



TWELFTH SPECIAL 2023





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Welcome to the Orange Family

The Orange Institution is a membership organisation comprised of Protestants who are committed to the protection of the principles of the Protestant Reformation and the Glorious Revolution of 1688 which enshrined civil and religious liberty for all. Our members celebrate these principles publicly through our annual colourful parades.

When?
Early Orange Societies celebrated King William III's victories from the early 1700s, however the Orange Institution was not formed until 1795 following the 'Battle of the Diamond', near Loughgall, where local Protestants had joined together to successfully defend their homes from hostile attacks.

Who?
Membership is open to adult males who subscribe to the principles of the reformed Protestant faith. Separate Ladies and Junior Associations also make up part of the wider 'Orange family'.

Where?
Orangeism is not just found in

Ireland. Lodges can be found in countries right around the world including England, Scotland, Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand and in West Africa.

Why?
Today, the core values and actions of Orangeism include:

- Promotion of the Protestant faith;
- Maintenance of the Union

- between Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- Fraternal relations and mutual support;
- Religious tolerance and respect;
- Service to the Crown;
- Civic duty and responsibility;
- Resourcing, facilitating and delivering community capacity;
- Charitable support for good

- causes;
- Benevolence to our widows and orphans;
- Historical and Cultural research and preservation.

Find Out More?
Contact the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland headquarters at Schomberg House or visit the Museums of Orange Heritage in Belfast and Loughgall.

These facilities tell the story of Orangeism through the ages as well as hosting relevant temporary exhibitions. Both have café and gift shop facilities and can accommodate individual, family or group visits.

Join Us?
The Orange Institution is always keen to welcome new members who share our beliefs, principles and vision. Every member belongs to an individual Lodge, and with over 1,000 Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, there's bound to be one near you.

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a member, just speak to an existing member or get in touch via any of the contacts:

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Twelfth venues 2023



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| 1. Ballinamallard | 6. Broughshane | 11. Dungannon | 16. Portglenone |
| 2. Ballycastle | 7. Clogher | 12. Kilkeel | 17. Randalstown |
| 3. Ballymena | 8. Coleraine | 13. Loughbrickland | 18. Rosstown |
| 4. Bangor | 9. Comber | 14. Lurgan | 19. Upper Ballinderry |
| 5. Belfast | 10. Dromore | 15. Magherafelt | |

Message from the Grand Master

It is with great anticipation that I write this foreword to our Digital Twelfth Special. With the 333rd celebrations of King William's victory at the Battle of the Boyne just a few weeks away, I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the big day. We continue to welcome an increasing number of international visitors to our celebrations who are keen to experience first-hand the spectacle of the biggest day in the parading calendar. And it is with this in mind that we have tried to bring



together as much information about the respective parade venues, the host districts and

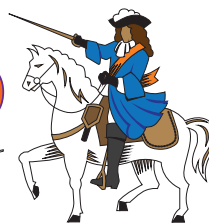
the lodges and bands as we can. This will help inform visitors of what is taking place and when, acting as a source of information for participants and spectators alike. The Twelfth of July parades are very special indeed. I do not believe there is any other event on these islands that can bring such vast numbers of people onto the streets to enjoy our processions, either by taking part or simply to watch them go by. It is a custom which has been maintained for over 200 years,

passed through generations, and will continue to be upheld for many years to come. I am pleased that once again the Twelfth celebrations will be broadcast live by GB News to a UK-wide audience. The value of bringing coverage of our events to a broader audience cannot be underestimated. Last year, GB News reported viewing figures in the region of 100,000 people. Hopefully that figure will increase this year as people enjoy the pageantry of our parades and learn about the history of the

Orange Institution. High calibre music provided by some of the finest marching bands will only add to the festival atmosphere as we look forward to another glorious Twelfth. I would like to take this opportunity to personally wish all of our participants and the thousands of spectators a safe and enjoyable Twelfth of July no matter which of our parades you are attending.

Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson, Grand Master

BALLINAMALLARD



Ballinamallard to host County Fermanagh Twelfth celebrations

The County Fermanagh Twelfth of July demonstration will take place in Ballinamallard this year. Large crowds are expected to be in attendance, including many tourists and visitors to the Lakeland county, for what is always a wonderful Twelfth of July celebration.

The Fermanagh parade traditionally encompasses the entire county with Brethren taking part from Newtownbutler, Lisbellaw, Brookeborough, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen, Ballinamallard, Kinawley, Glenawley, Lisnarick, Pettigo, Magheraboy, Church Hill, Maguiresbridge, Garrison and Tempo districts.

The Sisters of Women's Districts 1, 2 and 3, Junior Lodges from South Fermanagh, Brookebor-



King Billy at the head of the Twelfth parade in Ballinamallard in 2013.

ough, Maguiresbridge, Ballinamallard and South Fermanagh Junior Girls Lodge will also be on

parade. Ballinamallard will also play host to visiting lodges from the

Republic of Ireland, representing Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan and Monaghan and their bands. Southern Brethren – who traditionally take pride of place at the front of the main parade – will join with 90 private lodges, members of the Association of Loyal Orangewomen and approximately 60 bands in one of the larger demonstrations across the Province.

Lodges and bands will move off at 11.45am from the assembly point at Ballinamallard United FC on the Enniskillen Road before proceeding along the approximate one-mile route through the village to the demonstration field on the Makenny Road.

The main proceedings will commence at 2pm, where the Guest

Speaker will be Wor. Bro. Rev. Abraham Storey, County Grand Chaplain of Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge. Music for Platform proceedings will be provided by Tempo Silver Band.

There will also be entertainment for children at both the assembly and demonstration points. The return parade is due to begin at approximately 2.45pm.

Ballinamallard last hosted the Twelfth of July celebrations in 2013.

This year Garrison District will parade their new banner, while Garrison Band have recently obtained new uniforms.

2023 is an important year in the history of Teemore Accordion band as it marks their 50th anniversary.



The Brethren of Ballinamallard District LOL No. 8 and Ballinamallard RBP dedicated seats during the King's Coronation in May.

2013 was all about ice-cream, umbrellas and G8 water!

There's been plenty of Twelfth days where an umbrella has come in handy. However, in 2013 the umbrellas were out to try and fend off the burning sun as County Fermanagh enjoyed something of a Twelfth heatwave!

The local paper, the Impartial Reporter, revealed in its

Twelfth coverage that the temperatures that day had hit 29.1 degrees celsius - making Fermanagh the hottest place in Northern Ireland!

It made for a Glorious Twelfth for the many Orangemen, women and juniors as jackets were discarded in favour of shirt sleeves.

Vendors reported high sales of drinks and ice cream.

In fact, it was so warm, water was given out in both the assembly and demonstration fields to participants. Some of the water provided was surplus from the G8 summit which had been held in Fermanagh.

A word of welcome

On behalf of Ballinamallard District LOL No. 6, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Officers of County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, along with all Brethren, Sisters, Juniors, bands and visitors from Fermanagh and beyond to our Twelfth of July event in Ballinamallard. A special welcome to our visiting Brethren from our neighbouring counties of Leitrim, Monaghan, Cavan and Donegal. I would also like to welcome all those who have come to enjoy the occasion and especially those who are visiting our county for the day or as part of their summer vacation.

It is the first time the Twelfth demonstration has returned to Ballinamallard since 2013, which was a memorable

occasion due to the extreme heat where bottles of water were distributed to those on parade throughout the day. I hope the weather will be kind to us again this year.

The Fermanagh Twelfth is well known for its friendly family atmosphere and enjoyed by everyone, young and old. The past two years have been extremely busy throughout the Orange family as we held a series of events to commemorate Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Sadly, later in the year the death of Her Majesty brought more sombre events as the Orange Order commemorated Her life and marked Her passing.

This year we had the celebrations of

the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

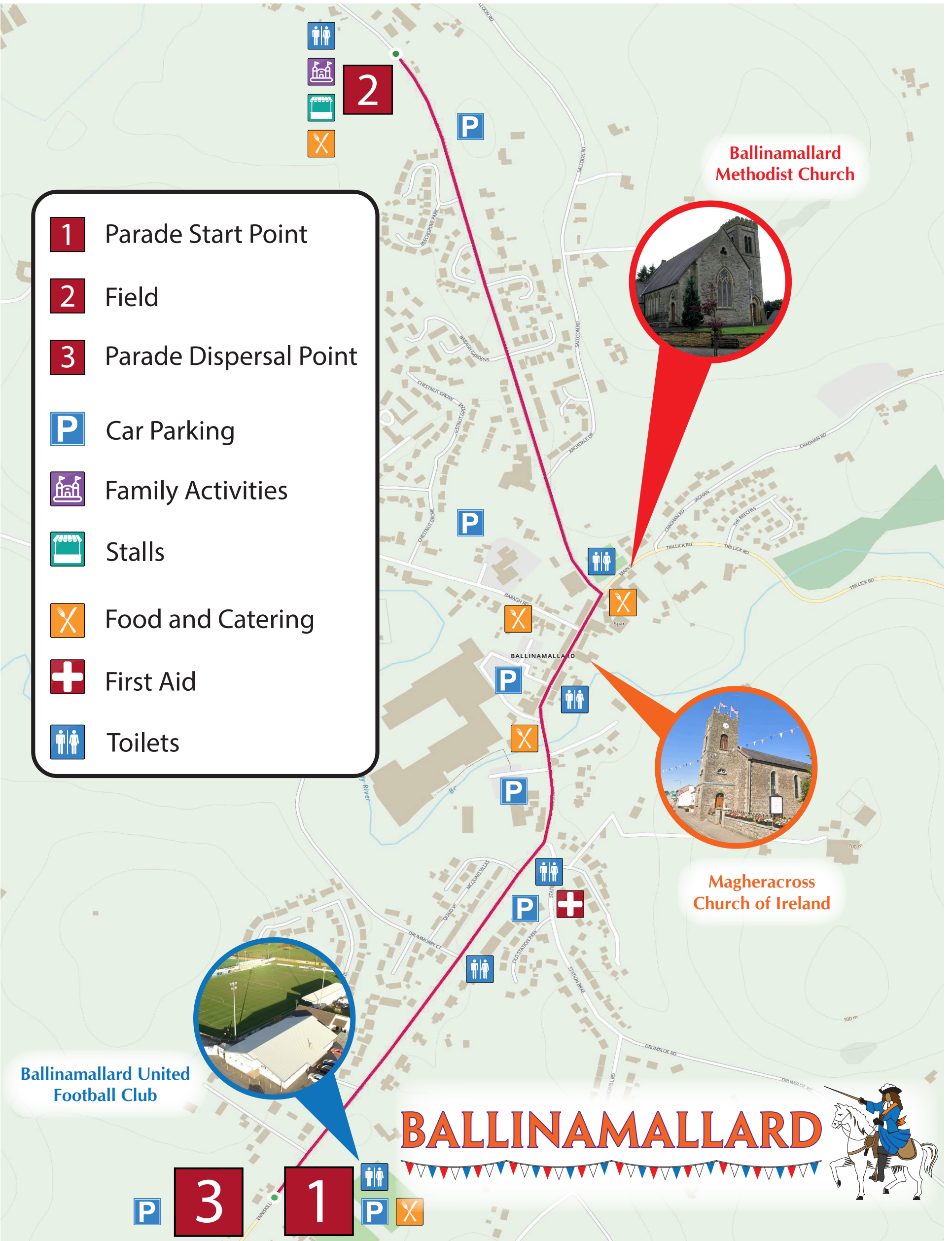
The Loyal Orders in Ballinamallard played its part by placing two Coronation commemorative bench seats in the village for community use.

Ballinamallard has a proud history of Orangeism and of hosting Twelfth events, we are pleased to continue that tradition.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable day. God Save the King!

Wor. Bro. Raymond Armstrong
District Master
Ballinamallard District LOL No. 6





BALLYCASTLE



Picturesque Ballycastle is ready to host North Antrim Twelfth

The annual North Antrim Demonstration this year will be hosted by Ballycastle District LOL No. 23 and will be held in the picturesque town of Ballycastle.

The other North Antrim Districts of Ballymoney, Bushmills, Cloughmills and Rasharkin will join with their Ballycastle Brethren to commemorate the 333rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. The 43 lodges on parade will be accompanied by 29 bands and six sets of Lambeg drums. Also on parade will be Rawlins White Memorial LOL 803 from Cardiff. They will be accompanying Moyarget Chosen Few LOL 1196, who will be celebrating their 200th anniversary in March 2024.

On parade for the first time will be a new Junior Lodge, Ballycastle District JLLOL No. 8, which was formed earlier this year.

The parade will assemble at the football pitch on Ramoan Road to commence at 1pm. The parade will travel along Ramoan Road, Church Road, Coleraine Road, Castle Street, The Diamond, Ann Street, Rathlin Road, Strandview Road, North Street, Quay Road, War Memorial to Quay Road

Playing Fields

The Districts will parade in the following order: Ballycastle, Cloughmills, Rasharkin, Ballymoney and Bushmills.

Each District will lay a wreath at the War Memorial on their way to the demonstration field. On the arrival of the last Lodge at the Quay Road Playing Fields, the Platform proceedings will commence.

This should be at approximately 3pm.

The service will be led by Wor. Bro. Rev. David McCarthy, Deputy County Grand Chaplain.

The guest speaker is Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Rt. Wor. Bro. Harold Henning.

Following the religious service, the Resolutions will be read.

On the completion of the platform proceedings, at approximately 4pm, the parade will assemble to parade back through the town.

The order for the return parade will be Cloughmills, Rasharkin, Ballymoney, Bushmills and Ballycastle.

Throughout the day there will be a charity collection in the town which will go towards the vital service provided by the Northern Ireland Air Ambulance.



In 2022, the North Antrim Twelfth celebrations were hosted in Bushmills. On that occasion the guest speaker was the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson, who took part in pouring water from the Boyne across the road before the parade began.

A word of welcome

It is my honour and privilege as Worshipful District Master of Ballycastle District LOL No. 23 to extend a very cordial invitation to all the lodges, bands, Lambeg drummers and friends to join with us in this North Antrim Demonstration to commemorate the 333rd Anniversary of King William III's victory at the Battle of the Boyne.

It is 136 years ago since the first Twelfth Demonstration was held in Ballycastle in 1887 when the local newspaper reported: "On the invitation of the Rev. Thomas Cox, Ballycastle, as district master of the lodges in that district, the brethren of Ballymoney, Middle Dunluce (Ballycastle), and Lower Dunluce (Bushmills) celebrated

the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne along with their brethren in Ballycastle. The day was exceedingly fine, although threatening clouds overspread the sky. The procession was of immense length, and along the line of route thousands of people turned out to view the pageant."

The proceedings were held at Clare Park and special trains ran from Capecastle and Ballymoney railway stations.

We would also acknowledge another event which we all celebrated on 6th May, when we witnessed the Coronation of our new Monarch, King Charles III. We wish him well and hope he continues to have the support of his loyal subjects both

within the United Kingdom and further afield in all his dependent Commonwealth countries. I would encourage each and every one to join with us in the platform proceedings as we are very pleased to welcome Bro. Rev. David McCarthy, who will conduct our religious service and convey to us the teachings of that most precious word which we find within the texts of the Holy Bible.

Our guest speaker is the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Harold Henning, who will speak on the Resolutions and give us all an insight into the work being carried out by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers.

Can I extend a very warm invita-

tion to anybody who may be on holiday in the town of Ballycastle, or indeed in the surrounding area, to come along and join in with all the events happening on the day.

Each and every one will be made very welcome.

Hopefully, God willing, we will be blessed with the same weather enjoyed by our Brethren 136 years ago – an exceedingly fine day.

I hope that everyone joining with us will have an enjoyable day.

Yours Sincerely and fraternally,

Wor. Bro. John McGregor
District Master
Ballycastle District LOL No. 23



BALLYCASTLE



- 1** Parade Start Point
- 2** Field
- P** Car Parking
- Family Activities
- Stalls
- Food and Catering
- First Aid
- Toilets



Ballycastle Marina



Ballycastle War Memorial

BALLYMENA



Ballymena - one of only two venues to host a Twelfth parade every year!

Twenty-seven lodges and 15 accompanying bands and Lambeg drums will take part in the annual Twelfth celebrations in Ballymena.

There will also be two Ladies Lodges and two Junior Lodges on parade. It is anticipated that a good turnout of visiting Brethren from England and Scotland will be in attendance.

The County Antrim town hosts a Twelfth demonstration every year. Belfast City is

the only other location which also hosts an annual Twelfth parade.

This year the honour of hosting the parade belongs to the members of Ballykeel LOL 472.

The parade will assemble at Church Street Car Park. At 12.30pm it will proceed to the demonstration field at Wakehurst Playing Fields via Meeting House Lane, Castle Street, Church Street, Broadway, Broughshane Street, William Street, Ballymoney

Street, Broadway, Wellington Street, Lower Mill Street, Pentagon, Galgorm Road, Waveney Road, Harryville Bridge, Salisbury Square, Henry Street, Larne Street, Larne Road, Wakehurst Road and Brooke Park. In the field, the platform proceedings will begin with a word of welcome by District Master Wor. Bro. Willard Logan and Deputy District Master and Wor. Master of host Lodge Ballykeel LOL No. 472, Wor. Bro. Matthew Armstrong.

The Religious Service will be conducted by Grand Chaplain Wor. Bro. Rev. Ian McClean, with the reading of Resolutions by District Secretary Wor. Bro. Hubert Scullion.

The return parade will leave the field at 4.30pm to return to the Protestant Hall following a route via Brooke Park, Wakehurst Road, Queen Street, Salisbury Square, Harryville Bridge, Waveney Road and Galgorm Road.

Looking back:

A selection of pictures showing previous Twelfth of July celebrations in Ballymena.



A word of welcome

As Worshipful District Master of Ballymena District LOL No. 8, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to join with us for our annual Twelfth Demonstration in Ballymena.

The Brethren of Ballymena parade as a single District every year, with the Private Lodges within the District taking it in turn to host the demonstration. This year's host Lodge is Ballykeel LOL

472 and they will head the procession which consists of the 27 lodges that make up Ballymena District plus two ladies lodges, two Junior lodges and of course accompanying bands and Lambeg drums.

The town of Ballymena hosts a Twelfth Demonstration every year and this makes it an intimate event where family and visitors come to enjoy the friendly

and welcoming atmosphere and help us celebrate our wonderful culture.

I hope you will consider joining us for our Twelfth Demonstration in Ballymena where you will receive a warm welcome.

Wor. Bro. Willard Logan
District Master
Ballymena District LOL No. 8



BALLYMENA












Ballymena Memorial Park



Saint Patrick's Church of Ireland



Ballymena Town Hall

-  Parade Start Point
-  Field
-  Parade Dispersal Point
-  Car Parking
-  Family Activities
-  Stalls
-  Food and Catering
-  First Aid
-  Toilets



BANGOR

Bangor hosts first Twelfth celebrations as a new City

Bangor will play host to the Twelfth of July celebrations for the first time since it was awarded city status in December 2022.

