

# Edenderry News

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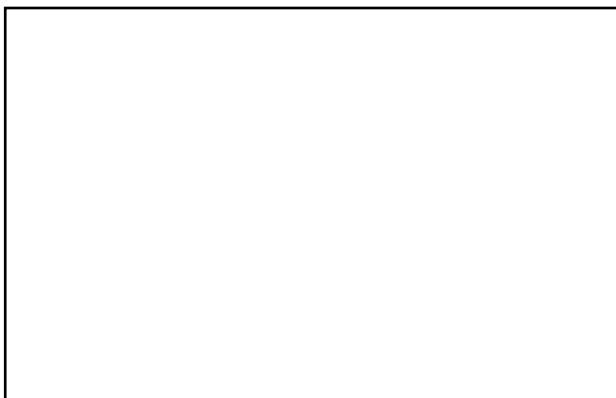
## Regeneration begins at last

After waiting 15 long years for work to begin to regenerate Edenderry, we have seen land, much of which has lain derelict for around 30 years go from waste-ground to a busy building site. The specialist preparations have taken place at the old Portadown gasworks site and the land is being cleared to allow building work to get underway. With Roads Service having given the go-ahead for the slip road off The Northway and the widening of Joseph Street, the much awaited £30million

ASDA store is now expected to be up and running by the end of 2012.

The ASDA store will occupy a large site taking in part of the Chambers Park grounds, the town's old gas undertaking and the former Wades Pottery dump, pushing in at the rear of Eden Crescent. The project will have a large car parking area bounded by Joseph Street.

Right up until the 1970's, Edenderry was a hive of activity, with the Wade Pottery factory, Portadown's majestic train station, Portadown Foundry, Hamilton Robb's linen factory, Portadown



College and a great variety of shops and offices. Hopefully that hive of activity will soon be reborn.

This major contribution to our local economy, along with the refurbishment

of the railway station, will hopefully bring much needed footfall into Portadown and Edenderry in particular. A lot of hard work has gone into this project over many years and a

great deal of effort has gone into bringing it to this stage. We in ECDA appreciate that endeavour and are pleased to see the investment in and regeneration of our neighbourhood.

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# Well done Shirley

**C**ongratulations to Shirley Branan who has been awarded the Mayor's Award for Community Service. Shirley is a founder member of our group and currently holds the position of Chairperson. In accepting the award she said, 'It is a great privilege to receive this award. However, I am only one member on a hard working committee of volunteers who give freely of their time for the good of our community. It is a great tribute for ECDA to be recognised through this accolade.'

manage to balance her community work with her full-time job she is also a committee member on Seagoe Mothers Union and Worshipful Mistress of Edenderry WLOL101. An active member of the Belly Dance group who meet on Thursday evenings Shirley says, 'I've tried the gym, going for walks and cycling but Belly Dance is a great fun way of exercising no matter what shape you are and it's a great confidence booster.'

We in Edenderry Community Development Association have no paid staff and if we had to pay



for the number of hours Shirley enthusiastically contributes we wouldn't be

able to open our doors. Well done Shirley and keep up the good work.

Not only does Shirley

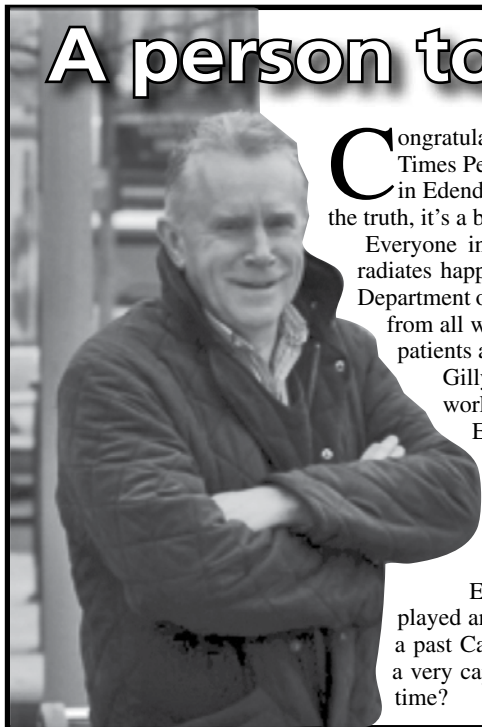
## A person to be proud off

**C**ongratulations to Dr Gilbert ('Gilly') Carson who is the Portadown Times Person to be Proud Of 2011. Gilly must be the only person in Edenderry who "cannot fathom why I was chosen - to tell you the truth, it's a bit overwhelming".

