

Edenderry News

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Edenderry Orange Hall Attacked

Edenderry Orange Hall became the fourth hall to be attacked in Portadown district since August. The hall was attacked some time during the past week and the damage was discovered on Thursday morning when the hall was opened for the Mums and Toddlers. Entry had been gained through the roof of a store at the rear of the building and there had been a serious effort to break down the back door of the hall. Fortunately the perpetrators may have been disturbed as they failed to gain access and left without causing major damage.♦

Edenderry Community Audit Launch

Edenderry Community Development Association and Edenderry Business and Residents Association launched their Community Audit Report on Tuesday 11th December in Portadown Town Hall. Mr George Savage MLA and the Mayor Mr Robert Smith were present along with representatives from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Housing Executive and PSNI.

An introduction and background of the work of the two groups was given by Mrs Shirley Branan, Chairperson of the Community Development Group, followed by the presentation of the audit report by Mrs Breige Jennings representing the project funders.

The study of the greater Edenderry area was carried out between March and May this year with input from residents, businesses and shoppers. The main outcomes of the report showed that 78% of people were happy living or working in Edenderry although there were issues that needed addressed. A large percentage of people highlighted the need for essential regeneration, especially of waste lands and derelict business premises. Most were also keen to find out more about the VICO project earmarked for the Old Gas Works/Chambers Park area and even with limited knowledge of the proposals 69% felt it would be good for the area.

Residents and businesses alike have requested increased police patrols and CCTV to help tackle the problems of anti social behaviour, noisy revellers, traffic flow and speeding. The shortage of available on-street parking, the lack of recycling facilities and the need for improved litter management were also matters which needed much consideration. On the whole there was a need for improved community facilities and local services to include projects aimed at the development of activities for senior citizens and young people.

Regeneration is definitely a major concern for Edenderry, its residents, businesses and visitors. The area is a main vehicular artery into Portadown town centre. It needs revitalization by the powers that be to bring it back heartbeat that created the hub of the north.

The full audit details can be found in the articles pages at www.edenderry.co.uk/articles or a limited number of hard copies are available by phoning 3833 4602.♦

Portadown Heroes Superb New Book on the heroes of the Two World Wars

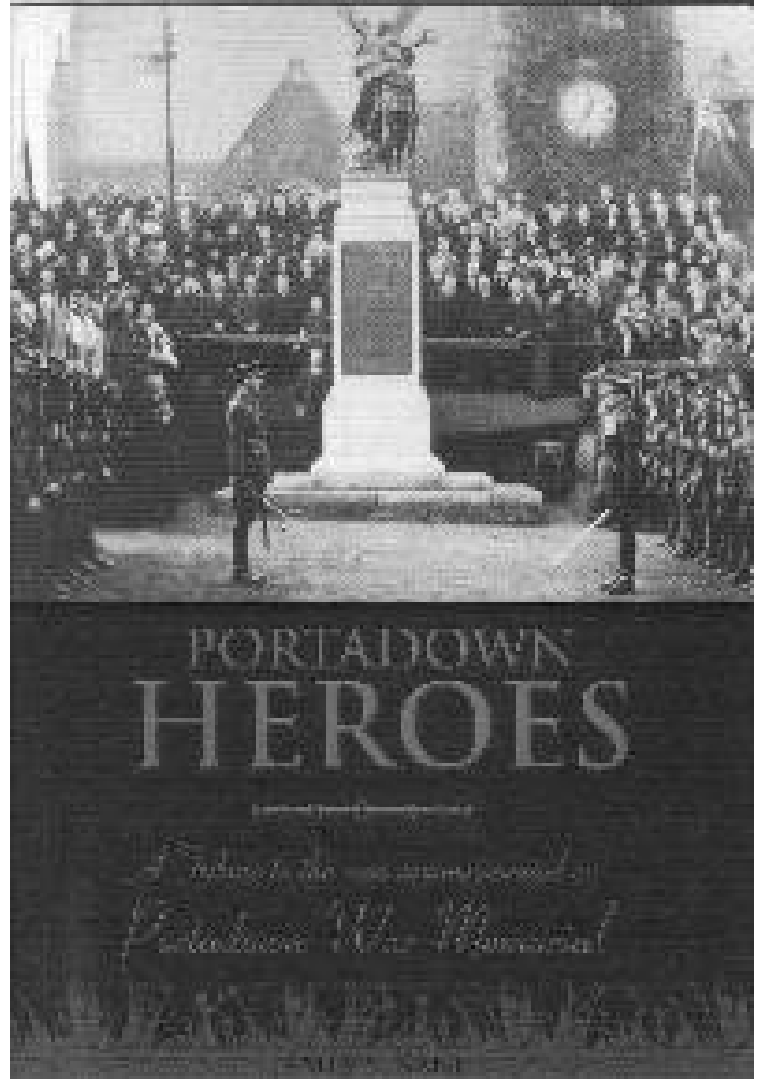
Congratulations to Edenderry author and local historian, James S. Kane, on the publication of his latest book ***Portadown Heroes A Tribute to the Men Commemorated on Portadown War Memorial***. Around 100 people attended the book launch, including Mayor Robert Smith, Westminster MP, David Simpson, and relatives of the fallen, which was held in Craigavon Civic Centre on 6 November.