The seaside venue on the North Down coast will welcome Brethren from Newtownards, Upper Ards, Holywood districts as well as the hosts, Bangor District LOL No. 18.

More than 40 lodges and 30 bands will be on parade, with a selection of flute, accordion and pipe bands taking part. They will be joined by lodges from the Ladies Association and Juniors, including the recently formed Bangor District JLOL 18. North Irish Dragoons will be leading the parade this year. In addition to this they will also have a camp-fire set up within the field at Ward Park and perform a live firing of historical weapons.

In a change to previous years, the platform proceedings will take place before the main parade.

Bangor District will form up at Bangor Orange Hall on Hamilton Road and make their way to the field at Ward Park from 10.45am.

They will enter the field where the Platform Proceedings will get underway at 11.15am. The Religious Service will be led by Rev. Mark Durell, with Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Wor. Bro. Rev. Mervyn Gibson MBE, the guest speaker.

The main parade will commence at noon and follow a route around the town before returning to Ward Park where there will be a range of activities and entertainment including music by Donaghadee Fifes and Drums, a performance from the

Demi Walker School of Dance and singing from Clara Wilson. The full route is: Ward Park, Gransha Road, Castle Park Road, Castle Park Avenue, Abbey Street, Newtownards Road, Church Street, Oakwood Avenue, Belfast Road, Abbey Street, Main Street, High Street, Hamilton Road, Castle Street, Gransha Road and returning to Ward Park

The return parade will commence at approximately 3.45pm. A number of lodge's will be welcoming visiting Brethren this year.

Conlig Village Star LOL 695 will be joined by approximately 40 Canadian Brethren from Birchcliff Bible and Crown LOL 2856. Sons of Ulster LOL 1027 will be joined by a number of Brethren from Sons of Glasgow LOL 50. The designated charity of the day will be Bangor Foodbank.



Above: On parade in Bangor.

Below: Singer Clara Wilson.

Below left: The North Irish Dragoons will lead this year's parade.



A word of welcome

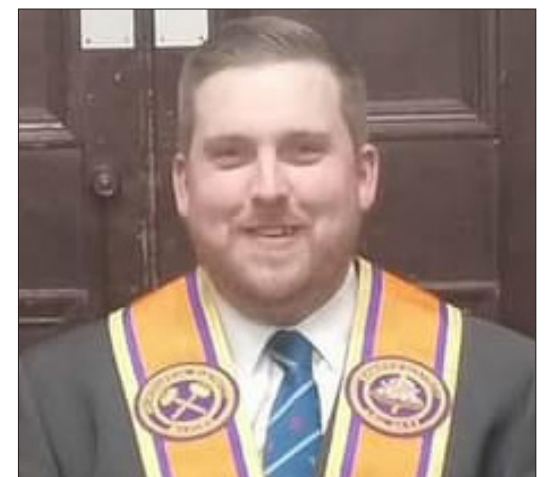
On behalf of Bangor District can I welcome all the Brethren, Sisters and Juniors and of course all the visitors to the City of Bangor. This is the first Twelfth celebrations since Bangor was awarded City status to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Bangor itself has many ties to Orangeism. William of Orange appointed Marshal

Schomberg as his commander in chief of the expedition to drive James II out of Ireland. In 1689, during the Williamite War in Ireland, Marshal Schomberg's expedition landed at Ballyholme Bay. He pitched his headquarters in Castle Park and captured Bangor, before going on to Carrickfergus. Schomberg's force then went south to

camp at Dundalk and were present at the Battle of the Boyne. We have arranged a full day of events to celebrate this glorious day. We wish to invite everyone to come along and join with us in the City of Bangor, where singer Clara Wilson, Donaghadee Fifes and Drums and Demi Walker School of Dance will all be performing

on stage for what promises to be a great afternoon of entertainment. There will also be food outlets, ice cream and many stalls along with plenty of fun activities for the kids including bouncy castles and amusements.

Wor. Bro. Gary Taylor
District Master
Bangor District LOL No. 18



BANGOR



McKee Clock



Bangor Town Hall

- 1** Parade Start Point
- 2** Field
- 3** Parade Dispersal Point
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The Twelfth - the reason for the season!

The legacy of the Glorious Revolution continues to shape our lives today. Its principles are the bedrock on which modern constitutional democracy is based. The American and French Revolutions both owe their motivation, in part, to the changes that occurred in the British Isles between 1688 and 1691. Central to these changes was William, Prince of Orange,

who became King William III. Not only was the Revolution a triumph of liberty over arbitrary power but it embedded freedom. A Bill of Rights, and associated legislation, has ensured that the Revolution became both an enduring and evolving settlement. Crucially the Glorious Revolution was not just a revolution by, or for, the elite, but a

popular rising in favour of something new. The consequence was significant constitutional change, change that continues to shape the free World to this day. The Loyal Orange Institution sees itself as an heir and custodian of the Revolution and is the only organisation that publicly celebrates the achievements of one of our greatest Monarchies. It was after all, on the

battlefields of Ireland that the legacy of Liberty was initially secured. For those who took part the evolution was more than an Act of Parliament, it was an act of sacrifice that has left a legacy of liberty for all. The events of this period (1688-1691), and the ideas they embedded, are the reason why we celebrate the Twelfth of July.

Dr. Jonathan Mattison

The Glorious Revolution - Background

The term Glorious Revolution was given to the political and Royal change that took place in the British Isles in 1688 and 1689. The Seventeenth Century was a turbulent time in British Politics. The English Civil War had given way to a period of republican-style government which at times verged on dictatorship. It was against this backdrop of uncertainty that the seeds of the Glorious Revolution were sown. In 1660 the Stuart family were restored to the throne of the British Isles, with Charles II as King. It was hoped that memories of the Civil War, and the brief period of republican government under Oliver Cromwell and the Commonwealth, would pass. However, stability came to an end with the death of King Charles II on 6 February 1685. Charles died with no legitimate male heir. The Crown would now pass to his brother, James, Duke of York. This posed a problem. James was a Roman Catholic and under the restoration settlement the King or Queen could only be Protestant. Anxious to avoid another



King James II

civil war, the politicians came up with a compromise. James was allowed to succeed his brother and become King. Many in the establishment, although opposed to James, were prepared to tolerate his accession as his existing heirs were all Protestant. The ill-fated three-year reign of James II was characterized by struggles over the balance of power between King and Parliament, and a debate over freedom of religious belief. Perhaps haunted by the childhood memory of his

own father's execution, James tried to cement the power of the monarchy at the expense of parliament. He tried to copy his cousin, King Louis XIV of France. This greatly annoyed the political establishment. He further alienated Church and Military leaders when he attempted to introduce a new book of Common Prayer and remove some of the restrictions on Roman Catholic life. They resolved to replace the King. Representatives of the two main parties met secretly and decided to invite William, Prince of Orange, the Protestant champion of Europe, to take the throne of the British Isles.

James's supporters melted away and Parliament declared that, by his actions, he had broken the contract between Government and the People. They argued that he had thus vacated the throne. William, Prince of Orange, and his wife, Mary Stuart, were invited to take the throne as Joint Monarchs. New restrictions were placed on the power of the Monarch and a Bill of Rights introduced. Seven key principles

would form the bedrock of this new administration – Religious Toleration, Liberty of the Subject, Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Speech, Trial by Jury, Parliamentary Democracy and Constitutional Monarchy.

One of the most interesting things about this new arrangement was the fact that it was a Joint Monarchy. This was the result of a political compromise to gain the support of the majority of politicians. The Whigs were keen supporters of William of Orange. Meanwhile the Tories were content that making Mary Queen would keep a Stuart on the throne. In this way they would not be interfering with the Divine Right of Kings. This is the only period in British History that there has been a Joint Monarchy in power.

It was the birth of a male heir to King James II and his second wife, Mary of Modena, that forced the conspirators to act. Elements of the Protestant Press poked fun at the arrival of the new heir. Some even suggested that he was not legitimate and had been

smuggled into the Royal Bedchamber in a 'warming pan' - the Seventeenth Century version of a hot water bottle! Nevertheless, the arrival of young James Francis Edward Stuart would be the final straw.

The prospect of a Roman Catholic dynasty on the British throne forced the conspirators to put their plans into action – the Glorious Revolution was underway. The birth of James Francis Edward Stuart on 10 June 1688 may also be the origin of the nursery rhyme 'Rock-A-By-Baby'. James is the heir to the throne, and the baby in the cradle. The strong wind represents the favourable weather conditions that allowed William, Prince of Orange, to land on the south coast and kept James II's loyal Navy in port. The branch that breaks is the Roman Catholic branch of the House of Stuart on the British Throne. The Glorious Revolution, and the political changes it heralded, would become incredibly important to the Loyal Orange Institution when it was formed just over 100 years later.

Key events of the Glorious Revolution

As the actions of King James II alienated the political, military and religious establishment, so an invitation was issued to William, Prince of Orange, and his wife Mary, to take the throne of the British Isles. Plans were drawn up for an invasion. At the beginning of November 1688, weather favoured the Prince of Orange. A strong easterly wind prevented James's loyal navy from leaving port and allowed the Prince of Orange to land unopposed. Brixham became the focal point of William's landing. One of those who waded ashore with his army was a Presbyterian Minister from Scotland. William Carstares was both a spymaster and Chaplain to the court of William, Prince of Orange. As the waves lapped against the shore, men gathered round him as he recited Psalm 118 and assured the assembled soldiers and sailors that God would be with them in their cause. The diarist, John Evelyn, described how the landing of the



King William III

William of Orange was greeted in the capital. "I went to London; heard the news of the Prince having landed at Torbay, coming with a fleet of near 700 sail, passing through the channel with so favourable a wind that our navy could not intercept or molest them. This put the King and Court into great consternation, they were now employed in forming an army to stop their further progress, for they were got into Exeter, and the season and ways very improper for His



Queen Mary

Majesty's forces to march so great a distance..." James raised his standard and tried to muster an army to defend his cause, but key leaders such as John Churchill, future Duke of Marlborough, joined William instead. Any threatened confrontation melted away and James was imprisoned briefly in the Tower of London. For political reasons, and the fact William wanted to quickly turn his attention back to Europe, James was allowed to escape, and quickly hurried to

France. William launched a major propaganda campaign, with one of his slogans being "The liberties of England and the Protestant religion I will maintain." Even before he landed in England, William had prepared the ground by launching a massive propaganda campaign. Printed ballads, and pamphlets filled the streets praising the Prince of Orange and the Protestant cause. This had helped pave the way for the peaceful transition of power. William and Mary were thus seen as liberators by the majority of the population. In 1689 a new Parliament introduced a Bill of Rights for the Kingdom and this was followed by the coronation of William and Mary at Westminster Abbey on 11 April 1689. This model of Constitutional Monarchy would help lay the foundations of modern democracy in the western world. The creation of a Joint Monarchy, in which both King and Queen would have the same power, was a new departure. This settlement

was necessary to ensure that the majority of both Tory and Whig politicians embraced the new arrangements and a political solution would prevent a possible civil war.

Not only was the Glorious Revolution part of a wider European power struggle but it also involved a family dispute. William was both James's son-in-law and his nephew! This may also have explained why the recently deposed King was 'allowed' to escape. Not only was he a potential focus for the remaining Jacobite sympathisers in the kingdom, but he was also Mary's father. William felt it prudent to let him go – hoping he would never return. Allowing James to escape was a mistake. In France, he was able to secure financial and military backing from Louis XIV and launched a campaign to try and regain his throne. There followed a bitter period of war in Ireland and Scotland as the Jacobites attempted to dislodge the newly crowned William III and Mary II.

Events in Ireland

During his short reign, James II had encouraged the promotion of a Roman Catholic ascendancy in Ireland.

This is not to say that he wanted the complete removal of the existing Protestant Establishment, but the sudden elevation of a large number of Roman Catholic families caused disquiet in the Protestant community.

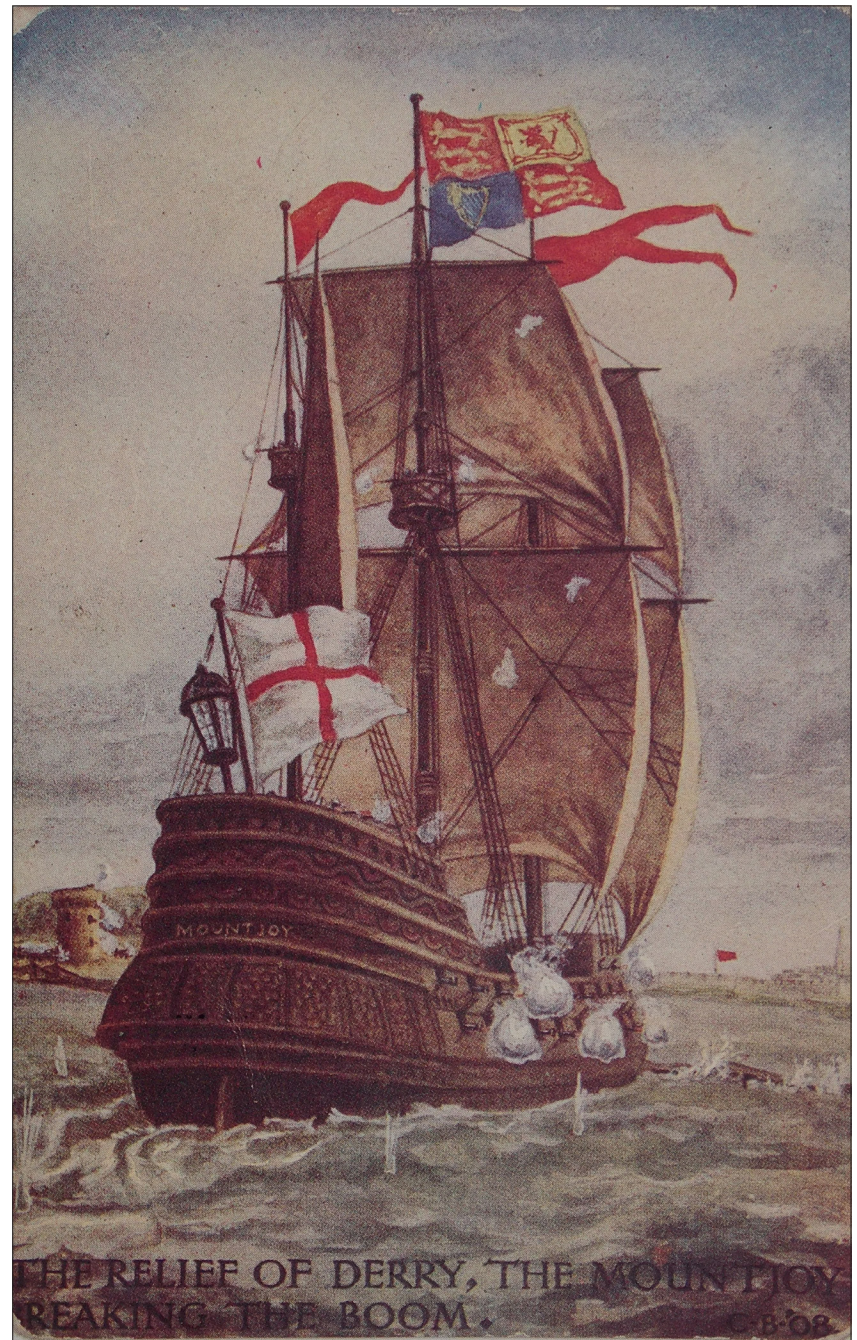
Richard Talbot, Earl of Tyrconnell, was Lord Lieutenant in Ireland under King James II. He had watched developments in Britain with interest and was determined to hold Ireland for the Jacobite cause. He continually tried to extend Roman Catholic control and influence. For over two years Tyrconnell, the first Roman Catholic to be in charge of Ireland since the Reformation, set about extending Roman Catholic control. Protestants were dismissed from Town Corporations. Protestant magistrates were replaced and an army of 20,000 men was raised. A significant number of the senior officers, in this new army, were Roman Catholic. Under Tyrconnell the levers of political and administrative power in Ireland were transferred from Protestant to Roman Catholic control. Such was the dramatic nature of the changes that even some of James's English Roman Catholic advisors urged caution.

Some leading Protestant merchants sold their businesses and moved to Britain, while some Protestant Army officers quietly departed and offered their services to the Prince of Orange in Holland. Tyrconnell set about trying to make Ireland an island fortress for the ousted James II. Consequently, when James landed, it appeared, at least on the surface, that he was in a commanding position. James believed Ireland offered him a secure base from which he could launch a campaign to retake his throne. Despite protestations to the contrary, Irish Protestants feared a new 1641-type massacre. This view appeared to be validated when a mysterious letter was found in Comber, County Down, warning of a planned massacre of Protestants. The letter was probably a hoax, but it had an undeniable impact. Those families who could afford to leave fled to Britain. Many sought sanctuary in places like Londonderry and Enniskillen, while others prepared to fight. The Jacobite aim was to



push through Ireland as quickly as possible. They would knock out any pockets of Williamite support, especially in parts of Ulster, and capture a deep-water port. This would enable James to send his army to Britain, especially Scotland, where a Jacobite force was building under James Graham of Claverhouse. Bonnie Dundee, as Graham was affectionately known by his supporters, had organised a considerable Jacobite following in Scotland and some even feared he might capture Edinburgh. James hoped that a demonstration of power in Ireland and Scotland might also encourage Jacobite resistance in England. Protestants prepared to resist. In Ulster they formed themselves into a Council of the North and made plans to defend as many strong-points as possible, appealing to the new Williamite administration for swift assistance. The country was braced for war. The first major clash took place

at Dromore in County Down in March 1689. A Jacobite army led by Richard Hamilton routed a hastily assembled Protestant force sent to delay it. The Break of Dromore, as it became known, ensured that eastern Ulster fell into Jacobite hands. Those that could fled to England or hurried north and west to Coleraine and Enniskillen. The Protestant garrisons of Coleraine, Londonderry and Enniskillen made plans to hold out against the Jacobite army. It was in Ireland and Scotland that the fate of the Glorious Revolution would be decided. This is the reason that the Siege of Londonderry, and the battles of Newtownbutler, the Boyne and Aughrim, have been seared into the very

