

# Edenderry News

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## MAYOR'S AWARD FOR TREVOR!

**C**ongratulations to Trevor Bonis on receiving the Mayor's Award for community service.

Trevor was the joint instigator and a founder member of Edenderry Community Development Association. In 2004 a meeting took place in his home to organise a public meeting in Edenderry Orange Hall which led to the formation of ECDA. He was then elected the Honorary Treasurer of the Association and shortly afterwards he was also elected treasurer of the Cultural and Historical Society. The members of our committees

are unpaid volunteers and it takes dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to take on the role of treasurer. However, Trevor meticulously accounts for every penny through his hands, competently handling everyday financial matters, ring-fenced grant monies and annual accounts. This is not an easy task for someone who has a full time job, family commitments and other outside interests but Trevor takes it in his stride.

Trevor is a very worthy recipient of



this accolade and we in Edenderry are very proud of him as a dependable colleague, trusted friend and unassuming member of our organisation.

Congratulations also go to John Hunter another worthy recipient of

the Mayor's Award. John has given many years of tireless work to the Boys Brigade in Edenderry 1st Presbyterian Church. Anyone who has ever volunteered in youth work will be very aware of the commitments John must have made.

Being successfully nominated for this award is testament to the high esteem in which John is held through his position as a valued BB officer. Youth work can be challenging but its rewards are numerous. Well done John.

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## Mr Jackie Mann

We in Edenderry CDA wish to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of Mr Jackie Mann. Jackie was Edenderry born-and-bred having lived in Bachelors Walk, the White Row and Eden Avenue before spending his final years in residential care. Jackie was a stalwart of Edenderry Orange Hall and its caretaker for many years. He was an active member both Edenderry LOL322 and RBP80 and had held very responsible positions in both. It was a labour of love for Jackie to set-up the hall for the various loyal order meetings and he even insured that the boiler was filled for the 'wee cup of tea' after ladies lodge meetings. He was quiet man but part-and-partial of the hall in which he took so much pride. We pass on our sincere sympathies to David, Janice and the family circle.



## Mrs May Neill

It is with sadness that we note the death of Mrs May Neill, founding Secretary of our Business and Residents Association. Even after she stepped back from the group she still took a great interest in the life of Edenderry. May attended Edenderry First Presbyterian Church and lived in Watson Street facing the church halls. She suffered ill health in her later years which prevented her getting about as much as she would have liked but the local business people, especially Hoys Butchers and Eden Pharmacy, helped with her day-to-day needs.

## Edenderry's Night Light receive £600 from the Orangemen of Portadown

Each year Portadown District Loyal Orange Lodge supports the work of local volunteers in the community. This year they presented two £600 cheques, one to Night Light and one to Yellow Ribbon.

Night Light offer free coffee, tea, hot chocolate, bickies, conversation

and craic as an outreach initiative from Edenderry 1st Presbyterian Church into the public areas of the town. They aim to see a transformation in the heart of Portadown by trusting that God will use ordinary believers to communicate his love and grace to people in the town.



Yellow Ribbon is dedicated to preventing youth suicide. They aim to make suicide prevention accessible to everyone through leadership, awareness and education and by working in partnership with support networks to save lives. Their local office is in Church Street where they offer a help-line. If you or someone you know is in crisis with thoughts of self harming or suicide ring 028 3833 1485.

# Support your local *Shops*

Edenderry was once a hive of activity with a great variety of shops servicing those who worked and lived in our highly industrialised neighbourhood.



**W**e still have a variety of shops and, when you stop to count how many, you'll be surprised. Apart from the wide variety of hot food outlets we still have our local pharmacist, local butcher, local publicans and local motor factor to mention a few long standing retailers. We have hairdressers, barbers, a bakery, bicycle shop, financial adviser, bridal shop, beautician, picture framer, sweet shop, paint and wallpaper shop, accountant, car showroom, car wash, tile retailer, fireplace providers, spar, electrical retailer and I've sure I still have left traders

out. On top of that we have a gym, dentists, churches and undertakers (who also hire limousines). All of these businesses deserve our support. They have been there for us over many years – good and bad.

With ample off road car parking and short-stay roadside parking Edenderry is very accessible. Maureen Brown has also re-opened the walkway through Gordon Speers former shop to link Bridge Street to the car park off Carrickblacker Avenue. Maureen, who owns the block which includes her own shop, The Candy Stop, decided the time was right to bring back the alleyway which

had once linked her father business to the Edenderry square. Maureen's father ran Samuel Brown and Company, a wholesale motor factors and garage equipment business, which was located behind Gordon Speers Carpets and closed around 30 years ago. The car park, which has 24-hour security cameras is being well used by local customers.

