

## **BALLYMENA**

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

The town is the only one in Northern Ireland which has a Twelfth demonstration every year. Belfast City also hosts an annual Twelfth parade.

This year the honour of hosting the parade belongs to the members of Kellswater LOL No. 453 and Kellswater Flute Band, who are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

The band, of course, had the honour of leading the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland's Northern Ireland Centennial Parade from Stormont to Belfast City Hall.

Orangemen and bands, accompanied by a number of Lambeg drums, will assemble at Waveney Road Car park. At 12.30pm they will proceed to the demonstration field at Ballee Playing Fields via Waveney Road, Galgorm Road, Pentagon, Lower Mill Street, Wellington Street, Ballymoney Street, William Street, Broughshane Street, Broadway, Church Street, Bridge Street, Harryville Bridge, Salisbury Square, Queens Street, Antrim Road and Ballee Road West.

Also on parade will be Two lodges from the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland and two junior lodges.

The religious service will be led by Grand Chaplain Grand Chaplain Wor. Bro. Rev. Ian McClean with Most Wor. Bro. Henry Dunbar from Scotland the guest speaker.

The return parade will get underway at 4.30pm.

## **ANTRIM**

Sixty eighty lodges and approximately 60 bands will gather in Antrim as the town plays host to the East Antrim Twelfth of July Demonstration for the first time since 2010.

Joining the Brethren on parade will be members of the Association of Loyal Orangewomen of Ireland and Junior Grand Lodge.

The parade, which will be led by Murray's Temperance True Blues LOL 201 and Steeple Defenders Flute Band, will depart from Fountain Hill at 11.00am and follow a route via Fountain Street, Church Street, High Street, Bridge Street, Dublin Road, Randalstown Road, to the demonstration field at Castle Road.

The religious service will be led by Chaplain Rev. Peter Blake of All Saints Church of Ireland, Antrim.

The return parade will begin at 4pm.

Antrim District will be parading a new bannerette.

## **BUSHMILLS**

The most senior Orangeman in Ireland will be the guest speaker at the Twelfth of July celebrations in Bushmills.

The Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson will join Brethren from 43 lodges representing five districts – Bushmills LOL No. 21, Ballycastle LOL No. 23, Ballymoney LOL No. 16, Cloughmills LOL No. 14 and Rasharkin LOL No. 5 – taking part in the North Antrim demonstration. Three lodges from the Ladies' Association will also take part.

Bushmills' Twelfth of July parade will commence at 1pm with the return leg starting at 3.30pm.

A total of thirty-seven bands will feature in the parade, including flute, accordion and pipe bands.

The route for the outward leg is Castlecatt Road and Main Street before it finishes at the traditional demonstration field – known locally as the “Clay Field” – on the Whitepark Road. The return parade is the reverse of this.

Platform speakers will include the Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson and Lord Rogan. The religious service will be carried out by the Rev. Brother Campbell Mulvenna.

The parade will be headed by Bushmills District Officers and invited guests, including the Grand Master and Lord Rogan, and some County officers. They will be accompanied by Dunseverick Accordion Band, which celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 2018. Next year members are looking forward to their Blue Sapphire Jubilee.

Dunseverick LOL 528 is the first lodge on parade given that it is the oldest lodge in the district; their warrant was issued in 1824 and their current Orange hall was built by miners on their return from the Clondyke in 1906. It sits close to Dunseverick Castle which, at one time, the Kingdom of Dalriada was ruled from.

Joining them will be officers and members of Ballintoy LOL 803 whose recently refurbished Orange hall and holiday let accommodation overlooks Ballintoy Parish Church, Sheep Island and Rathlin Island.

Another lodge of note is Giant's Causeway LOL 1195. They had Private Robert Quigg as a member of their ranks; he won the Victoria Cross for gallantry at the Somme and his statue stands proudly within the Village. It was unveiled in June 2016 by Her Majesty The Queen and her husband, the late Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh.

At the head of the parade will be King William on his horse and Mary, as well as a boat containing a young William and Mary and several young Dutch Blue Guards, similar to what would have arrived in Ireland on the way to the Battle of the Boyne.

It is also planned to have two Old Bushmills Distillery barrels full of Boyne water uncorked on Main Street. These will hopefully be uncorked by the Grand Master Edward Stevenson and Bushmills District Worshipful District Master, Bro. Wesley Craig.

## **CULLYBACKEY**

Sixteen lodges will take part in the 'Triangle' Twelfth of July parade which will be held this year in Cullybackey.

In other years the hosts will be either the districts of Ahoghill or Portglenone.

The parade, which will feature flute and accordion bands and several lambeeg drums, will assemble at the Methodist Church in Cullybackey from 12noon in preparation to leave at 12.30pm.

The religious service in the demonstration field will be led by District Chaplain Rev. Samuel McKay.

## **GLENARM**

The Braid Twelfth of July celebrations will be going country in Glenarm this year.

Performing in the field will be Kenny Archer and other country music stars including Trevor Dixon and Kenny Paul.

The 11 lodges and their accompanying bands will leave from Shore Road at 12noon making its way up round Mark Street, down the Vennel and up Straidkilly Road to the field.

The Religious speaker on the platform is Rev. Stephen Kennedy, with Danny Kennedy providing the political speech.

Glenarm LOL 1121 are the host lodge this year and will lead the parade which also features pipe bands, accordion bands, flute bands and two sets of Lambeg drums. Visiting Brethren from Scotland are expected to attend.

Broughshane LOL 503 have erected a new arch in Broughshane village this year.

The return parade will get underway at 4pm.

## **MAGHERAGALL**

Upwards of 2,000 Orangemen and women are expected to be on parade in Magheragall for the South Antrim Combine demonstration.

Brethren from seven districts will take part – Lisburn, Glenavy, Magheragall, Hillsborough, Derriaghy, Ballinderry and Aghalee.

The parade, which will cover a route of 1.7miles, will leave the assembly area in Enterprise Crescent at 11.30am and includes more than 20 bands and a large selection of lambeg drums.

Leading the way will be Magheragall District LOL No. 9 accompanied by the lambeg drums from LOL 121 Broomedge.

At the demonstration field off the Ballinderry Road, County Grand Master of Antrim Rt. Wor. Bro. Maurice Kirkwood PDM will be proposing the Resolutions. District Chaplain Wor. Bro. Mark Jamison PDM will conduct the religious service.

Leslie Memorial LOL 206 - one of the largest lodges in County Antrim - will be on parade with a new banner which was unfurled on 24th June 2022. The lodge's last banner was unfurled 1/6/90 (1690).

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.