elliott visiting Bro. James Callaghan at his home.

Gracehill LOL 772 makes long service presentation to Sir William Wright



Sir William T Wright, PM of Gracehill LOL 772, is celebrating 75 years' membership in the Institution. The Lodge met at Sir William's home on the Twelfth morning to make a presentation accompanied by the lambeg drums.



Wor. Bro Ian McNeill, the Executive Officer of the Grand Orange Lodge Of Scotland, congratulates Sir William.

Above: The youngest member of Gracehill LOL 772, Adam Kirkpatrick DM, presented a 75 year membership certificate to Sir W T Wright, PM.





Bushmills District LOL No. 21 held a Remembrance Service on the 13th of July. The service was led by Bro. Raymond Rodgers, Bushmills District Chaplin. Worshipful District Master Bro. Chris Elliott laid the wreath.





Ballee Playing Fields hosted the Ballymena District Annual Divine Service on Sunday, 12th of July.

Ballymena District hosts drive-in Church Service

With traditional church services not possible due to the current Coronavirus restrictions, many Districts decided instead to host drive-in church services.

Ballymena District LOL No. 8 followed this format for its Annual Divine Service, which was held at Ballee Playing Fields on Sunday, 12th of July.

The service, which was led by Wor. Bro. Rev. Ian McClean, Grand Chaplain, attracted a great crowd of Brethren and their families.

Among those in attendance was Bro. Robin Swann, Fernisky LOL 115, who is of course Northern Ireland's Minister for Health.

The service also received considerable media attention and was featured on several news programmes thanks to a visit from Reporter Mark Simpson of the BBC.



Gordon McCrory, Worshipful District Master pictured with Wor. Bro. Rev. Ian McClean, Grand Chaplain, at the Ballymena District Drive-In Service.

Pictures: Graham Baalham-Curry



Northern Ireland's Health Minister, Robin Swann, is interviewed by Mark Simpson of the BBC.



Wor. Bro. Rev. Ian McClean, Grand Chaplain, addresses the gatheriong at Ballee Playing Fields.



Ross McVittie, LOL 747 (left); Christopher Cunningham; County Grand Lecturer of Belfast.



Guests are welcomed at the Ballymena District Drive-In Church Service.



Davey Mawhinney, WM of LOL 992 and Mark Mawhinney, LOL 992.



Members of Fernisky WLOL 74 attended the Ballymena District Service.


Bro. Stanley Sayers, Mountjoy, LOL 750.


Gillygooley LOL 339 member Bro. Cecil McConnell and his wife, Doreen.


Robert Goldsmith, Chaplain of Omagh True Blues LOL 937.


Bro. James McConnell, Past District Master of Fintona LOL No 8, and his wife, Charlotte.

Omagh District hosts drive-in service


Bro. Sammy McGonigle, Edenderry LOL 1016, and his wife, Mina.


Bros. Ian Alexander and Richard McFarland from Mountfield LOL 674. Pictures: Isobel O'Brien


Bro. Wesley Liggett, Gillygooley LOL 339.


Bro. William Jack MBE, member of Mountjoy LOL 750 .


David Cummings, Mountjoy LOL 750, and his dad WM of Omagh District, Robert Cummings.


Ronnie Harkness of Omagh, No Surrender LOL 850, and Derek Kerr of Reformation Faith Defenders LOL 168 and his grandaughter, Ellie Kerr.


Bro. Noel Waring, Reformation Faith Defenders, LOL 168

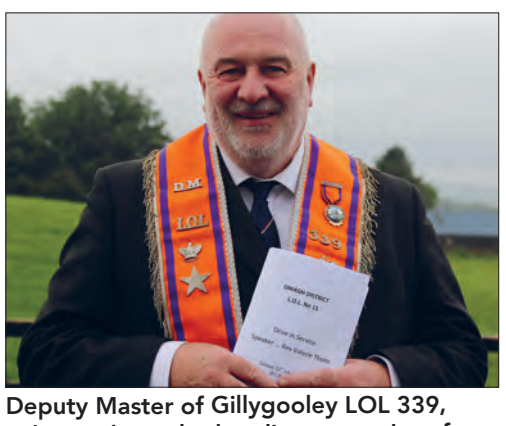

Bro. Stanley McFarland, Deputy Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.


Helen and Stanley Wilson. Helen is a member of WLOL No 44, Omagh. Stanley is the W.M. of Mountjoy LOL 750.


Ross McCain, Blacksessiagh LOL 226, with Niall Jack, Mountjoy LOL 750, and Stephen Beckett, WM of Blacksessiagh LOL 226.


Omagh District Worshipful Master, Bro. Robert Cummings and Deputy District Master, Bro. David Swann with the guest speaker, Rev. Valerie Thom.


Members of Gillyggoley pipe band, William Smyth and David McKinley.


Deputy Master of Gillygooley LOL 339, Johnny Alexander handing out order of services



Keith Boland, Deputy District Master of Fintona District LOL No. 8, and his wife Doreen, daughter Melissa and son Jonathan.



Bethany and Naomi Rainey from Newtownsaville Accordion band provided the music for the service.



Brothers Robert and Gordon Farrell members of of Mullinagoagh LOL 34. Pictures: Isobel O'Brien



Stanley Smyth and son, Sam, members of Mullinagoagh LOL 669.



Fintona District LOL No. 8 officers at the drive in service. Bros. Raymond Black, Keith Boland, Canon Alan Irwin, the Deputy Grand Chaplain of Country Tyrone who led the service, Raymond Deazley, Alymer McKinney. Back row from left, bROS. Mervyn Keys, Ashley Black, Eddie Burke, Winston Gilmore and Joe Keys.



Stephen, John and Valerie McConnell enjoy the service at Dromore.

Brethren at Fintona and Sixmilecross take part in drive-in church services



Sixmilecross District Officers, front row from left, WM Bro. Ken McDowell, Canon Alan Irwin, Chaplain, Bro. Allan Rainey, District Lecturer, and DM Bro. Ross McKnight. Back from left, Bro. Alan Gibson, Secretary, Bro. Roy Graham, Treasurer and King Anderson, Assistant Treasurer.



Worshipful Master of Brackey LOL 165 Bro. Ian McCausland, and family - Jeanette, Chloe and Robbie.



Past Master of Augharonna LOL 462, Bro. David Mitchell and his wife, Iona, and daughter, Heather Anderson.



Right: The Members of Brackey Flute Band.

Left: Pipe Major Robin Anderson and the members of Cloughfin Pipe Band.



Pedal power helps Orangemen's 2020 Twelfth celebrations reach top gear!

The cancellation of the traditional Twelfth of July parades proved to be no obstacle for a number of Orangemen as they got on their bikes and made the most of the day!

Brethren in Belfast, Mourne and Portadown left the smart suits and polished shoes at home as they opted instead for some very different attire.

The Orange Standard caught up with a number of Brethren who clocked up the miles marking the 330th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne on two wheels.

With no parade possible for the County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast, Bro. Greg Thompson, Secretary of Queen Victoria Memorial Temperance LOL 700, Number 3 District, Clifton Street, felt it would be a shame for there not to be an Orange presence every mile of the traditional route to the field at Barnett's Demesne.

After taking part in a short memorial service organised by Number 3 District, Bro. Thompson changed out of his suit and into his cycling gear to travel the five mile distance from Belfast Orange Hall, in the north of the city, to the field in south Belfast.

Wearing his collarette all the way, he stopped at some key points along the route to take a few "Twelfies".

Bro. Thompson said: "I come from a family with proud Orange heritage on both sides and LOL 700 is one of the most historic Lodges in Belfast County so it was simply inconceivable that either LOL 700 or our family would not be represented every mile of the Belfast Twelfth route - even in the challenging conditions we find ourselves in."

Bro. Thompson continued: "It was so important to continue to keep our colours proudly on the road this year and we look forward to a more normal Twelfth in the future.

"My cousin and I normally carry our Lodge banner to the field and back so going by bike this year was much easier!"

Not content with covering the route of the outward morning parade, Bro. Thompson returned to the field at 4pm and cycled the homeward afternoon route as well.

While enjoying a very different Twelfth in 2020, Bro. Thompson is clear on what he's looking forward too next year: "Here's to feet on the ground instead of wheels on the ground in 2021."

Some thirty miles down M1 and Brethren in Portadown were making similar plans.

During Lockdown, three members of Rising Sons of Portadown LOL 273 - Bro. Graeme Steenson, DM; Bro. Alastair Power, District Secretary; and Bro. Ashley Steenson, Treasurer, had a discussion as to how they could raise money for the lodge's chosen charity this year, The Drew Nelson Legacy Project.

They were also considering how to appropriately celebrate the Twelfth of July with no parades due to the current restrictions.

Bro. Power takes up the story.

"We decided on a cycle and then wondered would we be able to cycle around all 21 Orange Halls in Portadown District? A tough task totalling over 50 miles.

