

# Edenderry News

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## Festival of Remembrance



As a result of the overwhelming success of last year's inaugural Festival of Remembrance in Portadown Town Hall, the Portadown Branch of the Royal British Legion, in association with Edenderry Community Development Association, once again hosted the event on Thursday 4th November. The organisers were delighted with the positive feedback and encouragement they received from the public following last year's festival, which raised in excess of £3,000 for the Poppy Appeal.

The full auditorium was treated to an excellent evening compered by local man Niall Crozier



**ECDA Vice Chair Mr Roy Brady and his wife Doris, committee member**

and featured the musical talents of local artists St Mark's Band, Stonewall and Portadown Ladies Choir. The Bugles, Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment, by kind permission of Lt Col P A J Walker, were enthusiastically welcomed as they performed their reper-

toire to perfection. In addition to those already mentioned the organising committee wish to thank the Mayor of Craigavon and the distinguished guests for their attendance, the Standard Bearers, serving and ex-service members and representatives of the uniformed youth organisations who formed the Mus-

ter. Following the entertainment the mood changed as the An Act of Remembrance took the form of a religious service conducted by Rev Canon J Campbell and Rev R Loney.

Following the Last Post the Exhortation was given by Major Pete Hodgson (ret'd) and a Piper's Lament was played.

During the Two Minute Silence, poppies fell on a sombre audience before the Reveille by Mark Mullen.

Two young people who took a significant part in the evening were Matthew Canning of Clounagh Junior High School who read The Call, and

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**Distinguished guests at the Festival of Remembrance**

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Catherine Dougan, Killicomaine Junior High School, who read the Response.

Special thanks go to Trevor Bonis, Roy and Doris Brady, Adrian and Shirley Branyan, Geoffrey

Edgar and Joanne Branyan for their active roles whilst representing Edenderry Community Development Association, and to the staff of the Town Hall for all their help in stag-

ing the concert. One of the main driving forces behind last year's venture was the late Mr Jim Edgar, secretary of the Edenderry group. Those associated with this year's plan-

ning sorely missed Jim's input but were determined to make this the successful annual event Jim always envisaged. Jim was a keen supporter of the armed forces and it was in

his memory that the Edenderry group held a retiring collection for the charity Help for Heroes which raised £475, in addition to a substantial amount raised for the Poppy Appeal.



## Private John Sharpe — Member of the 9th Batt. R.I.F.

Private Sharpe was born in Laurelvale in 1895 and later lived at 44 Carrickblacker Road, Edenderry. He was a member of the 9th Battalion R.I.F and saw action at the Somme, Cambrai, Ypres and St. Quentin. After being almost killed by a landmine while training at Borden camp, England in 1914, Private Sharpe, his head still bandaged, landed in France, preferring to be with his comrades rather than return

home. His good work with a Lewis machine gun at Messines Ridge in 1917 earned him the Military Medal for gallantry in repulsing an enemy attack.

Private Sharpe recalled the war was very rough at times, especially after the Somme when the dead were buried ten to each grave.

He was known to have said he would not take all the money in Portadown to go through the war again. After returning unscathed

from the Great War he returned to Portadown and Major Rev F J Halahan MC gave him a job reference by writing: "A brave and gallant British soldier".

John Sharpe was married in Seagoe Parish Church in 1920 and both he and his wife Margaret worked for many years in Hamilton Robb's Linen Factory.

An ardent Portadown football supporter, John was seen regularly at Shamrock Park.

## Miss Anne Crawford Acheson

Edenderry woman Miss Anne Crawford Acheson, formerly of Edenderry, Portadown, was awarded the C.B.E. for services rendered during the Great War 1914-1918.

Miss Acheson was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire on the 1st January 1919 "for services in connection with the war" in her capacity as Head of the Plastic Department, Orthopaedic Branch, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. She was invested with this

award at Buckingham Palace on 25th February 1919.

Ann Crawford Acheson was born on the 5th August 1882 at Carrickblacker Avenue, Portadown. Her father was John Acheson whose profession was that of a druggist, and her mother was Harriet Acheson.

Miss Ann Crawford Acheson, C.B.E. was an accomplished craftswoman, with a special talent for decorative garden figures in lead.

She received her professional training at the Royal

College of Art, South Kensington, gaining her diploma in sculpture in 1910. She was a Fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors.