In a marvellous work of research the author recounts the personal histories of the 387 men and one woman who are commemorated on Portadown War Memorial. There are 321 names from the Great War and 67 names from World War Two.

Edenderry proudly sent many sons off to war – they came from Bridge Street, Bright Street, Carrickblacker Road and Avenue, Florence Court, James Street, Joseph Street, Watson Street, Foundry Street and Century Street. The stories of those who made the supreme sacrifice are recounted in the book.

Portadown Heroes contains 368 pages and is well illustrated with photographs of the fallen, their graves and memorials.

Portadown Heroes is available from Easons or direct from James on 07763582017 priced £10.♦



Happy Christmas to all our customers

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Boyne, Newgrange Trip

On Saturday 29th September Edenderry Community Development Association organised another exciting event to add to their list of achievements to date.

A cross community outing to the Boyne Valley area incorporated a visit to the popular Battle of the Boyne site and the Neolithic site at Knowth near Newgrange guided tours of both sites and afterwards all enjoyed approximately two hours of free time in historic Drogheda before making their way to the Boyne Valley Hotel to enjoy an evening meal and some relaxation after a busy day.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Trevor Bonis and European Peace & Reconciliation Fund the trip was an outstanding success.

Edenderry Community Development Association will be running another cross community outing in the spring again supported by European Peace & Reconciliation Fund, the tour will be to 'Derry's Walls to learn about the siege. Anyone interested in going should contact Trevor Bonis on 07733 128 059. ♦



Boyne Trip

Congratulations to Councillor George Savage MLA on opening his new office in Edenderry. ♦

ART CLUB

Edenderry Art Club which has ceased for the Christmas break will recommence in Edenderry Orange Hall on Monday 14th January 2008 at 7.30. Former and new members will be very welcome. No experience necessary.

Members £2 non members £3 per session.. ♦

Belly dance

Firstly can I dismiss the idea that Belly Dance is an exotic dance for thin people!!! It is a low impact form of exercise were you wear a loose fitting skirt and t-shirt. **No** bare bellys!! (Sorry guys!) Belly dance is suitable for all ages and sizes and our classes are aimed at total beginners. The benefits of belly dance are both mental and physical. Dancing provides a good cardio-vascular workout and helps increase both flexibility and strength. It also offers mental health benefits including an improved sense of well-being, better body image and self-esteem, and the generally positive outlook that comes with regular, enjoyable exercise. Come on ladies - give it a go!! ***Why not have fun trying an alternative way of exercising*** Shirley 🍷



Learn the basics of Belly dance

The alternative low impact aerobics ~ Classes 8~9pm starting Thursday 17th January in Edenderry Orange Hall £2.50 per session or £20 for all 10 sessions♦

DANCE CLASSES are now on their Christmas break and wish all the Seasons Greetings, The Classical Ballet Classes resume on Thursday afternoons and Irish Dance Classes on Saturday mornings in January 2008.

Beginners welcome to both classes. ♦

A Some a Bin Laden ~ Great confusion occurred recently on the Carrickblacker Road as some bins were not collected! After extensive enquiries it emerges that certain businesses had moved domestic bins to other addresses and replaced them with their own in an effort to avoid paying the council for the bin collection. ♦

Irish Wade Book

The Irish Wade Book published by Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society was released on 17th August 2007 in MCAC William Street, Portadown. Around 300 guests attended the opening night on Friday 17th August 2007. It was standing room only and a huge success for the organisers. International visitors attended from as far as New Zealand, Australia, Canada, America and England.