"Three additional Brothers from other lodges - Bro. Nigel Armstrong LOL 20; Bro. David Burrows, LOL 395; and Bro. Walter Harrison, LOL 319 - joined us on the day.

"We began our cycle just after 8am leaving Carleton Street Orange Hall. Along the way, as we travelled between the halls, we were able to call in to Dan Winter's cottage and also the world's largest collarette at Edgarstown.

"At the half way mark we had a well deserved break that was very generously provided by the wife of Bro. Graeme Steenson and was very much enjoyed by all.

"At this point we also gathered up a few supporters to come and help us along the way as children and family of the members came out at different points for added support to help those weary legs.

"The final hall on the route was Edenderry, which is where LOL 273 sits, it was a very welcome site. To finish our day, we made our way to Drumcree church via the traditional route through the tunnel and left Drumcree Church via the Traditional route along the Garvaghy Road back to Carleton Street Orange Hall that we have been unable to walk from 1998."

Bro. Power added: "We have been blown away by people's generosity during these difficult times as we have raised over £1,000 for the Drew Nelson Legacy Project and would like to thank everyone for their kind donations and support."

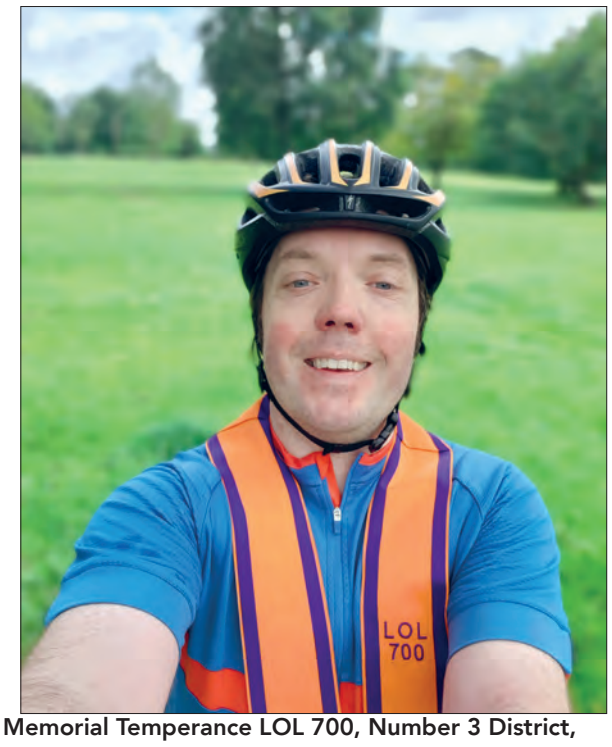
Moving out of Co Armagh and into Co. Down we found another Orangeman taking to his bicycle for the Twelfth.

In Mourne, the District Secretary Bro. Stephen Nicholson, could not go out marching - but couldn't let the day go without celebrating.

He got on his bike and took a spin round the local Orange Halls instead.

Well done to these Brethren and all the others who found different ways to mark the Twelfth of July.





Bro. Greg Thompson, Secretary of Queen Victoria Memorial Temperance LOL 700, Number 3 District, pictured during his syle on the Twelfth of July.



Brethren pictured outside Carleton Street Orange Hall as they prepare for their cycle.





Mourne District Secretary Bro. Stephen Nicholson took a few 'Twelfies' during his cycle.



Armagh District LOL No. 5 - WDM Wor. Bro. Roy Pillow.



Ballyoglagh True Blues LOL 1190 (Bushmills District LOL No.21) at Portbradden Harbour.

District and lodges put banners on display



Some members of Kilkeel True Blues LOL 1034 pictured at the town's harbour.



Glenavy District LOL No 4 District Officers, in front of Glenavy Parish Church.



Newtownards District officers pictured at Scrabo Tower.



Larne District LOL No.1 at the War Memorial.



Limavady District Officers at the William Ferguson Massey Statue.



Bushmills District LOL No. 21 Officers at the Giant's Causeway.



Macosquin District LOL No. 8, Co Londonderry pictured at the gates of The Black Glenn Demense, Castlerock.



Coleraine District No. 2 Officers pictured at the Salmon Leap (The Cuts), on the River Bann.



Aughlisnafin LOL 1463, Castlewellan District No.12. A socially distant twelfth morning at "The Finn" in family bubbles.



LOL 656 Aghanloo True Blues under their arch at Aghanloo Orange Hall with their Best New Banner award.



Markethill District LOL No. 10 at Gosford Forest Park. WDM Wor. Bro. Stephen McCammon.



Randalstown District LOL No. 22.



Newcastle Temperance LOL 357 and the Crimson Arrow Pipe Band [Newcastle] gathered at Newcastle Orange Hall this morning for their Twelfth at Home. They were delighted to have the Deputy District Master of Castlewellan District LOL No. 12 W. Bro. James McIntosh present.



LOL 644 Edenmore True Blues - at Edenmore Orange Hall with Keady Mountain in background.



Members of Greyabbey LOL 1592 pictured at the ruins of Grey Abbey in the village which was founded in 1193 by John de Courcy's wife, Affreca.



Derrykeighan Guiding Star LOL 995 at Derrykeighan Old Churchyard.



Richhill District Officers at the War Memorial in Richhill - WDM Wor Bro John Barron and his Officers.



Dunseverick LOL 528.



Giant's Causeway LOL No. 1195.



Some of the Sisters of Limavady WLOL175 pictured in the grounds of Drumachose Parish Church in Limavady. Jane Ross, who recorded The Londonderry Air, is buried in this graveyard.



LOL 553, Bennett's Chosen Few at Carrickfergus Castle.



Trory LOL 647 assembled in the grounds of Trory Parish Church with Lough Erne in the Background. The lodge got together to mark the Twelfth, but also to remember the late Wor. Bro. Revd Canon Mark Watson, Lodge Chaplain. His two sons, Samuel and Peter, are holding the banner.



Banners of Benburb District LOL No. 13 at Dyan Orange Hall, the home of Dyan LOL No.1.



Tandragee District LOL No 4. District Officers outside Tandragee Castle gates.



Senior City Grand Officers of the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge, together with Past City Grand Masters pictured above outside St Columb's Cathedral and below pictured on the city's historic walls.



Cranfield LOL 907 is the most southernly lodge in Northern Ireland. Instead of parading to what would have been the demonstration in Ballymartin, lodge officers gathered with the lodge banner at Cranfield point - the most southernly point in Northern Ireland.





Mourne and Rathfriland Orange Districts pictured at Spelga Dam.



Newry District LOL No. 9



County Antrim Grand Orange Lodge Officers at the Dark Hedges.



Rt. Wor. Bro. Denis Watson, Co Armagh Grand Master, with his County Grand Lodge Officers, at Sloan's House, Loughgall.


Loughgall District LOL No 3 - at Dan Winter's Cottage - WDM Wor Bro Thomas D Forbes.


East Belfast Brethren pictured at Stormont.


Crom Castle LOL 1219 at Crom (old) Castle.



Brethren from County Cavan Grand Lodge.


Magheragall District LOL No. 9 (South Antrim).



Bangor District Officers and Committee met at the McKee Clock in Bangor for a socially distanced photograph with their bannerette.



Andrew Kelso, LOL 195 Pomeroy, is hard at work on the farm.



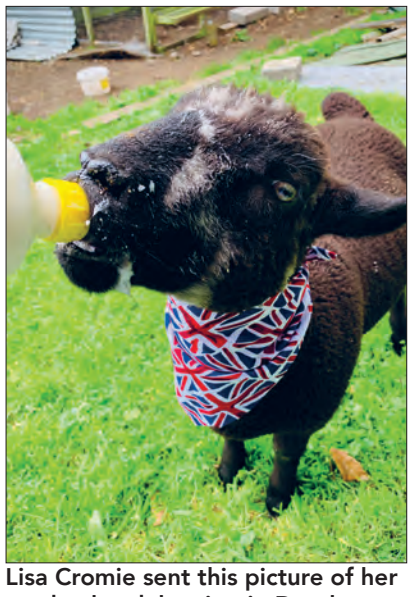
Twelfth celebrations in Donacloney this year. All involved are either family members or in the same social bubble.



Bro Ian Wilson, District Chaplain, LOL No. 1. Armchair Orangeman for 12th at Home



Members of Hillstown LOL 176 on the Twelfth morning with drummers from Taylorstown Temperance LOL 701.



Lisa Cromie sent this picture of her pet lamb celebrating in Dundrum. Co Down.



In Lower Iveagh District, Lambeg drums were played in Dromore at the viaduct and around the district.



The Brethren of LOL 356 got together for a special photograph outside on the morning of Monday, 13th July 2020 at the Orange Hall, Castlewellan.



Father and son, Bros. Leslie and David Hanna pictured wearing their traditional sashes with their District Master and Deputy. These sashes made a trip last year and were taken to and worn at 'Derry, Aughrim, Enniskillen and the Boyne'.



