

The 12th of July 2024

Every year, the 12th of July is a big celebration in Northern Ireland. The Fermanagh 12th is held in a different place. This year it is going to be held in Irvinestown.

It is a wonderful time for everyone to meet and watch people parading with their instruments. It runs in conjunction with the Lady of the Lake Festival. The procession moves off from Necarne Estate through the main street where there is a field on the Kesh road.

The religious service is held in the field and Churchill Silver Band played the hymns. The return parade makes its way back to Necarne where most of the buses were parked to take people home.

The Lady of the Lake Festival runs for 10 days in conjunction with the 12th of July.

The bands enjoy a bit of food and meeting other band members for a catch up. There is lots of food vans and entertainment like merry go rounds including ice cream vans.

After the service and hymns, the bands get ready for the parade home. It's a long day but fun day for all the families.

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