

Edenderry News

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Edenderry Community Development Association supports Country Comes to Town

Here we go again!

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer and are now looking forward to cosy, friendly, fun-filled evenings. We have put together a program of short hobby courses and community get-togethers to keep us in touch with you over the autumn months. Have a look at the back page to see what's been confirmed so far. The current economic climate has had a great impact not only on our households budgets but also on community group budgets but we hope there will be something in our programme to interest



you. Although our income has been reduced and our expenses have increased we are delighted that Craigavon Borough Council have awarded us a grant of £1858 towards the annual running costs of group. Unlike other areas of the borough, the greater Edenderry area does not have a council community centre but we are very appreciative of the support we receive from the council and their community development department.

Almost 40,000 people are expected in Portadown for the annual Country Comes to Town extravaganza. Many of these visitors will pass through Edenderry on their way to the town centre. Some of the members of our group thought it would be fun to build a scarecrow and place it in Edenderry 'Square' to show our support to all the volunteers who give freely of their time to organise this community event.

If you're free on Monday 12th September from 3.30pm why not come along to Edenderry Orange Hall and help us build Ed the scarecrow. Regardless of your age we would really appreciate your help, young and old. (And if anyone has any spare straw going free or anything else that could be used to 'stuff' Ed we would be grateful if would leave a message for us on 07769737297).



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Coach Tour to Historic Londonderry

You are invited to join us on a coach tour to Londonderry to appreciate a little of our history and its effect on the present. With a lot of fun, food and fellowship added to the mix we are sure everyone will have a memorable day. We will leave Edenderry Orange Hall at 8.30am,

travel to the Solus Centre, Bready for morning coffee then on to Londonderry for a guided tour of St. Columb Cathedral, the City walls and the new peace bridge. On the return journey we have booked a three course meal in The Corrick House Hotel, Clougher.



County Armagh Community Development has awarded us a grant to help finance this event which has allowed us to offer the visit for only £20 per person. Contact us by leaving a message on 07769737297, email: mail@edenderry.co.uk or [facebook.com/edenderry.c.d.a](https://www.facebook.com/edenderry.c.d.a)*

This group has been working since 2005 to support emerging community groups in County Armagh who use Orange Halls as community venues. Since 2005, the number of participating

community groups has increased from six to 60, with the help of the advice, training and networking support provided by the Committee. The work to date has helped these embryonic community groups to become properly constituted,



to offer services to their local community, and to access funding to support a range of

activities including senior citizens clubs, music and drama youth groups, educational classes and health. In recognition of the need to support local communities develop skills and abilities, CACD now delivers to members,

training, networking support, advice and information. This has helped instill confidence and capacity in communities throughout County Armagh.

Did you know?

The Ulster Arms (Gary's Bar) is reputed to be the oldest pub in Portadown. The earliest deed dates to 1744. It still has some of its original interior features including a copper ceiling.

Fit With A Difference

I'm always trying to find new ways of keep-fit without extreme effort, I like to have fun when I exercise. Then a friend phoned me to suggest we try a belly dance class in Lurgan. My quick reply was 'absolutely no way!' I might have wanted to keep-fit but I simply did not have the confidence to do 'belly' dancing! Well, knowing that it would be an all female group, I reneged. I decided

it was time to build my self-confidence, overcome my anxieties and have faith in my own ability. That was four years ago! Now let me make this clear - I do not wear the classic belly dance outfits, show my 'belly' nor flaunt my moves on the dance floor! I simply have fun keeping fit in the company of good friends. My confidence has improved and I really enjoy my low-impact exercise regime.

Along with three

other group members I recently travelled to the Crescent Arts Centre for a six week techniques course and, as you can see from the photo, the lessons proved to be quite adventurous. The course tutor was Karin Mallon who has been teaching the art for over ten years.

If you would like to be adventurous with your exercise routine why not join our group. Belly dance classes start again in Edenderry Orange Hall on 22nd September at 8.15pm



and, as always, new members are more than welcome. A course of six lessons

costs just £15 or you can pay £3.50 per lesson.

Many Thanks Joanne!