Waringstown drumming club on Monday, 13th of July, parading the village.





Brother Leslie Hanna (Closkelt LOL 415) with a few items he made during lockdown to ensure the Orangemen would walk on Twelfth and the bandsmen would be out as well!



Above: Bro. Perry Reid, the Worshipful County Grand Master of Tyrone, who visited Newtownsaville in the Sixmilecross District.



Right: Omagh District Master, Bro. Robert Cummings, and WM of Killycurragh LOL 200, William Blaney welcoming Bro. Derek Reaney, the Assistant Grand Master, to Killycurragh Orange Hall.



Bro. Gordon Dunne MLA, LOL 1362 Crozier Memorial, Holywood, celebrating the '12th at Home' with Bonnie.



Grand Master Edward Stevenson is presented with a cheque from Bro. Keith Boland, WM of Ecclesvile LOL No. 34, who is also the Deputy District Master of Fintona, LOL No 8. The money was raised through the Country Tyrone five mile walk, supporting Aware NI, NHS, and St. John Ambulance.



Cullybackey LOL on the 13th of July morning with WDCGM Wor. Bro. DJ Gray who visited several lodges.



WM Wor. Bro. T W Gray with his Brethren on the 13th of July morning.



Brother Stuart Hunter, LOL 557 Lisburn Mechanics, with his father, Brother David Hunter, PM LOL 851 Ballykeel, and his son at the top of Slieve Croob.



Bro. Jonathon Bunting, Kilmore Church Defender's LOL 237, sent this picture of Macy-Moo who enjoyed her first Twelfth in Richhill.



Pictured are Bro. Malcolm Sloane, Allistragh LOL. 368; Bro. Robert Gillanders, Crosskeys LOL. 88; Julie Gillanders, Crosskeys Victoria Flute Band, Keady; Bro. John Reynolds, Derrycairn LOL. 78; and Bro. Jonathon Bunting, Kilmore Church Defender's LOL. 237.



Brethern from LOL 110, LOL 74, LOL 60, and Sisters from WLOL 62 and Junior Sister from JWLOL 49 celebrating the 12th at home in Tandragee.



The Bunting family celebrating at home in Lurgan under their new Band/Lodge/Praceptory flag for Kilmore Flute Band, Kilmore Church Defender's LOL.237 Co. Down and Kilmore Dove of Peace RBP. 1144. The flag also contains the motif of the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers, who where stationed at Brownlow House during the Great War of which members of the Band/Lodge served and gave their lives. The flag was commissioned as a fundraiser for the band.



Bro. Matthew Spiers, Cregagh Defenders LOL 1588 with son Charlie at Stormont on the 12th of July.



Kinnego LOL 5, Loughgall District 3, WM Bro. Mervyn Walker in his garden in Loughgall on the 13th of July morning.



Andrew Galloway and his son, Ronnie Galloway, both members of Killymuck LOL 236, from Upperlands, Co Londonderry, pictured at the Boyne Visitor Centre.



Glenawley District LOL No. 8 at the Old Gate Orange Hall, Florencecourt, with all their banners and bannerettes, old and new. The arch is new and replaced the old one this year.



Brethren and friends of Listullycurran LOL 616 pictured at the Boyne.



Brethren from LOL 1963 West Belfast, LOL 20 Banbridge and LOL 1313 Dublin and Wicklow enjoying their stay at home and stay safe 12th celebrations.



Reformation Truth Defenders held an open-air service at Groomsport - the spot where Schomberg landed in 1689.



Glenavy District.



Gillespie family at home in Portadown.



Donemana LOL 503 met at their hall in keeping with tradition of assembling on 12th morning.



Lindsay Hanna, Morris Hanna and James Morrow enjoy a social distanced gathering in Saintfield, Co.Down, District No.5.



Family fun in Newbuildings.







Thanks to everyone who sent in their 12th at Home pictures. During the course of the celebrations we have shared as many as possible across the Orange Standard, the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland website - www.goli.org.uk - and our Facebook page.



Twelfth at home. Alvyn, Rose and James Adams, Clabby.



Zoe Black sentin this great picture of a Twelfth cake.



Twelfth fun from Maureen Little.



Roden Accordion Band and Lodge ventured to the Blue Lough and the top of Slieve Binian.





Two pictures from the McNaul family's 12th at Home celebrations in Ballyhill.



It's a garden party occasion, with a special cake for the 12th at Home.





Members of St. Paul's Church Defenders LOL 1960 who gathered outside Fernhill House, West Belfast, for prayer and an Act of Remembrance on the Twelfth morning.



Bailie family 12th at Home.



Sister Alicia Dickson Hamilton and family.



Donaghadee No Surrender LOL 241 met outside their hall in Manor Street for a lodge photograph with WM Bro. John Ashwood and DM Bro. Stephen Jeffers.

OBSERVER

Apathy could possibly prove to be the biggest threat to future of the Union

There has been a lot of talk recently about talks involving some Northern Ireland political parties with those in the Republic of Ireland being held in the not too distant future about what has been called an 'Agreed Ireland', writes Brian Courtney.

The major Unionist parties in Northern Ireland have made it clear they will not be taking part in such talks. At the same time they are prepared to work in harmony with the Southern government in matters of mutual interest, without diluting in any way the constitutional position of Northern Ireland within the United Kingdom.

That is commendable, but it is doubtful if this will be enough to satisfy some of the most enthusiastic advocates of holding talks on an 'Agreed Ireland'. The supporters of this line of thought talk about what they claim are changing demographics, and they keep on reminding everyone that in their view, Unionists have only a small majority in Northern Ireland.

Most of this could be dismissed by Unionists as having no substance and as fantasy, fanned by republicans who keep on harping about a border poll, which they believe could produce a 50+1 vote in favour of a united Ireland, if it were not for some worrying evidence of apathy on the part of a section of the pro-Union population in Northern Ireland.

This apathy was a contributory factor in recent elections which saw Unionists lose their majority in Stormont for the first time since the creation of the State of Northern Ireland. Another factor is the continued division within Unionism which means that two major unionist parties are competing for votes in marginal constituencies.

The Orange Standard has called on a number of occasions since its launch in 1974 for a maximum effort to be made to bring about one Unionist party, and we have recalled Lord Carson's famous warning of 'United we stand, divided we fall.'

A divided vote, especially at a time when so many are predicting radical changes in the structure of governments in this island, does not make sense. The increase in votes for Alliance, a party which is neutral on the key issue of the border, is another worrying factor, and it was a real factor in seats like North Down and South Belfast in the recent election.

There is a huge incentive for Unionism to get its act together, especially as the centenary year of Northern Ireland looms. That is because polls carried out recently by a number of independent organisations shows clearly that there is still a strong majority of people in Northern Ireland who want the province to remain part of the United Kingdom.

That is good news indeed, but that majority, which includes a substantial number of Roman Catholics, must be translated into votes at local elections. If a border poll does materialise any time soon, and thankfully, the government in the Republic is not in favour of this, then every vote must be cast at the polls.

It is not our job, or indeed that of the Orange Order, to tell any of the Unionist parties how they can bring about a strong single party, but it is our duty to reflect the view of many of our readers, and indeed the unionist people throughout Northern Ireland who yearn for this to take place.

So the onus is on our unionist parties to at the very least talk among themselves and if it is not possible to achieve a single unionist party, then maximise the pro-Union vote at every election, and a possible border poll.

Could trains provide 'rail' solution to NI's Centenary Celebrations

Next year will see the centenary of Northern Ireland, and First Minister Arlene Foster has already made it clear that it will be the intention of the Assembly, along with others, to mark this important anniversary in various ways, writes Brian Courtney.

The First Minister is quite right, and it is a perfectly legitimate way of recognising the existence of Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom in the aftermath of Partition, and it would be wrong and indeed ridiculous to ignore the importance of the anniversary.

Unfortunately, as we all know, Sinn Fein is a party committed to ending Northern Ireland's existence as part of the UK. So it is hardly likely that they will want to celebrate this fact, even though it will be difficult for them to deny the majority of the population who treasure the British link to do so.

I believe there are ways of marking Northern Ireland's centenary which would benefit everyone, be truly cross-community and provide this province with valuable assets, especially at a time when tourism is of vital importance.

There are at least two ways in which this could be achieved, and would provide jobs, as well as adding to Northern Ireland's tourist attractions.

My first suggestion would be to re-open several of the railway links which were axed in 1957 and 1965. Most people accept that the rail closures which affected two thirds of the rail system were far two sweeping, leaving the west without any rail link.

There has been a campaign for some years to reopen the Portadown-Armagh city rail link, and a former Stormont Minister, Danny Kennedy, promised to have the plan examined in detail. Unfortunately, the collapse of the Assembly for three years has meant that this has been hold.

The restoration of this line would increase the possibility of a further link to Enniskillen, now a bustling tourist-orientated town, and county Fermanagh, one of the jewels in Northern Ireland's tourist scene.

