

Edenderry News

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BUSINESS and RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMES TO EDENDERRY



Edenderry Business and Residents Association are setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Meeting at 8:00pm Monday 24th April 2006 in First Presbyterian Church Portadown Neighbourhood Watch is for everyone. It is also about bringing people closer together and involving them in local life. A stronger community spirit can grow as people get to know each other and look out for one another. Anyone can become a member of a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme and everyone can play a part in its achievements. A member of

a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is known as a Community Partner. Each community or Nighbourhood - however large or small, can set up a scheme. A scheme can cover just one street, a part or whole of an estate. Schemes aim to meet the needs of their members and their neighbourhood. Each is run by its members and belongs to them. Members, whether Co-ordinators or partners can make a real difference to improving the quality of life in the area. Every member is valuable and every task they do contributes to building that community. ♦

ECDA Annual General Meeting

The second AGM of Edenderry Community Development Association and associated groups, will be held on Wednesday the 26th April in Edenderry Orange Hall at 8.00pm, supper will be served at the close of the meeting. The other groups taking part will be the Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society, Edenderry Business and Residents Association and Edentots the Mums & Toddlers group.

The Business & Residents Association are bringing pressure to bear on the various statutory authorities and after the article in the Portadown Times are beginning to make progress. If you are a resident past or present, have family connections or an interest in the Edenderry area you should make an effort to attend this meeting, hear what is happening and perhaps you can make some contribution to the future plans for the area. ♦

St. Patrick's Day Open Lambeg Drumming Match

Friday 17th March saw the second St. Patrick's Day Open Lambeg Drumming Match being hosted by Mr George McGaffin at the Tavern Bar in Edenderry square. A good number of drums took part in the event which saw a large turn out of spectators and drum enthusiasts on a dry but cold evening. The drumming match was followed by an evening of Ulster Scots entrainment which was enjoyed by all.



Before the drumming got underway, Mr Trevor Bonis of Edenderry arch committee had the pleasure of presenting a certificate of appreciation to George McGaffin acknowledging the collection of £162.43 which was the amount raised from the donations bucket placed in the bar over the previous months.

During the evening a raffle was held on behalf of the Arch Committee with prizes donated by the bar and others and a further £145.00 was realised. The committee would like to thank McGaffin's Tavern for their recent support in raising much needed funds for the upkeep of the arch and indeed to all the businesses of Edenderry for their generous and much appreciated continued interest in supporting this icon of our heritage.◆

The Slide Show to launch the Bob Guy Slide collection project was well attended and very successful, the show which was presented by Mr. Jim Kane who had selected a varied programme of events in Portadown from the collection and was enjoyed by all present. Jim has sorted the slides and they are currently being copied into digital format, we have started to post the pictures on our website at www.edenderry.co.uk. At the conclusion of the evening a special vote of thanks was made to Bob's widow Mrs Myrtle Guy who unfortunately could not be present.◆

Fred Coopers Film show was again an outstanding success, with the commentary being given by Charles Friel. The film showed rare archive film from the 1920's and 1930's, footage of the Cavan and Leitrim Railway and the arrival of Chipperfield's Circus in Portadown by rail in the 1960's. Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society wish to once again pass on our sincere thanks to Fred and Charles for making the evening so enjoyable.◆

Edenderry Community Development Association **WEBSITE** www.edenderry.co.uk is now live and to date there have been over 1800 hits with contacts from Australia, Canada and England. We continue to develop our Website and items and photographs are being added daily the site which also contains information on all our activities, contacts, a comments page, photographs, stories, links to other useful sites and of course this newsletter and back copies.

Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society **Wade** website at www.wadeireland.co.uk continues to expand to date there have been over 5700 hits from all over the world. Both these sites are well worth a visit.