For a good many years Miss Acheson was a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy, the great majority of her works shown there being garden or fountain figures under such titles as "The Imp" "Water Baby" "Watersprite" "Mischief" and "Boy with Puppy". Among other works, she was responsible for the

portrait bust in the Gertrude Bell Memorial.

Miss Acheson was one of several sculptors who, during the 1914-1918 war, worked at the Surgical Requisites Association's headquarters at Mulberry Walk, Chelsea.



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# Card Making Demonstration



On Thursday 25th November we are hosting a Card Making Demonstration in Edenderry Orange Hall. Linda Walker will be coming along to reveal how to make personal, unique handcraft-

ed cards. Card making is fun and a great way of expressing your creativity.

With only a few very basic tools and some simple tips and techniques you can be making cards and keepsakes that will amaze your

family and friends for every occasion.

Card designs can be as simple or as complicated as you desire, and you don't need huge amounts of spare time or money.

The most effective designs can be

created with just a few basic components. Linda will also have a range of her own special cards on sale on the evening.

As with all our activities this event is open to everyone in the community.

So come along and enjoy the evening. You will be made very welcome.



# Coach Trip to Belfast

We still have a few seats left on our coach tour to Belfast on Saturday 4th December.

You are welcome to join us on our two-tiered outing to Belfast. If you love shopping we will drop you off in the city centre to shop-till-you-drop. OR you can come along

with us to the Ulster Museum in the morning before free time in the city.

Meet up with us again as the shops close for a guided tour of the newly refurbished City

Hall, followed by an evening meal in the Europa Hotel. The total cost of this tour is £20 (which includes your evening meal). What a lovely relaxing way to ease yourself into

a busy December. We'd love to have you with us.

Leave a message on our answering service: 07769 737297 and we will get back to you with the menu choices.

# Basic photography course

Who's been disappointed with the final results of a 'great' photo they've taken? Nobody? Ah. Everybody. Do you have trouble shooting good photos? Perhaps you've been taking photos for some time, but never really got the beautiful shots you wanted. Maybe you somehow messed up the photos

you took of important events, like your daughter's birthday or your trip to Paris. With digital cameras you do at least get to delete the bad photos immediately.

In January we will be hosting a ten week basic photography course under the tuition of Ryan Montgomery.

Ryan and his wife Ruth have a thriving business based in



Bridge Street South. They work as a team using their own individual styles and have been fortunate enough to have had commissions throughout the UK

and Ireland. They have three beautiful children, Jack, Louis and Sam and absolutely love all things Disney. Take a look at their website [www.ryanmontgomery.com](http://www.ryanmontgomery.com) or stop and look in the window of the studio just as you turn the corner to go for your groceries.

I will be first to enrol for this course and then maybe I can

learn how not to cut everybody's feet or head off!

If you would like more information please leave your name and phone number on our answering service and we will get back to you with further details.



# WHAT'S ON IN EDENDERRY



## Belly Dance Class

**B**elly dancing is a wonderful exercise. You will discover muscles you never even knew existed! It is a form of low impact aerobics combined with stress-free fun. You don't need to "have the belly" for it! Big or small bellies are welcome in the class but you do not need to show them off.

Wear something comfortable which doesn't restrict your movements — loose skirts, jog-

ging bottoms and T-shirts are ideal. We usually dance in soft-soled shoes like ballet type shoes or in sock soles. No dance experience is required to join in but you must be over 16. Oh, by the way, it's not the showy sexual dance that men perceive it to be.

Belly dance is a relaxing and enlivening dance that can improve body awareness and confidence while helping to keep a healthy and toned body. It's not just your belly that is used — your hips, chest, back and arms are all major elements of the dance. It helps to improve self-esteem, gives you

the opportunity to make friends and introduces you to different cultures and music.

Recently we had a request to have a surprise 60th birthday bash for a

member's mother. The lady thought she was going to a charity night in the Orange Hall but instead all her girlfriends had gathered to surprise her! After the ini-

tial show she was entertained by a few dance routines before she and her guests were treated to a quick lesson. Within an hour everyone had a basic grasp of one of our simple dance routines. We had a lovely card from the birthday girl saying how much she enjoyed her evening. But I wonder did she take to the dance floor later?

Come along and join with us. Forget your everyday worries, learn something new, increase your self-confidence, make new friends and simply have fun! The group meets every Thursday evening from 8 – 9pm.