I also feel that restoring the former line between Belfast and the towns of Newtownards and Comber would be a success, due to the large suburbs of the east of the city, and the big increase in population in the towns, especially Newtownards.

My other suggestion is that the derelict canals in Northern Ireland should be reopened, thereby providing a new and exciting tourist asset. Canal waterways in England are a great success, and many were re-opened after decades of closure, providing thousands of new jobs and are a great attraction for tourists.

Here in Northern Ireland we have the Newry-Portadown canal, the oldest summit level canal in the United Kingdom and Ireland, whose origins go back to 1742. Two other canals, the Lagan Navigation, and the Ulster Canal, which takes in both Northern Ireland and part of the Republic of Ireland, have enormous tourist potential.

Of course a lot of money would be involved in restoring lock gates, dredging the waterways, and other improvements, but the long term benefits would outweigh the initial cost.

If we want Northern Ireland to continue to prosper as it undoubtedly has, in the past 100 years, then we should have the vision to provide exciting new attractions, and provide a lasting memorial to how Centenary Year was marked in our province.

Radio Boyne proved a big hit over the Twelfth

Bro. David Scott is a man possessed of many talents and interests. He made a huge contribution in presenting the Orange cause in a positive and accurate way to students in Roman Catholic colleges in the days when he was the Orange Order's education officer.

David is also a very committed member of his church, and has played key roles in pipe bands and the Boys' Brigade.

We should not be surprised then that Bro. Scott proved so successful in presenting the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland's Radio Boyne.

His warm, friendly and relaxed style made the programme all the more enjoyable, and while nothing can replace the real Twelfth with its Orangemen, banners, bands, and Lambeg drums, Boyne Radio went a way towards helping everyone to celebrate the great day.

During the four days, David read out many messages from listeners from all parts of the British Isles, some seeking favourite tunes to be played, and many thanking him for his pleasant and informal approach.



There were valuable contributions from many others to the programme, and David paid tribute to Dr Jonathan Mattison, curator at Schomberg House, who provided fascinating accounts of various incidents in Orange history, and others who played a leading role in Radio Boyne.

There were invaluable contributions from Orange Chaplains, and tributes to the men and women of Northern Ireland who made the Supreme Sacrifice in two World Wars and other conflicts since 1945.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland came up with the idea of producing a special radio programme for the four days of the Twelfth period, and it is to be commended, as it proved a tremendous success, and was much appreciated by all the many people who listened to it.

Twelfth train accident brought tragedy at Coleraine in 1905

History Lessons
with Dr David Hume MBE

A tragic incident at Coleraine railway station cast a long shadow over the Twelfth commemorations of 1905 for local brethren.
The local lodges had spent the day in Limavady, but a fatal accident as they returned back to the town on the train would blight the event.
The accident occurred after the arrival of the special train bringing local brethren back from their venue. One of those on the train, Samuel Henry of Castlerock Orange Lodge, and two others, a man and a boy, got off on the wrong side of the carriage – apparently with the intention of getting away earlier from the crowded station.
However, unfortunately the 6.30pm train from Belfast was entering the station on the rails that they had to cross and Henry was struck by the engine as he tried to run across.
The 16 year-old was found to have severe head injuries and he died shortly afterwards.
The Coleraine Chronicle of July 15, 1905, reported that "The Twelfth of July will have sad memories for a most respectable and industrious Coleraine family – that of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Henry, who are both well-known and esteemed by residents of Coleraine and district."
Samuel Henry was described as "a bright, intelligent and capable youth" and it was commented by the newspaper that "For the parents and other relatives in their sudden and sore affliction there is widespread sympathy".
The inquest into the death provided a sad story of what had happened; Thomas Grant, who had been in the carriage with Henry said that he had got out of the carriage and saw the boy coming down the rails. At the same time he saw the 6.50pm train from Belfast coming from the Macfin direction; "Deceased was standing with his back to the engine and witness shouted to him. The train was about ten yards away from the deceased and the little boy got clear of it, but deceased did not."



The unfortunate young man was in the centre of the rails when the engine struck him and drove him a couple of yards before he went down.
The inquest heard that the doors on the platform side of the train had been locked, but not the door on the side which the three had alighted from.
Samuel Henry, who died of compression of the brain and shock, had not been on a train before and did not know the procedure for getting off.
The train driver, a man named Frank King, gave evidence to the inquest that he had not seen anyone in front of the engine, but was alerted by the fireman that there was a man down.
The jury returned a verdict that death was due to brain compression and shock and added the opinion that the accident "was due to want of proper platform accommodation."
The special train which brought the Coleraine brethren home that day had 18 carriages, the report details.
A death notice in the local newspaper appeared for Samuel Henry, and informs that he was the eldest son of Alex Henry of Castleroe.
The sad news was not only to appear in the local newspaper: an article in the Dundalk Examiner and Louth Advertiser of July 15, 1905, appeared under the heading 'Young Orangeman Killed'.

Prominent Roman Catholic applauded at the Twelfth of 1876...

Cheers from an Orange platform for a prominent local Roman Catholic businessman were the order of the day in the Larne of July 1876.
Henry McNeill, who was one of the pioneers of tourism in Ulster, was a well-known hotelier in the County Antrim town, as well as a Town Commissioner and a Poor Law Guardian.
McNeill was born near Glenarm on the Antrim coast in February 1836 to Alexander McNeill and Anne Stewart. He would develop several hotels in Larne and the coastal area as well as introducing the concept of package tours, enticing thousands of visitors from England and Scotland across the Irish Sea each year.
Known affectionately as 'Knockemdown' because of his apparent characteristic of lining up complementary drinks for guests and instructing them to drink up, McNeill targeted the North of England to attract thousands of visitors each year to Larne, Belfast and the Antrim Coast.
At one time the numbers arriving in the town for holidays resulted in one of McNeill's hotels being named the Lancashire and York-



shire Hotel.
McNeill was also the man believed to have introduced the motor car to the port town, eventually replacing his 200 horses with a fleet of motor cars and charabancs.
The first motor car to appear on the coast road was in March 1897 when McNeill had it shipped from Glasgow to Belfast to provide test drives. The vehicle was despatched back the same night on the Belfast steamer to Ayr after its very satisfactory performance.
McNeill formed his business into a limited company in 1896, when he was 60 years old, and he remained managing director of a business which now included the King's Arms, McNeills, Lancashire and Yorkshire Hotel, the Crown Hotel, Garron Tower and the Eagle Bar.
McNeill's efforts in the economic development of the area through tourism were marked in 1903 when a portrait was prepared in oils for the town hall in Larne.
A presentation was planned for April 1904 but sadly the tourism pioneer had taken ill and died before this could take place. He was buried in the McGarel cemetery on the old road which took travellers from the town to his native Glenarm.
Writer and broadcaster, Orangeman Richard Hayward, who grew up in Larne, said of McNeill that "His ideas were then unique in the holiday world...The holidaymakers in his care were his honoured guests, they were friends to be housed and fed and made comfortable. They came to see Ulster and he contrived that they should see it properly. These were the general principles, common enough now but tremendous innovations then..."
Back in 1876 the Orangeman attending the Twelfth in Larne applauded McNeill at the platform proceedings, because the businessman had allowed them use of one of his fields, on the Glenarm Road in the town, for their demonstration.
It was reported in the Larne Reporter that there were cheers at the end of the proceedings for Queen Victoria, local MP James Chaine, and Henry McNeill among others.
It is probably one of the few occasions when a prominent Roman Catholic was the object of such appreciation from an Orange platform.
The event in 1876 was at that point the largest gathering of Orangemen ever witnessed in Larne, the local newspaper declared.
"From the early morning people were astir, and about three o'clock a fife and drum party paraded the streets of the town, awaking the inhabitants from their slumbers and reminding them that the Twelfth had come" the paper stated.
The report is excellent in terms of the local detail, informing us that shortly after 9am lodges began to assemble and at 10.30am made their way to the railway station, where brethren from Carrickfergus, Magheramorne and Islandmagee arrived.
Lodges then paraded towards Kilwaughter, where they met the local lodge and two from the Braid before marching through the principal streets of Larne to the field on the Glenarm Road.
At the entrance to the field a "very handsome arch" had been erected by a Mr. Kinnel.
"There were altogether twenty-six lodges present; and we may safely say that the aggregate number of people assembled was close on 10,000," the newspaper commented.
On the platform, the chairman, Rev. R. H. Shaw of Islandmagee congratulated those present on the turnout, counselled them to abstain from giving offence to anyone of another denomination and encouraged them to "conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect credit on themselves and on the cause they represent."
The Larne Reporter noted that an extra force of police had been drafted into town for the occasion and added "we are glad to state that their duty during the day was exceedingly light...everything passed off peacefully, and considering the vast number of people present, such a statement is highly creditable to the Orangemen of Larne district."

Arlene's recipes

Sticky pork ribs

Last of the summer sun? I am sure everyone will agree that home cooking and eating outdoors with friends and family is now the new normal, and not surprisingly, it is so much more fun.
Have a go at these tasty, tender, fall off the bone pork ribs- delicious finished on the barbecue. Enjoy!

