A new Festival exploring the formation of the Orange Order through music, song and cultural experiences has been launched by The Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Councillor Julie Flaherty.

Councillor Flaherty said, “I am delighted to launch this exciting new Festival and would encourage people from all sections of the community to come along and enjoy the many performances on offer. It will be a feast of culture and I wish the organisers all the very best for September.”

The three-day “Orange Tree Festival” organised by County Armagh Community Development (CACD) will take place at two historical sites at the heart of the formation of the Orange Order, Dan Winter’s Cottage at the Diamond and Sloan’s House, Loughgall.

Commencing on 21st September (the anniversary of the Battle of the Diamond in 1795) the festival continues on Saturday 22nd and Monday 24th.

Highlights of the Festival include traditional musical performances and workshops, guided tours of both venues and the Battle Site, historical talks and a Discussion on Orangeism.

The Festival has been part funded by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and the Community Relations Council and CACD wishes to express our thanks to both funders.

Further information and full details of Festival Events are available from CACD Tel: 028 3755 2103 Email info@cacd.org.uk visit our website www.cacd.org.uk or find us on Facebook and Twitter.
What's On

Orange Tree Festival
21st, 22nd and 24th September 2018

Dan Winter's Cottage
9 Derrynoughan Road, 'The Diamond', Loughgall, Co. Armagh, BT61 5PH

Sloan's House
82-86 Main Street, Loughgall, Co. Armagh BT61 5HZ

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Friday 21st September

Dan Winter's Cottage
10.30-11.15
11.30-12.15
12.30-1.15
2.15-3.00
2.45-3.15
4.00-4.45

Guided Tour of the Cottage
Guided Walking Tour of the Battle Site
Guided Tour of the Cottage
Guided Walking Tour of the Battle Site
Music in the Cottage
Guided Tour of the Cottage

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Saturday 22nd September

Sloan's House
10.00-10.45
11.00-11.45
12.00-12.45
1.00-1.45
2.00-2.45
3.00-3.30
4.30-4.15
5.45-6.45

Craft Fair/Bazaar
Children's Activities
Guided Tour of the Museum
Flute/Fife Workshop
An audience with Col William Blacker
Traditional Music
Guided Walking Tour of Loughgall
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Guided Tour of the Museum
Trade Tour of the Cottage

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Saturday 22nd September

Dan Winter's Cottage
10.00-10.45
11.00-11.45
12.00-12.45
1.00-1.45
2.00-2.45
3.00-3.30
4.30-4.15
5.45-6.45

Guided Tour of the Cottage
Guided Walking Tour of the Battle Site
Lambe Drum Workshop
Flute/Fife Workshop
Traditional Cookery Demonstration
Scottish Cyril
Guided Tour of the Cottage
BBQ & Traditional Music Ticket
Phone 06762606189

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Monday 24th September

Dan Winter's Cottage
10.30-11.15
11.30-12.15
1.30-2.45
2.00-2.45
3.00-3.30
4.30-4.15
5.45-6.45

Guided Tour of the Cottage
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Information

The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service
The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK. Any group of 2 or more people doing volunteering work can be nominated for the award. To be nominated they should do work that: provides a service and meets a need for people living in the local community, is supported, recognised and respected by the local community and the people who benefit from it, and is run locally.

Volunteer groups should have been running for 3 years or more to be nominated.

Submit your nomination by midnight on 14 September 2018 to make sure your group is considered for the 2019 awards.

https://www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service
Go ON is an exciting support/training programme for people who want to find out more about technology and computers in a relaxed environment and at their own pace.
These computer courses are held in local libraries with experienced staff on hand to help.
Go ON allows people to enhance their computer skills by offering help to do lots of every-day tasks on the computer.
Go ON sessions are free but you must be a library member to participate. Library membership is free for everyone. To join all you need to do is bring a form of identification with proof of address.

**Contact the library directly to book your place for August – September for any free courses.** or go to the Libraries NI website - [www.librariesni.org.uk](http://www.librariesni.org.uk)
For details of a library near you contact: Customer Support Line t: 0345 4504 580

Power NI’s brand new local funding initiative, Brighter Communities, makes £1000 available each month to NI community groups and individuals to help people implement innovative and creative projects which will change and improve their local community for the better.
The Power NI Brighter Communities programme is seeking applications from small or large community, sporting, charity, youth and all age groups who can propose a tangible project, activity or item which can be realised or executed once the funds have been received and within an 8-week timescale.
Each month the winning group or organisation will get the opportunity to showcase their efforts and hard work through social media updates and reports outlining the project journey and ultimate successful actualisation.
Apply for up to £1,000 in funding to help your group reach its maximum potential – whether that is for equipment, kits or for a special project that will make a BIG impact!
Your group must:
• Be based in Northern Ireland  
• Not have any political links
• Use the money for a tangible cause such as equipment or activity rather than running costs
• Agree to all PR & marketing activity following the journey of spending your Brighter Community Fund

*For more information and to apply, go to [https://powerni.co.uk/brightercommunities/](https://powerni.co.uk/brightercommunities/)*

**Danske Bank and Ulster University partner to launch Apprenticeship Programme for school leavers**
Danske Bank and Ulster University have partnered to launch a new apprenticeship programme offering school leavers the opportunity to get paid work experience in the banking sector while studying for a degree. Danske Futures is a three-year higher- level apprenticeship programme for students who have completed their A- Levels. It’s the first partnership of its kind between a local bank and university. Successful applicants will take up a role within Danske’s Personal Banking and Small Business team or its Operations team, while studying part-time for a fully-funded BSc Hons degree in Managing the Customer Contact. The Danske Futures programme is now open for applications and an initial intake of 15 students will join Danske in October.
The closing date for applications is 27 August 2018. Further information and details of how to apply can be found at our Careers page.