

Details at a glance

Parade starts: 12.30pm.

On parade: 60 lodges with bands.

Return parade: 4pm.

Thousands expected at Gilford

The County Down village of Gilford will play host to one of the larger gatherings on the Twelfth of July.

It is anticipated that there will be around 10,000 attendees on the day to watch over 60 Lodges and bands from South West Down. The districts on parade with be Gilford, Banbridge, Bann Valley, Lower Iveagh, Rathfriland, Lower Iveagh West, Loughbrickland and Newry.

Taking pride of place at the head of the parade is Gilford District LOL No. 13, accompanied by Blackskull Orange and Blue Flute band.

The parade will gather in the assembly field at the junction of Plantation Road/Moyallan Road and follow a route along High Street, Dunbarton Street,

The Square, Mill Street, Bridge Street, Wall Road to the demonstration field on the Scarva Road.

Platform proceedings will take place in the demonstration field where the main speaker will be Wor. Bro. I Ward, County Down Grand Secretary. The praise will be accompanied by Commons Silver Band.

The proceedings will conclude at approximately 3.30pm when the South West Down Area Conference Standard will be passed to the Standard Bearer of Lower Iveagh, who will host the Twelfth in 2025. A representative of the Conference will present 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.

Gilford District is proposing to hold a number of events in the build-up to the Twelfth. These events include a Lecture on Lambeg Drums, a Table Quiz and a Concert with Blackskull Flute Band.







The Twelfth celebrations in South Westy Down will be held in the village of Gilford. Last year, the Brethren, Sisters, Juniors and bands paraded in Loughbrickland where they were joined by the Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Edward Stevenson. Pictures: Graham Baalham-Curry







