

Edenderry News

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£10,000 Award for our Community Development Programme



We have been successful in our bid for £10,000 from The Big Lottery's "Awards for All"! This financial help will allow us to run a very diverse programme of events from September to March.

■ Are you new to the area and want to meet others who live in the neighbourhood?

■ Have you free time to start a new pastime?

■ Do you want to socialise in a relaxed, friendly environment?

■ Do you want to get involved in the life of the community?

■ Do you want to keep fit? Are you interested in local history?

■ Are you interested in what's happening on your doorstep?

■ Do you want to improve the environment of Edenderry?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes then we have something to offer you.

Thanks to the Awards for All funding we now have a wide variety of projects, classes, clubs and groups to suit every member of our community. A very warm and sincere welcome is given to everyone who joins in or gets involved in any way with our group. A full programme of events can be found in this issue.

We started our programme in June with a Coach Tour to the National Trust's Mount Stewart House and its beautiful gardens before heading to The Somme



Heritage Centre. The centre examines Ireland's role in the First World War with special reference to the cross-community involvement in the three local volunteer Divisions. Our tour brought us back to 1910, the Home Rule Crisis, recruiting and training of men and life in the trenches. This excellent centre allows the visitor to walk through reconstructed trenches of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Of course no outing would be complete without an evening meal which we enjoyed at the



La Mon Hotel, Belfast.

The sun shone on Enniskillen in August when our next Coach Tour took us to Castle Coole, Enniskillen Castle and the interactive visitors centre.

This island town has lots of history and charm but a 'must see'

is the Museum of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. This museum hosts amazing displays spanning the history of the famous regiment from 1689 to 1968. The Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown was the venue for our morning coffee and our evening meal.

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Mr Jim Edgar

Founder Member

Secretary ECDA 2004-2010

The officers, committee and members of ECDA and all our sub-groups and societies deeply regret the passing of our highly esteemed Secretary and founder member Mr Jim Edgar.

Jim's gentle manner touched everyone in the association in which he worked tirelessly. We had no hesitation in nominating Jim Edgar for the Mayor's Award in November 2008, an honour he received for services to the community. His many hours of hard work resulted in various successful bids for grants aid aimed at improving the life of our local community.

He was instrumental in the refurbishment of Edenderry Orange Hall allowing it to become a modern venue suitable



for the growing number of community group classes, clubs and societies it now accommodates. From a building with one meeting hall, outdated kitchen and inadequate toilet facilities, it now boasts a function hall, meeting room, well proportioned kitchen and modern toilets with disabled facilities.

Jim was one of the driving forces behind the new arch in Edenderry

and put many hours into ensuring its construction would remain part of the rich culture and heritage associated with the July celebrations in Portadown. The Arch Committee erected a memorial plate on the arch as a symbol of their appreciation of Jim's faithful work.

A keen and talented artist, exhibiting his paintings in many local exhibitions, Jim es-

tablished an art class in Edenderry and passed on his knowledge to all the budding artists who joined the group. One of the first pieces of work undertaken by the members was based on Jim's own painting of Bachelors Walk in its former glory. He also painted 'Eden Ted', the Mums and Tots mascot, so that he could teach his students and help Edentots raise funds by raffling his work. The art class appreciated the patient work of their friend and mentor.

Last year the Royal British Legion and ECDA hosted a Festival of Remembrance in Portadown Town Hall. Once again Jim was the driving force in its organisation. This event will be repeated this year and those associated with its plan-

ning are missing Jim's input but are determined to make it the success Jim always envisaged.

In acknowledgement of his lifelong interest in the British Forces, donations in lieu of flowers were for the charity Help for Heroes.

In recognition of Jim's service and friendship to ECDA, the group unanimously decided to take a retiring collection for Help for Heroes at every event, class, lecture and outing we organise this year.

