

# Edenderry News

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**E**ndenderry Community Development Association has been awarded a Culture for All grant of £7,760 for a range of social and educational activities. The grant has been awarded by the Big Lottery Fund and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland in partnership with Culture Company 2013. Our project has been named 'Londonderry to Edenderry - Celebrating Culture, Customs & Communities' and aims to help our community connect with the UK's first City of Culture.



The grant will be used to promote cultural traditions including adult Irish dancing classes, traditional percussive playing with a trip to see how traditional lambeg drums are made, a folk art banner venture to promote painting on silk and a folk music evening to highlight our rich musical culture. The project will end with a showcase finale in December. See the centre pages for the

project calendar.

As Portadown 400 continues to be marked we have been successful in securing a £400 grant from Craigavon Borough Council to arrange a 'Reminiscing Evening'. Just as Portadown was the Hub of the North – Edenderry was the Hub of Portadown and we felt it only right that Edenderry folk be given the opportunity to come together to share

their memories of a once bustling community.

We have also been successful in securing a Community Development grant from Craigavon Borough Council to help us with the running costs of our group such as the publication of this newsletter. As a voluntary organisation with no paid workers this grant scheme helps us to encourage

active participation from those who wish to volunteer and introduce new ideas in the community life of Edenderry.

*Portadown*  
400

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# Congratulations to Edenderry JL0L 51



Edenderry Juniors had another very successful end to their fourth year. The boys participated in all the competitions organised by the Junior Grand Lodge. County Armagh Lecture competition was held in February at Markethill with a good number of teams taking part.

Newtownhamilton and Edenderry boys were the strongest teams and both lodges went on to represent our County at Northern Ireland level where Newtownhamilton won with full marks!

The County Bible Quiz held in March at Drumhillary Orange

Hall was the best attended in years, a great encouragement to the leaders. Edenderry had a team in all three age groups and, for the third year in a row, they took first place in each group! They then represented Co Armagh in the NI finals held in Belfast where again they achieved three firsts and they now go forward to the UK finals against England and Scotland. Edenderry Juniors were in the UK scripture finals last November, which take the form of an exam paper, with the long awaited results only coming through in June. The boys were delighted to have won again – UK Champions 2011 &

2012! The boys have to be congratulated for their hard work; results like these just don't come about without good preparation. A big thank you also goes to their parents for the part they played in putting the boys over the readings at home. County Armagh football tournament this year was held in June at Kilcluney, Markethill. Edenderry had two teams, intermediate and senior, coming 3rd and 2nd with the older team going through to the NI finals in November. The first parade of the year was the annual church parade organised by Mid Ulster Junior District in Tarraghan Presbyterian

Church. There was a good attendance at the parade and the Church Hall was well filled. The Annual Demonstration to Bangor was held at the end of May, JL0L51 being lead by Armagh True Blues. The weather was good and the day was enjoyed by everyone. The 12th July, one of the hottest on record, saw the Junior Lodge's biggest turnout with 28 boys present and others parading in bands. Edenderry Junior Lodge look forward to another year starting in September and any boys aged 7 – 16 who would like to join the Lodge can contact John 3833 2402 or 07756 409129.

## Edenderry Man Mark Mullen wins the Silver Medal

The World Police and Fire Games are the third largest international multi-sport event in the world and the largest ever sporting event to taken place in Northern Ireland. There were 56 sports held at 41 venues across Northern Ireland with competitors from 67 countries taking part. Amongst those competitors

was a hockey team from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, a team that didn't exist four months ago! Edenderry man, Mark Mullen was a member of that fledgling team. Mark is a past player of Portadown Hockey Club where he followed in the footsteps of his mum Diane (nee Watson) and dad Victor.

With hockey in his blood he battled through the intense tournament nursing an uncomfortable injury following the first game. The team won their debut match against Scotland 16-0 on Friday 2nd August before beating the Australian team on Saturday 3rd which put them through to the final against the PSNI on Sunday

4th. The odds were against them for the final as the PSNI team had won the Ulster Hockey Mens Senior 2 League this year but despite this the Fire Service team proved to be worthy opponents and are very proud of their Silver Medals – after all second in the World Games is a remarkable achievement!



Portadown Hockey Club are currently on the look out for new players. If you are interested please email [portadownhockey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portadownhockey@hotmail.co.uk)

### Medal Table

				Total
NORTHERN IRELAND	54	47	40	141

# **Recognition from County Armagh Community Development**

Brownlow House was filled to capacity for County Armagh Community Development's recent Reward and Recognition Evening which was held in conjunction with Volunteer Week. The aim of the evening was to recognise the efforts that community group members make on a voluntary basis to improve life and social interaction in the local community. Edenderry was recognised by the presentation of two awards. Committee member Norma Madill successfully nominated Shirley Branyan and the members of our historical society successfully nominated their group, Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society.