The Edenderry Historical Group

meet each Monday night in Edenderry Orange Hall from 8.00 to 9.30pm to look at old photos of the area & record peoples memories of 30's/70's. Tea is served after the meeting. It is well attended by ex-residents who are keen to see that the history of the area is recorded & in particular on our website www.edenderry.co.uk If you have any old photos or stories please join us on a Monday night when we can assure you of a laugh. You will be made most welcome. We urgently require TYPISTS to assist with our work. Ellen Roney at 028 3833 0282.

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URGENTLY
INFORMATION
ON
EDENDERRY
OLD PHOTOGRAPHS / STORIES ETC OF EDENDERRY

PLEASE COME ALONG & HELP MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS. ♦

COMPUTER CLASSES



The Edenderry Community Group has just completed a very successful 8 week beginners computer course. It was held on Thursday nights from 7.00 - 9.00 pm. & was well attended. It was held in the Brownstown Tenants premises on the Ranfurley Road. It is proposed to hold a similar course in the autumn. Photo shows some of our members who attended. Edenderry Community Development Association are indebted to Brownstown Owners and Tenants Association for the use of their excellent facilities for this course. ♦

CLASSICAL BALLET DANCING

The Cultural & Historical Society are continuing to run their very successful Classical Ballet Dancing Classes for children from P1 to U6 the tutor is Mrs Caroline Robinson For information on the classes Phone 9045 6005 ♦

Wade

On Friday the 19th May at 8.00pm Richard Edgar will give a talk and Power Point Slide Show in Edenderry Orange Hall on Wades, Edenderry, Laurelvale and Tandragee this show contains many unique slides, admission is £1.00 and tea will be served at the end of the evening.

A talk on Wade pottery was given by Harry Eakin of Edenderry Historical Society and Dr. J. Wright who is the leading authority in Ireland on the subject to an Antiques Group in the Millennium Arts Centre on Wednesday 19th April 2006. The Society are writing a book on Wade Ireland and intend to hold a major Exhibition in the Millennium Arts Centre in 2007 to launch the book.♦

Edenderry Old Primary School

One of the most prominent buildings in the Edenderry area and one, which many residents attended, was the old Edenderry Primary School on the Carrickblacker Road. Again, like so many buildings in Portadown, it has since been demolished – no room for nostalgia in Portadown so it seems.



The school was erected in 1888 and the construction contract was awarded to Bright Bros. for the sum of £1280. The school building was finished in a distinctive yellow brick and consisted of two large rooms, four classrooms, and three cloakrooms. Toilets were positioned outside in the yard and there was playground provision for girls and boys.

A schoolmaster's residence was also erected adjacent to the school this building costing in the region of £470.

For almost 100 years Edenderry Primary School was at the centre of education in the area – a school attended and loved by successive generations of Edenderry children.

In 1968 the primary school and pupils relocated to a purpose built building in Killicomaine, which has flourished ever since. The old school was demolished in 1988 (I know some people who obtained souvenir bricks!!) to make way for Carrickeden Grange sheltered accommodation.

James S. Kane

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

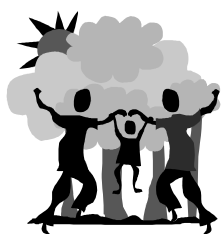
Dear Sir,

I was very interested to read the article on Victoria House in the February issue of Edenderry News there were however some omissions from the story.

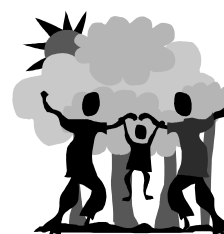
For a good many years between the wars Victoria House was a maternity and nursing home, the doctor in charge was a Dr. Rowlett and the nursing staff was presided over by the matron Mrs Ward and her daughter. Dr. Rowlett stabled his pony and trap in the stable where Gordon Speer's shop now is, The good doctor watered his pony in the water trough in the centre of the square before going out on his rounds.

During the Second World War the house became a billet for army officers who were stationed in the ordnance factory in Watson Street (Wades).