Jim will be greatly missed and has left a lasting void in Edenderry. We pass on our sincere heartfelt sympathy to his wife Merle, children Alison, Joan and Geoffrey, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, his much loved grandchildren and the wider family circle.

Mrs Elsie Dale

We also wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr Eric Dale, Chairperson, Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society on the death of his mother Mrs Elsie Dale. Mrs Dale was best known for running two businesses in the Edenderry area of Portadown. Along with her husband, Jack, she set up a 'corner shop' at Edenderry, which also served teas and she later had a small bed and breakfast business on the same premises.

In 1966 they moved to Watson Street where they established the Rockeden Guest House with 11 bedrooms, which Mrs Dale ran until 1979. Mrs Dale is also survived by daughter Evelyn, son John, sister Florrie, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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Thanks to the Community Relations Council

We have lots of activities based in Edenderry which are aimed at the wider community but we do not seem to be getting the message across that everyone will be made very welcome at each of the projects we offer. With this in mind, we submitted an application to the Community Relations Council (CRC) for financial help to produce this newsletter giving you all a brief insight into our work.

Ireland and, equally, to promote recognition of cultural diversity.

Its strategic aim is to promote a peaceful and fair society based on reconciliation and mutual trust. One of the ways it hopes to achieve this aim is to provide support (finance, training, advice, information) for local groups and organisations.

This support is designed to develop opportunities for cross-community understanding, increase public

awareness of community relations work and encourage constructive debate.

The term 'cross-community' is not exclusive to Catholic-Protestant relations. The Edenderry community is made-up of different denominations, different ethnic backgrounds, different social backgrounds, different age groups and different spiritual beliefs.

Our programme of events is fully inclusive targeting all these cross-



We are delighted to report that we have been successful in this bid and will be producing a total of four 'Edenderry News' publications with the financial help of CRC.

The Community Relations Council was formed in January 1990 as an independent company and registered charity. It was set up to promote better community relations in Northern



sections and we aim to provide an interest to suit every member of the community.

We would encourage you to have a look at the 2010-2011 programme

and come along to at least one of the events. If there is something we are not providing but you would like us to offer, please contact us by email: mail@edenderry.co.uk

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A WEEK IN EDENDERRY



The Edenderry Community Development Association was formed in March 2004 by residents and former residents of the area, with the aim of improving the knowledge of the public by giving them greater involvement in the wider community and promoting awareness of history, folklore and the cultural heritage of the area.

We were established to benefit the people of the greater Edenderry area regardless of class, creed or other opinion. As our base is in Edenderry Orange Hall in Bridge Street most of our activities take place there. Whilst we have made good progress in reaching out to our community we feel we should promote ourselves, and our sub-groups, with greater enthusiasm.

As with most clubs and societies September marks the start of another year's endeavours and we have a full list of forthcoming events

in the centrefold of this newsletter but I would like to give you a brief background of each activity including new ventures funded by a generous £10,000 grant from Awards for All.



MONDAY evenings are reserved for art classes. Under the guidance of Mrs Hazel Busby and her equally qualified friend Jennifer, we extend a welcome to complete novices, improvers and more experienced members alike.

These classes start on the 28th September at 7pm and will run for

ten weeks. Edenderry Community Development Association aim to provide our classes at a reasonable cost and £20 gets you 10 weeks tuition and a 'wee cup of tea'. Come along and

with the Society members eight volunteers are involved in the project and its research.

The first project undertaken by the society was a remarkable success with major funding of £43,000 from the Lottery Heritage Fund allowing the group to research and record the history of the local Wade factory.

Further information



on the Wade project is available on the website www.wadeireland.co.uk. They have also published a book on Edenderry and there are still a few copies avail-

you never know, you could uncover a hidden talent whilst relaxing in creativity.

TUESDAY mornings see the meetings of the Cultural and Historical Society. Recently the group were successful in Heritage Lottery funding of £21,000 to research the Portadown Foundry Ltd. Along



able in Hoys Butchers, Bridge Street.