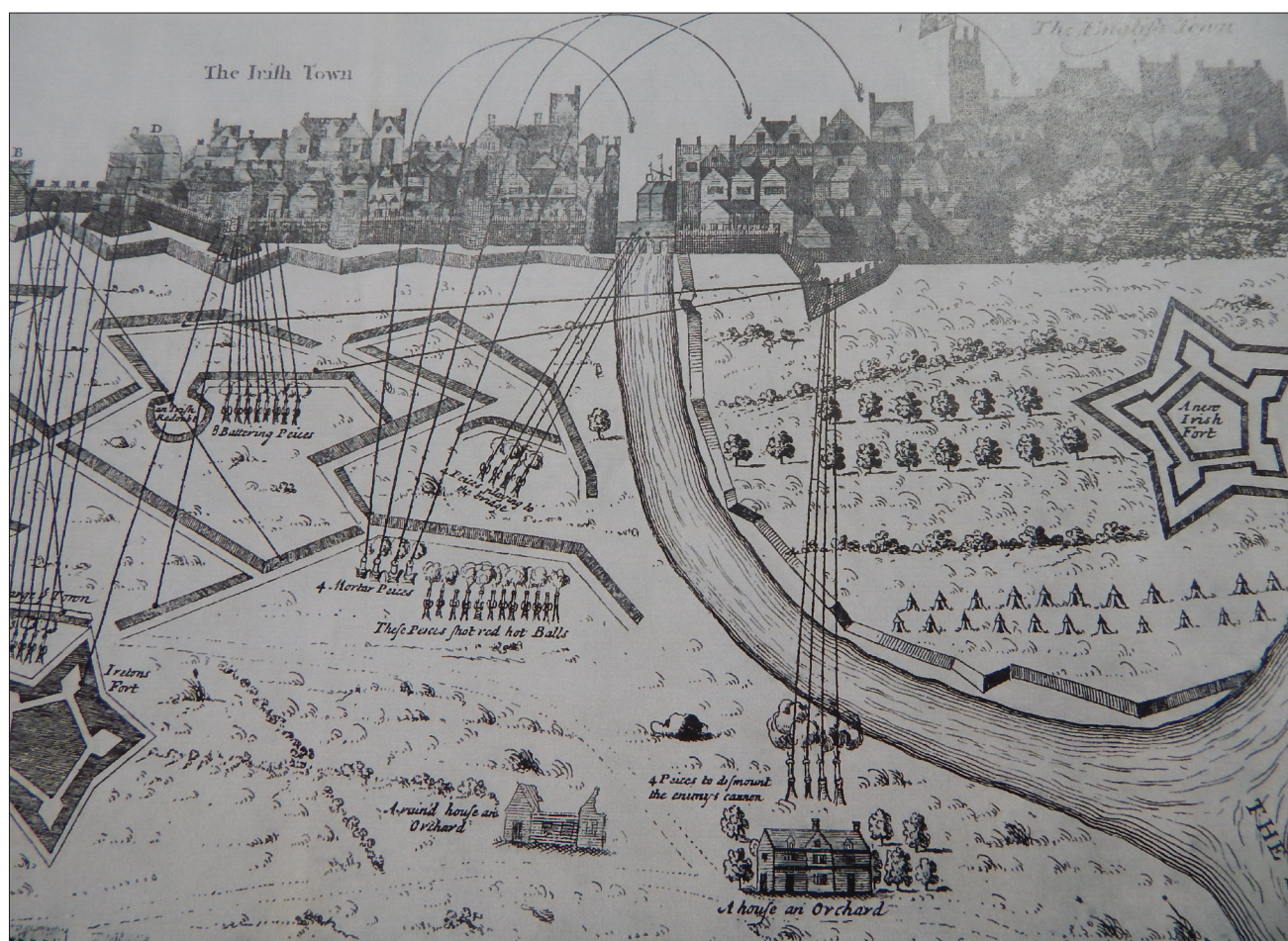


psyche of the Orange Family in Ulster and beyond. The major battle of the war in Scotland took place at Killcrankie, where

the Jacobites won an impressive victory but their charismatic leader, James Graham of Claverhouse was killed.

Above: Postcard the Mountjoy Breaking the Boom

Above left: Lochiel's charge at Killycrankie.



Left: Image of Siege of Limerick.

The Battle of the Boyne

This was the most politically significant battle of the Glorious Revolution and the war in Ireland. It was the last time two rightful kings of the British Isles would fight each other, face to face, for the throne.

In June of 1690, after a briefly threatening to take his main army into Ulster, James II withdrew his forces south towards Dublin. This was much against the advice of his military commanders. This withdrawal meant that the last physical barrier between the advancing Williamites and Dublin was the River Boyne outside Drogheda. It was here that James hoped to fight the decisive battle of the war. June 1690 also witnessed the arrival of King William in Ireland. His aim - to finish the war as quickly as possible and to concentrate on the wider conflict in Europe. He encouraged his forces to mop up Jacobite resistance in Ulster and push south for a knockout blow. On 1 July 1690, 35,000 Williamites and 25,000 Jacobites faced each other across the River Boyne outside Drogheda. The Jacobite army had a strong defensive position on the south side of the river, occupying the small village of Oldbridge and manning as many of the river crossings as they could. They also held the walled city of Drogheda and its main bridge across the river. This meant that the Williamite forces had to cross the river and meet them head on... or so they thought.

The Fortunate escape of the Prince of Orange

The newly crowned King William III arrived on the banks of the Boyne on 30 June 1690. Despite advice from some of his commanders that he should immediately launch an attack on Jacobite positions, William adopted a more cautious approach. A Council of War was held between William and his generals. Some advocated a direct assault across the Boyne River to smash the Jacobite centre. Others believed that he should try and flank James' forces by sending a large part of his army to the west and cross the Boyne River at Rossnaree and Slane. In the end William adopted elements of both plans. First thing in the morning, he would send forces to capture the crossings at Slane and Rossnaree, while the rest of his army would cross the Boyne at several places between Oldbridge and Drogheda. The adoption of this strategy would prove extremely productive. The new king then decided to scout the positions of the Jaco-



King William III crossing the Boyne, depicted on the banner of Earl of Erne Memorial True Blues LOL 1080.

bite forces himself. Accompanied by his advisors and bodyguards he slowly travelled along the north bank of the River Boyne to see where the Jacobites had placed their cannons. A keen-eyed Jacobite officer spotted this group of riders and ordered small cannons to be fired from a hidden position. William was struck on the boot and on his left shoulder by a ricochet piece of cannon shot. Two soldiers were killed in the attack. Seeing him knocked from his horse a cheer rose for the Jacobite held side of the river - was the new King dead? Certainly, the Jacobites believed so and news of the incident quickly spread to Dublin and even France. In a fatal mistake, elements of the Jacobite camp celebrated into the night, fully expecting that there would be no battle the next day. How wrong they were!

King William was only wounded. Indeed, the impact of the shot had been more keenly felt on his leather jerkin, than his shoulder. His wound was quickly attended to by William Bentinck, and he

vowed to be in the heat of battle the next day. However, rumour of the incident had also spread through the Williamite camp. To counter any misplaced news that he was dead or mortally wounded, William decided to show himself, in person, to several regiments. As soldiers gathered round campfires, the Prince of Orange rode through the camp demonstrating that not only was he alive, but he was in good health.

This incident was recorded in several first-hand accounts of the Williamite War in Ireland and has also been immortalised in paintings and on several Orange banners down through the years. The Earl of Meath, who was with William III that day recounted the incident in a letter written just a few days later. He wrote the following "King William, viewing the enemies camp the day before the engagement, was shot with an 8 pounder, which took off his coat off his shoulders, and just drew blood from his skin. He called for a napkin and another coat, and after it was settled

upon him he stretched out his arm three times and said - "The enemy designed to prevent his fighting next day, but certainly I'll be tomorrow against the thickest of them'."

After the war George Storey, who had accompanied the Williamite forces in Ireland and compiled a history of the war, pointed out the spot where William had been injured to those planning to erect a memorial to the battle. The foundation stones of the mighty Boyne Obelisk were laid on this spot in 1736.

Clash for the Throne!

The battle itself lasted for the equivalent of a school day. At 8am 10,000 Williamites, commanded by Count Meinhard Schomberg, moved, under the cover of a lingering mist, to attack the Jacobite left flank. They headed towards the Rossnaree and Slane crossing points. Only 800 Jacobite dragoons guarded the ford at Rossnaree. Sir Neil O'Neill's dragoons fought bravely but were unable to hold back

the Williamites for long. In the end, they were forced to retreat. When news reached James that a large party of Williamites had moved on Slane, he sent more than half of his troops to meet, what he believed, was the main Williamite attack. This fateful decision weakened the Jacobite centre at Oldbridge and allowed the Williamites to push their main attack across the river. It was here, at Oldbridge, that most of the fighting took place. The Williamites waded across under heavy fire from the southern bank. The Earl of Meath recorded that shots fell on both sides like "showers of leaden hailstones." Bitter hand-to-hand fighting took place as the Williamites gained a foothold on the southern shore.

As fighting intensified around Oldbridge, James continued to hold a large part of his army near Slane, where a large gorge and marshy ground prevented any fighting. This mistake allowed the Williamites to seize the initiative and drive home their numerical advantage.

With their infantry falling back, wave after wave of Jacobite cavalry thundered across the battlefield and fell upon the Williamites in the hope of driving them back into the river. They failed.

After several hours of fighting, the Jacobite army broke and retreated towards Dublin. The Battle of the Boyne was over. Only the spirited actions of the Jacobite cavalry and French infantry, saved the whole army from collapse.

Many nationalities would see action in the battle. On the Jacobite side were soldiers from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Germany and France. On the Williamite side the army contained contingents from across the British Isles, France, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and Germany. The battle also witnessed the death of two significant figures in the Williamite Army. The Duke of Schomberg, previously William's commander in Ireland, was killed in fierce fighting, as was Rev. George Walker, of Londonderry fame, who had tried to reach the surrounded Schomberg. After fleeing the battlefield, James II embarked for France, never to return. Although a heavy blow for the Jacobites, his absence left more able leaders in charge of the campaign. They retreated the army west of the Shannon River. Pitched battles, sieges and guerrilla warfare would continue for another year until the war finally came to an end with the signing of the Treaty of Limerick.

Timeline - Famous battle was shorter than a school day!

8.00am - The Williamite left flank moved towards Drogheda, which was occupied by a Jacobite garrison. 10,000 Williamites, under the command of Meinhard Schomberg marched through the morning mist towards Rossnaree, hoping to ford the Boyne River upstream from the main Jacobite Army.

9.00am - Williamite artillery shelled Jacobite positions. Jacobite sentries reported movement on the Williamite right flank and James fearing he was being outflanked, moved a large part of his army towards Rossnaree. He had taken the bait and weakened

his positions near Oldbridge.

10.00am - The Dutch Blue Guard began their advance across the Boyne at Oldbridge, opposed by strong Jacobite fire.

10.30am - Elements of the Dutch Blue Guards (William's own crack troops) secured a foothold on south side of the river. Jacobite infantry reformed and attempted to dislodge them with repeated attacks. Huguenot troops (exiled French Protestants) moved across to reinforce initial Williamite successes. Heavy fighting took place for the next hour.

11.15am - Danish forces crossed the Boyne at yellow river to reinforce the British, French and Dutch forces fighting on the south side of the river.

Rossnaree - Jacobite Dragoons under the command of Niall O'Neill retreated after fierce fighting at this crucial crossing point on the Jacobite left. The charismatic O'Neill was killed during the fighting and Williamites turned toward the Jacobite centre but were faced with marshy terrain at Rough Grange and a significant Jacobite force. Both sides faced each other but little fighting took place.

11.30am - Jacobite infantry attempted to reform in response to the Danish advance in the centre. To assist, Tyrconnell ordered a Jacobite Cavalry attack on the Williamite infantry. For 45mins Jacobite Cavalry mounted continued attacks. But with little success.

12.15pm - Additional Williamite infantry, including the Inniskillings, began crossing the Boyne at Drybridge. William also crossed. It was reported later that his horse was briefly stuck in the mud and he was carried to the far bank by one of the Inniskilling regiment! The thinning Jacobite line

were unable to stop the Williamites and there is a real prospect of the Jacobite right collapsing. Elements of Jacobite infantry began to withdraw towards Donore Hill.

1.30pm - Last significant stand by Jacobite forces around Donore Hill and church ruins. Confusion spread and Jacobites began to flee towards the bridge at Duleek in order to escape. French troops performed a valiant rear-guard to allow the majority of the Jacobite army to escape in some sort of order. James II fled the towards Dublin and many fully expect he will leave the country.

1) William rode a dark horse, and not a white one, at the Battle of the Boyne. A white horse in battle would have made the rider an easy target for the enemy. He did acquire a light-coloured horse, which became his favourite. It's name was Sorrel.

2) William Prince of Orange was not only a cousin of King James II, he was also his son-in-law.

3) When William, Prince of Orange, landed at Brixham in November 1688 and moved on London, King James II was forced to flee. He was, however, captured by fishermen and brought back to London and imprisoned. James would later 'escape' and mount an attempt to retake his throne.

4) The Battle of the Boyne was fought on 1 July 1690. Loyal Order celebrations take place on 12 July because the calendar was changed in 1752 - adding 11 days - and thus changing the anniversary date to 12 July.

5) In places the Boyne River was not very wide so Williamite and Jacobite soldiers could hear each other's conversations on the eve of the battle!

6) The Pope quietly supported King William III in his campaign against James II and Louis XIV.

7) The Glorious Revolution and the subsequent campaign in Ireland and Scotland cemented the only period when we have had a Joint Monarchy in the British Isles. William and Mary had exactly the same powers under the new settlement.

8) Several Nationalities were to see combat in the armies that fought at the Battle of the Boyne. These included French, Dutch, German, and Swiss.

9) Casualties. Many casualties did not die directly in battle but would die from secondary infections such as blood poisoning, cholera or disease.

Did you know? Twenty facts related to the Battle of the Boyne



King William III is often depicted at the Battle of the Boyne on a white horse.

10) William's principal commander in Ireland, prior to the Battle of the Boyne was the Duke of Schomberg. He had previously served King Louis XIV of France.

11) The Siege of Londonderry lasted 105 days - one of the longest in modern Western European history.

12) A Mighty Armada. In June 1690 newspaper reports recorded that there were so many Williamite Ships in what is now Belfast Lough, that a person might be able to walk from Carrickfergus to Groomsport without getting their feet wet!

13) The official colour of the Williamite army at the Battle of the Boyne was...

Green! Because so many of the soldiers were dressed the same, they tended to adopt colours to show who was on each side. At the Boyne the Jacobites wore the colour white on their uniforms and Williams soldiers broke off small twigs and sprigs of green to wear in theirs.

14) King William III was almost killed the night before the Battle of the Boyne. Accompanied by a number of officers, he was slowly reviewing where the Jacobite army was dispersed on the south side of the river, when a keen-eyed Jacobite gunnery party fired a cannon. William was knocked off his horse and wounded. The event became known as the fortunate escape of William III.

15) Orange Lodges originally carried large flags before these evolved into the banners we see today.

16) The first 'official' Twelfth of July celebrations took place on Lord Gosford's demesne, Markethill, in 1796.

17) A Sweet tooth. During the redevelopment of Hampton Court Palace for King William III and Queen Mary (1690), Christopher Wren included the creation of The Chocolate Kitchens. Chocolate was an expensive luxury and was enjoyed by the King and Queen each morning!

18) Did you know that two Popes fought for King William at the Boyne! Lt. Colonel Pope and Lieutenant Pope from John Coy's regiment.

19) A man called John Collis was paid £23.00 for providing fireworks to celebrate King William III's birthday on 4 November 1690!

20) The Lambeg Drum. One theory is that the Lambeg Drum evolved from the large drums that arrived in Ireland with the two armies during the war to secure the Glorious Revolution. These were used to beat out order and commands on the battlefield. Centuries later they had evolved into one of the loudest musical instruments in the World and are unique to Ulster.

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Above: Banners on parade.
Right: The banner of Banbridge Bible and Crown Defenders features Seapatrick Village Church.

Read the banners on parade

By Rev. Mervyn Gibson

It is said a picture is worth a thousand words, a phrase that is particularly applicable to Orange Banners. The paintings, which contain symbols of our Faith, culture and identity are often a rich source of social history pertaining to the geographical home of the lodge or what binds them together as members. Therefore,

I would encourage spectators, while enjoying the music and pageantry of the 'Twelfth' day parade, to take time to look up at the painted banners and see what you can learn about the Lodge and its members. You will find the name of the Lodge and the District to which it belongs, allowing you to identify where in the Lodge is from and it's name often giving a clue as to the purpose or origins of the

Lodge. Lodges are initially formed by members sharing a common purpose; those who worshipped in the same church; who originated from the same townland, village or hamlet, those who worked for the same company; others in memory of individuals, both national and local, and in recent years those who were murdered by terrorists. The name of the Lodge is often reflected in the painting on the banner.

The most popular image on Orange banners is of course King William III, Prince of Orange, whose memory we were formed to perpetuate. The overwhelming majority depicting William on a white horse at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. Other banners will depict him at various locations along the route as his army progressed from Carrickfergus to the

River Boyne. There will be banners depicting other aspects of the Williamite campaign at Derry, Aughrim and Enniskillen.

A close second must be the Battle of the Somme, which occurred on 1st July 1916, when the 36th Ulster Division emerged from their trenches to attack German lines in the first World War. These paintings of the Somme and other depictions of battles and remembrance, seek to articulate the loyalty of Orange Brethren and Sisters to the United Kingdom and their preparedness always to serve the Crown. These banners display the cost of freedom, defended and maintained by the sacrifice by many. Other favourite banner painting topics include Biblical scenes: the Ulster Covenant; Protestant

Martyrs, some simply displaying the Bible and Crown to represent the Orange Institution's commitment to the Reformed Faith and the Monarch.

In addition to the popular banner paintings, you will see everything from a Spitfire to the Titanic, from a lifeboat to a train adorn Orange banners. Scenes of historic occasions or reflecting everyday life are carried proudly, literally illustrating that the Institution's members are involved in all aspects of society. Remember there are two sides to a banner, so as the parade passes look at the painting on the reverse side as well. Your new found awareness of banners and 'reading them' will see you begin to understand more about the ethos and history of the Lodge on parade.



Above: The Bible and Crown on the banner of Drumhillery LOL 229.
Above left: Battle of the Somme.
Left: The banner of Great Northern True Blues featured a train.

Bro. Thomas Rowan Morrow, a Past Master of Drumough Heroes LOL 153, features on a bannette along with an image of the sinking of the Titanic.

BELFAST



Scottish Brethren to visit Belfast for Twelfth of July celebrations

The parade to mark the 333rd anniversary King William III's victory at the Battle of the Boyne in Northern Ireland's capital city will leave Belfast Orange Hall, at Carlisle Circus, at 10am. As is tradition, the Millar Memorial Flute band will lead the parade as it makes its way along Clifton Street, Donegall Street, Royal Avenue, Castle Junction and Donegall Place to Belfast City Hall. A wreath laying ceremony will take place at the Centoaph in the grounds of the City Hall shortly before 10.30am and the parade will then proceed via Donegall Square West, Bedford Street, Dublin Road, Shaftsbury Square, Bradbury Place, Lisburn Road, Balmoral Avenue and Malone Road to the field at Barnett's Demesne. Orangemen and women representing a total of nine districts – accompanied by

approximately 60 bands – will walk the six-mile route, traditionally the longest of all the Twelfth demonstrations. As usual, thousands of spectators - including many visitors from other countries - are expected to line much of the route through the city. Most notable will be the large Scottish contingent who travel to Belfast annually to both participate in and spectate at the procession. The platform proceedings at Barnett's Demesne will begin at 2.30pm and the chairman for the afternoon will be the County Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Spencer Beattie. The Chaplain's address will be given by Wor. Bro. Rev. Ron Johnstone. Guest speaker will be Wor. Bro. William Humphrey MBE. The return parade is due to leave the field and proceed towards the city centre at 3.30pm.



