

Edenderry News

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New look Edenderry News

Thanks to a grant from European Regional Development Fund we have now the capability to include colour and pictures in our newsletter. Edenderry Community Development Association committee members would take this opportunity to thank Craigavon Local Strategy Partnership

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and Venture i for their assistance over the past months. The Committee intend to publish the newsletter at regular intervals and we will welcome items of news or interest for inclusion.

Contact Cardwell McClure on 3833 3988 or e-Mail him at

ART CLUB

The Edenderry Community Development Association will hold another series of art classes commencing on Monday 24th October at 7.30pm. The last classes were composed mainly of complete novices (including the tutor), they commenced with some line drawing and then went on to produce a painting of the Batchelors Walk. The class also painted two other landscapes during the session. All the



paintings were carried out using acrylic paints on board. The course will be aimed at the improver and the complete novice with no experience. Edenderry Community Development Association aim to provide the classes at a reasonable cost and all will be welcome, **anyone interested in joining should contact Cardwell McClure on 3833 3988.**

All those who attended the Art Classes were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of one of our most popular members Mrs. Alma Magee and we extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Robert and the family circle.

WADE POTTERY FACTORY WATSON STREET PORTADOWN



Herself

The historical society's Wade Pottery Exhibition held in the High Street Mall, Portadown in early June of this year proved to be highly successful.

Over 300 people, many ex Wade workers signed the visitors book and many have agreed to be interviewed.

We thank all our volunteers who helped man the Exhibition and our sincere thanks to the Millennium Court Art Centre, the proprietors of the High Street Mall, the Art Department of Craigavon Borough Council, Craigavon Museum, C N P and Portadown Times for their very valuable assistance prior to the event.

We intend to launch the book and have a major Irish Wade Exhibition in the Millennium court, Portadown in 2007.

We also intend to produce 1000 hard back reference books and 500 soft back books for local distribution.

Furthermore we propose to introduce a world wide society known as

" Friends of Irish Wade".

We propose to consult with Craigavon Borough Council to discuss the possibility of them providing premises for a permanent Wade Exhibition Centre in Portadown.

Wade Night

There will be an address and lecture on Wade in Edenderry Orange Hall on Wednesday 26th October 2005 at 8.00pm.

Dr. John Wright, Cardwell McClure and Harry Eakin will be speaking on the progress to date with the Wade Research Project and the book publication. There will be a display and talk on rare Wade pieces followed by a question and answer session, bring your Wade pieces for appraisal and valuation.

All former Wade employees and enthusiasts will be most welcome. tea and biscuits will be served at the close of the meeting.

Admission Free

If you, your family or friends missed the High Street exhibition and would like to contribute to the success of the book, with old photos, stories or have in your possession items of interest made in the factory please contact any one of the under noted researchers :-

Cardwell McClure 028 38 333988, Harry Eakin 028 38 350087,

Enid Laverty 028 38 336247 or Audrey Quinn 028 38 338118.

These people will only be too glad to speak to you or arrange an appointment to call at your home.

First Presbyterian Church Portadown

Sunday 16th October

11.30am & 7.00pm

Speaker—Rev Stafford Carson



Chatterbox

A relaxed and friendly place for toddlers to play and for parents and carers to chat.

10am - 12noon

Every Wednesday

First Presbyterian Church Portadown

For details, call Patricia on 38337807 or just drop in

Edenderry Memorial Methodist Church

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Sunday 16th October

Services at 10.30am and 7pm.

Speaker at both services will be

Rev. Maurice Laverty

High St. Lurgan Methodist Church;

Superintendent of the Portadown

Methodist District

The ARK Toddler Group

Meets every Monday at 10am in the Church Foyer.

Parents, minders and toddlers welcome.

