

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO A LODGE OPEN EVENING

Monday 23rd September, 7.30pm, in Benvardeen 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 and chat with members of Benvardeen Flute Band and the Loyal Orders.

Tell Us What You Think. Give Us Your Feedback

We are Benvardeen Flute Band. We have been in this area for well over 100 years. Our roots run very deep. This area and its people matter a great deal to us. In 2007, we celebrated our 100th Anniversary. Be assured that your views and opinions are important to us, therefore please tell us what you would like to see Marching Bands 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 online.

Prefer Not to Receive The Benvardeen Chronicle?

The Benvardeen Chronicle (Special Derrykeighan Edition) is an educational newsletter that is distributed free of charge as an outreach to the local community. It is produced on an occasional basis (i.e. a couple of times a year at most). Benvardeen Flute Band takes its 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 Benvardeen Chronicle, please let us know ASAP and we will honour your wishes. Go to www.Benvardeen.weebly.com and click on the tab entitled 'Contact'.

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

Do not litter.

Fines may apply.

BENVARDEN CHRONICLE

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

On Saturday 6th July, Benvardeen Flute Band 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 Benvardeen 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.Benvardeen.weebly.com OR [www.Facebook.com/ BenvardeenFlute](https://www.facebook.com/BenvardeenFlute)

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, Derrykeighan and other local areas. 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 Derrykeighan Guiding Star LOL 995.

To find out more or discuss things further,
please contact us online and we will pass your details on to them.

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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 Private John Meeke features very prominently indeed on the bannerette of Derrykeighan Guiding Star LOL 995.

He is remembered throughout the pages of military history as 'the hero of the Battle of Messines'.

HAVE YOU MOVED IN ?

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

You are warmly invited to attend the following 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.