Everyone in Edenderry holds Gilly in high regard and his smile radiates happiness to all who meet him. Working in the Emergency Department of Craigavon Area Hospital puts him in touch with people from all walks of life and his unique communication skills put his patients at ease when they are in need of care.

Gilly has touched the lives of many young people through his work in the First Portadown Presbyterian Church Christian Endeavour (CE) and he works within the group to organise projects which send teams out to Romania, Guinea Bassau, The Dominican Republic, to help orphanages and other vital health and educational projects. As if that's not enough Gilly is an elder at First Portadown and also sings bass in the church choir!

Edenderry is home to many sporting clubs and Gilly has played an active part in both the Rugby and Cricket Clubs. He is a past Captain of Portadown Cricket Club with notable skills as a very capable batsman. Now..... how does he spend his 'spare' time?



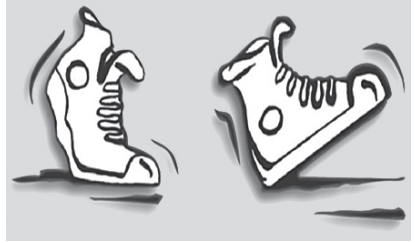
## Creative craft club

Have you a home-craft skill you can share with others? Maybe you could show someone how to knit or how to gain basic sewing skills or how to 'bake 'wee-buns'? Maybe you could teach someone how to crochet in return for them teaching you how to make your own jewellery? Maybe flower arranging is your forte? We have had great response and craic in the past for our art, card craft and crochet courses but with no

funding for any of these activities we have been unable to offer further classes at present. However, we have heard of other groups who have started craft clubs to get around the cost problem by skill sharing. A lot of people lead busy lives now and can't attend clubs every week or can't be tied to one particular evening and we have taken this into consideration too.

Our Creative Craft Club will have a variety of home-crafts each night and

will meet weekly on alternate Mondays and Tuesdays. The first of our meetings will be at 8pm on Monday 12th March and will concentrate on Easter gift and card craft. The second meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 20th March and concentrate on hand-crafted jewellery. If there is sufficient interest, we may also have morning meetings. To register your interest please leave a message on our answering service 07769737297.



## Walking Group

Have you ever promised yourself to go for a walk and then thought, 'I don't feel safe walking on my own' or 'It's too dark to go out by myself' or 'Where should I go?' or even 'I'll go tomorrow'.

Some of our committee members have had those very same thoughts. With this in mind, our secretary, Maxine Chambers, suggested we start a Walking Group and there was overwhelming support from the rest of the committee. If you would feel more confident walking with others or if you need motivation to 'get-up-and-go' why not join us on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 – 8pm starting on the 12th March.

It is literally as easy as putting one foot in front of the other and you don't have to buy any special equipment. It's free. A decent pair of shoes is all you need and you probably already have those. Sure you can go out and buy some high tech walking or running shoes, but the truth is that we as humans are pretty well designed as we are. You don't really need anything extra.

Walking is a great exercise for many reasons.

- Walking is good for bones and muscles.
- It burns calories and builds stamina.
- It helps beat stress: walking can make you feel good and more relaxed.
- It can cut your risk of heart disease, reduce the risk of Type II diabetes and the risk of some cancers
- It boosts the immune system for 24 hours and even lowers your blood pressure.

I expect we'll be of different levels of fitness so whether you want a stroll or a power-walk there should be someone there to accompany you. So....

We'll see you either on Monday 12th or Thursday 15th March or both or any Monday or Thursday after that!

## FANCY SOME CRICKET?

Some people are surprised when they learn that Portadown has a cricket team. Well, the cricket team was established in the 1870's. Since 1979 the current cricket club has been located at Chambers Park. So, when you are driving up Bridge Street and notice the white dots on the grass at Chambers Park, don't be fooled, it isn't sheep or seagulls on the grass, it's a cricket match.

Portadown 1st XI captained by Andrew Hammond play in the Northern Cricket Union Senior Two league and under the leadership of Andrew they have become a formidable team in

the most competitive league in the union.