We also welcome Turkish Delight to our area. This shop offers pizza, kebab, vegetarian choices and traditional Turkish cuisine. Originally from Turkey the owner has settled in Northern Ireland with his family and is keen

to become involved with the local community. He has previously had successful outlets in Laurelvale, then Richhill he opened in Edenderry a few weeks ago with a number of his customer base following him the new premises beside the Presbyterian Church. It's nice to see new independent businesses having the conviction to invest in our locality.

It's great to have the new supermarket regenerating our area and bringing new folk into the district but let's continue to support our local businesses too - and encourage others to do the same!

## WHAT'S ON IN EDENDERRY



### Card Craft Course begins on Tuesday 19th February 7.30pm in Edenderry Orange Hall

We all like to get cards and we appreciate the sentiments behind them but it's extra special when you receive one that's



made by the sender with personal touches that can't be bought. Come along to our Card Craft Course and you will make two unique cards each night for six weeks under the tuition of Linda Walker. The course costs £15 for six weeks plus £3 per night for materials. That works out at just £2.50 per class and £1.50 per card – much cheaper than a Hallmark or Moonpig personalised cards – and you'll have the satisfaction of creating them yourself.

### Art Classes begin 21st February 10am-12noon in Edenderry Orange Hall

We are once again delighted that Mrs Anne Black has agreed to tutor Art Classes for us. The Thursday morning classes are ideal for those who have a few spare hours to learn or develop artistic skills. Everyone will be made very welcome. Don't be shy about this one. Many of



us would love to give art a try but have never had the opportunity. The course is for six weeks and there is a one-off cost of £20 (materials provided). To register your interest leave a message on our answering machine 07769 737297 or turn up on the 21st Feb.

### Company and Craic Friday 15th March at 7.30

Start of the St Patrick's weekend with a demonstration by the Deborah Anderson School of Irish Dance. Deborah's dancers practice in Edenderry Orange Hall every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and we are delighted that they have agreed to show us an example of their skills. Following this we will enjoy a bowl of traditional Irish Stew and a bit of craic. We would suggest a voluntary donation of £2 per person for this event.

### Table Top Treasures - Last Saturday of each month 10am-12noon.

This is like an indoor 'car boot' sale without the likelihood of it raining on the merchandise. It is your chance to make a few pounds by selling all those unwanted items that are cluttering your house. Or just come along and grab yourself a bargain, its free to browse. If you wish to book a table to sell your wares leave a message on 07769 737297, it's only £5 per table. Crafters welcome. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available.

Monday's 7-7.30pm	Fair Weather Walking Group	Feel secure walking in the dark evenings with a group of like-minded folk. <i>No cost for this one!</i>
Monday's 7-9.30pm	Click and Chat Club (drop-in group)	Come along and enjoy good company, chat, knit, crochet, sew or just enjoy a cuppa. £2 per night
Tuesday's 7.30 -9.30pm	Card Craft Classes <i>(see above for details)</i>	Beginners and improvers welcome £15 per course - £3 per night for materials
Wednesday's 7-7.30pm	Fair Weather Walking Group	<i>As Monday</i>
Thursday's 10am - 12noon	Art Classes <i>(see above for details)</i>	Beginners and improvers welcome £20 per course – materials provided.
Last Saturday Each Month	Table Top Treasures <i>(indoor boot sale)</i>	Tables £5 Entry Free



# Portadown Hockey Ladies and Men's Hockey Clubs -



## Proud to be a Port!

**P**ortadown Ladies and Mens hockey clubs have been based at Edenvilla Park since 1997 and whilst both clubs have experienced a variety of fortunes throughout that period, there is currently a real feeling of optimism in both clubs.

This season, the Ladies 1stXI have returned to the UHU ONE 1918 Premiership whilst the Mens senior side are currently pushing hard for promotion from UHU ONE 1918 Senior League Section 1 to the Premier league after a run of impressive results.

It is however the young players of both clubs who continue to go from strength to strength. Portadown Minnies and Minors, the junior section of the ladies club currently train on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Edenvilla Park.

Led by Jane McKimm, Clare Black and Ashley Ward and assisted by a band of enthusiastic coaches, the club fields teams at all junior levels, from P3 through to Under 15. The girls play regularly in UHU organised competitions. Jane was recently awarded the Mayor's as recognition of her work with the girls.

The boys club structure is almost a mirror image of the girls, following the same successful format with boys from P3 to Under 15 training on Thursday



nights. Paul Bennett coordinates a group of volunteer coaches within the Mens club.

Both clubs should be congratulated on their structure, organisation and enthusiasm.