Sticky pork ribs
20 baby back pork ribs
For the marinade
1 clove garlic, peeled
3cm piece root ginger, peeled and roughly chopped
1 red chilli, de-seeded and roughly chopped
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 tsp salt
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp ground cumin
1tsp black pepper
1tsp paprika

1. Place the ribs in a large bowl.

2. Place all the marinade ingredients in a food processor and blend until smooth.

3. Add the marinade to the ribs and stir until well coated. Cover and place in the fridge for at least 2 hours to allow the flavours to develop.

4. Preheat the oven to 150C. Place the marinated ribs in a large roasting tray, covered with foil. Cook for 1 hour until tender.

5. Remove the foil and increase the temperature to 180C. Ensure the ribs are spread out and cook for another 45 minutes, turning a couple of times, until sticky and golden and the meat falls of the bone.

COOKS TIP: After cooking for 1 hour in the oven, the ribs can also be finished off by cooking on the barbecue until golden and crispy.





Gardener's Corner

by Beth Lunney



It is hard to believe we are in August already – our strange twelfth at home is over and already the nights are on the turn. The summer bedding plants and hanging baskets are gone but there is still plenty of colour on the Nursery Centre provided by the perennial plants and shrubs.

We have a pure white Scabiosa this year. We always have the blue or mauve varieties and they are a very worthwhile plant in the garden as they have such a long flowering period. The common name for Scabiosa is 'Pincushion Flower' or 'Scabious'. The name 'Pincushion Flowers' comes from the petals which have the appearance of tiny pins in a pincushion. The common name 'Scabious' comes from its usage in Roman and Medieval times to treat scabies an illness in humans which causes itching over the skin. On a nicer note the domed-shaped flowers are very attractive to butterflies, bees and other pollinators as they are rich in nectar and birds love the seeds.
Scabiosa is a meadow plant but it is very happy in the border if planted in a sunny position and it looks particularly good when planted with grasses. The white variety we have is Scabiosa columbaria 'Flutter Pure White' (right) and will flower from mid-spring to autumn. The pure white flowers stand above green, ferny foliage and make a good cut flower.
The variety 'Blue Note' is a dwarf variety with violet-blue flowers over a long flowering period with the most well known variety being Scabiosa 'Butterfly Blue' which has china-blue flowers.
Scabiosa is native to Europe and Asia. Keep dead-heading to produce more flowers.



When I was taking the photographs to go along with this article it was raining and very grey and the Pittosporum (left) really stood out in the gloom – they almost looked luminous. The one that was particularly nice was Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Variegatum' which is a rounded, upright, evergreen shrub and is perfect as a backdrop for borders. Pittosporum tenuifolium is a native of New Zealand where its Maori names are Kohuhu or Tawhiwhi. The Maori would extract the resin and oils from the leaves and use them to make scents. The resin mixed with other gums was used as a cure for bad breath or mouth sores. The branches are still used to welcome visitors. Pittosporum tenuifolium will grow into a tree however the variety 'Variegatum' will grow to around 8ft-12ft and can be trimmed into a more formal shape or even a hedge.
'Variegatum' has small, wavy-edged, greeny-grey leaves with narrow cream margins which sometimes take on pinkish tones in the winter. The stems are black which contrast well with the leaves. They prefer full sun or partial shade in moist but well-drained, fertile soil.
In late spring and early summer small reddish-purple flowers appear which are scented. Pittosporum is loved by flower arrangers as it is long-lasting in water.

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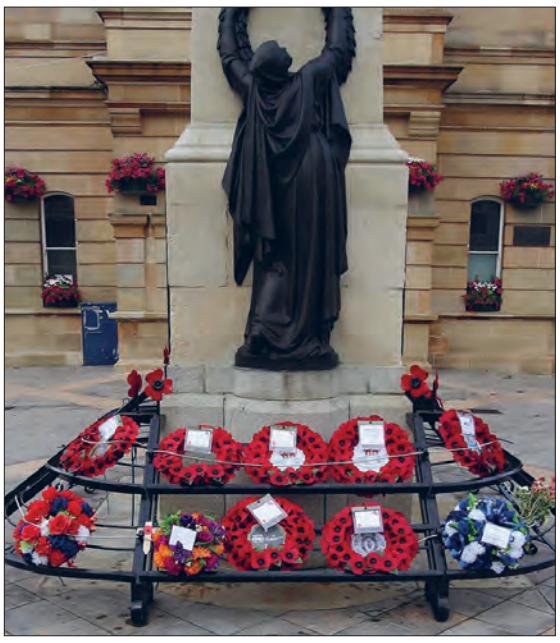
The Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson, accompanied by A.G.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Derek Reaney joined the District Officers of Newtownstewart District LOL No. 9 at their Act of Remembrance on the 104th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and laid a wreath on behalf of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.



Brethren from Strawletterdallon LOL 1114 held an Act of Remembrance on the 1st of July at their Orange Hall.



Brethren from Glentimon LOL 386 held an Act of Remembrance at the Church of the Good Shepherd and the War Memorial in Sion Mills.



Brethren of Killowen Purple Heroes LOL 930 were joined by their Brethren from Coleraine District No 2 and individual Lodges and bands at a ceremony marking the sacrifice of those from the Coleraine and surrounding areas who lost their lives during the Battle of the Somme on July 1, 1916. A portion of scripture was read by the Rev. Donard Collins, Killowen Parish Church, and the wreath laying ceremony was led by Bro. Alan McMillan, WM, LOL 930. Wreaths were also laid by Coleraine District LOL No 2, Coleraine LOL 316, Coleraine LOL 1916, Castleroe LOL 212, The Freeman Memorial Flute Band, Windyhall, and Pride of the Bann, Coleraine. Bro. Robert McIlreavey, read out the Ode of Remembrance.



On the 1st of July, Royal Standard LOL 347 had their annual wreath laying service, along with District Officers and members of LOL 86.



At 7am on the 1st of July, District Officers, County Tyrone Grand Treasurer, Grand Mistress of The Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland and the Ladies Tyrone District Mistress gathered at the Cenotaph in Dungannon to lay wreaths to mark the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. At 7.30am members marked the "Going over the Top" with three whistle blasts followed by a minute's silence.

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Acts of Remembrance take place in East Belfast

At 7am on the 1st of July, members from Lodges in Ballymacarrett District LOL No. 6 held simultaneous Acts of Remembrance at five war memorials in East Belfast. Ceremonies took place at Strandtown War Memorial, Belmont Road; Willowfield War Memorial, Woodstock Road; Cregagh War Memorial, Picardy Avenue; Workman Clark & Co. Memorial, Titanic Quarter; and the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland War Memorial at Schomberg House, Cregagh Road. These commemorations were in lieu of the Battle of the Somme annual parade, which was cancelled due to Covid-19.

The District Master, Wor. Bro Sammy Sharkie led the commemorations by laying the wreath at Strandtown where the parade traditionally stops each year for a short service.

The District Master commented: "While it was disappointing, but necessary that the parade was cancelled, the organisers of the oldest Somme commemoration parade could not let the occasion pass without marking it."

He added: "We look forward to 2021 when we will again parade our traditional route to honour all those who served and fell on the 1st July."

At the going down of the sun and in the morning – We Will Remember Them.









Pride of Ballymacarrett Junior LOL 201 and LOL 1075: Worshipful Master, Jonny Harvey, along with his daughter, Poppy, and Brother Scott Murdoch attended a wreath laying at the Titanic Quarter, whilst Brother Christopher Cunningham, in his role of Deputy District Lecturer, took part in the proceedings in the Cregagh area.



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Officers of the County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast laid a wreath at the Cenotaph at Belfast City Hall.



Sandy Row District LOL No. 5 wreath laying ceremony at Sandy Row War Memorial.





On the morning of Wednesday, 1st of July, Wor. Bro. Jim McClenaghan, Worshipful Master of No.9 District Orange Lodge, placed a wreath at The West Belfast Orange Hall's WWI Memorial, as the lodge members remembered the sacrifice of their forefathers at The Somme.



Belfast County: District Officers of LOL No 7 and 8 laid a wreath on the 1st of July.



No 1, 2, 3 and 4 Districts from The Belfast Orange Hall pictured at Belfast Castle after laying a wreath at a memorial in Bray Street.



No 10 District laid a wreath at the Memorial Stone at Ballynafeigh Orange Hall

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On the 1st of July, assembling in accordance with current coronavirus legislation, the Officers of Pettigo District No. 10, Co Fermanagh, along with the WMs of each private lodge were joined by the CGM and DCGM to have a simple commemoration in the grounds of Kesh Orange Hall on what should have been othe annual arch opening parade. Thanks to Bro. Howard Marshall for performing the piper duties.