The Brethren of Belfast County will parade to the field at Barnett's Demesne led by Millar Memorial Flute Band. The parade pauses each year at the Centoaph in the grounds of Belfast City Hall where a wreath laying ceremony is held.



A word of welcome

It is my privilege to issue an invitation for you to come and join us in Belfast for the 333rd anniversary of King William's great victory at the Battle of the Boyne. The past 12 months have seen some events of monumental significance. The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022 was a moment of immense sadness. Our Queen was

an inspiration to our nation and was respected right around the world. With her passing, her son, Charles, acceded to the throne. His Coronation on May 6th at Westminster Abbey was an event that will live long in the memory. As we take to the streets of our capital city on the Twelfth of July, we do so with the eyes of the world upon us. We can do so in confidence

and with our heads held high. I would encourage everyone coming to join us in Belfast to enjoy themselves but do so in a way that respects the importance of this day, which cannot be underestimated. We are showcasing our culture, the colour, pomp and splendour of the Twelfth - which is still an eye-catching event. The music provided by our excellent bands plays a central part to

the occasion. In conclusion, I would thank everyone - our Brethren Sisters, Juniors, bands, and many friends and supporters - for their ongoing support. I trust you will have an enjoyable Twelfth.

Yours fraternally,

Wor. Bro. Spencer Beattie,
County Grand Master of Belfast



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BROUGHSHANE



Braid District to visit Broughshane

The Braid Twelfth of July celebrations will be held in Broughshane this year, with Aughafatten True Blues LOL 1184 having the honour of being the host lodge.

The parade, which will feature two sets of Lambeg drums and nine bands, will start in the Commons, Tullymore Road, Broughshane at 12noon.

It will make its way down the Tullymore Road towards the Carnlough Road, taking a right and parading on down Main Street, through the village, to Beechvale, where it will turn around and come back up Main Street.

The parade will then turn up the Church Entry and continue to the demonstration field at the corner of Buckna Road and Rathkeel Road.

Platform proceedings will start at around 2.30pm, with musical accompaniment by Aughafatten Accordion Band.

The speakers on the day will be TUV Leader Jim Allister MLA and Grand

Chaplain Wor. Bro. Rev. David Reid, of Ardstraw Presbyterian Church. Following the platform proceedings, the parade will reform at 4pm to return to the Commons, off Tullamore Road. This year, Jamison's True Blues LOL 532 will be wearing new collarettes. This is the first time they have been changed in 40 years, and were purchased after fund-raising events by the lodge members. Broughshane village sits in the Braid and lodges participating in the Twelfth here are: Buckna, Pollee, Broughshane, Teenies, Jamison's Trues Blues (Skerry), Aughafatten, Glenarm, Carnlough, Cairnalbana, Lisnamurrigan and Ballygelly. Broughshane is a small town in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. It is part of Mid and East Antrim District Council and has a population of 4,000 people. The name means "Shane's dwelling", and seemingly refers to a castle which formerly stood on the north side of the village street.



Current Braid District Officers pictured with County Officers at this year's installation in January.



A word of welcome

All are welcome to our Twelfth Day celebrations to be held in Broughshane, one of three villages in our District to host the celebrations, with the others being Glenarm and Carnlough. We are the smallest, stand-alone demonstration in Northern Ireland, and we encourage families and friends to join us for a fun day out.

We wish to see people of all ages come and find out what the Braid District has to offer, whether it be meet-

ing up with old friends, or making new ones. I have been an Orangeman for 36 years now, and it makes me proud to lead our District as we parade through Broughshane and beyond, as we strive to reach out to younger members of the community and some old, to encourage them to join us and build for a brighter future ahead.









**Wor. Bro. Thomas Reid,
District Master,
Braid District LOL No. 18**



Aughafatten Accordion Band

Aughafatten Accordion Band which came together in 1952 hence their original name 'Aughafatten Coronation Accordion Band'. It was formed by Jim McCurdy and John Joe Thompson. Above is a unique photograph of the first band members.



-  Parade Start Point
-  Field
-  Car Parking
-  Family Activities
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-  Toilets

Broughshane Orange Hall & War Memorial



Saint Patrick's Church of Ireland



BROUGHSHANE



CLOGHER



Colour and pageantry to be a feature of the Twelfth in Clogher

The Clogher Valley Twelfth is one of the smaller Twelfth celebrations with the two local districts, Fivemiletown and Annahoe, joined by the visiting lodges from Traugh District in Co. Monaghan.

In total 23 lodges accompanied by 20 bands are expected to turn the village into a kaleidoscope of colour and pageantry. However, what it lacks in numbers it certainly makes up for in the quality of the event.

The parade is noted for the excellence of the music and wide genre of bands that take part. The day as a whole is marked by a family friendly atmosphere and is often the opportunity for many families to be reunited with family members returning to their home area for the traditional Twelfth.

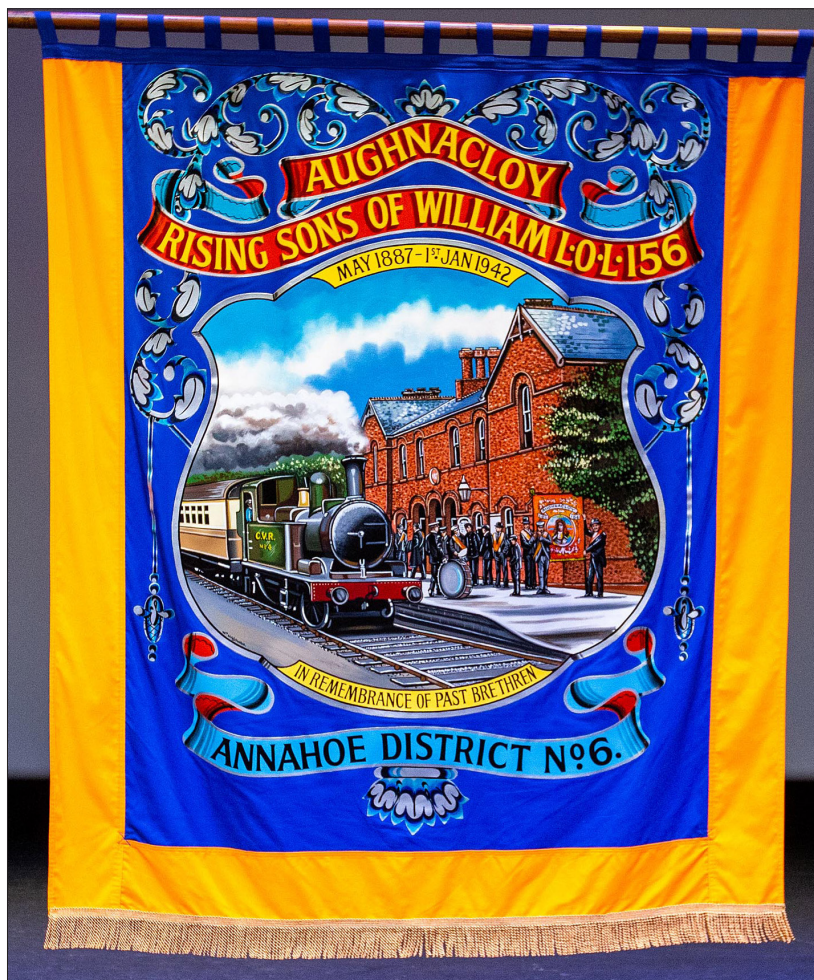
The parade will commence on Station Road at 12.15pm, making its way through the town to the Demonstration field.

Bands and Lodge members will assemble at the Livestock Mart Car Park. The procession on leaving the car park will make its way along Station Road, turning right unto Main Street. The parade will proceed along the length of Main Street leaving the town on the Fivemiletown Road and making its way to Dunwoody's Hill adjacent to the cricket pitch.

The return parade will retrace the route concluding at the Mart car park.

Platform proceedings take the form of a religious service starting at 2.15pm.

The return parade will leave the Demonstration field at 4.15pm.



Aughnacloy's new banner is a winner!

The recently unfurled banner of Aughnacloy LOL 156 will be a particular attraction on the day. The beautifully painted banner features an image of the Orangemen of Aughnacloy waiting on the local railway station platform to board a train on the Clogher Valley railway to take them to the Twelfth celebration. The railway which ran the length of the Clogher Valley was decommissioned during the war years but still holds a nostalgic position in the minds of many within the Clogher Valley. Prior to its closing the railway was used by many lodges and bands as their means of transport to the Twelfth venue. The banner was awarded 'Best New Banner' at the Orange Awards night.

A word of welcome

I am delighted to issue an invitation for all to visit The Clogher Valley Twelfth, which will be hosted in Clogher by the Fivemiletown District LOL No. 15.

We are one of the smaller Twelfth parades, however the Clogher Valley Twelfth is always marked by its friendly and relaxed atmosphere from beginning to end.

The silver, brass, pipes, drums and flutes all blend together to showcase the young and not so young musicians of the area. Anyone coming to Clogher will be made very welcome and feel part of the celebrations.

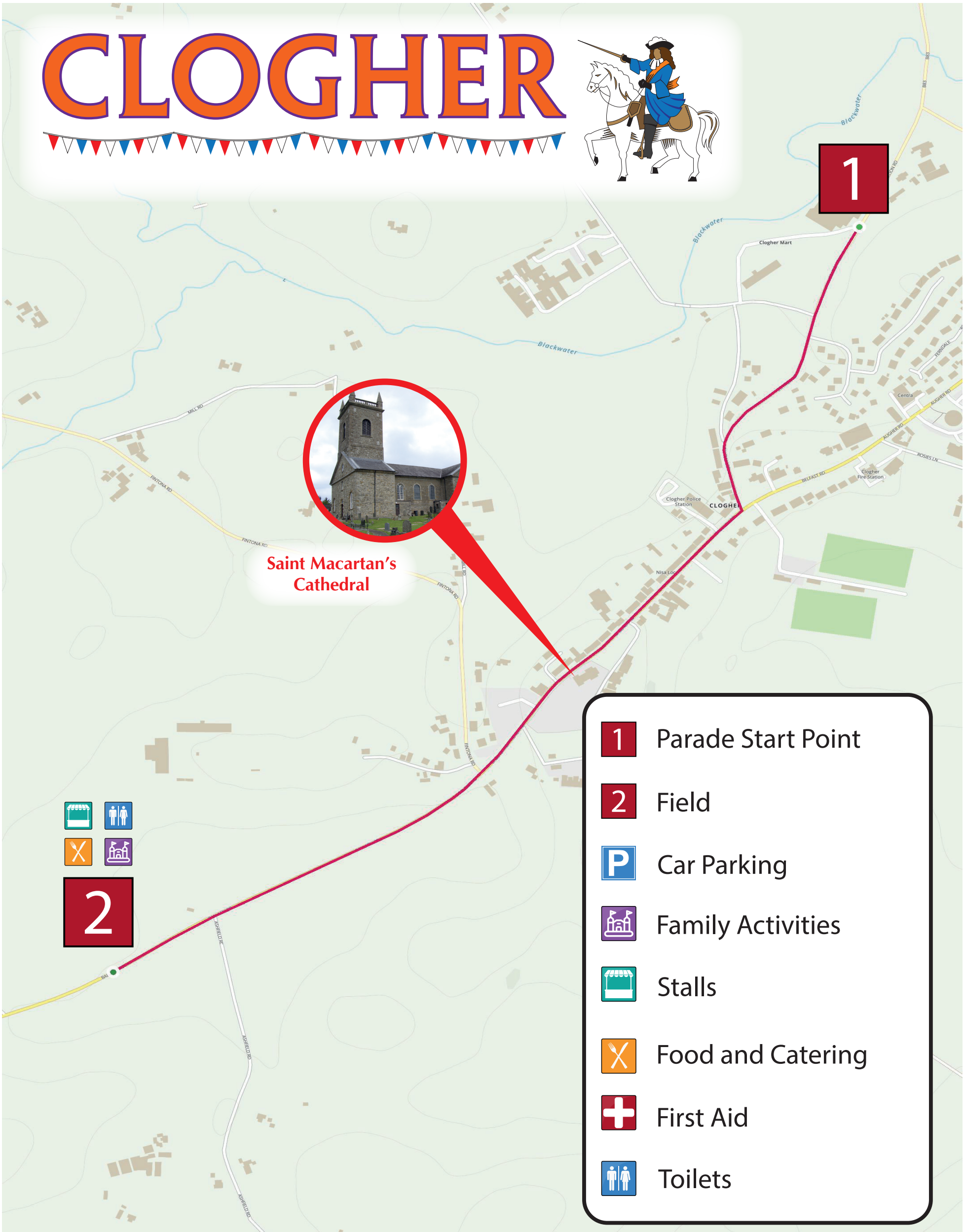
Wor. Bro. Mark Robinson
District Master
Fivemiletown District LOL
No. 15



Glenageeragh Pipe Band on parade at Stormont

Glenageeragh Pipe Band from the neighbouring village of Augher, who led the District with distinction at last year's Northern Ireland Centenary Parade in Belfast and were recently recipients of the 'Band of the Year Award' at the 2023 Orange Community Awards.

CLOGHER



Saint Macartan's Cathedral



1 Parade Start Point

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COLERAINE



Holidaymakers expected to boost the crowds in Coleraine

The Twelfth celebrations in Coleraine, hosted by Macosquin District LOL No. 8, are expected to attract a crowd in the region of 50,000 people.

Organisers anticipate that the Brethren on parade, including the accompanying bands and lodges, family and friends, will be boosted by holidaymakers from the nearby resorts of Portrush and Portstewart. Visitors from overseas will no doubt be amazed by the music, pageantry and colour on display.

Visiting Districts to Coleraine on the Twelfth of July will be City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge; Coleraine District LOL No. 2; and Limavady District LOL No. 6.

A special welcome will be extended to 10 visiting Brethren who will be travelling from Harthill District, Scotland.

The main parade will leave from Union Street at noon following a route through the town - Railway Road, Long Commons, Beresford Road, Blindgate Street, Dun-

more Street, New Row, Church Street, The Diamond (left hand side), Bridge Street, Old Bridge, Waterside, Castlerock Road, Kings Road, Carthall Road - and out to the demonstration field on Wheatsheaf Road. Platform Proceedings in the field will commence at 2pm.

The Service will be led by Wor. Bro. Rev. Alistair Smyth, Grand Chaplain, with the Sermon being given by Wor. Bro. Rev. Keith McIntyre, Deputy County Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of Macosquin DLLOL No. 8. The return parade will leave the field at 3.30pm.

There will be two new bannerettes on parade for the first time, they belong to Macosquin District LOL No. 8 and Macosquin LOL 310.

This is also a very special year for the members of Articlave Flute Band as it celebrates its 150th Anniversary.

The band held a special dedication of new uniforms in St Paul's Parish Church, Articlave on Sunday, 30th April 2023.



Articlave Flute Band recently obtained new uniforms, which were dedicated in a special service.



The new bannerettes of Macosquin District and Macosquin LOL 310.



A word of welcome

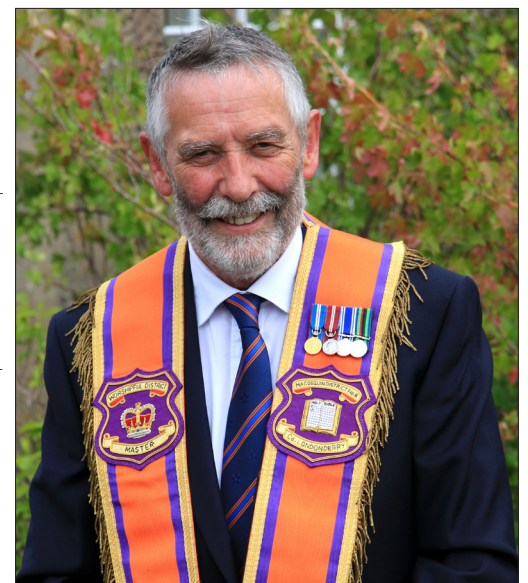
As Worshipful District Master, I want to give a warm welcome to all our visiting Lodges and Bands visiting Coleraine for our Twelfth of July celebrations. The planning for this year's Twelfth began in November 2022. An events committee was formed within the District and during subsequent months and involving several meetings the 12th July celebrations evolved.

Without the dedication and commitment of these Brethren we would not have been able to produce such an event, which gives everyone, regardless of religion, colour or creed an opportunity to learn about our rich Orange Culture and

heritage. Our celebrations have taken on a new impetus with a number of new and exciting activities taking place in the Field, all with the emphasis on family entertainment and involvement while maintaining our traditional Orange values and principles. This year's Twelfth celebrations have been organised with a "something for everyone approach" and I would encourage everyone to come along and help us make it a resounding success. The District has also purchased a new bannerette for the occasion and would also like to congratulate Articlave Flute

Band on reaching the milestone of 150 years in existence, having had their new band uniforms dedicated in St Paul's Parish Church, Articlave, at the end of April. As Worshipful District Master of Macosquin District LOL No. 8, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable time over the Twelfth period. I hope Macosquin District will maintain our proud Orange Culture within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough.

Wor. Bro. John Parke
District Master
Macosquin District LOL No. 8



COLERAINE



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Toilets



Coleraine Cenotaph



COMBER



Mid-Down Brethren step out on parade in Comber

The historic town of Comber will play host to the Mid-Down Twelfth as they celebrate the 333rd Anniversary of the Williamite victory at The Battle of The Boyne.

The Brethren of Comber District will be welcoming their peers from Saintfield, Lecale, Ballynahinch and Castlewellsan districts. In total, 61 lodges from the five participating districts will be on parade accompanied by around 48 bands.

Representatives from the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland and the Junior Grand

Lodge will also be taking part. A feature of the Comber demonstration is the centralised 'Field' at Park Way Playing Fields and parade route which loops around the town.

The parade will get underway at noon, led by the North Down Dragoons, comprising cavalry and foot soldiers in military costume of the Williamite period. It will travel along Killinchy Street, High Street, Ballygowan Road, Railway Street, Orange Hall Lane, Brownlow Street, Glen Road, Mill Street, Castle Street, Bridge Street Link, Bridge Street,

Comber Square, Killinchy Street and back to Park Way.

On return to the field, the Platform proceedings will get underway at 2pm. A religious service will be led by Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Rev. Stanley Gamble, while the guest speaker will be Comber resident, Deputy County Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Kyle McIlwrath.

Brethren on parade in Comber will be joined by Wor. Bro. Michael Thomas, Provincial Grand Secretary of Ontario West from Canada.

Comber District will dedicate a

new District Orange Arch ahead of this year's Twelfth parade.

Having not had an arch erected in the town for nearly 20 years, the host District is excited to re-establish this important Orange tradition in Comber.

A new District bannerette commissioned for the Twelfth will be carried ahead of the District Officers and visitors.