We are sad to report that our Mums and Tots group will not be re-starting this year as most of our young members have now embarked on school-life. Its hard to believe its been seven years since Eden Tots first opened for business. Many little ones have been through the doors and enjoyed the fun organised by the group's volunteer leader Joanne Branyan. There where no other such groups

in Edenderry when our community group formed Eden Tots in 2004 and Joanne volunteered to get a group of her friends together to start the parent and toddler club.

The group soon grew and where very successful in gaining grant-aid to run various projects aimed at improving child-development skills. Many children will have fond memories of embarking on basic cookery, tactile art, team games,

music and dance on Thursday mornings in Edenderry Orange Hall. The children had fun and healthy snacks whilst the adults had a well deserved tea break and a chat with other parents, grandparents and carers. In 2005 Joanne was awarded the Mayor's Award for services to the community and we were delighted that she was honoured for all her hard work leading community development with young families in the

greater Edenderry area. Everyone on the committee of Edenderry Community Development

Association would like to say a very big thank you to Joanne for her service over the past seven years and wish her every success in the future.



David Simpson MP visits Eden Tots in 2005

Did you know?

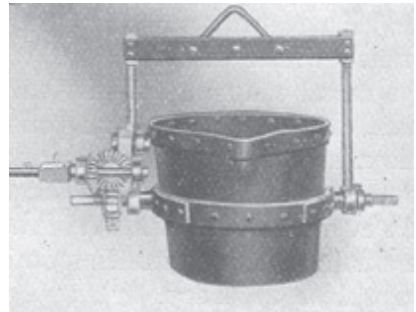
One of the first Gas Works in Ireland to provide lighting for a town was in Edenderry!



The History of Portadown Foundry 1844 - 1983

Our Cultural and Historical Society are presenting a historical exhibition about the industrialisation of Portadown with the history of Portadown Foundry. During the lifetime of the Foundry it produced barges and lighters, textile and agricultural

machinery, bombardon tanks for the Second World War, structural steel for buildings in Ireland and Portadown in particular and many other industrial products.
For more information contact: 028 3839 4415 or visit www.edenderry.co.uk



Did you know?

The gates and railing of St. Mark's Parish Church were made in the Foundry



EDENDERRY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents

A Historical Exhibition on the Industrialisation of Portadown

with

The History of Portadown Foundry 1844 - 1983

Venue: Millennium Court Arts Centre

When: 4th November – 2nd December

Opening Night: Friday 4th November 7 - 9pm



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Did you know?

*The Foundry had one of the first motorcar garages in Portadown
And that
Robert John Magowan, the first Mayor of the Borough of Portadown,
was the Managing Director of the Foundry.*

RJ Magowan received the OBE in 1949.

The Bicycle Shop Changes Hands

On behalf of everyone in Edenderry we pass on our good wishes for a long and happy retirement to Ross Raymond and his wife Beryl. Ross Raymond cycles has been an anchor business in Edenderry for over 36 years and has had played a very important part in many a Santa wish list. There have been many changes in the bicycle market over the years but from the racing bike

to the chopper and the introduction of bicycle helmets you could always be sure to get what you wanted in Ross Raymonds. Ross also carried out bicycle repairs and serviced lawnmowers. After many years of crossing the Bann bridge to work we hope that Ross and Beryl will be long spared to enjoy happy memories of their time in Edenderry.



WELCOME AND BEST WISHES TO BRIAN MCDONNELL TRADING AS BMDCYCLES!

Brian started trading on 1st April and we are delighted that he has chosen to embark on business in Edenderry. Brian caters for all cycling needs whether it be a £60.00 12" childrens bike or a £6000.00 full carbonfibre racer

or Mountain bike. A repair and service facility is also provided and with experience totalling 40+ years, quite simply if it can be fixed or repaired, they can do it. bmdcycles aim to provide a level of customer service that is just not available else-

where and although they may not have the same buying power as the large multi-nationals, they do hope to be as competitive as possible on the sales front, but beat them hands down when it comes to after sales and back up services.

As a new bike is still top of many a Santa list, why not call in and join the Christmas Club?!



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Did you know?

