

# Edenderry News

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## Edenderry Orange Hall Refurbished

Edenderry Orange Hall has been completely refurbished thanks to a grant of £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund Improving Community Buildings Programme. The interior of the hall was completely gutted and refurbished to modern standards with an additional committee room, new kitchen, toilets and electrical and heating installations.

While the interior work under the auspices of the Edenderry Community Development Association was going on the members of LOL 322 carried out an extension for storage to the side of the hall, installed a suspended ceiling, re-polished the floor in the main hall and carried out the internal painting. An excellent team effort and a credit to all who helped.

The Mums and Toddlers, Ballet and Irish dance classes have resumed, the art classes will commence on Monday 12th January at 7.30pm and the Citizens Advice Bureau will man an out office. The ECDA committee are setting up a number of new events and programmes for the New Year including another Fred Cooper Railway film show and something completely different, a beginners Wood Carving Class. ♦

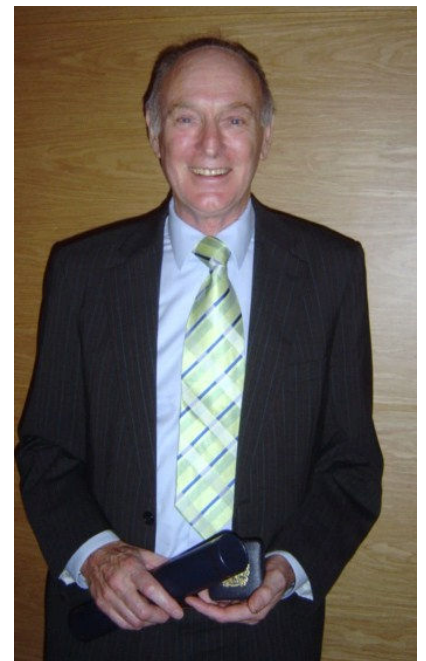
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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jim Edgar who received the Mayor's Award for Community Service at a presentation dinner in the Civic Centre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Since January 2004 Jim Edgar (main instigator, founder member and Secretary of Edenderry Community Development Association) has motivated others into contributing valuable time and enthusiastic interest in improving Edenderry. He has accessed assistance for many community schemes such as historical research projects, skills development training, hobby classes and a community audit report. He has worked quietly but tirelessly not only for the main group but also each of its sub-groups and as an ardent fundraiser has helped raise tens of thousands of pounds for those groups. Jim was behind an ambitious plan to refurbish our community hall and improve its facilities. His hours of preparation and form-filling enabled us to secure a £50,000 Big Lottery grant for Edenderry Orange Hall.

Jim has a vision of a vibrant re-generated Edenderry and ardently encourages others to regain pride in their area and hope for its future. ♦

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### Obituary

We regret to learn of the passing of Norma Jeffers a life long resident of Edenderry who lives in Goban Street, we offer our sincere condolences to the family circle. ♦

## Edenderry Arch dedicated

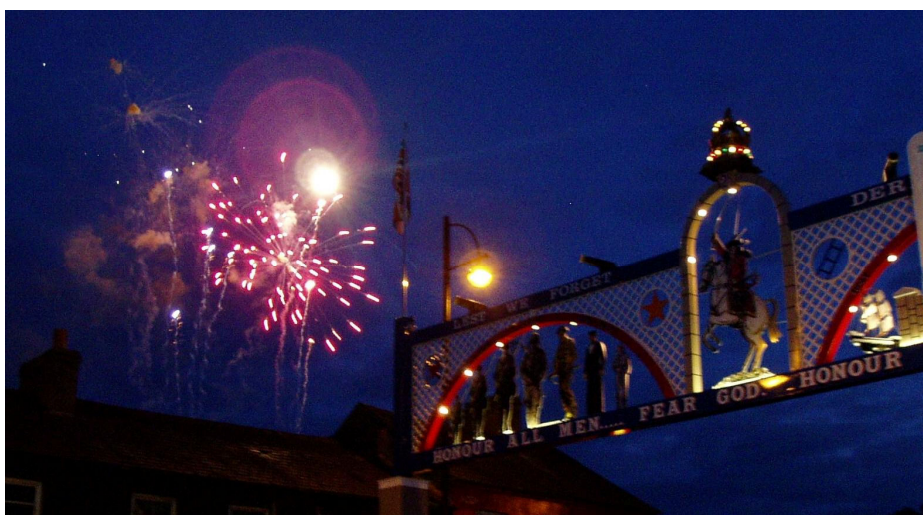
Since our last publication the new Edenderry arch was dedicated on Saturday 14th June. This was a very successful event with the celebrations including entertainment from the Flowers of the Bann Ulster/Scots dancers, the Sons of the Bann drummers, Bouncy Castles Direct Mascots and The Brewery Boys folk group. Thanks go to Edenderry Business and Residents Association for their help in financing this festival and First Presbyterian Church Portadown for providing supper and the use of the church hall.