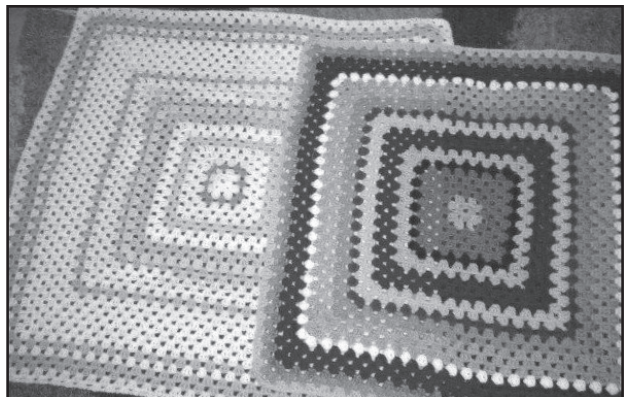


## **National Open College Network**

Our committee continue to take part in volunteer training and gain level 2 certificates from the Open College Network. Norma and Geoff Madill have completed the Good Relations and Civic Leadership course, Shirley Branyan has completed the Decade of Commemorations Shared History course and Neil Robinson and Shirley Branyan are currently enrolled on the Event Management course. Adrian Branyan, Norma, Geoff, Neil and Shirley are also participating in a Peace III Shared History project.

## **Appeal from our Secretary - Maxine Chambers!**

Our Secretary is crocheting blankets for local charity Portadown Cares. The charity aims to provide help for the disadvantaged throughout our town especially at Christmas time when they distribute hampers to those in need. Maxine learnt how to crochet at a short course in Edenderry CDA and is now putting her skills to great use for this worthy cause. Have you any unwanted or spare wool that you could donate to this cause? Donations can be left in the Portadown Cares shop in High Street Mall or we can collect it from you if you leave a message on our answering service - 07769 737297 Ask your friends if they can help too.



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## **THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST EXPLORING BANNERS AND TRADITIONAL PAINTING ON SILK 7.30PM**

*Mrs Alison Symington gives us an insight into traditional painting on silk. Examples of local banners will be on show along with details of the Edenderry community banner project.*

## **TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER YOGA CLASSES ~ 10.00 - 11.30AM**

*Anyone who tries yoga can attest to its benefits so come along and improve your lifestyle.*

## **FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER ADULT IRISH DANCE LESSONS ~ 7.30 - 8.30PM**

*Deborah Anderson aims to teach adults the basics of Irish Dance in a relaxed casual atmosphere. This six week course is part of our Culture for All project.*

## **MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER CLICK & CHAT, CRAFT & CHATTER CLUB ~ 7.30PM**

*This is an informal drop-in group for those who would like a bit of company, chat, craft and/or a wee cuppa to help shorten the autumn evenings.*

## **TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER LAMBEG DRUM LESSONS ~ 7.30PM**

*Traditional percussion lessons for a true cultural taste of Northern Ireland on one of the loudest acoustic instruments in the world.*

## **SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER SCARECROW COMPETITION (COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN)**

*Many visitors travel through Edenderry to Country Comes to Town and we aim to welcome them with a Scarecrow Guard of Honour on the Bann Bridge. The competition is opened to individuals, families, schools, youth clubs, sports clubs, community groups and local businesses with the only rule being no political undertones (see back page).*

## **TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER EDENDERRY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ~ 10AM**

*Regular Tuesday morning meetings of our historical group re-commence. New members will be made most welcome as the group continue their research into our rich heritage.*

## **WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER - THE ORANGE ORDER IN PORTADOWN & EDENDERRY IN PARTICULAR ~ 9PM**

*Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society  
Local historian, Mr James Kane, will give a public lecture on the Orange Institution in Portadown. Everyone Welcome.*

## **SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER CROSS ROADS**

*This popular Christian praise meeting is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's each month. As well as some great singing, there will be an inspiring message by guest speakers.*

## **FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER STONEWALL FOLK GROUP THE MASONIC HALL, THOMAS STREET ~ 8.00PM**

*We are delighted that Stonewall Folk Group has agreed to perform for us as part of our cultural project. Since 2006 Stonewall have performed in countless theatres, hotels and halls throughout Ireland North and South, as well as in the Southern States of the U.S.A. and China! We hope you will join with us at this event. Tickets priced at £5 are available from committee members and John Hoy butchers.*



## **SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER REMINISCENCE EVENING**

*To celebrate Portadown's 400th Birthday will we have photos of past events in Edenderr and Portadown. Do you remember the old railway station, the school meals kitchen, Seagoe Parochial Hall or the Chapel? Bring along your old photos of the area and share your memories with others who live or have lived in our area. This FREE event is supported by Craigavon Borough Council.*

## **SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER CRAFT FAIR ~ 10AM - 3PM**

*Come along and view the exclusive wares of some very talented crafters! You could find an usual present for someone special or treat yourself to a unique gift to cherish.*

## **WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER PORTADOWN CALL TO ARMS - FIRST WORLD WAR ~ 9PM**

*Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society  
As we approach the centenary of the First World War local historian, Richard Edgar, will deliver a lecture on the Call to Arms in Portadown. Everyone Welcome.*