A great variety of pipe, brass, accordion and flute bands, as well as traditional Lambeg drums add to what is a family friendly, traditional Twelfth of July celebration where everyone is very welcome.

A word of welcome



It is my privilege to welcome all our visiting Brethren, Sisters, Juniors, bands and spectators to Comber for the 333rd anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

Comber District is one of the smaller Orange Districts within Co. Down with just under 200 members, however Comber town provides an excellent venue to host a Twelfth Demonstration with plenty of amenities and parking and a compact parade route which weaves its way around the town centre where 'The Field' is also located.

I trust you will all enjoy your Twelfth day in Comber.

Wor. Bro. Darren Black
District Master
Comber District LOL No. 15.



Comber last hosted the Twelfth of July parade for Mid Down in 2016.



A little bit of history

Comber is probably most well known for it's spuds. 'Comber Earlies' enjoy Protected Geographical Status, in the same manor as 'Champagne' for example.

1606 saw an influx of Scots to the area under James Hamilton and Hugh Montgomery. Among the newcomers were the ancestors of the Andrews family who brought much prosperity to Comber, establishing a linen bleach green, corn mills, a flour mill and flax spinning mill. Later members of the family include Thomas Andrews Jr, Naval Architect and designer of the tragic RMS Titanic. His elder brother was John Miller Andrews, second Prime Minister of Northern Ireland after Sir James Craig. Throughout his life John Miller was an enthusiastic and active member of the Orange

Institution, holding the positions of County Grand Master of Down, Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Institution and Imperial Grand Master. He was a proud member of Comber White Flag LOL No. 244.

Old Comber whiskey was produced at two distilleries in the town. Last distilling was in 1952, although the odd bottle is still available, at a price! Comber was also a railway junction, with steam trains chugging their way through for exactly 100 years from 1850. Today the Comber bypass runs along the route of the old track.

No visitor can fail to notice a tall monument in Comber's Georgian Square. This commemorates Sir Robert Rollo Gillespie, who fought against the French and was killed while attempting to storm the fortress of Kalunga



Officers of Comber District pictured in the Square in front of the monument to Sir Robert Rollo Gillespie.






in Nepal in 1814. His reputed last words were "One shot more for the honour of Down" Another valiant soldier from Comber who made the supreme

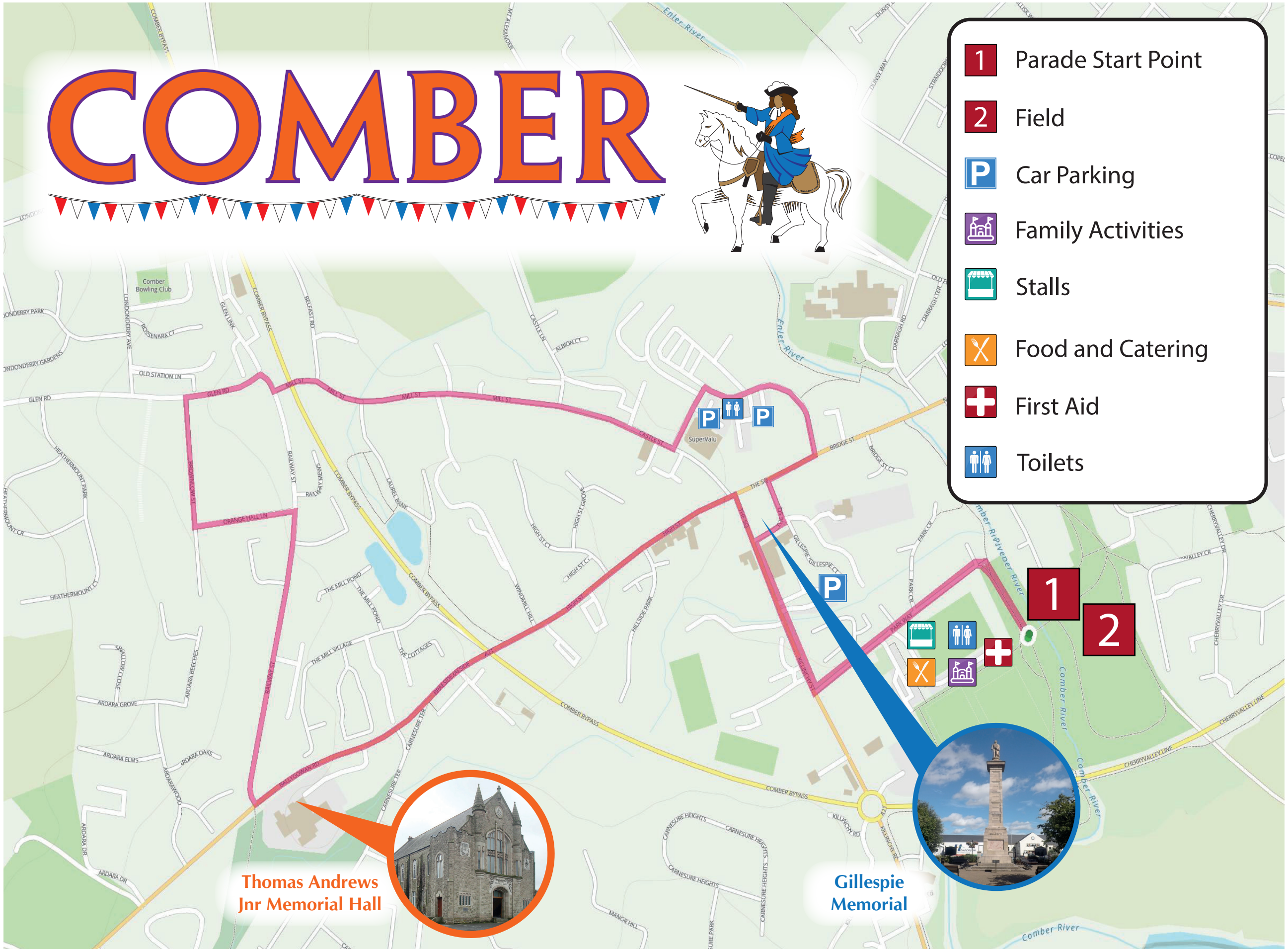
sacrifice was Edmund de Wind who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1918. As a 34-year-old Second Lieutenant in the 15th Battalion, The

Royal Irish Rifles, he was awarded the VC for deeds committed during the 1918 Spring Offensive on 21 March 1918. He died on that day.

COMBER



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Thomas Andrews Jnr Memorial Hall



Gillespie Memorial



Twelfth pictures from bygone days



Lurgan District on parade on the Twelfth of July in the 1980s.



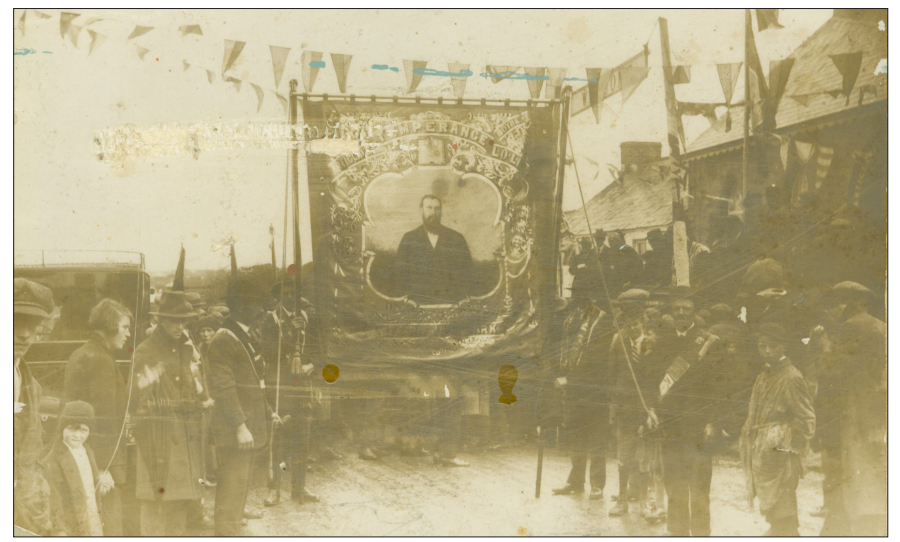
Lurgan District on parade on the Twelfth of July in 1995.



A selection of old pictures from Magherafelt District.



A selection of old pictures supplied by Macosquin District. The image above shows a Twelfth parade in Coleraine, while to the right is King Billy on a white horse. Below right is a very old picture of Articlave LOL 1017.





Above are two impressive old photographs of Twelfth of July parades in Comber, Co. Down.

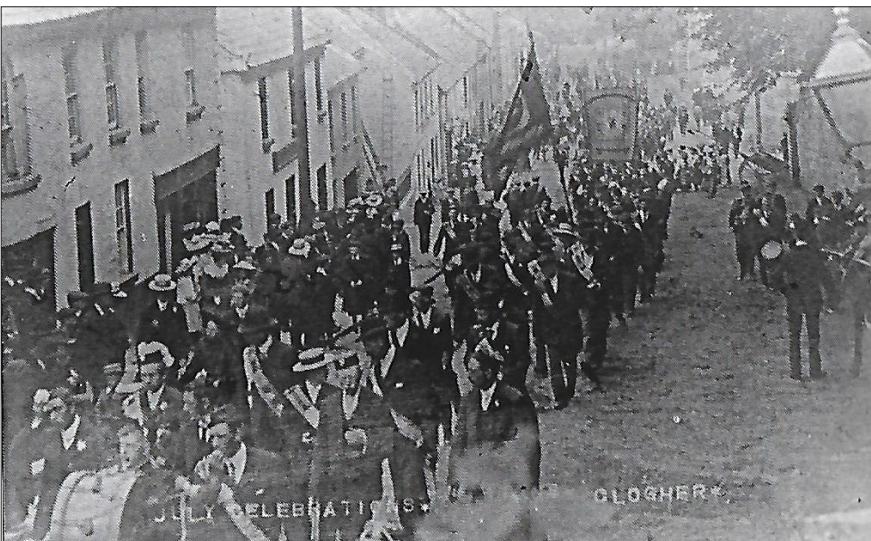


Above: Mullinagoagh Pipe Band pictured at the Twelfth of July in Dromore, Co. Tyrone



Above: St. Paul's Church Defenders L.O.L 1960, pictured at Wilton Street, Shankill Road before the Twelfth Demonstration in 1948.

Below: The Twelfth in Clogher 1905 - the oldest photograph of a Twelfth in Clogher - possibly the oldest in the Clogher Valley. The photograph is taken from the Cathedral and views the parade ascending the Main Street towards the Cathedral.



Below: Belfast Brethren parading to church on Clifton Street.



Picture of a Twelfth from years gone by in Broughshane.

Twelfth of July Resolutions 2023

FIRST RESOLUTION – THE FAITH

As Orangemen and Orangewomen, we give thanks to Almighty God for the Coronation of Charles III, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Head of the Commonwealth and Defender of

the Faith. We are heartened by His Majesty's promise to maintain 'the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel', and we resolve to prayerfully supporting the King as he seeks to maintain the Prot-

estant Reformed religion, thereby securing civil and religious liberties for all. Our prayer is that the Holy Bible will keep him and us ever mindful of the law and Gospel of God. It is 'the most valuable thing that

this world affords' and it alone is able to make men, women, and children "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." As citizens of the kingdom of God, we commit ourselves afresh

to the faith and teaching of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. We resolve to following Him all the days of our lives and working towards the extension of His kingdom here and throughout the world.

SECOND RESOLUTION – LOYALTY

That we, the members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 333rd anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, do hereby affirm our devotion and loyalty to the Throne and Person of His Most Gracious Majesty King Charles III, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His other Realms, Defender of The Faith. In this historic Coronation year, we also give hearty thanks

for the life of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and recognise her selfless service and devotion to our nation during her seventy year reign. We greatly mourn her passing but are comforted in the knowledge that she had an unshakeable faith in her Lord and Saviour. As an Institution, we pray that God will grant King Charles and Queen Camilla wisdom, understanding, good health and happiness in what we trust will be a long and glorious reign.

THIRD RESOLUTION – THE STATE

The Orange Institution remains resolute in its belief that the Northern Ireland Protocol, and subsequent Windsor Framework, do not satisfactorily address our concern that Northern Ireland's place in the United Kingdom has been diminished. Despite political and media pressure to accept unsatisfactory treatment by the European Union and sadly by our own government, we reaffirm our determination to see Northern Ireland fully restored as an integral part of the United

Kingdom. The recent local government elections have again shown that more than ever, there is a need for a greater unity of purpose amongst all shades of unionism. This Institution therefore demands greater cooperation, strategy and vision amongst political unionism along with a universal acknowledgement that the promotion and preservation of our place within the United Kingdom must transcend party rivalry. As Unionists, we recognise

that in order to maintain and strengthen Northern Ireland's place in the United Kingdom, we must better promote the Union's many benefits which are enjoyed by all citizens and communities. Our forefathers pledged their support for the Ulster Covenant in order to maintain 'our cherished position of equal citizenship in the United Kingdom'. Over a century later we remain committed to this cause. In the words of Sir Edward Carson, "We ask for nothing more; we will take nothing less".

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The platform proceedings at the Twelfth of July in Rosstown 2014.

Why do we read Resolutions?

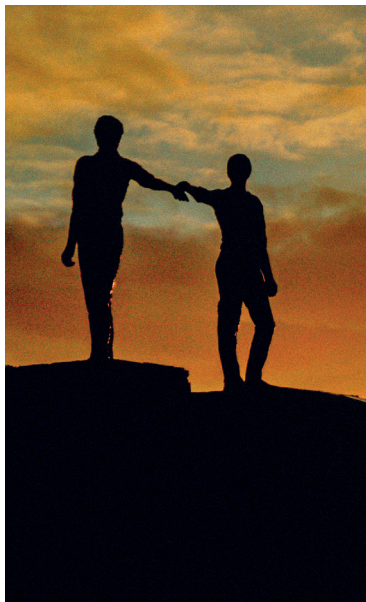
The reading of the Resolutions in the Demonstration Field on the Twelfth of July is a practise that goes back over many years. It has become part of the cultural tradition of the event. The Resolutions usually form part of the proceedings from the platform, which will include a few words of welcome, a religious service and possibly a guest speaker.

The resolutions let the Orange Family articulate to the wider community what they stand for. The three resolutions are 'The Faith', 'Loyalty' and 'The State'. In the days before instant media, the reading of the Resolutions from Twelfth platforms allowed all members of the Orange Institution, their families and friends to share a common message on the most important day of the parading calendar.

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DROMORE



Dromore to come alive as Fintona District hosts West Tyrone Twelfth

The Brethren in Fintona District LOL No. 8 will welcome their counterparts from Strabane, Sixmilecross, Omagh, Newtownstewart and Killen districts for a very family orientated Twelfth of July in Dromore, Co. Tyrone.

The 50 lodges will be joined on parade by two local lodges from the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland and junior lodges. They will be accompanied by approximately 40 bands, including a range of pipe, accordion and flute.

The parade, which is approximately two miles, will move off from the Assembly Field on the Omagh

Road at 12.30pm led by Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Distinguished Officers, County Officers, Ladies LOL No. 2 District County Tyrone, Omagh District LOL No. 11, Newtownstewart District LOL No. 9, Sixmilecross District LOL No. 7, Killen District LOL No. 12, Strabane District LOL No 14 and Fintona District LOL No. 8.

It will follow a route along Omagh Road, Main Street, Galbally Road to Demonstration Field at Trillick/Fintona Road junction.

The platform proceedings in the field will get underway at 2pm.

Special guests will include

Worshipful Bro. Robert Abernethy, County Tyrone Grand Master, who will be the main speaker;

Worshipful Bro. Norman Henry, County Donegal, Deputy Grand Lecturer, and Grand Lodge, County and District Officers.

The reading of the Resolutions will follow immediately after the service. There will be plenty of food, refreshments and entertainment in the demonstration field, including a Drum Major Display and music. A bouncy castle and children's entertainment will also be available. The return parade will leave the field at 4pm.



Brethren on parade at the Twelfth in Omagh in 2022.



Fintona District Officer Team 2023: District Master Wor. Bro. Raymond Deazley; Deputy District Master Wor. Bro. Keith Boland; District Secretary Wor. Bro. Joe Keys; District Chaplain Wor. Bro. Alymer McKinney; District Treasurer Wor. Bro. Ashley Black; District Tyler Wor. Bro. Clive Armstrong; District Lecturer Wor. Bro. Raymond Black; District Standard Bearer Wor. Bro. Mervyn Keys; Assistant Secretary Wor. Bro. Winston Gilmore; Assistant Treasurer Wor. Bro. Eddie Burke; Assistant Standard Bearer Wor. Bro. Aaron Burke.

A word of welcome

Can I take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to you all to Dromore, County Tyrone, a small quiet town in the west of our "Wee Country".

I would like to especially welcome County Tyrone Ladies District LOL No. 2, Sixmilecross District LOL No. 6, Newtownstewart District LOL No. 9, Omagh District LOL No. 10, Killen District LOL No. 12, Strabane District LOL No. 14 and of course my own home District of Fintona LOL No. 8, who will make up the West

Tyrone Twelfth.

A special word of welcome home to all Brethren, Sisters and spectators who make the annual trip each year for the Twelfth Celebrations.

I hope you all enjoy the wonderful music, the beautiful paintings on the banners and the wonderful colours of the kilts and uniforms on parade. I hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable day out.

Fintona District hosts the Twelfth Celebrations every six years, with Fintona and

Dromore towns taking turns in hosting. Dromore last hosted in 2009 and was due to host again in 2021, then Covid 19 forced a local celebration, which took place in Trillick for the first time in Seventy years, with bands, Brethren and spectators arriving on the train back then, how times have changed!

I have to say that spectators came that day in 2021 that I never seen at a Twelfth before, but it was much appreciated and very exciting to see the

large scale Twelfth Celebrations returning last year, with a huge turnout in our neighbouring town of Omagh.

What a spectacle to see the return of such a wonderful family day out.

Can I thank everyone who has helped in any way to make this year's Twelfth happen, the local residents, bands, Ladies, Brethren and the general public.

Wor. Bro. Raymond Deazley
District Master
Fintona District LOL No. 8











DROMORE



The Dromore Ploughman



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DUNGANNON



Dungannon Twelfth marks 225 years of Orangeism in the area

Killyman District LOL No. 1 is hosting the Twelfth of July demonstration in Dungannon this year. The district's warrant was issued in 1798 so this year marks 225 years of Orangeism in this part of County Tyrone. In total, seven Districts from the Mid Ulster/South Tyrone area will parade with 64 lodges and 41 bands taking part. The Districts on parade are Killyman, Stewartstown, Cookstown, Coagh, Pomeroy, Castlecaulfield and Benburb. The demonstration is hosted by Killyman District in Dungannon every seven years, but because of the Covid pandemic it was last hosted in 2014.