The opening ceremony was performed by David Simpson, and the arch was dedicated by the Rev. Stafford Carson, minister of First Presbyterian Church Portadown. Prayers were led by the Rev Kenneth Elliott, minister of Bethany Free Presbyterian Church. The platform party also included Lord Trimble, former Ulster Unionist leader, Sidney Anderson (Mayor of Craigavon), George Savage, MLA, Sidney Cairns, the former Mayor, who actually made the new arch, the Worshipful District Masters of Portadown's Orange, Arch Purple and Royal Black institutions, the Worshipful District Mistress of Portadown Women's Orange Order, Rev Terrence Cadden Rector of Seagoe Parish Church and Mr John Crozier from Lurgan.

Ronald Roney, chairman of the arch committee, presided, and a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the project was proposed by Shirley Branyan, chairperson of Edenderry Community Development Association. She mentioned the important part played by four men in particular with regard to the construction and erection of the new arch – Jim Edgar, Trevor Bonis, Adrian Branyan, and Kyle Branyan.

The arch committee chairman thanked Sidney Cairns who made the arch, Trevor McConnell, who was responsible for the paintwork, Bracken Anderson, for the lettering, John Crozier for the ground work.

The night concluded with a spectacular fireworks display. ♦



*The Arch committee sincerely thank everyone who supported this community event in any way. ♦*

**Happy Christmas to all our customers**

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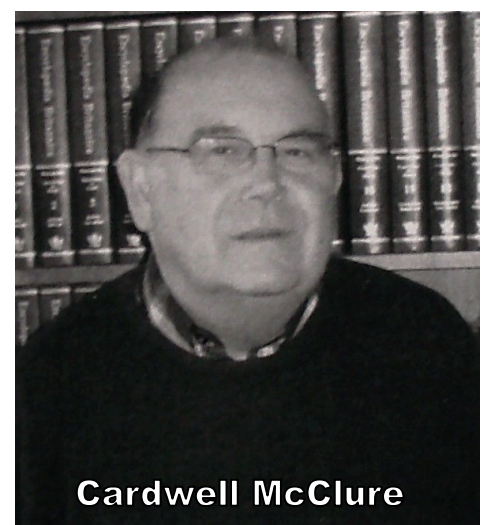
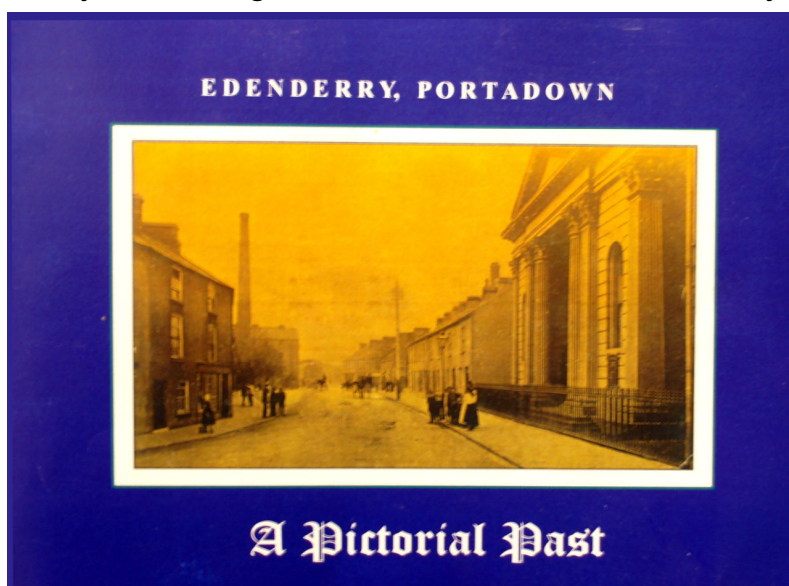
## “Edenderry, Portadown – A Pictorial Past”