The 2nd XI are the current Junior League 5 champions. Under the guiding hand of 'charmer of the year' Manish Madhoc the 2nds walked their league, beaten only once in the opening game.

The Taverners, also known as



Taverners Inc, play non league cricket and organise charity matches. Recently the Taverners have played against a team of former Ireland internationals, the Fire Brigade team and Almac select XI. There is an annual charity match series against Waringstown Ladies and the score is one game each (the ladies actually beat us in the first game 2010).

The 2012 fixture will be at Chambers Park and is sure to be good one.

If you fancy some cricket, the season begins 28th April and ends in September. If you want to play call Alan on 38335765 and leave a message.

# WHAT'S ON IN EDENDERRY



## Programme of Forthcoming Community Events

*These events are open to everyone – join us and you will be made very welcome!*

Monday 12th March (and then every Monday)	7pm	Walking Group	FREE
Monday 12th March	8pm	Creative Craft Club	£3
Thursday 15th March (and then every Thursday)	7pm	Walking Group	FREE
Tuesday 20th March	8pm	Creative Craft Club	£3
Monday 26th March	8pm	Creative Craft Club	£3
Tuesday 3rd April	8pm	Creative Craft Club	£3
Tuesday 17th April	8pm	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	FREE
Saturday 12th May	9am	Community Coach Tour Hillsborough & Cultra	£25
Friday 18th May	7.30pm	Walk & Talk A Brief History of Edenderry	FREE
Tuesday 5th June	2pm	Diamond Jubilee Street Party	FREE
Wednesday 13th June	7pm	Guided visit to Dan Winters Cottage Loughall	£5

Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society meet every Tuesday morning at 10am, new members always welcome.

Our Belly Dance Group meet every Thursday evening at 8.15pm, new members always welcome.

## How Much Do You Know About Edenderry?

Many people walk or drive through Edenderry everyday and never stop to think how the area has changed.

Do you know where the court house was? Where the chapel was? What used to be in front of the

telephone exchange? What was there before KFC? Or why is Foundry Street so called?

Meet up at Edenderry Orange Hall on Friday 18th May at 7.30pm and an ECDA committee member, born and bred in Edenderry will take you

on a walk around the area to give you the answers to these questions and more, along with a brief history of some other places of interest. You'll be surprised how much hidden history there and we might even have a wee cup of tea to finish the evening.

# Richard (Dickie) Lunn

Article and Photo by Courtesy of **Cardwell McClure** and **Wilson Steen**

**D**ickie served his time as an Iron moulder at Portadown Foundry in Edenderry, before moving to the Metal Box factory and finally to Henry Denny & Sons, where he worked on the production line.

He was born in the Ballyoran area and lived his entire life in Portadown. Despite being of small stature, he was a keen soccer player in his youth. He played in the Portadown Summer League for two years, then with Portadown Arsenal FC before joining Newry FC. He later transferred to the Irish club Dundalk FC, and gained representative honours.

In the late 1930's Dickie was capped twice for the Republic of Ireland when chosen to play against Poland and Switzerland. He associated with household favourites like Johnny Carey, Jimmy Delaney and the great Portadown favourite, Davy Cochrane.

He was also well known for his voluntary work in the Portadown area and took a keen and practical interest in the welfare of young

people, especially with the YMCA.

His great friend, Bertie Wright, was playing for Portadown FC when Davy Cochrane was transferred to Leeds United and reckoned that Dickie was one of the best football players he'd ever seen playing.

He remembers seeing him play for Ireland against Scotland at Windsor Park. Tommy Walker of the Heart of Midlothian Club, was playing inside right for Scotland and Dickie Lunn was left half for Ireland. Dickie played Walker out of the game. After the match, a newspaper reporter asked Walker what he thought of Ireland's left half and he said: "he was with me every minute of the game and if I had needed to go to the toilet during the game, he would have followed me".

Dickie regularly reminded Bertie



**Bertie Wright shows Dickie Lunn's Ireland Jersey to Eric Dale, Chairman of Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society**

of the biblical quotation: "a prophet is not without honour except in his own country," Bertie

said: "He was a great character - full of life." Bertie Wright signed for Glentoran FC, played seven

inter-league games and had the honour of playing against the late Sir Stanley Matthews.

