

Edenderry Group visit Mayor's Parlour

Edenderry Cultural & Historical Society and their friends were the guests of the Mayor Ald. Sydney Anderson at the Civic Centre on Thursday 5th February. The group were met in the foyer by the Mayor and given an extensive tour of the building which included the Mayor's Parlour, Council Chamber and Committee Rooms. A excellent supper was enjoyed by the party and our appreciation is extended to the Council Catering Staff who provided and served the supper.

In the Mayor's Parlour the Chairman, Mr Cardwell McClure, presented Mayor Anderson with copies of the Society's two very successful books 'Wade Ireland' and 'Edenderry – a Pictorial History'. Cllr Anderson accepted the books on behalf of Craigavon Borough Council and said they were a credit to the society. They will be on display in the Mayors Parlour for the benefit of visitors and students. The Mayor then led the group down to the recently refurbished Mayes Hall and Lakeview Suite. The evening concluded with refreshments being enjoyed in the Lounge and thanks were once again extended to Mayor Anderson for his invitation, warm welcome and hospitality.



Copies of the Edenderry Booklet are still 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♦

CONGRATULATIONS to the Rev. Stafford Carson the minister of First Presbyterian Church on his election as the next Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Mr Carson was born in Larne in 1951 and was strongly influenced by Youth for Christ and the Christian Endeavour.

He attended Moyle Primary and Larne Grammar Schools before progressing to UUC where he graduated with a BSc in 1973 later obtaining an MA.

The Rev Carson joined Portglenone Presbyterian church after his marriage to Patricia and came to Edenderry in 2005 by way of Antrim, Kells and Eskylane, Carnmoney and Westminster Theological Seminary USA where he was Academic Dean.

This is the third Moderator to come from First Portadown the previous Moderators being the Rev. Dr's W.S.Craig in 1979 and W. J. McCauley in 1913. ♦

OBITUARY We regret to learn of the sudden passing of Mrs Pearl Roney a life long resident of Watson Street, we offer our sincere condolences to her husband Joe and the family circle. ♦

EBRA NEWS Edenderry Business and Residents Association have been having regular discussions with the local MP, Mr David Simpson to reinforce their disgust, disappointment and unbelief at the government document condemning our area to remain a blot on the Portadown landscape. In the current economic climate VICO's proposed development would bring much needed construction jobs and revitalise the area leading to further much needed job opportunities in the retail and service sectors. Once again EBRA stress that the planners should have welcomed the investors who, despite all the knock-backs they have had, still wish to bring their substantial investment to Edenderry.

Mr Simpson has reassured EBRA that he will put Edenderry's case forward at every opportunity and that he too wishes to see the regeneration of what is a main arterial route into Portadown.

The Chairman and Committee of EBRA wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank Cllr Mr David Jones on the swift actions in dealing with the increased litter problems in the area over the holiday period. While we would encourage people to continue to support the food-outlets in Edenderry but would politely remind users to take their litter home or use the bins provided. ♦

UPCOMING EBRA ACTIVITIES

St Patrick's day is often said to mark the start of the 'better' weather and lighter nights. To mark this occasion Edenderry Business and Residents Association are holding a Walking Treasure Hunt within Edenderry on Friday 20th March. We will leave from the Orange Hall at 7pm, 'hunt' the local area and return to the hall for a light supper. You are invited to come along and join with us. Everyone will be very welcome. This will be a chance to have fun, socialise, exercise and learn how little we really know about where we live! FUN is the main buzz word for this event!! ♦

EDENDERRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IN

Edenderry Orange Hall

ON

Tuesday 21th April 2009 at 8.00pm

Come along and support your Community Associations

Supper will be served at the close of the meeting

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Will be holding advice clinics for confidential advice and information in Edenderry Orange Hall commencing Friday the 6th March from 11.00 to 12.00a.m. ♦

Portadown Foundry

The Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society have embarked on a new project researching the history and write a book on Portadown Foundry. For which ECHS are currently seeking grant approval.

The Society meet each Tuesday from 10-11.00 am in Edenderry Orange Hall and anyone who has any information on the Portadown Foundry and the Edenderry area or photos of same would be welcome to call.

ECHS will open a permanent Wade, Edenderry Museum/Research Centre in Edenderry Orange Hall in May of this year, anyone wishing to donate or loan artefacts/photos for display would also be very welcome to call any Tuesday morning. We are also very keen to recruit new members to the Historical Society especially those with word processing computer experience.

If you are interested in helping out in any way contact - Cardwell McClure at 07789550738.♦

Railway Film Show

Following the success of Fred Coopers Film shows last year we again will be presenting another show on the GNR Railway. Fred will present the film show with commentary by Charles Friel on Friday, 20th February at 8.00pm in Edenderry Orange Hall.

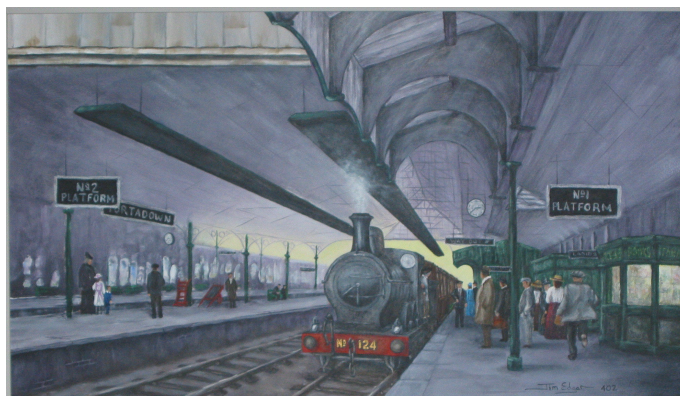
Warrenpoint to Newry speed run, Engine No.27 Run from Belfast to Larne, The Antrim branch line, 40th Anniversary of the Enterprise Express, Last working day on the

'Derry Road . Admission is £3.00 including light supper.

The first Portadown railway station was at Seagoe and opened on the 31st January 1842. Trains terminated at this station for some eight months. Men toiled to build the mile long embankment across the bog to the Watson Street site to the permanent station which was opened nine months later on 12th September 1842.

Trains terminated at Portadown for a few years while a bridge was built over the River Bann. In the 1850's Portadown became a true junction when the Dublin line (1858) and the Dungannon line joined the Ulster railway at Woodhouse Street, earning "Portadown it's Hub of the North" nickname. A new station was built on the site of the old 1842. This Grand station opened on the 1st July 1863

Sadly in the fifties and sixties Portadown ceased to be a rail junction the Armagh-Clones line closing in 1957 and the 'Derry Road' in 1965, leaving only the Belfast-Dublin main line through the town. A new station opened at Woodhouse Street in 1970 and the old 1863 Watson Street station was demolished, a sad end to a proud Victorian station which served Portadown well for over a century.♦



Portadown Station circa 1922



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
- 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTERPRISE EXPRESS
- LAST WORKING DAY ON THE 'DERRY ROAD

IN

Edenderry Orange Hall, Portadown

On Friday 20th February 2009 at 8.00pm

Admission £3.50 ~ Incl. Supper

For further information phone 07944665166