Our Cultural and Historical Society have published a book on the history of Edenderry told with photographs and well researched history. Every aspect is covered, not least the 1641 massacre at the Bann where many Protestants were forced to death by drowning. It gives the history of the bridge and its waterways and of course the importance of rail travel with the magnificent station in Watson Street (Railway Street) which should never have been demolished.

The history of Wades Pottery, Portadown Foundry and Hamilton Robb's highlight our industrial past. First Presbyterian Church Portadown, Edenderry Methodist, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and Seagoe Parish Church entwined the church life of the area. Education was well catered for with Edenderry Public Elementary School and Portadown College and their legendary principles Alfred Lynas and Donald Woodman.

Many of the first books were presented to those who helped with its research, those who generously contributed to the photographs in the book, Edenderry Primary School and to Mrs Freda Birch. Mrs Birch (nee Wright), who grew-up in Edenderry before emigrating to Canada in 1957, was delighted to get her copy of the book during a recent visit 'home'. "It's a gem and there's scarcely a face in it I don't know. It's a wonderful history of Edenderry in words and pictures and I'll treasure it always."

Our sincere thanks go to everyone who helped in this publication especially Eric Dale, Roy Roney, Fred Woods and Adrian Branyan. However the book would not have been possible without the assiduous work of its main author Mr Cardwell McClure. Many unstinting hours went in to the beautifully researched history of the area.



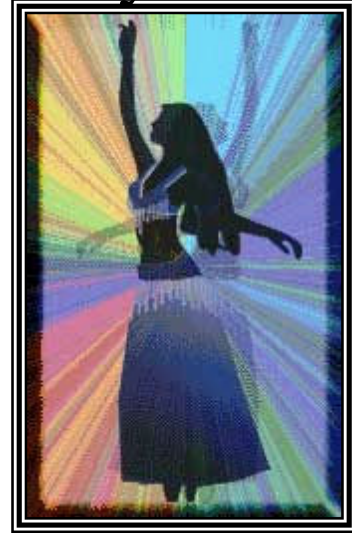
Copies of the Edenderry Booklet are available in Hoys Butchers, Ross Raymond, JP's Chips, Eden Chemist, Trevor McConnell, Van Scoy Jewellers ~ Mandeville Street, P & G Foods ~ Brownstown Road, or a copy may be obtained from Cardwell (07789550738) priced at £5.00. ♦

## ART CLASS BEGINNERS WELCOME



Classes 7.30-9pm  
Recommencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
Edenderry Orange Hall  
£3 per session or £25 for all 10 sessions  
Including basic materials

## Learn the basics of Belly dance



The alternative low impact aerobics  
Classes 8~9pm  
Starting Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Edenderry Orange Hall  
£2.50 per session or £20 for all 10 sessions

## THE GOLDEN DAYS OF STEAM FILM SHOW PRESENTED BY FRED COOPER

WITH COMMENTARY BY Charles Friel

Featuring

- WARRENPOINT TO NEWRY SPEED RUN
- ENGINE NO.27 RUN FROM BELFAST TO LARNE
- THE ANTRIM BRANCH LINE
- 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTERPRISE EXPRESS
- LAST WORKING DAY ON THE 'DERRY ROAD

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Edenderry Orange Hall  
On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 8.00pm  
Admission £3.50 ~ Incl. Supper



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