Newbuildings Victoria LOL1087 held an Act of Remembrance in Newbuildings Remembrance Garden in memory of those that made the supreme sacrifice during The Battle Of The Somme. Thanks to Wor. Bro. Rev. Jonathan Campbell and Bro. Derek Magee for taking part in the proceedings.



Act of Remembrance conducted by Beragh LOL 796.



Limavady District LOL No. 6 held a Service of Remembrance at Limavady War Memorial. Representatives from each of the private lodges, RAPC, and Womens Lodge were in attendance.



Plumbridge LOL 560 held its annual Act of Remembrance at Plumbridge Orange hall, along with Brethren from Eden LOL 39 and two Sisters from Omagh WLOL 44.

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On Wednesday evening, 1st of July, Rathfriland District Officers along with the Worshipful Master from each lodge in the District (or a representative) were joined by the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Harold Henning and County Grand Master Bro. Sam Walker for a wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Rathfriland to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice at the Battle of the Somme in 1916.



The 104th anniversary Battle of the Somme was marked by Lower Iveagh District LOL No. 1 in Dromore, Co Down



The 104th anniversary Battle of the Somme was marked by Banbridge District LOL No. 7





At 8am the morning of Wednesday, the 1st of July, members from Castlewellan District LOL No. 12 held simultaneous Acts of Remembrance at the War Memorials in Castlewellan and Newcastle. The W.D.M., W. Bro. Victor Morrow led the commemorations by laying the wreath at the War Memorial in Castlewellan assisted by W. Bro. John Smyth P.D.M. While at the War Memorial in Newcastle W. Bro. Mervyn McNeill W.M. L.O.L. 356 laid a wreath assisted by Rt. W. Bro. David Scott. CGM of Co Down G.R.A.P.C.

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Traditionally on 1st July, Mourne District LOL No. 6 holds a Somme parade and Act of Remembrance in Annalong. This year, due to restrictions, the District came together at 7am with all 15 lodges and the district laying wreaths.



Ballynahinch District LOL No. 17 Annual 1st July Somme Commemoration Service.



On the evening of 1st July 2020, members of Comber District LOL No. 15 including representatives of each of the Private Lodges met in Comber Square for a short wreath laying ceremony to remember those who lost their lives during the Battle of the Somme in 1916. The District annually marks this important date by parading Comber and laying a wreath at the War Memorial.



Brethren representing Newtownards Orange and Royal Arch Purple Districts took part in a short service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, on the 104th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.



Wreaths laid by Greyabbey LOL 1592 at Greyabbey War Memorial.



Members of Hillsborough District No. 19 along with Hillsborough JLOL No. 55 held a short memorial service on the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

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Cumber Claudy No. 2 District Loyal Orange Lodge pictured laying a wreath at Brackfield Wood - World War Memorial Site.



Worshipful District Master and District Treasurer paying their respects to Privates John Meeke MM and Samuel Meeke in Derrykeighan Old Graveyard at the Annual Commemoration Service hosted by Benvarden LOL 1001.



Wreaths laid at the War Memorial by Stranocum LOL 749



The officers and members of Young's Temperance True Blues LOL 957 held an Act of Remembrance on the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme at the War Memorial Park. A portion of scripture was read by Chaplain Bro. William Scott. The Worshipful Master Bro. William Shannon then laid a wreath.



Randalstown District LOL No. 22 held an Act of Remembrance in memory of their forefathers who left Ulster's shores to fight on foreign lands some never to return 104 years ago. They went over the top on the Somme battlefield, men in uniform, men of courage faced their enemy face on.



On the 1st of July Larne District LOL No. 1 Officers and Members, alongside Royal British Legion Larne Branch, laid wreaths in remembrance of those who gave their lives at The Battle of the Somme 1916. Social distancing and numbers present was strictly adhered to. Wor. Bro. Roy Beggs, WDM, and Bro. Iain Ross, DDM, laid Wreath on Behalf of Larne District No1 and Mr Robin Brown, Secretary, laid a Wreath on behalf of Royal British Legion Larne Branch. Wor. Bro. Ian Wilson, District Chaplain, read the Scripture reading. Wor. Rev. Bro. Paul Reid District Chaplain, conducted a short Service of Remembrance. Also present were Wor. Sister Doreen Kernohan, CG Mistress of Co Antrim No 2; Wor. Bro. William Thompson County Grand Secretary Co Antrim; Bro. Brian Graham, District Secretary Sixmilewater District LOL No 10. Thanks go to William Hollinger, bugler.



STEPPING OUT
Supporting our Marching Bands
by Quincey Dougan

A Different Twelfth

There's no necessity to remind the Orange diaspora of the reasoning, but of course our Twelfth of July this year was very different than ever before. Despite the noble self-moratorium on parades however, the changing guidelines did enable one feature of our annual commemorations to still be seen and heard - Ulster's bands. Hundreds of bands set about bringing the Twelfth to their communities. Many did not just do what would have been their normal Twelfth parading regime, but actually walked much more, covering housing developments and streets that normally never see Orange feet, drums, flutes or accordions!
In Markethill Kilcluney Volunteers Flute visited every estate in their home town, a journey that took several hours and was shortly after mimicked by the Kilcluney Volunteers Auld Boys Flute! Around the entire route there was a pattern that was mimicked everywhere else across the Province, with mini-Twelfth gatherings taking place in every front yard or garden or porch. In Lisburn, the Lisburn Young Defenders Flute played for their community, adding in a much welcome extra visit on their itinerary. Their performance at the Lagan Valley Hospital was greatly appreciated by staff and patients alike.
Elsewhere in Lisburn, the Lambeg Orange and Blue Flute added to their schedule with an Act of Remembrance at the cenotaph. Remembrance was as much a part of the day as the celebrations, with many bands, such as Cairncastle Flute Larne, laying a wreath at their Orange Hall in the early morning. In the Maiden City, the East Bank Protestant Boys Flute traversed



Lisburn Young Defenders perform in the grounds of The Lagan Valley Hospital on the Twelfth

the entirety of the sprawling Irish Street area, while in their home village of Clare in County Armagh, Mavemacullen Accordion began a day of parading that also saw them make their way through Tandragee.
In Enniskillen, the Fusiliers Flute were greeted with great enthusiasm, as were the Sixmilecross Pipe as they made their way from Main Street to Cloughfin Orange Hall. All across Belfast bands could be seen and heard, with just some of the many parading including Shankill protestant Boys in the West, South Belfast Young Conquerors in the South, East Belfast Protestant Boys in the East and Fairhill in the North. There were too numerous bands on the march to mention each individually, with over two hundred band processions taking place on the 'Twelfth'. It was a very different day for the wider Orange community, but thanks to our unique Ulster marching band movement, many did manage to see and hear some of the sights and sounds of a normal Glorious Twelfth.

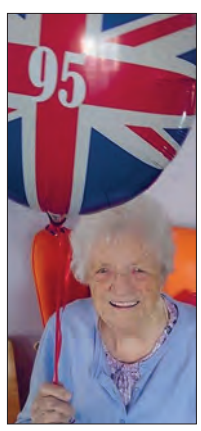
Made to parade



Made to Parade is the debut book by Glenn Millar, a Belfast community worker and bandsman. Glenn has been involved with the bands scene for over thirty five years having been a member of Pride of the Raven and Ballymacarrett Defenders. Glenn wanted to provide a positive personal account of his experience as a member of a marching band, recognising that the inside story from a band members perspective had never really been told before. Having drawn up some draft chapters and positive feedback from local author Tony McAuley, Glenn set about writing his story.
Glenn explain: "Made to Parade is set in 1984/85 when I first joined Pride of the Raven. Growing up on an interface in East Belfast, joining a band helped discover my passion for music, and when music became that passion the Troubles lost their grip on my life. There was something else to live for. In the flute I found a friend that would never let me down."
Made to Parade will be available in August 2020 directly from Glenn and then also online via Amazon at the price of £10. Online and physical book launches are also planned for the near future. For details about the book or launch events, email Glenn at glennmillar@mac.com

Braniel Twelfth Birthday Bash

One very appreciative resident of a nursing home in East Belfast had a very special birthday celebration on the 12th of July. Ina McNeill was revelling in having reached the impressive age of 95 at her Giboney House home, when after processing through the Cregah Estate, the bandsmen and women of Braniel Loyal Flute visited and serenaded with a flute and drum rendition of Happy Birthday! An emotional Ina was then presented with flowers by the band.
Ina's great grandson is a band member helped facilitate the outing, with her granddaughter Dauna saying: "Turns out the whole band were willing to come and play for her. It was such a fantastic thing for them to do and for us as her family, to see her reaction was priceless."
She added: This is one Twelfth of July none of us will forget."



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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)

Glasgow's Virtual Boyne Celebrations exceeds projected audience

The RWCGM Bro. Edward McGonnell and his Executive are delighted with the recent on-line activity to celebrate the 330th anniversary of our victory at Boyne Water.

The concept of a virtual 12th was discussed within their Executive after it became clear that the Covid19 pandemic was going to severely restrict our traditional parading format.