*Yours sincerely
Bobbie Wright.*



EDEN-TOTS



Edenderry Parent & Toddlers Group

Once again we can report on a very successful term with Eden-Tots. We are *still* growing in numbers and popularity. We are continuing our successful arts programmes and the children have had many "masterpieces" to bring home this term. We made leprechauns for St Patrick's Day, Mothers day cards, dancing Easter chicks and rabbits galore! And we still have had time for group play and games.

As a follow-up our tactile art project we are putting together a collage map of Edenderry, soon to be unveiled, so look out for your house as seen by through the eyes of the under fives.

Once again we are indebted to the Southern Investing in Health Partnership who have grant-aided our safe-baby area with the provision of a ball pool and people dividers. These are due to arrive in the next week or two.

Over this next semester we will be taking part in a rhyming month. This has been organised in conjunction with NIPPA and our local speech therapy department. This course aims to improve the speech and pronunciation of the children but I suspect many adults will learn something too.

We are looking forward to a packed few months ahead and there's sure to be something to suit everyone. You are more than welcome to come along any Thursday morning 10.30-12.30. New faces (grandparents/parents/carers and under 5's) are always greeted with enthusiasm

.Everyone welcome, Dad's and Granda's too Thursdays 10.30-12.30 (or any time in between).◆

Edenderry Community Development Association COMING EVENTS

May	W F Marshall Evening	June	36 th Ulster Div Lecture
	Wade & Edenderry Slide Show	Autumn	Ballroom Dancing
			Story tellers

Memories of George Weir growing up in Florence Court

It was a great place to live and the best neighbours anyone could hope to have. If a neighbour was in trouble the Street would rally round.

George remembers the late Mr Don Stevenson of Stevenson & Cumming Estate Agents coming to collect the rent. His collection was always on a Saturday morning and as soon as he turned the corner at the top of the street every door was closed until he left. In those days money was scarce therefore the payment of rent was not a priority.

The Street was affectionately known by the residents as the 'BACK STREET' and Tam John Liggett always referred to it as the 'BOULEVARD'.

During the summer holidays most of the boys would spend their time at the River Bann at a spot called the 'S'. We played at the 'S' from morning until dark and swam a lot.

Some sad times were experienced as when young George McCann was killed in action in the Second World War and Jim Hunter was lost at sea. he served with the Royal Navy and was a stoker on the minesweepers.

During the War years 42/43 he and the late Jackie Hamilton worked in Hamilton Robb's Linen factory. The only night they had off was a Saturday night and most of the children of the area went to the cinema on that night. He remembers his weekly pay being £1 10 shillings and 5d, £1.57½ in today's decimal currency.

His father worked for the Army as a tailor during the Second World War and was away from home most of the time and Teenie Roney volunteered to look after him. He was treated like a son and he thought the World of her. She made the best soup in Portadown and it was that good she made for more than half of the residents.

Anna Black traded as a grocery/confectionery shop at no.10 after her mother died. During the War years when things were difficult to obtain Anna always managed to stock the shop. She sold it and emigrated to Canada, married and died in that country. She was badly missed and is always remembered with affection by the ex-residents. Sadly Florence Court was demolished in the 60/70's but he still has fond memories.

George Weir

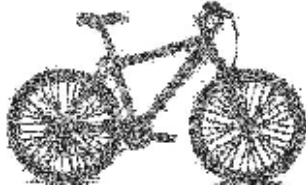
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We invite you to a
“Neighbourhood Watch”
information evening.

Starting at 8:00pm

Monday 24th April 2006

First Presbyterian Church
Portadown

(Watson Street entrance)

Local PSNI representatives will
explain how Neighbourhood
Watch operates and answer
your questions.



**EDENDERRY
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

IN
Edenderry Orange Hall
ON

**Wednesday
26th April 2006
at 8.00pm**

*Come along and support your
Community Associations*

Supper will be served at the
close of the meeting