

Edenderry Arch Appeal

Magnificent New Arch Planned for Edenderry

A public meeting was held in Edenderry Orange Hall on Monday 10, September 2007. The meeting, which was very well attended, listened to the various proposals as to the future of the Arch. It was unanimously agreed that a new arch should be in place for July 2008.

Mr Trevor Bonis intimated that a new arch will cost in the region of £20K. In order to have the arch designed, manufactured and the civil work completed in time for July 2008 we must have the money by the end of October. The meeting decided that to achieve this we would seek donations or loans of £100. The loans will be redeemable within 5 years during which time the committee will carry out an intensive fund raising programme.

Anyone interested in playing a part, however small, in this exciting community based project, will be made very welcome.

The committee is delighted with the response so far and those wishing to donate or loan any amount large or small should complete the attached form or contact Mr. Trevor Bonis on 07733 128 059.

The arch is one of the most historic structures in Edenderry and has been erected every year as part of the 12 July celebrations. Unfortunately the committee had to take the unenviable decision not to erect the arch this year for health and safety reasons. An arch has been erected in the Edenderry area for more than 100 years. The first one was erected in Edenderry around the 1900s and this was remodelled in 1907. In 1920 a third arch was constructed and erected by Bob Adair, Joe Pearson, Peter Kane, George Ramsey and Joe Robinson.

Between the wars Harry Kane served as Chairman of Edenderry Arch Committee and after the war it was decided to erect a new arch in memory of Signaman Harry Kane who had been lost at sea during World War Two. On 11 July 1951 Mrs Sarah Kane unveiled the new Edenderry Arch. The arch has been erected every year since 1951. Chairmen of the arch committee since then have included Samuel Roney, Adrian Branyan and Ronald Roney who is the current chairman.

In 2004 the arch underwent a major refurbishment scheme costing £4,000, which utilised modern computer design and the latest plastic cladding materials. The whole structure was stripped down to the original steel and

sand blasted to remove 50 years of paint, rust and dirt. A dedicated team of volunteers, including women and children, spent most of June 2004 repainting and cladding the arch ready for its erection in time for the 1 July celebrations.

Edenderry Arch Committee would like to thank all those who have contributed to the upkeep of this historic structure in the past and look forward to their continued support in the future.

If you are interested in making a contribution towards the new Arch either financially or by voluntary help please complete the form opposite.

Receipt for cash contributions; to be completed by Arch Fund collectors. To be retained by the contributor.

Received from

The sum of;

Gift

£

Loan

£

SignedDate

For and on behalf of Edenderry Arch Committee

Receipts and certificates for all monies will be issued by Edenderry Arch Committee treasurer:

Trevor Bonis

29, Kernan Grove

Portadown BT63 5RX

Mobile number 07733 128 059

Details of contributor. To be forwarded to the treasurer.

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Will contribute Gift £ Loan £

to Edenderry New Arch Appeal Account.

Contribution enclosed Pledge Volunteer or other help

Nature of other help offered.....

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Fund raising suggestions

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Signed

Date

Cheques should be made payable to Edenderry Arch Committee and forwarded to the treasurer:

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