The first Ulster Bank in Portadown was opened in Edenderry in 1852

Welcome to 'The Chicken House'

The Chicken House is Edenderry's newest hot-food outlet bringing a taste of Portugal to tempt the taste-buds. Whether you sit-in, take away or avail of the delivery service you can be sure to enjoy new tasty dishes. The Chicken House serves excellent

Grills, Hot Dishes, Toasties, Sandwiches and much more. They have a delicious range of chicken dishes for you to sink your teeth into, including whole Piri Piri BBQ chicken. A range of dips and chips can also be added to supplement your meal. If you work in the area and

have forgotten your lunch then ring The Chicken House (07845 369248), place to order and have a sandwich and a drink delivered to your desk.

A warm welcome to The Chicken House and all the best in your new business venture.



Vehicle Clean Car Wash Moves Premises

Our best wishes go to Stephen Millar, Vehicle Clean Car Wash in Bridge Street who has just moved into new premises adjacent to his previous site. The new location has three lanes where he offers a variety of high quality handwash

packages for cars, 4x4's, vans and commercial vehicles. There is also an excellent MOT wash facility to guarantee your vehicle complies with the standard required by the test centre. With winter just around the corner why not ensure your car looks

its best by booking a full or mini valet in the on-site valet shed. Stephen has been a great supporter of our community work and we wish him every success for the future as he moves forward with his Vehicle Clean Car Wash business.



IN SUPPORT OF HELP for HEROES

CHARITY NO 1174079

During this past year, Edenderry Community Development Association has been fundraising in aid of Help for Heroes in memory of their late secretary, founder member and good friend, Mr Jim Edgar. On Monday evening, 27th June two cheques

where presented to Neal Somerville, the Northern Ireland co-ordinator for Help for Heroes. ECDA raised £2000 and Jim's daughter, Alison Symington, has boosted this figure by a further £2100 when she completed the recent London Marathon in memory of her Dad. On the

same evening Major Helen Wilson gave an address on her nursing experience as a Trauma Nurse co-ordinator in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a part-time serving TA officer, Major Wilson gained valuable experience and skills to train other nursing personnel in field nursing. This was an excellent presentation and gave some insight into the conditions and facilities available in the field hospitals.



Did you know?

The first court house in Portadown was in Edenderry.

Festival of Remembrance



The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading charity providing financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants.

The third annual Festival of Remembrance hosted by Portadown Royal British Legion and Edenderry Community Development

Association will be held on Thursday 4th November in Clounagh Junior High School. A change in venue was necessary after a double booking of

the Town Hall and Clounagh JHS have graciously offered their assembly hall. Tickets for the event have been held at £12.50 each and will be available

from ECDA committee members, John Hoy's, Eden Pharmacy and the British Legion Club, Thomas Street from early October

Our Weekly Diary
EDENDERRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
 (Edenderry Orange Hall, Bridge Street)

Monday	7.30pm	Crochet Classes	Start 19th September
Tuesday	From 3.30pm	Deborah Anderson School of Irish Dance	
Tuesday	7.30pm	Card Craft	Start 27th September
Wednesday	From 3.30pm	Deborah Anderson School of Irish Dance	
Wednesday	Evenings	Loyal Order Meetings	
Thursday	10.00am	Art Classes	Start 22nd September
Thursday	2.00pm	Caroline Robinson Ballet School	
Thursday	8.15pm	Belly Dance	Start 22nd September
Friday	3.30pm	Deborah Anderson School of Irish Dance	
Saturday	10.00am	Deborah Anderson School of Irish Dance	
1st & 3rd Sunday night each month		Cross Roads	
Sunday	3.00pm	Afternoon Sunday School	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1ST OCTOBER

- Coach Tour to Historic Londonderry

28TH OCTOBER

- Table Quiz in the Masonic Hall, 8pm
Proceeds to the Royal Irish Benevolent Fund and ECDA

3RD NOVEMBER

- Royal British Legion Portadown Branch & Edenderry Community Development Association
- Festival of Remembrance
 Venue: Clounagh Junior High School
Proceeds to The Poppy Appeal

MID NOVEMBER

- Battle of the Bands & Disco
 Date: 18th November
 Venue: Carleton Street Orange Hall
Proceeds to The Poppy Appeal and Edenderry Arch

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