The project was then handed over to a small enthusiastic team who created, planned and efficiently executed the four-show programmes spanning the Glasgow "Big Walk" weekend.

However, little did the Executive know that the project team as part of the concept would have the County Master driving a scooter, the Deputy County Master allowing access to his bedroom and the Substitute County Master being asked to draw on his extensive knowledge of the Glasgow "Big Walk".



Working in partnership with the Gers TV platform - of which both individuals are members of lodges within the County - allowed the team access to additional platforms and extended our reach out to a wider audience of people who may be sympathetic but not necessarily a member of the Orange tradition.

The hope was that the event would interest around twenty thousand people on the various social media feeds but with the event landing on over a quarter of a million timelines and having over one hundred and twenty five thousand interactions, the Orange message in the city quickly flashed across the UK jurisdictions and global Orangeism.

Not bad for an organisation in decline according to our detractors! As a result of this phenomenal achievement, the Executive are planning to draw on the success of the event with further on-line media training programmes and additional future on-line shows to celebrate next year's forthcoming bi-centenary of parading in the city of Glasgow.

Boyne Online initiative for Central Scotland

Having taken inspiration from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland's Boyne at Home initiative, the CGL of Central Scotland followed suit and produced their own week-long programme titled "Boyne Online, stay and home and walk the walk".



The week was opened in traditional Orange fashion with the inaugural online divine service conducted by the CGL Chaplain Bro. Rev. Malcolm Anderson.

We followed this with an exciting week of educational, cultural and historical articles and short video presentations.

Topics covered included the Battle of the Diamond and the formation of the Orange Order and the Battle of the Boyne, both presented by your very own Bro. Warren Rainey, in his period costume.

We also have an interesting section on the history of traditional Orange songs and tunes.

Other such informative topics covered the 200th Anniversary of Canadian Orangeism, D-Day, the Ulster Special Constabulary and the former PM of Northern Ireland, James Craig.

Closer to home we had two of our Ladies Lodges celebrate their centenaries and the Worthy Mistresses of these Lodges presented the history of their respective Lodges. Our host District Master Bro. Tom Stewart delivered an address to the County Grand Lodge.

The week closed by hosting a "Pub Quiz" which was much enjoyed with a lot of fun and laughter before our week culminated on the 11th July with our online platform proceedings where our CGL Chaplain and RWCGM, Bro. Derek Menzies, addressed the CGL.

The week proved very successful and was very well supported with over 100,000 hits on our social media accounts. We thank everyone who took part in the events and who joined online to view our Boyne Online week.

Bro. McWhinney celebrates 100th birthday milestone!

Grand Master Jim McHarg called in on Bro. Henry McWhinney recently to pass on the best wishes for Henry's 100th birthday the following day. Henry enjoyed a great day of celebration with his family and some of the congregation of the Glasgow Evangelical Church.

One of the Orange Institution's highly respected members reached a milestone in birthday recently. Bro Henry McWhinney celebrated his 100th Birthday. On behalf of all the members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland we pass on our best wishes on such a special landmark.

Henry followed in the family footsteps of Christianity and the Orange Institution, first entering a juvenile lodge in Dalmarnock, Galsgow but when he was able to walk the distance to the Headquarters in Cathedral Street, he transferred to Sister McWhinney's True Blues Juvenile Loyal Orange Lodge No.38 belonging to District No.17.

Henry's Grandmother, Margaret McWhinney was elevated to Grand President of the Ladies Orange Association in recognition of her charity and fund raising to establish the building of the Grand Orange Headquarters in Cathedral Street Glasgow.



When he turned 16 in 1936, Henry entered the adult Institution as a member of 'Sons of Faith' LOL No.456 in Cowcaddens District No.11, a lodge known locally as "The Salvation Army Lodge" due to the number of Salvationists in its membership, which included the McWhinney family. When war intervened in 1939, Henry served in the Royal Air Force and was stationed in Southern England. He kept his Orange membership fresh by attending whenever he could Loney's Chosen Few LOL 45 which met in Bow. On his discharge from the RAF, he renewed his connection with LOL 456, serving in various capacities including District Master of the old District No.24.

He also sang with the Orange Choir and was involved in the Orange Study Group.

In 1970 he had an employment promotion to Wiltshire, Henry enjoyed the way of life "down south" making new friends in the local Church but never lost his enthusiasm for Orangeism, transferring into a lodge in Newbury and went on to hold various positions within the Metropolitan Province.

On his retirement, he returned to Glasgow and renewed his membership of LOL 456.

On the demise of 24 District, he transferred into Brunswick LOL 106 in No.12 District, where he is still a regular attender at their meetings. Henry rose through the ranks reaching the position of Assistant Grand Secretary and is at present an Honorary Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland.

Henry's musical ability is well known. In fact, it was through his involvement with the church band that he first met the pretty girl who was to become his wife. Henry was aged 16 at the time and Mary was 14. Married in 1941 by the minister of Tron St. Mary's, it was destined to be a blissfully happy marriage for 70 years until Mary was called home to her Saviour.

Henry has three children, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Henry is blessed with good health, has always had a sunny outlook on life and is a delight to be around. Congratulations Henry and lang may your lum reek.

PULPIT

by Rev. Ian McClean



Covid-19 – Some thoughts on the vaccine

The race is on! Never before have so many teams worked simultaneously to create a drug that could save the lives of millions of people.
Currently leading the race is the British group from the University of Oxford and Astra-Zeneca. However, we are told it is unlikely that major supplies of the vaccine will be available before the middle of next year.
Modern day vaccines are a great deal more complicated than the very early folk remedies of earlier centuries. There is evidence that the Chinese practised vaccination many hundreds of years ago.
However, the founder of the modern form of the remedy is considered to be Edward Jenner, a doctor from Gloucestershire. He was visiting farms in 1796 when he met a milkmaid who boasted "I shall never have smallpox for I have had cowpox. I shall never have an ugly pockmarked face."
When he investigated further he discovered that the milkmaids, although their hands and lower arms were scarred with a virus they had caught from the cows they were milking, none of them had ever contracted smallpox which was the dreaded scourge at the time.
A few weeks later Jenner took pus from the cowpox lesions on a milkmaid's hands and introduced the fluid into a cut he had made in the arm of an eight year-old boy called James Phipps.
As he grew up, Phipps was exposed many times to those with the smallpox virus, but he never succumbed to the disease.
Hence the name of the procedure became known as 'vaccination' – from 'vacca' - a cow!
How does a vaccination work? In simple terms you take an element of a virus the same as or similar to



the one that causes the epidemic, you introduce it into the patient's system (usually by injection) and that person's body begins to produce anti-bodies to attack the virus. The anti-bodies then develop and provide immunity if and when exposure to the epidemic occurs.
It was many years before Edward Jenner's discovery became universally accepted, but over the years it has saved the lives of countless millions.
Cholera, rabies, tetanus, tuberculosis, typhoid, scarlet fever, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, ebola.
These are just some of the more common viruses that have been prevented and even eliminated. Indeed, all of us have been immunised from a number of these, potentially fatal, diseases.
Has it ever occurred to you that immunity to the gospel works in a similar way? It is tragic but it is true. There are many people in our society who, at some time in their lives have been exposed to the gospel. Very likely they have heard the gospel many times. And each time they hear, they build up a resistance to the pleas of the Holy Spirit, until eventually they appear to be totally resistant. Members of their family are Christians, they can go to church, attend evangelistic meetings, they enjoy singing gospel songs, they can even quote God's Word, but still be immune to the call of the Holy Spirit
Nehemiah 9:30 Many times you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets, yet they would not give ear.
Isaiah 5:4 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, what did it yield but wild grapes?
1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.
As a pastor I have often met those who appear to be immune to the Gospel. Could this condition apply to you? Have you never thought of the great privilege you have, a privilege that has been denied to many? Or have you ever considered the result of your rejecting the Saviour? It is to those who are in this condition that the Lord Jesus is speaking in Luke 12; 47 & 48 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required. And from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.
Is it too late? The writer to the Hebrews 4:6 writes of those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience but then quotes the Psalmist Today if you will hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.
The cure for Covid-19 may be many months away, but the cure for our sin sick souls is available today.