# EDEN TOTS

**E**denderry Mums and Tots group – Eden Tots – is open for playtime, painting, games, music and cookery every Thursday morning between 10.30 and 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come along and have fun. We still have places available for those little ones who want to bring their big people into the warm, welcoming environment of Edenderry Orange Hall. The little ones can enjoy playing with folks their own age whilst the big people can chat, compare notes and have a ‘wee cup of tea’.

Most of us look



back on our childhood and fondly remember long days playing with friends, climbing trees and jump-

ing in puddles, all without an adult in sight. Unfortunately, times have change but in Eden Tots we aim to put the fun back into the pre-school years and encourage imaginative play. Most children love getting out and visiting somewhere different (even if an adult is discreetly tucked away, keeping a safe eye on them). It gives them a sense of independence as they explore a different world at their own

leisure. Let them have the time to invent new scenarios or to use old materials for the wackiest of projects and they'll be happy for hours. Not just happy, but learning valuable new skills as well.

Come along to Eden Tots and help your children learn new skills. There's

something for everyone and the more members we have the more activities we will be able to take part in.

If you have one you no longer need and would like to donate it to our group please contact us via mail@edenderry.co.uk or answer service 07769 737297.



## WANTED

Our Mums & Tots group are in need of a baby changing unit.

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# Wood Craft Course



**F**riday afternoons have become very industrious! Our woodcraft class is in full swing and all the students are thoroughly enjoying the experience. Everyone is endeavouring to carve or whittle a head/handle for a walking stick and whether it's a goose, mallard or crook they work meticulously on their pieces of wood, turning them into what have already become works of



Time for a tea break and tips given by the course tutor

art. This art form has become very sophisticated in recent years and the talented course tutor, Mr Barrie Sheard has won national

awards with his masterpieces. This course has been so popular we are looking at the possibility of continuing it in the New Year.



Expert work by Mr Barrie Sheard

# Computer Class



**W**e have just completed our very first Silver Surfers computer course. Congratulations to all the pupils! Everyone who took part enjoyed the experience and learnt new skills. From surfing to emailing, booking holidays to making Christmas cards the class tutor Muriel proved to

be an expert in her field. The lessons were undertaken in a very relaxed atmosphere and were both homely and informative. We have had very positive feedback and quite a few of you have contacted us to ask about a complete novice computer class. Keep an eye on our newsletter in 2011 for more information.



Computer class students with tutor Mrs Muriel Wright

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# COMMUNITY RELATIONS in Edenderry

One of Edenderry Community Development Association's objectives is to encourage good community relations within the area. It is encouraging to note that the programme of events that have been organised this year, thanks to grant-aid given by the Big Lottery Fund, is helping us to reach more and more members in our community. We have had people from most walks of life through the doors of Edenderry Orange Hall where we hold the majority of our events. It is also encouraging to hear positive feedback relating to the work we try our best to undertake. As a result of the interest in our group you may be interested to read our constitution which can be accessed on our website [www.edenderry.co.uk](http://www.edenderry.co.uk). Below is an extract from this document.

## OBJECTIVES

The association has been established to: Promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the greater Edenderry area and its environs without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion.

It will do so by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare, education, recreation or other leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

Edenderry Community Development Association will facilitate the greater involvement of marginalised sections of the wider community, all genders, age groups, the disabled and ethnic minorities in the life of the community.

Promote awareness of the history, folklore and cultural heritage of the area. Encourage acceptance, understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of the area of benefit. Promote, by education and encounter, good community relations with other groups and cultural traditions and interact with same in a spirit of peace and community reconciliation.



This is just a reminder of the forthcoming Table Quiz on Friday 26th November in the Masonic Hall, Thomas Street, Portadown. This event has been organised to raise funds for Help for Heroes and in

memory of Mr Jim Edgar's commitment to Edenderry Community Development Association and its subgroups. To date our association has raised £1,000 for the charity but would like to see this amount greatly increased fol-

lowing the quiz night. Teams of up to six are invited to take part with an entrance fee of £3.00 per person. If you can't raise a team yourself come along anyway and we'll soon give you a place on one. See you there!

## MEETING IN EDENDERRY ORANGE HALL

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# TABLE QUIZ

Friday  
26th November  
@ 7.30pm



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