Minister Rev. J. Sweeney on 38332616

WORLD WAR II CONCERT

The Royal British Legion, St, Mark's Band and Edenderry Community Development Association are holding a concert and Act of Remembrance in Portadown Town Hall on Thursday the 3rd November, 2005 at 8.00pm. St. Mark's Brass Band, The Brewery Boys will be appearing and the evening will be compered by Jim Smart. Tickets are available from The Royal British Thomas Street, or Edgar Electric, Hanover Street. Admission is £6.00

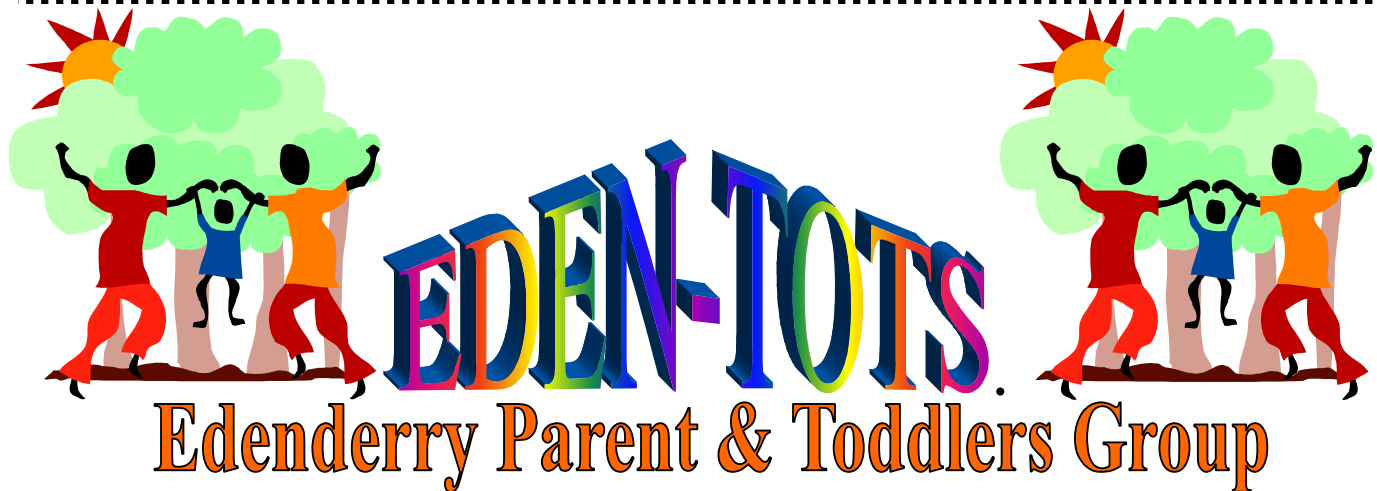
DRUMS AND BANNERS

The Group were very successful last year we restored and repaired three banners. We have received more enquires for this project and we will be restarting the restoration project in October we hope to get some more

drums and banners with a view to preserving or restoring them, condition is immaterial. Anyone interested in joining contact Cardwell McClure on 3833 3988

CLASSICAL BALLET DANCING

The Cultural & Historical Society are again running Classical Ballet Dancing Classes for children from P1 to U6 which are very successful the tutor is Mrs Caroline Robinson
For information on the classes **Contact Mrs Robinson on 9045 6005.**



Eden-Tots is up and running again. We wish all those who have moved on to nursery and primary school a happy time as they enter the formal educational system. We are pleased to welcome back many of last terms members and their carers and our willing "break-time" helpers. During the summer we have had some new arrivals and we would especially welcome baby Leah Rowland, our treasurer's new daughter, to our group!! Congratulations to all the new mums!
We have a very busy schedule between now and Christmas. Our new art project "Introducing Paint" is sure to provide lots of fun for the tots and lots of washing for their carers. Hopefully we will have pictures of this work in our next newsletter. Our cookery project continues with biscuit faces next on the menu. Then there's our "Freaky Fun" party for Halloween - everyone loves to dress-up and we're sure to have lots of little devils and friendly ghosts. Our soft play area is proving very popular and we hope to expand on this provision in the very near future.
If you would like to drop in to our group you will be made very welcome on Thursdays mornings between 10.30 and 12.30.