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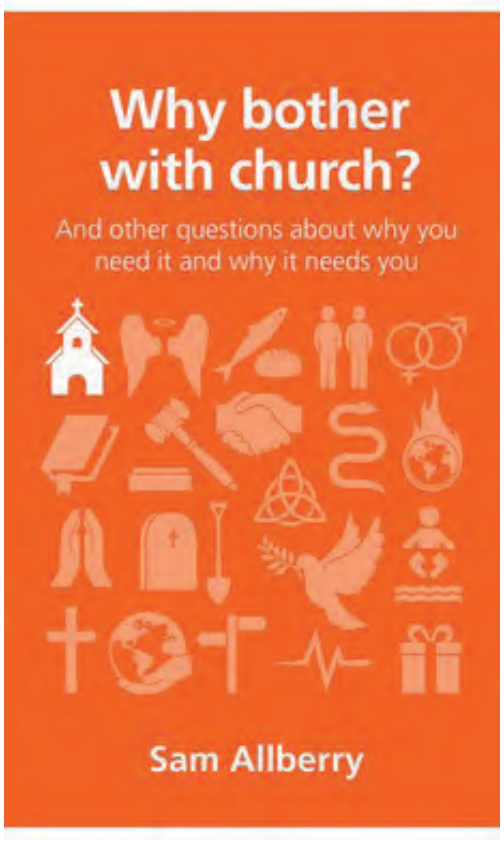


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Talking Points: Abortion

At a time when many churches are conspicuously silent on the thorny issue of abortion, this well researched, easy to read, and compassionate book will be an invaluable resource. When does life begin? Is abortion "okay"...? Does God care? I recommend it for anyone and everyone who's ever struggled with these kind of questions, as well as for those coping with grief.
Our culture is locked in a battle between two opposing worldviews on abortion. How can we help those who are struggling with the emotional and spiritual fallout from abortion? How should Christians advise those who are feeling pressure to abort their child? What should we be saying in the public arena, and how should we conduct ourselves in conversation?
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and Vaughan Roberts survey the Christian worldview and help us to think biblically, speak wisely and act compassionately as we engage with the people, the questions and the heartache surrounding abortion, in a society with very different values.

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MOTOR MOUTH

with Graham Baalham-Curry



Value for money proves to be the biggest selling point for MG

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MG cars today could not be further removed from the cars we fell in love with decades ago, but what they lack in pedigree today, is more than made up for with value for money.

MG of old was no stranger to some sporting prowess with the likes of the Metro GTi or the Maestro Turbo and in the early 2000s the MG ZR was no stranger to the closed road stages of rallying.

Looking back a little further, you have the likes of the MGB GT V8, which can still be found in historic racing today. It is the MG Midget however, that will stick in everybody's head as the height of the British brand.

A small two-seat sports car whose production ran from 1927 until 1979, the last models of which are still winning various motorsport events to this very day, albeit in a guise much different than the factory ever intended.

The British car maker was sold to China in 2006, with the current model range being built by Chinese state-owned automotive design and manufacturing company, SAIC Motor Corporation Limited.

So what does MG offer us, the road user today? Value for money is the biggest selling point for MG, alongside a seven-year, 80,000 mile warranty, and an acceptable amount of equipment as standard.

All sporting knowledge from the past has been left there however, and with a limited range of low powered petrol engines, you can expect nothing more than an unexciting driving experience.







As someone who is not a badge snob and whose most recent acquisition was a 16-year old Ford that stood me a mere £400, I am fond of great value and I can see the attraction of what MG offer.

In this article we drive the MG ZS, with prices starting from £12,995 (in 'Explore' trim). It comes to market around £5,000 cheaper than entry level rivals such as the Hyundai Kona, the Seat Arona, or the Renault Captur.

It's fair to say that you won't have the range of trim levels, nor a vast array of engines, and neither will you have a plethora of plush materials inside, nor the general spec.

For me though, £5,000 is a serious amount of money and the saving of that amount is definitely worth investigating, especially when you consider that your warranty is almost double that of many rivals within this compact crossover segment.

As standard, the MG ZS comes equipped with all the basic safety amenities you need as well as ISOFIX rear seating points, cloth upholstery, bi-function automatic projection headlights, LED daytime running lights, electrically adjustable door mirrors, remote central locking, cruise control, front and rear electric windows, and a radio with auxiliary input and Bluetooth connection.

An 'Excite' trim starts from £14,495 and adds front fog lights, follow me home headlights, rear parking sensors, silver roof rails, 17-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, leather steering wheel, DAB radio, and an eight-inch colour touch screen with Apple CarPlay.

As tested and photographed, an 'Exclusive' trim starts from £16,295 and adds 17-inch diamond-cut alloy wheels, leather effect upholstery with contrasting stitching, a six speaker audio system with 3D sound and sat-nav, and a rear parking camera.

Add the metallic 'Dynamic Red' paint seen on this car, along with an automatic gearbox, and the price for this model tested is £18,990.

There is a simple choice of two petrol engines for the MG ZS. A 1.5-litre, four-cylinder engine produces 106ps which sees 0-62mph in 10.9 seconds, with a top speed of 109mph and a return of just over 40mpg. This engine is only available with a five-speed manual gearbox.

For those who prefer an automatic 'box, the six-speed auto is paired to a one litre, three-cylinder engine producing 111ps which will see 0-62mph in 12.4 seconds with a top speed of 112mph and a return of a bit over 35mpg.

For what it is, I feel that this MG looks pretty good from the outside, the addition of rear privacy glass would definitely aid it looks, post-purchase. The boot offers reasonable space for a small family or a couple of holiday bags for a short break and inside the cabin isn't quite as utilitarian as I expected, which is a good thing.

A carbon fibre effect on materials used around the dash detracts from the fact that they are cheaper materials than seen on other brands. The fake leather upholstery isn't horrendous either, though it would definitely benefit from heated seating.

The touch-screen infotainment hub is surprisingly simple and easy to use with a decent reversing camera and even steering wheel controls.

With noticeable body roll, the driving experience is just what you would expect from a car so affordable.

The MG does what it says on the tin and for someone looking nothing more than a reliable A to B car, it's adequate.

Fitted with the 1-litre turbocharged petrol engine, this model tested is ideal around town or for doing the school run, with its light steering and reasonably nippy power delivery.

An all-electric version of the ZS is available from £25,495 (after plug-in car grant) and offers a range of around 160 miles.

If you're in need of a vehicle which looks good and do not require too many frills, don't let the limited dealer network put you off having a look at the affordable entry level range of MG today.

Fact File
for model tested

Make: MG
Model: ZS
Trim: Exclusive
Engine: 1-litre turbocharged petrol
Gearbox: 6-speed automatic
Cost: £18,990.

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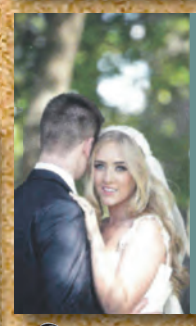
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Brethren and Sisters at Belfast landmarks





There was a strong Orange presence in Belfast as Brethren and Sisters took pictures at some of the city's familiar landmarks. The pictures above were taken at The Boyne Bridge, Sandy Row, and the 'Big Fish' on the banks of the River Lagan, which has become an iconic site for visiting tourists.

Cheque for St. John Ambulance in Ballyhalbert



The presentation of a cheque to members of St. John Ambulance by No. 11 Orange District, No. 11 RAPC District and No. 11 RBDC took place at Ballyhalbert Orange Hall recently.

Research project seeks input from PUL community

A new research project is seeking interviewees to record their experiences of moving from Northern Ireland to Britain from 1945 onwards.

The project, jointly organised by the University of Manchester and the University of Brighton, is the first substantial piece of research to consider this history.

The significance of illuminating these connections has been sharpened by the ongoing issues of Brexit and the Irish border – the project hopes to contribute to the this public debate.

The organisers of the research are particularly interested in hearing stories of leaving Northern Ireland from a range of perspectives, and in highlighting the different trajectories taken by people from across the spectrum of Northern Irish society.

Entitled 'Conflict, Memory and Migration: Northern Irish Migrants and the Troubles in Great Britain', the research also considers the impact of the Troubles on Britain and the effects this had on Northern Irish people living outside of the province as well as those within it.

While historians have studied the Irish diaspora in Britain in some detail, the stories of people who left Northern Ireland specifically are less well-known.

The project asks why people made the decision to move, how this shaped their lives and the lives of the families, and how they feel about their identity now, during a turbulent period in Northern Irish politics.

The role of cultural institutions, such as the Orange Order in helping people maintain their links to home, and form new connections in England and Scotland, will be central to the analysis; they are also interested in how churches, cultural centres and other spaces helped people settle in England and Scotland.

In addition to interviewing people who left Northern Ireland, the research will draw on the memories and experiences of their children to consider how they feel about their identity, their relationship to Britain and their parents' country of origin.

Professor Graham Dawson, the joint lead researcher on the project along with Professor Liam Harte, said: "The history of Northern Irish migration to Britain has not been considered in any detail previously. We hope that highlighting some of the stories of people who made this journey will shed some light on how it affected them, on Northern Ireland's relationship to Britain, and to the impact of the Troubles in both places."

"We would like to hear from people of all backgrounds and viewpoints who migrated from Northern Ireland to England or Scotland between 1945 and 2000. Particularly those who moved to or spent a significant amount of time in London, Manchester or Glasgow.

As well as men and women who were born and grew up in Northern Ireland, they are also keen to hear from people born in Great Britain to Northern Irish parents (one or both). The study is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

If you are interested in taking part in an oral history interview contact conflictmemorymigration@manchester.ac.uk