Within a matter of a few weeks the books were sold out in the Portadown area. It is currently on sale in all Eason Book Shops throughout Ireland. The book will go on sale in the rest of the U.K. early in the 2008. We are currently exploring ways of penetrating the American market and are compiling a list of all Museums, Libraries and Universities in the British Isles. This book being the most accurate ever written on Irish Wade Pottery will be an important reference work for students and researchers. ♦



Congratulations to Mr Geoff Edgar and Miss Linda Neill on their recent marriage. ♦

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Edenderry Arch Appeal Magnificent New Arch Planned for Edenderry

A public meeting was held in Edenderry Orange Hall on Monday 10, September 2007. The meeting, which was very well attended, listened to the various proposals as to the future of the Arch. It was unanimously agreed that a new arch should be in place for July 2008.

Mr Trevor Bonis intimated that a new arch will cost in the region of £20K. In order to have the arch designed, manufactured and the civil work completed in time for July 2008 we must have the money by the end of October. The meeting decided that to achieve this we would seek donations or loans of £100. The loans will be redeemable within 5 years during which time the committee will carry out an intensive fund raising programme.

Anyone interested in playing a part, however small, in this exciting community based project, will be made very welcome; the next meeting is on Monday 7th January 2008 in Edenderry Orange Hall at 8.00 pm.

The arch is one of the most historic structures in Edenderry and has been erected every year as part of the 12 July celebrations. Unfortunately the committee had to take the unenviable decision not to erect the arch this year for health and safety reasons. An arch has been erected in the Edenderry area for more than 100 years. The first one was erected in Edenderry around the 1900s and this was remodelled in 1907. In 1920 a third arch was constructed and erected by Bob Adair, Joe Pearson, Peter Kane, George Ramsey and Joe Robinson.

Between the wars Harry Kane served as Chairman of Edenderry Arch Committee and after the war it was decided to erect a new arch in memory of Signalman Harry Kane who had been lost at sea during World War Two. On 11 July 1951 Mrs Sarah Kane unveiled the new Edenderry Arch. It has been erected every year since 1951. Chairmen of the arch committee since then have included Samuel Roney, Adrian Branyan and Ronald Roney who is the current chairman. ►

In 2004 the arch underwent a major refurbishment scheme costing £4,000, which utilised modern computer design and the latest plastic cladding materials. The whole structure was stripped down to the original steel and sand blasted to remove 50 years of paint, rust and dirt. A dedicated team of volunteers, including women and children, spent most of June 2004 repainting and cladding the arch ready for its erection in time for the 1 July celebrations.

The committee is delighted with the response so far and those wishing to donate or loan **any amount large or small** should contact;

Trevor Bonis

39, Kernan Grove

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Mobile number 07733 128 059

Receipts and certificates for all monies will be issued by Edenderry Arch Committee treasurer

Edenderry Arch Committee would like to thank all those who have contributed to the upkeep of this historic structure in the past and look forward to their continued support in the future.♦

Country Comes To Town

First Portadown Presbyterian Church ran a number of very successful events as part of Country Comes To Town, the main events included a Flower Festival, Art Exhibition, and Go-cart races. Edenderry Community Development Association set up an exhibition of Wade pottery and pictures, on Friday the 14th September EDCA organised a sell out concert in the church hall with the Ulster Scots Folk Orchestra. ♦

E-mail Dear Sir, I am concerned that I completed the questionnaire but this was never collected, nor was an address given for postage. Also, I never seem to receive the newsletters and this could have led to my not knowing about the Arch contributions. Is Roslyn Avenue no longer considered part of Edenderry?

The Community Audits were delivered and collected in Roslyn Avenue, unfortunately there must have been no one in your house when we called, we should have had a return address on the form or cards to advise that we called, the committee take this opportunity to thank all who took time to complete the questionnaire and apologise for any inconvenience caused by their non collection. ~ Over 1000 copies of the Edenderry News are distributed through the local shops; unfortunately our resources do not permit door to door deliveries. ~ ECDA ♦

Coming Events

Early in March ECDA will be hosting a Lecture by Amanda Mareno on the RIF with reference to James Kane's book Portadown Heroes.

As a result of our successful Boyne Valley trip we will be running another trip in the early spring this time to 'Derry's Walls for tickets contact Trevor Bonis on 07733 128 059. ♦

Christmas Church Services

- **Seagoe Parish Church** - Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight followed by festive refreshments - Sunday 23rd December
- Seagoe Parish Church - The First Holy Communion of Christmas by candlelight - 24th December 11.30pm
- Seagoe Parish Church - Christmas Family Carol Service 10.30am Christmas Day.♦
- **First Presbyterian Church** – All Age Service 11.30am - Sunday 23rd December.
- First Presbyterian Church – Carol Service 7.00 pm - Sunday 23rd December.
- First Presbyterian Church – Christmas Day Family Service 10.00am.♦



SEASONS GREETINGS to all our readers from **EDCA** and **EBRA**