This year's parade will use one field, with Lord Northland Memorial Park providing the Assembly and Demonstration point. The main parade will leave Lord Northland Memorial Park and travel along Park Lake Road, Moy Road, Ranfurly Road, Church Street, around the War Memorial in Market Square, Scotch Street, Railway Road, Milltown, Brooke Street, Wellington Road and back along Moy Road and Park Lake Road. The day's proceedings will begin at noon with a short religious service, the reading of the Resolutions and a short speech from Co. Tyrone Dep-

uty Grand Master Wor. Bro. Derek Reaney. Bands on parade include a great variety of pipe bands, silver bands, accordion bands and flute bands. The parade will step off at 1pm with the County Officers, Killyman Colour Party, and Grand Mistress of The Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland, Most Wor. Sister Joan Beggs leading the way. The Sgt White Memorial Flute band will be the lead band. The districts will parade in the following order: Castlecaulfield, Benburb, Stewartstown, Pomeroy, Coagh, Cookstown and finally Killyman.



Last year, the Districts from Mid Ulster and South Tyrone were on parade in Castlecaulfield.



An area steeped in Orange history

Killyman District LOL No. 1 was granted its warrant from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland in 1798, thus this parade marks 225 years of Orangeism in this area of County Tyrone. Along with Derryoghill LOL 3, other founding lodges from Killyman District are Ballynakelly Rising Sons of Ulster LOL 157, Lord Northland Memorial LOL 178, and Newmills LOL 183. Dungannon LOL 178 will be parading with a new bannerette celebrating 225 years. Other notable anniversaries in Killy-

man District are Moygashel LOL 708, Boland LOL 375, Kilnacart LOL 296, Killyman LOL 338, which are all celebrating 200 years since their warrants were issued. The sisters of Moygashel WLOL 106 are celebrating 100 years. Benburb District LOL No. 13, which will be on parade in Dungannon, has LOL 1 and LOL 4 on parade - they are Dyan and Benburb respectively. The warrants for these lodges were issued in 1795 after the Battle of The Diamond.

A word of welcome

It is the privilege of the Offices and Brethren of Killyman District LOL No. 1 to extend a cordial invitation to all the Brethren, Sisters, Bands, and members of the public who wish to join with us in Dungannon for The Twelfth 2023. Everyone will be most welcome and while the main event is undoubtedly the parade, there will be a range of activities taking place to entertain all ages.

As I extend this invitation, I do so two years later than originally planned due to the Covid-19 pandemic. I would like to remember those Brethren and family members who passed away or suffered the loss of loved ones as a result of Covid-19. In 2022 Killyman District LOL No. 1 dedicated a new bannerette which was kindly gifted by Bro. Thomas Douglas, Worshipful Master of LOL 206. The banner-

ette was designed, made and will be carried by our District Standard Bearer Bro. Trevor McKay. It features a Roll of Honour for the Brethren from our District who were murdered in acts of Terrorism and will serve to ensure that the sacrifices made by so many are never forgotten. In closing, I would like to thank all those who have helped with the organisation and preparations, as is always the case lot

of effort will have been made behind the scenes to make the event happen. It is my hope that everyone who attends Dungannon this year will have a peaceful and very enjoyable day.

Wor. Bro. Alastair Cardwell
District Master
Killyman District LOL No.1





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**Hill of The
O'Neill &
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DUNGANNON



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KILKEEL

Magnificent Mournes provide the backdrop to family Twelfth in Kilkeel

More than 1,000 Orangemen from Mourne District LOL No. 6 will partake in one of the most scenic Twelfth parades in Northern Ireland.

The magnificent backdrop of the Mourne Mountains and the Irish Sea provide the perfect setting for the procession. The 15 lodges on parade will be accompanied by their own bands, adding to the special family atmosphere on the day in the Co. Down coastal town of Kilkeel. It is anticipated that more than 1,700 Orangemen, women, Juniors and bandsmen and women will take part in this year's parade, cheered on by a crowd in excess of 3,000 people.

This year, it is the turn of Annalong Single Star LOL 1330 to lead the District Parade. The Kilkeel Lodges leave Kilkeel Orange Hall at 11am to parade the 1.5 miles to the Leestone Road on the outskirts of the town. There, they join with the remainder of the District and return to Kilkeel finishing at Queen Elizabeth II

Park on the Manse Road. Friends and family join the Brethren in the field for a picnic. Following the refreshments, the Platform Proceedings begin at 2.15pm.

The guest speaker at Kilkeel will be Bro. John McKee. Also on the platform will be Mourne District Officers, Worshipful District Master, Bro. William Baillie; Deputy District Master, Bro. James Morris; District Chaplain, Bro. Eric Niblock; District Secretary, Bro. Stephen Nicholson; and District Treasurer Bro. William Burns.

The District will leave to commence the homeward parade at 4pm.

Mourne District LOL No. 6 rotates the Twelfth on a four-year cycle, with Kilkeel the venue every other year. The cycle is Kilkeel, Annalong, Kilkeel, Ballymartin, Kilkeel, etc. The last Twelfth in Kilkeel was a socially distanced version of the parade in 2021 due to the Covid Pandemic.



Mourne District held its Twelfth of July celebrations in Ballymartin last year.

Mourne District is the largest in the Orange Institution with 1,100 members and has the biggest Private Lodge Ballyvea LOL 343a with 163 members. The largest Junior Lodge is also in Mourne and they will parade at the front of the District with LOL 1330.



A word of welcome

In my first year as Worshipful District Master, I welcome you all to the 333rd anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, Mourne District Twelfth of July Demonstration in Kilkeel. This being our first 'Kilkeel' Twelfth since the Pandemic, it is lovely to be back in the capital of the Kingdom of Mourne.

As we do every year, we commence our main parade by pouring a barrel of Boyne water across the Road to symbolise the crossing of the River Boyne as our ancestors did so many years ago.

Not unique to Mourne, but increasingly rare is the Family-style picnic each lodge holds in the Demonstration field. This is an opportunity for friends and family to come together and discuss who has the best sandwiches!

For the first time, this year we will be holding a Banner circle to express our fraternity at 3.45pm. Some of our private lodges are celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

Derryogue Defenders LOL 424 and Brunswick LOL 1702 are celebrating 200 years since the formation of their lodges. Meanwhile, Ballymartin Guiding Star of Freedom LOL 1456 and Glenloughan Loyal Sons of Ulster are both celebrating 150 years since the formation of their lodges. Brunswick Accordion band has also obtained new uniforms this year. These milestones are a credit to their members, and we applaud their success throughout our District.

I wish everyone a glorious Twelfth and Health and prosperity in the year ahead.

Wor. Bro. William Baillie
District Master
Mourne District LOL No. 6

Orange field renamed to mark Platinum Jubilee

In June 2022, Mourne District LOL No. 6 officially renamed the district's field in Kilkeel Queen Elizabeth II as part of their Platinum Jubilee celebration events.

A fantastic day of events was held to mark the occasion, including a parade, inter-lodge football, mace throwing, a cake competition, It's A Knockout, a dog show

and tractor skills. The events attracted a huge turnout of members of the Orange Family and guests from neighbouring districts.



KILKEEL











Robert Hill
Hanna VC Statue



Kilkeel Harbour



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LOUGHBRICKLAND



Village with links to King William to welcome thousands on Twelfth

The village of Loughbrickland – where King William III and his troops stopped on their way to the Boyne - will play host to the Twelfth celebrations in South West Down. It is anticipated that there will be around 10,000 attendees and over 60 Lodges and bands on the day. The parade will begin at noon and will be led by the host District, Loughbrickland LOL No. 10. The assembly field is on the Scarva Road and the route of the main parade will include Scarva Street, Main Street, under the A1 underpass, Grovehill Road, arriving at the Demonstration Field. The parade is approximately 1.2 miles long. Platform proceedings begin at 2.30pm with a formal welcome by Wor. Bro. Keith Murdoch, District Secretary. The religious service will be led by Wor. Bro. Rev. Rodney Magennis and the guest speaker will be the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson. The proceedings will conclude at ap-

proximately 3.30pm when the South West Down Area Conference Standard will be passed to the Standard Bearer of Gilford District LOL No.13. A representative of the Conference will also award prizes for 'Best Turned Out Combination of Lodge and Band', 'Best Turned Out Combination of Lodge and Lambeg Drum' and 'Best Turned Out Junior Lodge'. The return parade will start at 4pm. Two of the Lodges, Gideon's Chosen Few LOL 21 and Creevy Defenders LOL 120, are celebrating their 200th anniversary this year. Emdale True Blues LOL 407 will have unfurled their new banner in the weeks preceding the Twelfth, as will Glascar Temperance LOL 1966 and Loughbrickland District Junior Orange Lodge, who will have unfurled a new bannerette. District No. 10 are very proud of their District Hall, the Sir Henry Wilson Memorial District Orange Hall and the recently formed Junior District Orange Lodge which is going from strength to strength.



Left: The young Brethren of Loughbrickland District Junior Orange Lodge.



Above: Sir Henry Wilson Memorial District Orange Hall.

Right: The new banner of Emdale True Blues LOL 407.

A word of welcome

Welcome to Loughbrickland on this our 333rd anniversary of the Twelfth of July. We look forward to welcoming you all to this part of County Down and especially to the village of Loughbrickland where King William and his troops stopped on their way to the Boyne. This year marks a milestone in the District as we welcome Emdale True Blues LOL 407 into our number, as they celebrate the glorious Twelfth as

part of our district for the first time. We also look forward to welcoming the Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Edward Stevenson, who will be our guest speaker on the day. We hope that all visiting Brethren, bands, supporters, family and friends, have an enjoyable day.

Wor. Bro Stephen Kirkland
District Master
Loughbrickland District LOL No. 10



District events

Loughbrickland District will have a variety of upcoming pre-Twelfth events.
Wednesday, 5th July: Loughbrickland Junior District Orange Lodge unfurling of new Junior District bannerette at District Orange Hall at 7.30pm.
Saturday, 8th July: Loughbrickland District LOL No. 10 Fête from 2pm in the Ross Memorial Field.
Sunday, 9th July: Glascar Temperance LOL 1966 Annual Orange service in Glascar Presbyterian Church at 10.30am.
 One the same date, Loughbrickland District LOL No. 10 Annual Service at the District Orange Hall at 3pm.

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King William's Stone

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LURGAN

Lurgan plays host to 'largest Twelfth gathering in the world'

The County Armagh Twelfth Demonstration is now very firmly established as the largest Orange gathering in the world on the day and encompasses the full range of the Orange Family. Eleven District Lodges will be on parade, with a total of 150 Private Lodges and almost 5,000 Brethren; in addition, ladies from the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland will take part, along with a number of Junior Boys and Junior Girls Lodges. The Co. Armagh Demonstration can attract upwards of 40,000 spectators. Almost 70 bands will accompany the lodges and some of the finest pipe, accordion, silver and flute Bands in the country will be on parade. There are expected to be four Scottish bands on parade at the Co. Armagh demonstration and as the "County of the Diamond" is well-renowned for the Lambeg Drum, dozens will be accompanying the lodges, especially if the weather is favourable. The County Armagh Twelfth rotates around the District Lodges in an eleven-year cycle

and this year it is the turn of Lurgan District LOL No. 6 (at one time known as O'Neill and East District LOL No. 6, after the Barony of that name) to host the celebrations. The District is centred on the majestic Brownlow House (or Castle) and has 19 Private Lodges, with approximately 500 brethren. Whilst many of the Lodges meet in Brownlow House, some have their own halls in the surrounding area, including a few on the shores of Lough Neagh. The District Lodge holds a Service and Act of Remembrance each Twelfth morning prior to leaving the grounds of Brownlow House. The District had four members murdered during The Troubles and they are remembered on a granite Memorial Stone. The Brethren of Lurgan District are very much looking forward to hosting the parade for the first time since 2010 and to mark the event, a specially-commissioned flag, jewel and souvenir booklet have been produced. The Lodges of the host District will assemble at Brownlow House



The County Armagh Officers and bannerette on parade.

from before 8am, where they will be joined by the County Grand Lodge Officers. After the Service and Act of Remembrance, they will parade to the town War Memorial at 8am to lay a wreath. The District will then proceed to the Assembly Point at Russell

Drive to meet the first of the visiting District Lodges. The main parade, headed by Upper Bann Fusiliers Flute Band and Bleary Crimson Star LOL 12, will then commence at approximately 10am. The parade route is Russell Drive, Mourne Road, Pollock Drive,

Gilford Road, Flush Place, Queen Street (under one of the finest arches in the country), High Street, Market Street, Windsor Avenue, to the Demonstration Field at Brownlow House. Lurgan District will be followed by Portadown, Richhill, Keady and Killylea Districts; the remainder of the Districts, namely, Markethill, Armagh, Tandragee, Loughgall, Bessbrook and Newtownhamilton, will parade as they arrive, and by 12.30pm, all Districts should be in the Demonstration Field which is the spacious grounds of Brownlow House. Richhill District will be joined on parade by the boys of the recently re-formed Richhill Tercentenary JLOL 285. In the field, all the usual stalls and food vendors will be set up. There will be a number of activities for children and as always impromptu band and Lambeg Drum rehearsals. The group, "Stonewall", will provide free entertainment from approximately 1pm in the Front Courtyard. The return parade starts at 2.45pm from Brownlow House.

Twelfth of July events in Lurgan District

1st July 2023:
Somme Parade & Wreath Laying. Leaving Brownlow House at 7.30pm for a parade of town and wreath laying at Lurgan War Memorial

2nd July:
Songs of Praises from Brownlow House. Starting at 8pm a night of Hymns, Music and Worship.

4th July 2023:
Free Tour of Brownlow House - The largest Orange Hall in the world. Starting at 7.30pm, meeting at the front courtyard, Brownlow House.

6th July 2023:
Talk on the Americans Troops in Brownlow House 1942-1944. Starting at 7.30pm, The WDM of Lurgan District will give a talk on the American Troops based at Brownlow HQ from February 1942 until May 1944.

7th July 2023:
Lurgan District Mini 12th Parade and Fun Night. The parade will



The impressive arch at Queen Street.

leave Brownlow House at 7.30pm returning around 8.30pm. After the parade there will be a time of fun in the grounds of Brownlow House, with music and entertainment, childrens play, all ending around 10pm with a fireworks display

9th July 2023:
Annual Divine Service Shankill Parish (Jethro Centre) 3pm

10th July:
The Trial of James Craig (Guilty or Not Guilty). Starting at 7.30pm this

hard-hitting play will put James Craig on trial where the prosecutor will seek to have Craig jailed for treason. The defence, led by Edward Carson, will fight this tooth and nail. You, the audience on the night, will decide guilty or not guilty.

11th July 2023:
Mourneview Fun Day and Bonfire Night. Children's Fun Day at Mourneview Community Centre 1-5pm Followed by the Traditional Twelfth Bonfire lighting about 10.30pm.



Brownlow House

The former stately home is owned by Lurgan District and is a Grade 'A' listed building. It is a unique 'calendar' building" built in 1833 - four wings, one for each season of the year; seven external doors, one for each day of the week; twelve external corners, one for each month of the year; fifty-two chimneys, one for each week of the year; and finally three hundred and sixty-five rooms, one for each day of the year. It currently houses Tea Rooms, Wedding and Conference Facilities, and Two Museums. The new Board of Directors has ambitious plans to restore the family wing into bedroom accommodation and additional exhibition space.

LURGAN



Platform proceedings

The chair will be taken at 1.45pm by the County Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Denis J Watson JP, and proceedings will commence with the traditional religious service, conducted by Wor. Bro. Rev. William Anderson, Deputy County Grand Chaplain. He will be assisted by the other Deputy County Grand Chaplains in the Prayers and Act of Remembrance; the Address will be given by Wor. Bro. Rev. Maurice Laverty, Lurgan Deputy District Chaplain. The solemn Act of Remembrance will be undertaken by Wor. Bro. Rev. Edwin Frazer, Deputy County Grand Chaplain. Hamiltonsbawn Silver Band will provide the musical accompaniment for

the two hymns. After the service, the Twelfth Resolutions will be proposed and passed. The first on "Faith" will be proposed by Wor. Bro. Jim Copeland, County Grand Treasurer; the second on "Loyalty" by Wor. Bro. David Martin, Lurgan District Master; and the third on "The State" by Wor. Bro. Roger Gardiner, County Grand Secretary. The platform proceedings will then conclude with the customary Resolution of Thanks, introduced by Wor Bro Lawson Burnett, the new Deputy County Grand Master. Finally, the 'County Shield for the Best Band on Parade' will be presented.

New banners on parade and anniversaries marked

There will be at least two new banners being carried on parade for the first time this Twelfth, namely those of the Rising Sons of William LOL 48a, Derrylee, Loughgall District; and Gideon's Rising Star LOL 253, Drumbanagher, Tandragee District.

Anniversaries
Kinnego LOL 5 in Loughgall District held a special meeting in the Museum of Orange Heritage at Sloan's House, Loughgall, in Febru-

ary to present nine of their long-serving members with 50-year jewels. The presentations were made by the oldest Lodge member (and indeed probably the oldest Orangeman in Co Armagh), Bro. Hilbert Willis; what made it somewhat unique was that two of the recipients were his sons. A number of bands are celebrating milestones this year - Drumderg Loyalists Flute Band in Keady District is marking 100 years since

it was formed and will have extra pride as it steps out with almost 70 members on parade. Aghavilly Accordion Band in Armagh District is celebrating 65 years on the road, having been formed in 1958. Mullabrack Accordion Band in Markethill District is 40 years on the road in 2023 and finally, Crozier Memorial Pipe Band from Cavanapole in Killylea District is celebrating 75 years.

A word of welcome

It is with great pleasure we welcome the Brethren and families of the County Armagh Orange fraternity to Lurgan for the 333rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne this Twelfth of July 2023. To our County Officers and the District Officers of the eleven Districts which make up County Armagh Grand Lodge, we extend our warmest welcome to the historic town of Lurgan and in particular the magnificent setting for

our county demonstration the amazing Brownlow House, home of Lurgan District and the largest Orange Hall in the world. To Wor. Bro. Denis Watson County Grand Master we extend the hand of fellowship and we wish you God's richest blessings as you lead the County in Lurgan for our celebrations. To all who will be with us in Lurgan, Brethren, Sisters, Bandsmen and women, Jun-

iors, members of the public we hope you have an enjoyable day and that we may all know the blessing of almighty God "that which maketh rich and with it addeth no sorrow". It indeed has been a pleasure making all the arrangements for this Twelfth Day in Lurgan and we are hoping and praying for good weather so that we may have an enjoyable day and a relaxing afternoon in the surroundings of Brownlow House.

All has been provided for your comfort and we ask that you support the many stalls and vendors. Stonewall will provide us with music and song prior to the County Service. You can gather at the Front Courtyard for both these events. Enjoy your day in Lurgan one and all.

