

Harry Eakin

Harry is an authority on *Wade Ireland* and has an extensive collection of the company's products. Currently employed as Assistant Procurement Officer for the Southern Education and Library Board, he also assists his wife Carol in the running of their Eakin Art Gallery in Armagh.

Born in Portadown in 1953, he has two grown up sons, Peter and John, and a grandson, Joshua and is a keen supporter of the town's football club.

His outside interests also include church work and the promotion of Irish Art worldwide.



Cardwell McClure

Born in Enniskillen but moved to Portadown as a child when his father, an employee of the Great Northern Railway Company, was transferred to the local station. Brought up in Bridge Street, in close proximity to the *Wade* factory, he has vivid memories of playing on the waste ground where the pottery used to dump all its rejected products.

Educated at Edenderry Primary School and Belfast College of Technology, he has spent over 40 years as an accountant in the Construction Industry. A past President of Portadown Chamber of Commerce and currently the Vice-President of Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society, Cardwell is a keen collector of Royal Doulton and Irish Wade.

He is married to Myrna and has two children, Debbie and Timothy.



John Wright

John was educated at Portadown College, just a stone's throw from the *Wade* pottery in Watson Street. A former teacher, he now spends his retirement writing and lecturing on local history, literature, genealogy and antiques. A life-long supporter of Portadown Football Club, he also enjoys the occasional day's angling.

He is married to Emily and is particularly fortunate in having three wonderful children, Katherine, Caroline and Bryan, in addition to two mischievous cats, Leo and Olé.



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