## **THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE**

*The Royal British Legion, Portadown Branch and Edenderry Community Development Association once again host the Festival of Remembrance in Portadown Town Hall. Tickets will be available from October in John Hoy Butchers, Eden Pharmacy and the usual outlets.*

*Lest We Forget*

**September 2013**

## **WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER PORTADOWN HEROES ~ 9PM EDENDERRY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*A lecture given as a tribute to the men commemorated on Portadown War Memorial given by local historian and author James S. Kane. Everyone Welcome.*

## **SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER - EDENDERRY ~ LONDONDERRY PROJECT FINALE!**

*Come along and join with us to celebrate the finale of our Culture for All project. We'll have music and dancing celebrating the wide variety of cultural traditions which bring our community together as one. This will be an evening not to be missed!*

*'Londonderry to Edenderry - Celebrating Culture, Customs & Communities'*

## **ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### ***FAIR WEATHER WALKING GROUP - LEAVING HALL ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 7PM***

*DON'T WALK ALONE – join with us at Edenderry Orange Hall for a brisk half hour walk around the town – Everyone Welcome!*

*Deborah Anderson School of Irish Dance  
Contact: Deborah Anderson  
Tel: 028 3835 0996*

### ***AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL***

### ***ART CLASSES RECOMMENCE IN OCTOBER***

*Caroline Robinson School of Ballet  
Contact: Caroline Robinson  
Tel: 028 9048 6005*

**TO REGISTER AN INTEREST IN ANY OF  
THE ABOVE  
TEL: 07769 737297 OR COME ALONG  
ON THE RELEVANT DATE.**

## June Outing Leads To New Links With The Wise Owls, Omagh by Norma Madill



On the 29th June a group of us set off from Edenderry to go to the American Folk Park outside Omagh. However, we had a lovely surprise when Shirley announced that she had arranged a meeting with 'Wise Owls', a women's initiative for self-empowerment group based in Omagh town. Four representatives met our bus and after a warm welcome, brief introductions and a photo-call for the Tyrone Constitution we were treated to tea and scones at the Strule Arts Centre. After learning about the 'Owls' group and vice-versa, the ladies

brought us on a mini tour of Omagh.

Each of us were emotional and reflective as we spent time in the Garden of Remembrance, a tranquil memorial to those murdered in the Omagh bomb atrocity 15th August 1998. Here large mirrors pour sunlight onto 31 pole-mounted small mirrors, one for each life lost and by the use of further mirrors they send the light down the street into the heart of the glass obelisk marking the fateful spot.

After saying our goodbyes to the ladies (and a 'little

retail therapy) on we went to the Folk Park. This place is definitely worth a visit! We were fortunate that a re-enactment was taking place at the Mellon cottage and our chairman, Roy Brady, had no hesitation in getting in on the act.

Having been transported from Ulster to America in the space of a few hours we boarded the bus to finish our day with a delicious meal in the Royal Hotel, Cookstown.



# WELCOME TO EDENDERRY

*We would like to offer a very warm welcome to three new businesses in Edenderry*



Dynamic Nutrition, owned by Steven Black, caters to the sports professional's nutritional needs. We can offer tailor made diet and training programs to suit your goals, from competition prep to just getting into shape for that holiday. Steven has moved into premises beside Trevor McConnell's and there's ample parking at the front of the shop to park and pop in.

This company is buyers and exporters of used clothing – shoes and handbags. They will buy your unwanted good quality clothing, shoes, belts, handbags and hats. There is a free home collection service available. Your clothing will be weighted and you'll then be paid. All clothes go to Nigeria and are not commercially recycled.



Zama Coffee Lounge have just opened for business in the former Gordon Speers premises in Edenderry Square. The coffee shop has a wide range of yummy treats to tempt your taste-buds and is open from 7am-7pm weekdays and 1-5pm on Sunday. Businessman Mike Jefferson has shown he has faith in the area as this is his second business venture in our community. Mike runs the successful Enzo's Gym at the rear of the coffee shop where there is ample free parking for patrons of Enzo's, Zama's, Eden Pharmacy and the Candy Stop. The carpark is accessed via Carrickblacker Avenue and its just a short stroll through the newly re-open walkway onto the main street.

## WE'RE SORRY TO LOSE YOU!

The closing of the bmdcycles, formerly Ross Raymond cycle shop, marks the end of another era in Edenderry. Ross Raymond opened the current shop in 1976, fifty-five years after his father, Tom, started the business in smaller premises a few doors down the row.

After Ross retired at the end of March 2011, Brian Donnelly took over the business, but the recession, on-line shopping and competition from the multi-nationals have proved too difficult playing field for the independent businessman. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian for his involvement in the life of Edenderry and wish him every success in the future.



# Stonewall Folk Group



**Friday 11th October  
8pm**

**The Masonic Hall,  
Thomas Street**

**TICKET £5**  
(Includes Light Supper)

**Everyone Welcome**

## *Build a Scarecrow Competition*



Help us create a  
"Guard of Honour" of Scarecrows  
on the Bann Bridge!

for Country Comes To Town  
21st September 2013

FREE Entry - Open to all: Families,  
Groups, Clubs etc

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