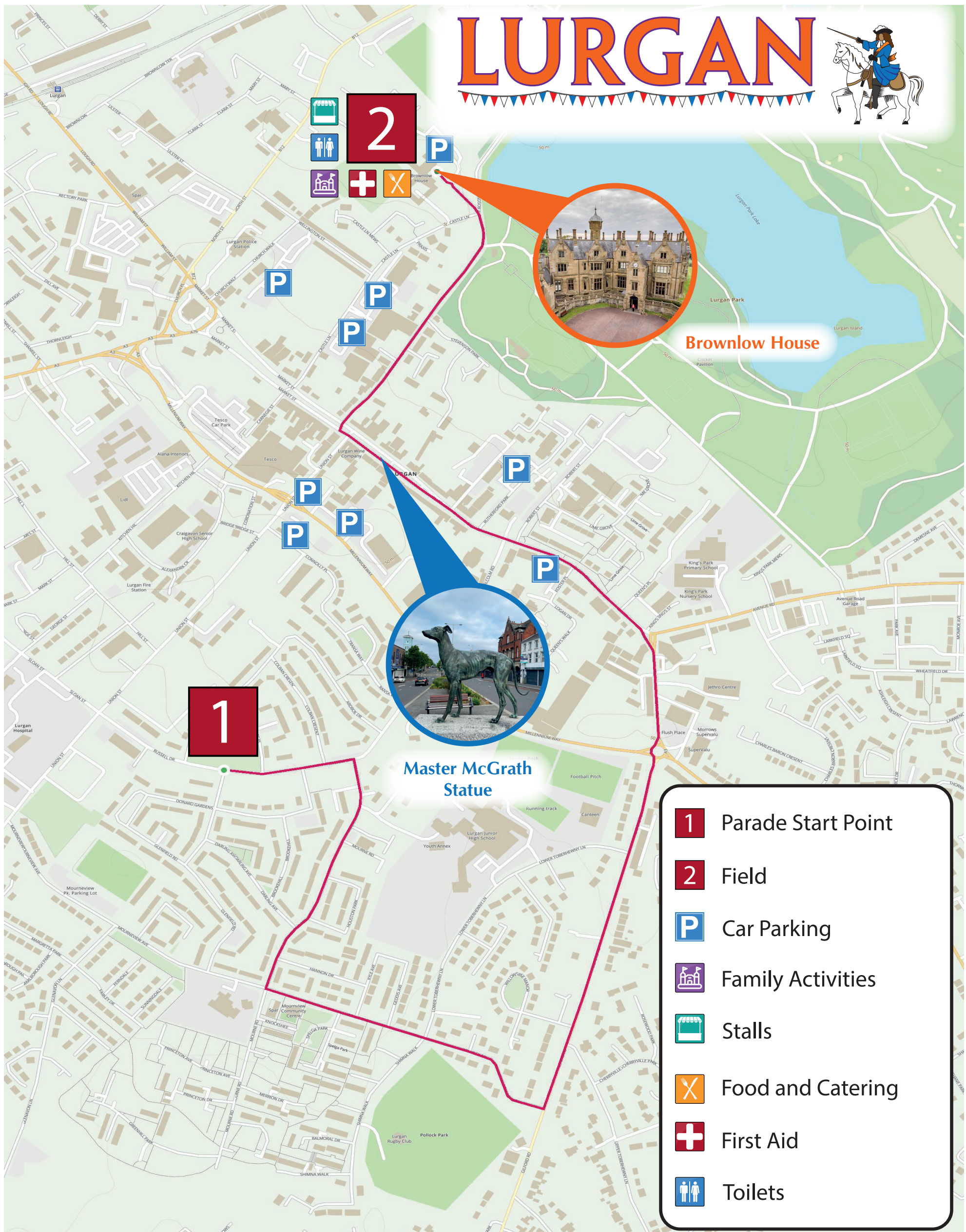
Wor. Bro. David Martin
District Master
Lurgan District LOL No. 6



The County Armagh Twelfth demonstration was hosted in Armagh in 2022.











LURGAN



Brownlow House



Master McGrath Statue

-  Parade Start Point
-  Field
-  Car Parking
-  Family Activities
-  Stalls
-  Food and Catering
-  First Aid
-  Toilets

Our top tips to help you plan for your Twelfth day

1. Select your venue in good time and familiarize yourself with the route, car parking options and location of the assembly and demonstration fields.
2. Locate toilets and first aid provision along the route.
3. If you require access to disabled parking it may be worth contacting the host district in advance to obtain specific details of parking facilities.
4. Find out the parade start time and finish time. Also note the timings of any feeder parades which may impede or delay your arrival.
5. Plan to arrive early. If the parade starts at noon you should expect to be in position more than one hour prior to the start.
6. Come prepared for all types of weather. We all want great weather on the Twelfth, but it can be wet, cold or windy so have an umbrella, raincoat or jacket handy.
7. Picnic or chips? There's no shortage of eating options at Twelfth parades and everyone has their favourite. Whether that's a flask of tea and some sandwiches or a fish supper! Be prepared with refreshments in the event that it is a warm day.
8. Please use litter bins provided to keep the streets tidy.
9. Respect the property of local residents at all times. If parking along the route do not block driveways or entrances to local businesses.
10. Follow the instructions of all parade marshals - they are there to help the day run smoothly for parade participants and spectators.



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Bands and Lambegs add to the spectacle of the day

Twelfth of July parades always feature a great range of marching bands, and in some areas, Lambeg drums – both of which add greatly to the spectacle and pageantry of the big day. Almost all Ulster bands are a product of the Orange story. The Defence of Londonderry and the subsequent Williamite victories in Ireland helped secure civil and religious liberty for the Protestant settlers throughout Ulster. Their descendants commemorated these important events in many ways including the creation of Loyal Orders which amongst other activities, celebrated important historical anniversaries with marches.

These processions became a highlight for local communities and soon musical accompaniment would be common in the form of a fife and drums, in keeping with the military traditions of the day. The Lambeg drum is a unique Ulster folk instrument which



Music is an important part of the Twelfth of July parades feature some of the best marching bands and of course the unique sound of Lambeg drums.

World Championship flute bands as well as Brass and Silver bands which have reached a very high level of musical ability. Local Accordion bands too have secured international recognition.

Significant numbers of Ulster's marching band members have moved into roles with orchestras, military bands or other professional ensembles. Numerically – there are over 600 marching bands in Ulster – with tens of thousands of active participants. In some areas, bands may provide the only available opportunity to make music and provide exposure to structured learning, discipline, social pride, responsibility and teamwork. A professional study in 2013 showed that the tradition of parading contributed £54m to the Northern Ireland economy with bands contributing over £19m in social capital and charitable donations as well as over £8m in expenditure on equipment, uniforms and travel.

developed as a result of the Orange tradition of parading. The traditional long drum which had been historically used on the battlefields of Europe to relay messages was modified overtime and grew in size with both heads being played at once using canes. Local Orange Lodges founded 'first' flute bands which in many

areas replaced the fife and drum tradition and for many years, up until the early – mid twentieth century, this genre was the most common form of musical accompaniment for Orange parades. Although the instrumentation of many bands diversified in the early twentieth century, the 1950s marked a further sweeping

change among bands – with a surge in the popularity of accordions, silver instruments, pipes and concert flute ensembles replacing the traditional 'first' flute band. There are countless examples of musical excellence amongst the Ulster band movement – numerous World Champion Pipe Bands,

GB News to bring extended coverage of this year's Twelfth of July celebrations

If you can't attend a Twelfth of July parade this year - don't worry - you don't have to miss out! GB News is once again broadcasting live coverage of one of the parades.

After the success of Armagh in 2022, this year it is the turn of Belfast to take centre stage and the programme has been extended to a two-and-a-half hours! The show will once again be hosted by Arlene Foster and Dr. Gavin Hughes

In addition to live footage of the main Belfast parade as it makes its way to the demonstration field at Barnett's Demesne, there will also be extensive features on the history of the Battle of the Boyne and Glorious Revolution.

GB News can be found on digital Freeview 236, Sky channel 515, Virgin Media channel 626 or on the internet via YouTube. The programme will run from 9.30am to 12noon.

Catch the highlights

Once again, BBC Northern Ireland and UTV will have Twelfth programmes later in the day. Both channels will have reporters at parades around the province with a range of special features included.

The BBC programme will be hosted from Brownlow House, Lurgan, while Paul Clark is expected to host the UTV programme from Belfast. Please check listings near the time for exact broadcast timings.



Arlene Foster hosted last year's GB News coverage of the Twelfth in Armagh accompanied by historian Dr. Gavin Hughes (right) and Charlie Lawson.

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MAGHERAFELT



It's families to the fore as the Twelfth comes to Magherafelt

The South Londonderry Twelfth of July demonstration will be held in Magherafelt. Taking in seven surrounding Districts - Ballyronan, Castledawson, Garvagh, Kilrea, Moneymore, Tamlaght O'Crilly, Tobermore and the host District Magherafelt - this will certainly be a family orientated Twelfth of July.

With almost 50 bands and lodges due to take part in the parade, spectators are in for a great spectacle of music and sights, from Accordion, Flute, Pipe Bands and even a few Lambeg Drums.

The main parade will move off at 12noon led by the County Officers and Magherafelt District LOL No. 3.

The parade will continue along the one-and-a-half mile route to the field on the Moneymore Road, parading along the Castledawson Rd, Broad St, the Diamond, Queen Street and Moneymore Road.

Once in the field everyone can enjoy refreshments and a rest before the platform proceedings get under way at 2pm with Wor. Bro. James Evans, Deputy County Grand Master, chairing the proceedings.

The religious service will be conducted by Wor. Bro. Rev. Joseph Andrews, County Grand Chaplain, who will be



Magherafelt District LOL No. 3 on parade.

attending his first ever Twelfth demonstration in Magherafelt. The Rev. Rhys Jones, LOL 209, and a Deputy County Grand Chaplain, will give the address, with Wor. Bro. Rev. Nigel Kane and Wor. Bro. Rev. Raymond

Kelly (both Deputy County Grand Chaplains) also taking part, alongside Bro. Andrew Moore, Lay Chaplain Magherafelt District. The main speaker on the platform will be Bro. David Scott,

Outreach Officer at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Following the platform proceedings, Brethren and Sisters will form up and leave the field at 3.30pm, making the return journey to Castledawson Road.



A word of welcome

On behalf of the District Officers of Magherafelt District LOL No. 3, I extend a cordial invitation to Brethren, Sisters, bands, friends, and spectators to join the 333rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne celebrations in Magherafelt.

After the restricted local Twelfth in 2021, due to Covid-19, it's great for Magherafelt to be able to highlight the town again; the last time Magherafelt hosted a South Londonderry demonstration was in 2013. The ten local lodges, which make up No. 3 District, are looking forward to hosting the Twelfth this year and also their third Annual Vintage Display and Funday to be held on Saturday 8th July, just outside Magherafelt, at Megargy Orange Hall.

Brethren and friends will be able to see the start of our Murdered Brethren project in the field. This project has been on going for a few years with various fund raising activities and the publication of a Centenary Book in 2021 to help finance the construction of the garden and a new entrance to the Orange Field. A later phase, planned for 2024, will see the unveiling of a Memorial.

Wor. Bro. John Whyte
District Master
Magherafelt District LOL No. 3

Juniors and Ladies on parade

The young Brethren of Magherafelt Junior LOL 80 (pictured), which has about 40 boys in membership, also plans to take part in the parade. Formed in 2017, it takes its warrant number from a previous junior lodge of the 1930s.









Similarly, a newly formed women's Lodge, WLOL 102, will take part in what will be their first outing at a Twelfth of July in Magherafelt.



MAGHERAFELT



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-  Parade Start Point
-  Field
-  Car Parking
-  Family Activities
-  Stalls
-  Food and Catering
-  First Aid
-  Toilets



Magherafelt First Presbyterian Church

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PORTGLENONE



‘Triangle Twelfth’ helps mark 225th anniversary for one Portglenone lodge

Sixteen lodges will take part in the ‘Triangle’ Twelfth of July parade which will be held this year in Portglenone.

They come from the Districts of Portglenone, Ahoghill and Cullybackey, with the parade rotating around the three venues in turn. The main parade will move off at 12.30pm from the assembly point at Portglenone Free Presbyterian Church on the Hiltonstown Road, Portglenone.

It will follow a route through the village along Hiltonstown Road, Cullybackey Road, Main Street, over the bridge to Clay Road. Demonstration field on right had side, opposite the filling station.

The Twelfth celebrations in Portglenone will have an extra special sig-

nificance for one participating lodge as it marks a huge milestone year. The Brethren of Milltown True Blues LOL 205 from the host Portglenone District LOL No. 7 are this year celebrating their 225th anniversary.

As always, the emphasis is very much on family with food and entertainment for children, including inflatables, have been arranged in the field.

The religious service from the platform will be conducted by District Chaplain Wor. Bro. Rev. Samuel McKay.

Although one of the smaller Twelfth demonstrations, it will feature a good mix of bands, including pipe, accordion, flute and of course, Lambeg drums!



Districts officers and visiting Brethren pictured at the 2018 Twelfth of July celebrations in Portglenone. The banner of Milltown True Blues, who this year mark 225th anniversary, is visible.



A word of welcome

It is my pleasure in my first year as District Master to welcome everyone to what is known locally as the ‘Triangle Parade’, when the Brethren from Portglenone are joined by our neighbouring Brethren from Ahoghill and Cullybackey Districts. This is very much a family day out as we celebrate our Glorious Heritage. We look forward to seeing on parade on it’s first Twelfth the newly dedicated banner of the Glebe LOL 231 from the Ahoghill District. We also congratulate Milltown LOL 205, from our own Portglenone District who this year celebrate their 225th anniversary. We look forward to seeing a good turn out on the day and the public enjoy the mix of Accordion, Pipe, Flute bands and of course lambeg drums.

Wor. Bro. Robert Hanna
District Master
Portglenone District LOL
No. 7



The Brethren and Sisters of Portglenone, Cullybackey and Ahoghill celebrated the ‘Triangle Twelfth’ in Cullbackey in 2022.



District hits the roads with annual vintage July fund-raiser

Many Districts across the jurisdiction of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland hold annual events ahead of the Twelfth. This might be a social evening or barbecue, concerts featuring local bands and musicians or in the case of Portglenone its the vintage rally. The Portglenone District LOL No. 7 Vintage Rally will take place this year on Thursday,

6th July, with vehicles gathering from 7pm to leave Main Street at 8pm sharp. All vintage and classic cars, motorbikes and tractors are welcome to take part in the event which this year will be raising funds for the Air Ambulance NI. As this picture from last year’s event shows, it attracts considerable interest with all types of vehicles taking part in good numbers.



PORTGLENONE











Portglenone Marina



Bann Bridge Portglenone



-  Parade Start Point
-  Field
-  Car Parking
-  Family Activities
-  Stalls
-  Food and Catering
-  First Aid
-  Toilets

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RANDALSTOWN



Lambeg drums a feature as the East Antrim Combine visits Randalstown

Randalstown District LOL No. 22 welcomes the East Antrim Combine to Randalstown this year to celebrate and mark the 333rd anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. The Combine comprises nine District Lodges from Larne, Sixmilewater, Staffordstown, Carrickfergus, Cloughfern, Carnmoney, Antrim, Killead and will be led by host District, Randalstown. The parade will include up to 50 bands and numerous Lambeg

drummers will accompany up to 2,000 members in the lodges as they make their way around the town to the main demonstration field. The main parade will move off at 11am and follow a route which takes in Shane's Street, Lower Main Street, turning right into Neillsbrook Road, passing the rugby pitches, via Park Green and emerging onto Ahoghill Road, turning left, joining Portglenone Road at the Point. Continuing past Memorial Orange Hall and

Memorial Garden, turning right at New Street Corner, along New Street to the Demonstration Field at Dunmore Park. The Main Parade will take about one hour and 15 minutes to make its way to 'the field' with the last lodge leaving the assembly point at 12.15pm approximately. The Service will commence shortly after the last lodge arrives in 'The Field' and the Guest Speaker will be Bro. Rev. David Bisset, District Chaplain, Sixmilewater District LOL No 10.

Wor. Bro Stephen Logan, Antrim District will chair the proceedings, with music provided by Bro. James Strange, from Larne District. The return parade will leave the field at 3.30pm, making its way out of Dunmore Park turning right along New Street, again turning right an New Street Corner onto Lower Main street continuing along Shane's Street where busses should be parked up waiting. After the main parade leaves

Shanes Street the local lodges comprising Staffordstown and Randalstown lodges will complete their usual route returning to New Street, where Staffordstown Lodges will leave parade and Randalstown lodges will then make way to Memorial Orange Hall for dispersal. Randalstown District has a strong reputation for fund raising and this year the proceeds of our Street collection will go entirely to the N.I. Children's Hospice.

Lodges of Randalstown District in focus

Randalstown District is made up of four lodges - Hillstown LOL 176, Randalstown Purple Star LOL 941, Chichester LOL 1105, and Caddy LOL 1124.

Hillstown LOL 176
The earliest record of Loyal Orange Lodge No 176 is 4th June, 1797, when the warrant was issued to a lodge in Dublin. The warrant for LOL 176 was re-issued to Bro. Alexander Coulter on 1st October, 1829, for a Lodge in the Ahoghill District of Co. Antrim. Records show that the place of a meeting was Hillstown with the current Hillstown Hall being built in 1892. In 1939 Hillstown Orange Lodge transferred from Ahoghill District to Randalstown where it has remained until the present day.

Randalstown Purple Star LOL 176
The earliest record of LOL 941 is 1825. Purple Star is one of



the two 'town Lodges' who are based in the Memorial Orange Hall in Randalstown. As with many Lodges in the area, Purple Star owns a number of Lambeg Drums, however in recent years the lodge has been accompanied by Randalstown Sons Of Ulster Flute Band who will be on parade with the lodge again this year.

Chichester LOL 1105 (pictured)
The Lodge was established in 1829 and has been part of Randalstown District since its inception in the late 1870's. In its early years the Lodge held its meeting in the Orange Hall which was then situated at 99



Main Street, Randalstown. The Lodge is in possession of a Presentation Bible, dated 1866, gifted to the Lodge by Mr Long, who resided at the Hermitage, Randalstown.

Caddy LOL 1124
The warrant for LOL 1124 was issued on 1st October, 1929. The

Lodge sits in the townland of Caddy, roughly two miles north of Randalstown and in 1907 built a hall at the Caddy. Throughout its history LOL 1124 has been well known as a 'Drumming Lodge' and have the hugely successful Caddy Fife and Drum Club who lead the Brethren each year on the Twelfth of July.

A word of welcome

As the Worshipful District Master of Randalstown District Lodge, it is a great honour and privilege to extend a warm welcome to All who come to Randalstown with the East Antrim Combine this year. I hope you and your families enjoy your day of celebration with us. Earlier this year, on 6th May, we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III, and on 12th July we mark and celebrate the 333rd anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. I would encourage you all to join us in Dunmore Park for our Ser-

vice of Thanksgiving which commences shortly after the main parade reaches the Demonstration Field. This year we have chosen the 'N.I. Children's Hospice' as our chosen charity and I would encourage you to give generously to the collectors who will be around the Parade route and in the Demonstration Field. This is a very worthwhile cause and deserving of our support considering the tremendous work they do for families in difficult circumstances.

