

Derry Leads 10th Anniversary Parade

This year sees the 10th anniversary of the Nottingham St Patrick's day Parade/Festival. Back in the centenary year 2000, who would have foreseen that from a gem of an idea and hard work from Elaine Marren and the supportive stalwart teams over the years that we would have reached this 10th anniversary milestone.

Liam O'Kane (Nottingham Forest, Derry City and N. Ireland football star) will be the Chief Marshall representing the twinned and lead City and County of Derry. In the Parade, Liam will be joined by St Patrick (Michael Carty), school children from at least 4 local primary schools as well as other groups representing the four Provinces, the Golden Shamrock Club, St Barnabas GAA, The Nottingham Irish Golf Society, the Inspire Club, Comhaltas, and several Irish Dance academies. It promises to be a colourful event, when all these groups and more are joined at the head of the Parade by John St John playing the pipes, the Trinity School Band, the Tartenaies, and the Oriole New Orleans Jazz band to name a few.

The parade will be greeted in the Old Market Square at 12.30pm by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan, and Tony McCullagh, First Secretary of the Irish Embassy.

Timetable

- Assemble at 10.30am near the Pavilion in Forest Fields.
- Parade starts at 11.45am and proceeds along the route: Mansfield Road → Lower Milton Street → Parliament Street → Queens Street and into the Square (map).
- Civic Greeting - dispersal of the Parade at 12.30pm in Old Market Square