

HALL OPENING AFTER MAKE-OVER

Thanks to The Big Lottery Fund Edenderry Community Development Association are celebrating the official opening of their refurbished premises,

The group received £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund's Improving Communities Building programme to make over its base at Edenderry Orange Hall in Portadown.

The Lottery funding was used to overhaul the 1920s building's interior so that the groups using it now have modern, accessible facilities.

The inside was gutted – all that was left standing were the four walls. Originally we just had one big room which was really too large for many of the groups who meet here and was also hard to heat.

The refurbishment has made that space into a good-sized hall with a second well-proportioned committee room. A suspended ceiling was also fitted, as well as a new kitchen and toilets with access for people with disabilities.

In designing the new accommodation provision was made for an upstairs room, which is at present being fitted out. It will be used by all the groups, especially youth and arts groups, Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society will have purpose made display cabinets and an office space for a museum and heritage centre.

Cardwell McClure of the Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society said "The museum represents the culmination of years of planning and we are delighted that this refurbishment will enable us to get our heritage centre and museum off the ground as it's long been an aspiration of ours

The upstairs room in the hall will be used as a resource centre with PCs for research as well as a museum. Local people have already started bringing us artefacts which we'll be cataloguing and putting on display,".

Breidge Gadd CBE, Big Lottery Fund NI Chair, said: "The Big Lottery Fund's Improving Community Buildings programme has helped make vital improvements to buildings and increase the range of activities that can be provided for local people."

She continued: "Edenderry Community Development Association's refurbished Edenderry Orange Hall will allow the group to hold a range of services that will bring people together and encourage them to get more involved in their local community."

ECDA welcome all to the official opening of their refurbished hall. The Mayor of Craigavon will be in attendance and entertainment will be provided by Zephaniah Irish dancers who use the hall for rehearsals.

The opening on Tuesday 28th April at 8pm is an opportunity for you to come along and see for yourself the improvements in the hall.

Supper will be served at the close of the meeting. ♦

ECDA AGM

It's hard to believe that its five years since Edenderry Community Development Association was formed by residents and former residents of the area. Our aim was to achieve greater community involvement in our area, and to promote improved awareness of the history, folklore and cultural heritage that Edenderry is so richly steeped in. We have achieved good headway in realising our aim as can be witnessed every single day by the comings and goings through the doors of our base in Edenderry Orange Hall. The hall is used by a wide variety of groups and has something to offer every member of our community. From young to not so young, fit to not so fit, serious to not so serious and just about everybody in between. There's something to draw every member of our community together so that we can all learn from each other experiences and skills.

Have you lived in the area long? Do you have stories to tell of the area? Have you photos of Edenderry? Have you a skill that you would like to share? Would you like to learn a new skill? Would you like to be more active? Have you any ideas to share with other like minded people? Would you like to know more about Edenderry?

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st April at 8pm. It is an opportunity for you to come along and hear for yourself what is happening on your doorstep and how **you** can enrich others in your community by unwrapping knowledge that perhaps you didn't realise others would love to be aware of.

Don't be afraid of being 'roped into' something or being 'stuck onto some committee' just because you attended a dreaded AGM! We're not like that in Edenderry! Honest! Come along and listen – that's all we're asking. Come along and talk to us. Come along and tell us what we're doing wrong or more importantly what we're doing right (hopefully). Or – come along to satisfy your curiosity as to what's behind the doors of the hall that has stood in its significant position in Edenderry since 1924.

I look forward to seeing all of our readers through the doors of Edenderry Orange Hall before the end of April. I really do mean '*Everyone Welcome*'.

Shirley Branyan
Chair♦

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU There will be no CAB in May but the advice clinics will recommence in Edenderry Orange Hall on Friday 5th June and thereafter on the first Friday of the month from 11.00 to 12.00a.m for confidential advice and information. ♦

OBITUARY: We are sorry to record the sudden death on the 24th February 2009 of Mrs Winnie Branyan, a long time resident of Edenderry. To her son Adrian, daughter Gertrude, daughter-in-law Shirley, son in law Peter, grandchildren and the wider family circle we convey our deepest sympathy. ♦

Edenderry Business and Residents Association

EBRA held a walking treasure hunt of Edenderry on Friday 20th March. The route was secretly planned by Brian Morrison and had everyone taking extra special attention to what was in our neighbourhood. No-one got all of the clues correct but we were delighted that visitors to the area took first place in the running. Congratulations to Charmain Jones and her team!

A light supper was served whilst the answer sheets were marked and the younger participants had great fun playing in the ball pool and with soft toy blocks.

These two young ladies were delighted to be allowed to stay-up a bit later than usual, look for treasure in the dark and enjoy the fun.



After supper we had a 'How well do you know Edenderry' photo quiz. Well!! I think half of us must walk around with our eyes closed! All of the questions were of buildings/objects that most of us pass everyday..... but do we pay any attention to them? If you had seen the outcome of the quiz you would wonder if we actual know where we live at all. Try and guess where the door is – its one of the easier questions.

The answer will be given in our next Edenderry News or check the 'What's On' section of our website www.edenderry.co.uk after 1st May.

Many thanks to John Gilpin – our photographer! ♦

Edenderry Cultural & Historical Society

ECHS hope in the near future to embark on a new project researching the history and write a book on Portadown Foundry. We are currently seeking grant approval for this.

Work is progressing on a permanent Wade, Edenderry Museum/Research Centre in Edenderry Orange Hall and we hope to open this in mid May. Anyone who wishes to donate or loan artefacts or photos for display in the Heritage Centre can contact Eric Dale, Roy and Ellen Roney, George Weir, Robert Magee, Freddie Woods or myself.

Following the success of our book Edenderry, A Pictorial Past we also intend to do a follow up volume on Edenderry in a next year consequently we are very keen to recruit new members to the Historical Society especially anyone with word processing computer experience.

The Society meet each Tuesday from 10-11.00 am in Edenderry Orange Hall and anyone who has any information on the Portadown Foundry and the Edenderry area or photos of same would be welcome to call

If you are interested in helping out in any way contact me - Cardwell McClure at 07789550738.♦

Edenderry News invite our readers to send us your stories, announcements or comments for inclusion in our newsletter or website www.edenderry.co.uk .

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Edenderry Community Development Association

FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IN

Edenderry Orange Hall

ON

Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 8.00 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

Edenderry Community Development Association

Cordially invite you to the Official Opening of

Edenderry Orange Hall

After complete refurbishment

IN

Edenderry Orange Hall, Portadown

On Tuesday 28th April 2009 at 8.00pm



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