

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR LODGE OPEN EVENING

Monday 23rd September, 7.30pm, in Benvariden Orange Hall.

Have you ever wondered what exactly we get up to?

Come along and find out. Bring your questions. Satisfy your curiosity.

Have a look at over a century's worth of artefacts, learn about our most famous members, enjoy light refreshments, listen to a short talk & chat with members of Benvariden Lodge, Benvariden Apprentice Boys & Benvariden Flute Band.

Tell Us What You Think. Give Us Your Feedback

We are your local orange lodge. We have been in this area for well over one hundred years. Our roots run very deep. This area and its people matter a great deal to us. In 2025, we will celebrate our 150th Anniversary. And it is our hope that many of you will join with us as we do so. Be assured that your views and opinions matter to us, therefore please tell us what you would like to see our lodge doing in this area. We can't promise that we will be able to say yes to everything, but we do want to hear from you. Please contact us via our website.

Prefer Not to Receive The Benvariden Chronicle?

The Benvariden Chronicle is an educational newsletter that is distributed free of charge as an outreach to our local community. It is produced on an occasional basis (i.e. a couple of times a year at most). Benvariden Flute Band, Benvariden Lodge and Benvariden Apprentice Boys Club take their civic responsibilities seriously. We certainly don't want to cause offense to anyone. Therefore, if you would prefer not to receive any further copies of The Benvariden Chronicle, please let us know ASAP and we will honour your wishes. Go to our website at www.Benvariden.weebly.com and click on the tab entitled 'Contact'.

Disclaimer: The Benvariden Chronicle and its contents are without prejudice.

Do not litter.

Fines may apply.

BENVARDEN CHRONICLE

A Community Newsletter From Benvariden Lodge

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BALLYBOGEY MINI 12th PARADE BENVARDEN FLUTE BAND SATURDAY 6th JULY, 7.30pm

On Saturday 6th July, Benvariden Flute Band and Benvariden Lodge will stage their Annual Mini 12th Parade.

The demonstration will commence at 7.30pm on the Heagles Road and make its way through Ballybogey Village.

A Street Collection will be lifted as the band makes its way along the parade route.

At 9pm, a BBQ will be held in Benvariden Orange Hall.

If you miss the parade, but would still like to make a donation to the Street Collection, please call 075 1472 9545. You can also get in touch via the **Contact Page** at www.Benvariden.weebly.com OR [www.Facebook.com/ BenvaridenFlute](https://www.facebook.com/BenvaridenFlute)

BENVARDEN FLUTE BAND: 1907 to 2019

OVER A CENTURY OF HISTORY

'Benvardeen Flute Band' was formed as a 'Lodge Band' in 1907 with lambege drums. Within a few years, flutes were added.

The initial band members came from Benvardeen and the surrounding area. Their surnames were generally those of well known local families - Rainey, Taggart, Warke, Stewart, Carson and McLean.

One band member, a young teenager by the name of James McKeeman, joined the 36th Ulster Division and lost his life at the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916.

In 1920, a special flag was presented to Benvardeen Flute Band, depicting the famous Montgomery Family of Benvardeen Estate. This important artefact was rediscovered some years ago and is now preserved in the Archives of Benvardeen Lodge.

Now in its 112th year, the band is in excellent condition. It has a healthy mixture of older and younger members. One stalwart, Bro Mervyn Calvin, has notched up over 58 years of unbroken service - which means that he has been with the band for over half of its entire history.

Benvardeen Flute Band is always looking for new members. To join the band or request further information, please call 075 1472 9545. You can also get in touch via the Contact Page at www.Benvardeen.weebly.com OR www.Facebook.com/BenvardeenFlute

Interested in the Orange Order?

Want to find out more information? Perhaps you are considering membership?

Your local Orange Lodge is called Benvardeen Temperance True Blues LOL 1001.

To find out more or discuss things further, please visit us online.

www.Benvardeen.weebly.com

www.Facebook.com/Benvardeen1001

THE 2019 JOHN MEEKE COMMEMORATION

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the 2019 John Meeke Commemoration. It takes place on Tuesday 2nd July, 7.15pm at Bro Meeke's grave in Derrykeighan Old Churchyard (located at Derrykeighan Cross Roads). Bro Meeke is the most famous member of our lodge. He is remembered in the pages of military history as 'the hero of the Battle of Messines'.

THE CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

In John 14:1-6, Jesus said: *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*

What does the above passage of Scripture mean? It simply means that Jesus is building a mansion for you in Heaven right now. Are you ready to move in? How do you get ready to move in? You get saved. Have you got saved yet? Make sure that you are saved. Visit www.GoToHeaven.cc for more information. May God bless you as you do it.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Please come along to our Monthly Talks and Bible studies.

4th Wednesday of Every Month (with the exception of December and January)

7.45pm in Benvardeen Orange Hall.

Facilitated by the Chaplaincy Team & Education Committee of Benvardeen Lodge.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support for Charitable Causes in 2018: Benvardeen Lodge & ABOD Club: £ 800. The Friendship & Craft Group (who use our hall every Tuesday, 9.30am to 12.30pm): £ 1,400.

2020 Annual Church Service & Parade: 17th May 2020, parade starts 3.15pm at the bottom of Ballywatt Road, service starts 3.30pm in Ballywatt Presbyterian Church. All welcome.

New Website for Benvardeen Apprentice Boys Club: www.BenvardeenClub.weebly.com