

## **Edenderry Juniors restart after 26 years**

Edenderry Junior LOL51 has restarted after a break of 26 years and meets on the first Monday of every month from 6.30 - 8.30. We have been very encouraged with the number of new members. They take part in a large range of activities which include, table hockey, Wii games, snooker, darts, table tennis & football The boys will be going to the Pantomime in January

All new members will be very welcome at our next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Wishing all our members a Very Happy Christmas.

# RBL FESTIVAL OF REMEMBERANCE

Many Thanks to all who attended our Festival of Remembrance in Portadown Town Hall. This event was organised conjunction with in Portadown Branch of The Royal British Legion. We were delighted that it was a complete sell-out! Special thanks go to the standard bearers, the youth organisations and those who made up the muster. We are indebted to the artists who give up their time to make the evening a



success. The evening concluded with short service, an Act of Remembrance, The Last Post, Two Minutes Silence and Reveille Thanks to all who gave us such positive feed-back and encouragement. Plans are already afoot for 2010 and we expect this to become an annual event. The total amount raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal was in excess of £3000.00. A quarter of Britain's Armed Forces will be on operational duty away from home this Christmas, please remember their families and the families of those who have lost their lives through conflict.

**PORTADOWN COLLEGE HELP THE HEROES** 

PC students have raised £900.00 for Help for Heroes. The College students held a Christmas Tug-O-War event, organised by the PE Department, in support of the charity. Teams competed in registration groups and for Best Fancy Dress. Students were also able to purchase Help for Heroes wristbands at the event. **Well done!!** Any one wishing to help make the £1000 may leave donations in the College office.



# BURGLARIES

**Edenderry Business and Residents Association** strongly condemn the recent burglaries in the district. The most vulnerable people in our society have been targeted. The elderly and infirm should feel safe and secure in their homes at all times. Please look out for your neighbours and inform the PSNI of any suspicious behaviour in your community.

**EBRA** are working hard to make the area safer, healthier, improve the environment and the commercial core

**The** meetings of EBRA are open to all those business people, employees and residents of the greater Edenderry area, new members to EBRA will be made very welcome on the fourth Wednesday in January.

May we wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Daleway School of Motoring who are celebrating 50years in business. One of the first driving schools in Northern Ireland, Daleway was founded in Bridge Street in November 1959 by Mr Jack Dale and his son Eric. Serena, Eric's wife, joined the instructing team in 1973. Now in its golden year Eric's son Andrew has taken over the steering wheel making it a third generation family business.

**Daleway** started off with six Minis which were the "in" car of the period and have graduated to various makes to give the learners a spot of variety. Harry Willoughby was one of the first instructors outside the Dale family, Scotsman Jimmy Ferguson was a much-loved instructor for over 25 years and former bank manager Raymond Johnston is one of a well-known present day team.

**The** Dale family is, of course, synonymous with Edenderry. Not only was Eric's father Jack a well known taxi man – he ran a business with three vehicles – but the family also ran a sweet shop in Bridge Street. Eric's mum, Mrs Elsie Dale also ran the Rockeden Guest House in Watson Street for a number of years when Portadown railway station was at the bottom of the street. Indeed they were one of Edenderry's best known families in those days.

**Edenderry** Community Development Association and Business & Residents Association along with their sub-groups wish the Dale family every success for the future.

**BEST WISHES** ~ Two new businesses have started trading in Edenderry since our last news letter we wish **ORCHARD BLOSSOM CRAFTS** and **SEW GLAMOROUS** every success in their new ventures.◆



## Magee Family Occasion

**The** family of the late Mrs Evelyn Magee recently held a family get together in Edenderry Orange Hall and raise £570.00 for the Southern Area Hospice. They got old family photos, made a slide show of happy family occasions over the years, invited the wider family circle and provided supper for everyone. The young and not so young had a great night looking back on the past and making plans for the future. This was a very fitting tribute to a much loved mother who passed on her belief in having very strong family bonds. ◆



Some of the younger Magee family

# ECHS Portadown Foundry

**The** Portadown Foundry is progressing thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the team are busy recording and the history of the Foundry, which was at the heart of local industry for 127 years.

**ECHS** team of volunteers meet every Tuesday in Edenderry Orange Hall at 10.00 am to collate photographs, artefacts and interviews with former employees, their families and the general public

If you would like to become involved in the project to research and record the history of Portadown Foundry, Edenderry Cultural Society would like to hear from you. Please contact Cardwell McClure on 07789 550 738. ♦



We are sorry to report that due to a decline in numbers EdenTots will not reopen in January. We will review the numbers in September but may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and I trust Santa will find his way to all the boys and girls! (Even the mischievous ones).♦

**Edenderry News** invites our readers to send us your stories, announcements or comments for inclusion in our newsletter or website <u>www.edenderry.co.uk</u>. Contact Jim Edgar at 07944 665 166 or <u>sicedgar@o2.co.uk</u>.



**BAND NIGHT** Congratulations to our youngest committee member, Kyle Branyan, who organised a successful Battle of the Bands night in aid of Arch funds recently. Thanks to Portadown Defenders, Dollingstown Flute Band and Portadown True Blues for taking part and all the other bands and their supporters who stayed for the superb disco afterwards. **DJ Paul** from **Paradise Disco**, contact **07795188899**, puts on a really good night's entertainment and is now taking for bookings in 2010.



December 2009

Clive and Connie Elliott welcome everyone to The Cross Road in Edenderry Orange Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evenings at 8.15 pm from October to May.



Every Sunday afternoon in Edenderry Orange Hall at 3.00 pm all children welcome for more information contact Joe Murphy on 38343344

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EDENDERRY Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

11.30am All Age Service when the praise will be led by the Junior Choir
7.00pm Carol Service when the praise will be led by choirs and musicians (Epilogue will be given by Rt Rev Dr Stafford Carson)

## **Christmas Day**

10.00am Christmas morning service

### New year

Christianity Explored starting in the Faith Mission, Magowan Buildings on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.30pm

### Seagoe Parish Church Sunday 20th December

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10.30am Children's Carol Service 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight (followed by refreshments)

#### Christmas Eve

11.30 First Holy Communion of Christmas by Candlelight

#### Christmas Day

9.15am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service

#### New Year's Eve

11.30 Watchnight by Candlelight