The future of hockey in Portadown is bright. Anyone interested in playing, coaching, umpiring or volunteering in any way and for more information about either club should visit [www.portadownhockey.com](http://www.portadownhockey.com)

(Mens club) or [www.portadownhockey.co.uk](http://www.portadownhockey.co.uk) (Ladies club). Portadown Ladies Hockey Club also have a Facebook page where regular updates are made.

# The Portadown Gasworks Gates Project:

By Wilson Steen

**P**ortadown Gasworks was built in 1846 and is thought to have been called 'The Portadown Gaslight Company Co. Ltd.' and later 'The Portadown Gaslight and Electricity Co. Ltd.' The business was on the site occupied in 2012 by the new ASDA store; bounded on two sides by Bridge Street and Joseph Street.

The Gasworks site incorporated buildings on the roadside on Bridge Street and had its main entrance there fitted with a very handsome pair of substantial iron gates. The manufacture and erection of the gates was entrusted to 'Portadown Foundry', originally known as 'John Woolsey Engineering' or as the 'Foundry', which commenced business in 1844 and was situated nearby in Foundry Street. The gateposts are



made of cast iron and embellished with the 'Portadown Foundry' logo.

The gasworks ceased to trade in Nov 1993 and the site, including the gates, lay derelict until it was announced, early in 2012, that ASDA was to build a new supermarket there. As demolition of the old buildings commenced to make way for site works, 'Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society' approached ASDA who agreed that it could have the gates for refurbishment and re-erection in the new perimeter fence in Bridge site, as near as possible to their original position. Mr. David Simpson

was instrumental in negotiating that ASDA would co-operate in the project and they agreed to make a contribution to the cost, in recognition of the Edenderry community's industrial heritage. Their contractor also carried out the foundation work and re-erection of the gates at their cost.

In February 2012 the gates were duly removed to a workshop facility, kindly provided by Mr David Jameson of Jameson Roofing Ltd, where two of the Society's volunteers, Harold Trouton and Robert Magee, worked on the refurbishment of them with considerable skill and effort until Oct 2012. Harold was the last manager of the Gasworks and an expert welder, having served his apprenticeship with the 'Foundry'. By then time the ASDA site was nearing completion and an



Harold Trouton and Robert Magee with the Gasworks Gates they refurbished and which were installed in the ASDA perimeter fence on Bridge Street, Edenderry. Oct 2012

installation design was drawn up by ASDA's consulting engineers, in conjunction with Wilson Steen of the Society. Wilson also designed a plaque that was made, engraved and installed by Ian Milne and Sons. All aspects of the project were carried out to the superb standard visible today. The gates greatly enhance the new ASDA site, the environs of Bridge Street and are universally admired.

The gates were originally of decorative, hand forged, wrought iron construction carried out by blacksmiths completely without welds. Each gate is 8ft high x 5ft 6ins wide and weighs ¼ ton. The gateposts are of substantial cast iron construction and together with the gates are testaments to the skills of the Foundry's

blacksmiths, foundry-men and pattern makers of the time as well as to those exercised by Harold and Robert during the refurbishment.

Generous support for the project was provided by the following local traders: ASDA; J Dunlop, Engineering; M Hamill, Steel suppliers; WR Hamilton, Paint Suppliers; Jameson Roofing Ltd; Marley Plant Hire; McCombe Engineering Ltd; Ian Milne and Sons, Monumental Sculptors and Joe Weir, Motor Factors.

Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society extends its sincere thanks to everyone involved in 'The Portadown Gasworks Gates Project' and we feel sure the result is greatly appreciated by the Edenderry community.



Portadown Gasworks Gates derelict at start of site work for the ASDA Store Feb 2012.

## Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society

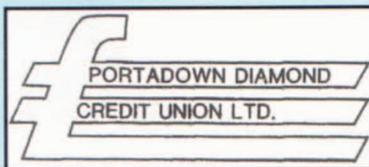
The Society was formed eight years ago to research the history of Edenderry and write books and articles on the findings. Meetings take place weekly in the Edenderry Community Centre. We wish to recruit new volunteer members and invite contact from persons who feel they have the requisite skills. Interested persons are invited to request Volunteer Skills Profile forms from

Cardwell McClure; T. 02838333988  
or M. 07789550738 or  
cardwell.mcclure@bopenworld.com



## Edenderry Community Development Assoc'

**Table Top Treasures  
(Indoor 'boot' sale)  
Last Saturday of each  
Month  
10 ~ 12noon  
To book your table, leave  
a message on  
07769 737297  
or  
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### OPENING HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Friday - 9.00 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Saturday - 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

## Portadown Diamond Credit Union Ltd.

Diamond House, Mandeville Street, Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT62 3NZ.

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