Can we take this opportunity of thanking Beryl and Muriel for all the behind the scenes "break time" snacks they prepare. Many Thanks Ladies, we were sorry to hear of Muriel's recent accident and hope she will soon recover and get back to the dishes

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

BANN BRIDGE

As the Bann Bridge widening scheme nears completion we include a brief history of the river crossing at Portadown by James S. Kane

With work ongoing on improvements to the Bann Bridge it is appropriate at this time to take a look at bridges over the River Bann down through the years. It is impossible to state when the first bridge was constructed but as Edenderry was an important crossing point of the River Bann there would have been a bridge of some shape or form in the area for several hundred years.

1641 a wooden bridge spanned the River Bann at Edenderry and it was from this bridge that 200 Protestant settlers were hurled to their deaths during the Irish Rebellion of 1641.

1708 a new wooden bridge was built over the River Bann at Edenderry.

1750 another wooden bridge was constructed.

1761 At a meeting held on 16 August 1761 "it was resolved that a stone bridge should be built over the Bann at Portadown". William Blacker of Carrickblacker was put in charge of the scheme. A canal 400 yards long by 20 yards wide and eight feet deep was cut to facilitate the construction work.

1786 this bridge was washed away in a flood and was replaced with a bridge of 13 arches.

1835-1837 a bridge of five arches was constructed and this bridge functioned for nearly 90 years without modification. This bridge cost £9,000.

1893 Edward Saunderson, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, proclaims "Home Rule may pass this House (Houses of Parliament) but it will never pass the bridge at Portadown".

1922-23 the bridge was widened in an unemployment relief scheme, which saw metal box girders, fitted to the bridge on the Pleasure Gardens side. This bridge cost in the region of £15,000.

1940-45 pillboxes and Air Raid Shelter constructed to defend the Bann Bridge against German attack

2005 The Bann Bridge is currently undergoing extensive renovations, which will see the box girder parts removed, as they are unsafe. The main structure of the bridge built in 1835 remains largely intact. These renovations are costing £2.4 million.

Please note that the townland boundary of Edenderry runs up the middle of the River Bann making half of the bridge in the townland of Edenderry. The name Edenderry as we know it today is an anglicised version of the Gaelic Eadan Doire. Eadan means hill face or hill brow while Doire translates as an oak grove. So Edenderry means the hill brow of the oak grove.

J. S. Kane.

Chairman Edenderry Cultural & Historical Society

Since our last issue Edenderry and all Portadown were saddened by the sudden deaths of Victor Mullen and Joe Partridge. Victor who played the bass drum in St Mark's Silver band collapsed in the field on Saturday 9th July after playing at the Tattoo. Joe passed away on Saturday 10th September, his larger than life character and generosity will be sadly missed by his customers and the community at large. Edenderry Community Development Association extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and the family circles.

Edenderry Community Development Association Programme for year

October	Wade Lecture	February	F Cooper Film Show
October	Storey Tellers	March	W F Marshall Evening
December	Christmas Concert	May	36 th Ulster Div Lecture
January 2006	Bob Guy Slide show		

HISTORIC SLIDES

Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society are indebted to Mrs Myrtle Guy for the generous gift of her late husband's collection of slides. These constitute an historical record of Edenderry and Portadown over the past fifty years. Bob was an ardent photographer and had collected thousands of slides of local events. Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society hope to get the best of the slides copied into digital format for posterity and a web site.



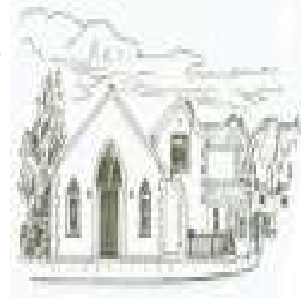
Edenderry Community Development Association members Trevor Bonis and Ronald Roney presenting framed photographs of the historic Edenderry Arch as a mark of appreciation for their financial support to the proprietors of the Tavern Inn and Gary's Bar. The Arch Committee also extend a special word of thanks to all the traders and especially Trevor McConnell who supported the Arch Appeal, finally our thanks to the many volunteers who helped to erect and dismantle the Arch and raised funds on the 11th and 12th of July.

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Act of Remembrance

in

Portadown Town Hall

on

8.00pm Thursday 3rd November

Admission £6.00