I would like to thank all who have helped with arrangements for our Celebration today especially, The Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, PSNI, St. John Ambulance, NIFRS, and the many of our own brethren who have given freely of their time and energy to ensure we all have an enjoyable day in Randalstown this year

Wor. Bro. Stephen Wallace
District Master
Randalstown District LOL No. 22



RANDALSTOWN



Randalstown War Memorial



Randalstown Viaduct

1 Parade Start Point

2 Field

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Family Activities

Stalls

Food and Catering

First Aid

Toilets

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ROSSNOWLAGH



The Twelfth celebrations at Rosstown are renowned for the fun atmosphere.

Rosstown sets the scene for 2023 Twelfth celebrations

The rolling hills of County Donegal and a magnificent coastline provide the backdrop to what must surely be the most scenic setting for any Twelfth parade.

The annual Rosstown procession, will be held on Saturday, 8th July, just four days before the demonstrations in Northern Ireland.

It is expected that upwards of 50 lodges from Donegal, Cavan, Leitrim and Monaghan, as well as visiting Orangemen

from Northern Ireland and further afield, will take part in the parade which begins close to St. John's Parish Church at 12.30pm.

The parade then makes its way down a narrow country road, thronged with onlookers, to the demonstration field, on the edge of the shoreline. The annual gathering is renowned for its family-friendly atmosphere and minimal security presence. A religious service, only yards from the rolling breakers of the

Atlantic, will be held at 3pm. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Brian Russell, Rector of Drumholm Parish. A collection will be held on the day in aid of Orange charities. The return parade will leave the demonstration field at 4.45pm.

Orangeism remains vibrant in the border counties with Brethren regularly taking part in parades and events right across the jurisdiction of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.



The parade is very well supported by visiting Brethren and tourists.

A word of welcome

It gives me great pleasure to issue an open invitation for you all to come and join us in the world famous resort of Rosstown for this, our annual Twelfth commemorations in County Donegal. Our unique beach location and famous Donegal hospitality should make for a memorable day. This year our parade is quite close to the actual Twelfth of July Bank Holiday and we anticipate that we will have many more tourists in the resort of Rosstown enjoying our parade this year – lets hope the weather is on our side! I would like you thank Rev. Brian Russell, Rector of Drumholm Par-

ish, for his assistance at the platform proceedings and throughout the year at our divine services. Our special thanks to the Gardai for traffic arrangements, owners and staff of the Sand House Hotel, the Civil Defense for their services and Donegal Council for their assistance. Lastly, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable Twelfth and I hope to see you all on Saturday, July 8th, in Rosstown.

Wor. Bro. David Mahon,
County Grand Master
of Donegal



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Tickety Moo Ice Cream Store

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Saint John's Parish Church



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Sandhouse Hotel & Rosstown Beach

- 1** Parade Start Point
- 2** Field
- P** Car Parking
- Family Activities
- Stalls
- X** Food and Catering
- +** First Aid
- Toilets

UPPER BALLINDERRY



Upper Ballinderry to host the South Antrim demonstration

The 333rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne celebrations for the South Antrim Combine will be hosted in Upper Ballinderry. Upwards of 2,000 Orangemen and women are expected to be on parade, with Brethren from seven districts - Lisburn, Glenavy, Magheragall, Royal Hillsborough, Derriaghy, Ballinderry and Aghalee - taking part. The parade will start at 11.30am from the assembly field at the Ballinderry Road, Upper Ballinderry side. It will turn right onto the Glenavy Road at the Junction of the A26 parade up the Glena-

vy Road turn left onto North Street parade down short stop at the War Memorial Hall to lay a wreath. At the bottom of North Street turn right at antiques shop past Ballinderry Parish Church to the Twelfth field on Lower Ballinderry Road. Leading the way along the 1.3-mile route will be the host District, Ballinderry LOL No. 3. At the field there will be family entertainment, with bouncy castles stalls and games etc. At the platform there will be a religious ser-

vice and speeches. The "Cairns Culbert Memorial Cup" will be awarded, during the platform proceedings, to the best presented lodge in the South Antrim Combine parade. Following the platform proceedings there will be displays of Lambeg drumming. Children's entertainment and live music will be in the field before the parade arrives and again before and after the platform proceedings. The return parade will commence at 4pm approximately.



Left: Magheragall hosted the Brethren from South Antrim in 2022.

Below: Lambeg drums are a feature of the parade.

A word of welcome

As Worshipful District Master of Ballinderry District LOL No. 3, I am privileged and honoured to lead the District for the Twelfth in Ballinderry. I welcome the South Antrim Combine which comprises of seven districts to Ballinderry to celebrate the 333rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne on Wednesday, 12th July. I also welcome Brethren and sisters from mainland Britain and the Republic of Ireland, also bands and the general public. Our parade will begin at 11.30am and follow a route to the demonstration field where there will be family entertainment, with bouncy castles stalls and games etc. This is very much a family day and there is a chance to meet friends, old and new. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has made this



day a special one and trust all who attend will have an enjoyable Twelfth.

Wor. Bro. Francis Beckett
District Master
Ballinderry District No. 3



Twelfth Festival Events

The Twelfth Festival will begin on Sunday, 25th June and will continue with a series of events in the run up to the celebrations on Wednesday, 12th July. Brethren and Families are encouraged to support these events, a summary of which is below.

Sunday, 25th June 2023 - Open Air Service
Brethren to assemble at Ballinderry Parish Church car park for 3.00pm for 3.30pm service in Ballinderry War Memorial Hall. All Visiting Brethren will be made very welcome at this service.

Friday, 30th June 2023 - Gala Evening
Ballinderry Parish Church Hall. Brethren to arrive by 6.30pm
Please note that this event is by ticket only

Friday, 7th July 2023
Pipe - Fyfe Musical evening
Maghaberry Orange Hall at 7.00pm

Sunday, 9th July 2023 - Morning Worship,
Ballinderry Parish Church. Brethren to assemble at Ballinderry War Memorial Hall at 9.45am for 10.30am service. All Visiting Brethren will be made very welcome.

Lisburn District Events

Saturday, 1st July - Lisburn District LOL No. 6 - Opening of Arch Parade: Brethren and Bands leave Lisburn Orange Hall at 7.30pm.

Sunday, 9th July - Lisburn District LOL No. 6 Parade and Service to Christ Church, Lisburn. Brethren and Bands leave Lisburn Orange Hall at 2.30pm.

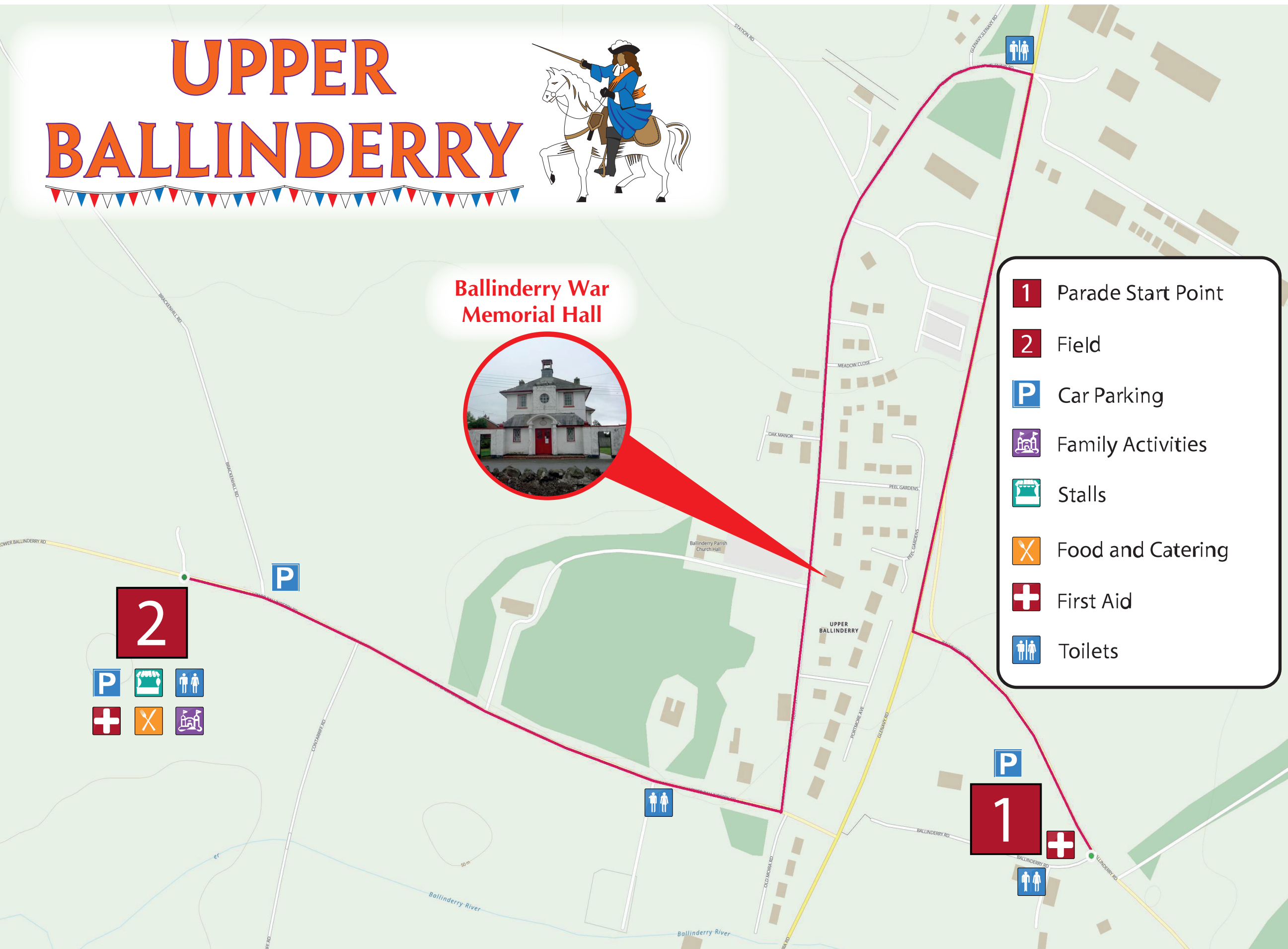
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Ballinderry War Memorial Hall



- 1** Parade Start Point
- 2** Field
- P** Car Parking
- Family Activities
- Stalls
- Food and Catering
- First Aid
- Toilets



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The Bonfire tradition

The Bonfire and Beacon tradition has become synonymous with Protestant celebrations during the Twelfth fortnight in Ulster. Until recently the Eleventh Night bonfire, that glowed in the night sky across the country, were organized on an ad-hoc, but nevertheless, annual basis. They were primarily held to commemorate the Battle of the Boyne, the centre-piece of the Glorious Revolution, which helped secure a new Constitutional Settlement in the British Isles. The tradition of bonfires is not unique to the Orange and Protestant community in Ulster.

From ancient times through to the early Christian period, bonfires acted as a focal point for community celebrations and events. Through the centuries they have been used for a variety of purposes and public celebrations. In 1588 bonfires and beacons were used to signal the approach of the Spanish Armada to the coastline around England and the potential of subsequent invasion. It is, however, their community and pseudo-political usage that is most common in the public eye. An example of such is the annual 5 November celebration, commemorating the failure

of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. For generations an effigy of Guy Fawkes, the central figure of the plot, has been burned on bonfires across England. For the Orange Family of Ulster, the bonfire and beacon tradition has evolved to celebrate, commemorate, and mark a series of historical anniversaries – the landing of William, Prince of Orange at Torbay on 5 November 1688, the closing of the mighty gates of Londonderry in December 1688, the arrival of King William III at Carrickfergus in June 1690 and, of course, the victory of the Battle of the Boyne in July 1690.

In some respects, the 11th of July bonfires are a modern representation of the campfires that blazed in the Williamite camps on the north side of the River Boyne on the evening prior to the battle itself. It is also worth noting that, after William's 'near miss' the day before the battle, he was forced to show himself by campfire light to his troops, proving to them that he was still alive!

During the Nineteenth Century bonfires became part and parcel of community events particularly at times of political crisis. This was evident during

the political rallies held in Ireland during the various Home Rule Crises between 1886 and 1914. In 1868 bonfires and beacons were lit on the hillsides of County Down to celebrate the release of William Johnston of Ballykilbeg from prison, after being incarcerated for organizing and leading an Orange procession in defiance of the Party Processions Act.

In some areas bonfires and beacons can be seen on 1st of July each year. This is to commemorate the Battle of the Boyne which, under the old calendar, was fought on 1 July 690. This date also has another significance, with fires being lit to commemorate the sacrifice of soldiers who fought with the 36th (Ulster) Division at the beginning of the battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916.

Today bonfires and beacons, organized by local communities across Northern Ireland and the border Counties of the Republic of Ireland, are focal points for cultural celebrations commemorating the victory of the Battle of the Boyne and securing civil and religious Liberty through the Glorious Revolution.

Dr. Jonathan Mattison

Organise a group tour of the Museum of Orange Heritage

Have you paid a visit to the Museum of Orange Heritage at Schomberg House or Sloan's House, Loughgall?

If you belong to a lodge or other group which hasn't yet visited, or perhaps it has been some years since you have, why not consider organising a visit in the near future.

Our new exhibition at Schomberg House is 'Liberty' which focuses on the Glorious Revolution.

The Museum at Schomberg House has already facilitated a number of tours and meetings for lodges this year, with others already booked in.

If you would like to book a visit, or for more information, call 028 9070 1122 or email info@goli.org.uk.

Sloan's House, with plenty of excellent exhibits including the Parlour, also welcomes group visits by prior arrangement. They can be contacted on 028 3889 2048.

STEP IN AND EXPLORE

SLOAN'S HOUSE (LOUGHGALL)
 TUESDAY-SATURDAY: 10AM-4PM (LAST ENTRY AT 3PM)
 TEL: (UK) 028 3889 2048 INFO@SLOANSHOUSEMUSEUM.CO.UK

SCHOMBERG HOUSE (BELFAST)
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History comes alive at Scarva

The annual Sham Fight is recognised as a unique cultural event, with upwards of 100,000 people expected in Scarva on Thursday, July 13th.

The small and quaint County Down village has become renowned for hosting the biggest one-day event, at a single location, anywhere in the Province. The annual clash between King William and King James and the large-scale procession through Scarva – hosted by Sir Knight Alfred Buller Memorial RBP 1000 – is now firmly established as a major tourist attraction.

The Sham Fight at the Demesne is the only remaining one of its kind in Ireland. At the top of the field where the re-enactment is staged, is the chestnut tree where King William tied his horse on the way to the Battle of the Boyne and where his troops rested.

The main protagonists – King William and King James – are accompanied by soldiers in period costume and a number of horses.

The Sham Fight will be preceded by a large parade, with up to 90 preceptories and as many bands taking part in the procession through the village. Approximately 4,000 members of the Royal Black Institution will step out, accompanied by a wide selection of music, including flute, pipe, accordion and brass bands.

The main procession will leave the assembly field on the Gilford Road at 11.15am and proceed through the village to the Demesne. Tens of thousands of spectators will line the one-mile route to witness the spectacle.

The return parade is scheduled to leave the Demesne at approximately 3pm.



The Sovereign Grand Master Rev. William Anderson declares King William the victor over King James.

Attractions to consider for days out in July

If you're visiting Northern Ireland in July and looking for a day out, here are some attractions you may wish to take time to visit. We encourage anyone planning to visit any of the venues listed to make contact with the venue prior to travelling to confirm opening days and times.

Brownlow House, Lurgan

Brownlow House is a stunning country manor in Northern Ireland overlooking the scenic surroundings of Lurgan Park. From the moment you enter 'The Castle', you are surrounded in luxury with ornate high ceilings, grand spiralling staircases and stunning stained glass windows. You can relax in the grandeur of their tea rooms and enjoy the scenic views; learn more about the history of Brownlow House in their local history museum and explore Lurgan's war time history in Brownlow HQ museum. Open Tuesday- Saturday from 10am-3pm and entry is free. Tours are available on request. Telephone: 028 3832 6049 or visit www.brownlowhouse.com

Somme Museum

The Somme Association built and owns the Somme Heritage Centre, between Newtownards and Bangor in Co. Down. It is an institution for the study and interpretation of Ireland's contribution to the First World War, with particular reference



to the Battle of the Somme. It provides exhibitions, displays and information. The Museum has an extensive collection of material from the Great War period and in the last number of years a growing collection of World War Two artefacts including a large oral history archive. Opening times vary, please call see website for details www.sommeassociation.com

Siege Museum

The Siege Museum and Exhibition is a permanent display of the history of the Siege of Londonderry and of the Associated Clubs of the Apprentice Boys of Derry. A treasure house of artefacts, from past to present. Based over three floors, the exhibition offers an educational and interactive visitor experience. Visitors on group bookings or guided tours



The Siege Museum in Londonderry and the Somme Museum in Newtownards are two attractions to visit.

will also have the added attraction of being able to view one of the finest collections of meeting rooms used by the 'Loyal Orders'. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, admission is £5 per adult. Telephone: 028 71261219 or visit www.thesiegemuseum.org

Sloan's House Museum

The Museum at Sloan's House displays a fantastic collection of documents relating to the genesis of the Orange Order including some of the first warrants signed. The site also tells the story of the Plantation and the surrounding area of Loughgall, including those prior to 1795. The site also includes Sloan's Parlour, portraying the way it would have looked at the time of the Orange's formation. Entry is free and they are open Thursday-Saturday 10am-

4pm, and tours are available on request.

Royal Black Headquarters

The new Royal Black headquarters at 45-47 Main Street were purchased by the Institution in 2018. Understood to date back to 1820, the B1 Listed Building has been sympathetically renovated, with listed features restored to their original character. These include new administrative offices, exhibition space, a library to house the Institution's collection of books and artefacts, meeting rooms, and car parking facilities. Open Monday-Friday 9-5pm. Telephone 028 3889 1362 or visit www.royalblack.org

Dan Winter's Cottage

This early 18th century listed vernacular farmhouse was the site at which the infamous Dan Winter

resided. The cottage has been maintained by the Winter family down the years. Displays include relics from the battle, Orange memorabilia, original furniture from the cottage and old farming and dairy artefacts. Also an old chair in the top room which came with the Winter family in 1665. Tradition holds that this old chair had been used when the first embryonic meeting was held in the cottage after the Battle of the Diamond in 1795. Opening times throughout the year vary, please see the website for details www.danwinterscottage.com

Northern Ireland War Memorial Museum

The Northern Ireland War Memorial also called NI War Memorial and War Memorial was opened in 2007 in Talbot Street, Belfast. It replaced an earlier building called Memorial House which was located in Waring Street on a site which was bombed during the Blitz in 1941. They provide a window into Northern Ireland's key role in the Second World War and the impact of the war on its people. From the Belfast Blitz to the American presence, the Ulster Home Guard and the role of women and industries. They are open Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm and every Saturday 12pm-4pm. Admission is free. Telephone 028 9032 0392 or visit www.niwarmemorial.org