# The Candy Shop

Do you remember going to the sweetie shop for Brandy Balls, Cherry Lips, Midget Gems, Cremola Foam..... yummy, yummy memories. But wait! The Candy Stop in Edenderry square has all these and more! There's sweets and treats for all ages.

Local businesswoman

Maureen Brown, whose family have their business roots firmly grounded in Edenderry, has opened The Candy Stop at the zebra-crossing in the heart of Edenderry. Naturally it is a child-friendly shop with steps to help the little ones have a good view of all the sweets on offer. With lots of choice

from the traditional sweets, old favourites and Haribo's its not surprising that gift bags are available for birthday parties, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and wedding favours. For special gifts, Confectionary Cubes and Confectionary Hampers can be made to order or, why not just fill your own jar.

The shop is open



from 8.30- 10.00 & 11.30-18.00 Monday – Wednesday, 8.30-10.00 & 11.30-20.00

Thursday – Saturday. Go on – call in and treat yourself to a blast from the past!

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY

### Article by Mark Hunter, Eden Pharmacy

Like every town across Northern Ireland, Portadown has suffered over the past number of years, from the economic downturn and from the increased numbers of traffic wardens. Community Pharmacy has suffered from an additional hazard - The Department of Health.

In early 2011, the Department decided to cut funding for community pharmacy services by over 30%. Despite vigorous protest from pharmacists and robust evidence from experts at Pricewater Coopers accountants in London and Belfast, the Department imposed these cuts from April 11. It was anticipated that one pharmacy in five would be forced to close. Politicians were not terribly interested as this was around election time. The Department

refused to reconsider its actions and all 530 pharmacies in N.I. united to take our government to court for a Judicial Review, which took place in October past.

The effect of the devastating cuts to funding has brought our profession to its knees. Pharmacists across N.I. have been made redundant and had their hours and salaries reduced. Pharmacy support staff has faced redundancy, pay cuts, job sharing and voluntary unpaid leave. The effect on moral has been devastating, as pharmacy owners have tried desperately to cut their costs and keep their pharmacies open.

Community pharmacy does much more than hand out prescriptions. We give free, independent, confidential and professional advice to everyone and anyone -

without appointment. We advise on medicines, side effects, healthcare and illnesses. We endeavour to help people to get the best from their medicines. We will give free advice rather than try to sell something when it is not appropriate and we will direct people to the appropriate health professional when necessary. Most pharmacies will collect and deliver prescriptions to the elderly and housebound, organising medicines and generally looking out for patient's wellbeing.

A free, independent, accessible and professional service must be adequately funded. This was recognised by the Court of Judicial Review in December when Mr Justice Tracey ruled in our favour, the second Judicial Review that community pharmacy has won against the Department

of Health in as many years. It was hoped that the Minister for Health, Mr Edwin Poots would move quickly to inject funds into pharmacy services, bearing in mind we have been starved since April, but to date we have seen nothing. Some pharmacies owners in N.I. are facing imminent bankruptcy, especially those who have opened recently or invested in their pharmacy businesses and buildings.

Urgent action is needed and we would value your support. Lobby your politicians. Lobby someone else's politicians. It has been said that, "if one in five pharmacies disappeared, people would notice, whereas if all the politicians disappeared, no-one would notice".

Support your local Community Pharmacy - Use Us or Lose Us

# Valentines Day in Edenderry

On the 14th February some members of ECDA's committee brought a bit of love to the heart of our community with the help of Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Armed with tubes of sweetie 'Love Hearts' they strolled round Edenderry square sharing their affection with all who crossed their path. They got unconditional smiles and affection from both the young and young at heart.



You can see more photos on [www.edenderry.co.uk](http://www.edenderry.co.uk)



Edenderry Cda

# 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 17th April ~ 8pm

## EDENDERRY ORANGE HALL

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP

*Everyone Welcome*

*Light Supper will be served at the close of the meeting*



# Street Party

TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2012

AT 2PM

Edenderry Orange Hall

Edenderry Community  
Development Association

## COACH TOUR

Hillsborough and Folk &  
Transport Museum  
Saturday 12th May

**Cost £25**

(INCLUDES EVENING MEAL)

To book you place please  
leave a message on  
our answering service  
07769737297

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