

Details at a glance

Parade starts: 12noon.

On parade: 90 lodges with 60 bands.

Return parade: 3pm.

Twelfth in the Lakeland County

The County Fermanagh Twelfth of July demonstration will take place in Irvinestown 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, Brookeborough, Maguiresbridge, Ballinamallard and South Fermanagh Junior Girls Lodge will also be on parade.

In a great boost for the area, new junior lodges from Derrygonnelly and Tempo and the girls junior lodge will be on parade for the first time. Irvinestown also has the pleasure of playing host to visiting lodges from the Republic of Ireland, representing Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan and Monaghan and their bands

Southern Brethren - who









Good music, family fun and visiting lodges from the Republic of Ireland are a feature of the Twelfth celebrations in County Fermanagh.

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 of Ireland and approximately 60 bands in one of the larger demonstrations across the province.

The parade will assemble in the walled garden at Castle Irvine estate and then proceed from Necarne Castle through the Necarne estate, Castle Street, Irvinestown main street, A35 Kesh Road to the demonstration field at Moneykee. The parade will return via the same route. Leading the way this year will be Tempo District LOL No. 16 accompanied by Tempo Silver Band as the parade gets noon and will arrive at the demonstration field at 1.30pm. The main proceedings will commence at 2.30pm, where

the Guest Speaker will be Wor. Bro. Norman Henry, District Master of Ballinra District LOL No. 1 from County Donegal.

Music for the platform proceedings will be provided by Tempo Silver Band.

Attending the event will be many members of the Imperial Grand Orange Lodge which is meeting in County Fermanagh this year.

There will also be entertainment for children on the day, with musical entertainment on the Main Street.

Return parade will get underway at 3pm, finishing at approximately 4.30pm. Ahead of the Twelfth there will be a number of events taking place.

A Mini twelfth will be on 3rd July in Brookeborough, an Arch dedication and band parade will be held in Kesh on 5th July and an 11th night parade will be held in Enniskillen.

There are a number of lodges and bands celebrating significant milestone events this year.

Drumharvey Pipe Band is celebrating its 90-year anniversary, Ardess Accordian Band is marking its 60-year anniversary, while Tedd LOL 355 and Glasmullagh LOL 446 will both proudly be parading behind new banners.

Welcome from the District Master Wor. Bro. David Clarke

As this is my first time to host a 12th demonstration it is my privilege to write a foreword for this year's Twelfth

The last Twelfth demonstration to celebrate the Battle of the Boyne was held in Irvinestown 10 years ago in 2014. The County Fermanagh twelfth normally has an 8-year turnaround but covid extended it by an extra 2 years.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our

brethren, sisters, juniors, bands, family and friends to the 334th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in Irvinestown on the 12th July. This year our 12th celebrations coincide with the long running annual Lady of the Lake festival and we are pleased to be associated with this cross-community event. We are looking forward on the day to having the "Lady of the Lake" with us in our parade. Another important mile-

stone of our celebrations this year is having our demonstration assemble at the Castle Irvine Estate. This is a first and has never happened before and we are eternally grateful to Mr Derek Keys for granting us use of his facilities. There has been a long-standing association with Castle Irvine as the previous long since occupiers, the D'Arcy Irvine family had strong links with the Orange Order with several members of the family holding high rank within the institution. It also merits mention of the strong links between Necarne Castle and WW11 with the Castle itself having been used as a military hospital during the war years. This year also is a special milestone for our local band Drumharvey Pipe Band who are celebrating their 90year anniversary and so is appropriate that they can celebrate the event at the 12th in their own town.

As has happened in previous years we always have a dedicated main stream charity and this year we are pleased to have Cancer Focus NI as the chosen charity.

In conclusion I want to thank everyone for all the work that has been going on in the organising and preparations for this year's 12th.

In closing may I wish each and every one of you an enjoyable day on "The Twelfth"