TUESDAY afternoons are given over to the Deborah Anderson School of Dance and the Zephaniah Dancers. Festival Irish dance is traditional, children are taught steps to connect and interpret Irish dance tunes. The Zephaniah Dancers are trained to present the Gospel through the medium of Irish Dance.



WEDNESDAY We are aiming to hold a creative writing class on Wednesday mornings starting on 30th September and you can enrol by contacting our website or by leaving your contact details on our community answering machine service (07769 737297).

Why not come along and write short stories on your life experiences or pen some poetry. Inside every one of us is a story waiting to be told. Often we don't know how to put pen to paper but in this class you will learn to put your thoughts, no matter how random you think they may be, down on paper with often surprising ease.

The fourth **Wednesday** of each month sees

the meeting of Edenderry Business and Residents Association. This group promotes and encourages the regeneration of the greater Edenderry area. They liaise with statutory bodies and relevant organisations to help solve issues identified by the residents and businesses in the area. A proactive role is taken in safety, traffic, health and environmental issues in the area.

The group have achieved a lot of what others would see as small things – such as introducing street signage, seeing that the road drainage system is clear and securing access to derelict sites. They have also had numerous meetings with various parties about the VICO development which we feel would put the life back into Edenderry's landscape.

THURSDAY is the busiest day of our week! In the morning, 10.30 to noon, the parent and toddler group meets.

This year Eden Tots have decided to limit their numbers to fifteen tots and their minders per session.

By doing this they aim to provide a cosy, personal environment where the children can feel comfortable in their surroundings and the adults can have a chat whilst keeping a close eye on their little ones. Our fully subscribed computer class takes place on **Thursday** afternoons at the same time as



the Caroline Robinson Ballet School hold their classes in the main hall.

The Belly Dance Group meets on **Thursday** evenings from 8-9pm. This is a fun exercise group with the main emphasis being on the fun! It is open to everyone regardless of shape, size or age, and you don't need expose your 'belly' to take part!

The group is presently comprised of a group of ladies wanting to keep fit without the monotony of the gym setting. At only £2 per class. Why not give it a try.

FRIDAY sees the start of a brand new venture for the area! A wood craft class under the tuition of Mr Barrie Sheard is to be held on Friday afternoons. Barrie is an award-winning Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Day

time **Saturday** is again booked by the Deborah Anderson School of Dance.

SATURDAY evenings see the return of The Cross Road. Clive and Connie Elliott welcome everyone to Christian ministry at 'The Cross Road' in Edenderry Orange Hall on the 1st and 3rd **Satur-**

day evenings at 8.15 pm from October to May. Posters outside the hall will give information on guest speakers.

SUNDAY Edenderry Sunday School meet every Sunday afternoon in the hall at 3.00pm and all children are welcome.

For more information contact Joe Murphy on 3834 3344.



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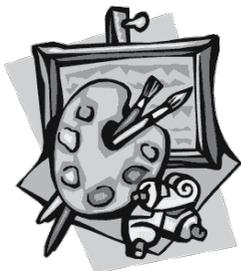
What's On and When ...



September 9th Thursday
Computer Class
10 wks (2.30-4.30pm)

September, Friday (TBA)
Wood Carving
10 wks (2.30-4.30)

September 28th Monday
Art Classes
10 wks (7.00-9.00pm)



September 30th Wednesday
Creative Writing
10 wks 'scribblers' (mornings)

October 8th Friday
Train Film Show
by Fred Cooper



October 22nd Friday
Line Dancing
Proceeds to: Help for Heroes

November 4th Thursday
Festival of Remembrance
Portadown Town Hall

November 12th Friday
Bands Night & Disco
Date & venue to be confirmed

November 25th Thursday
Card Making Demonstration



November 26th Friday
Table Quiz (Masonic Hall)
Proceeds to: Help for Heroes

December 4th Saturday
Coach Tour to Belfast
(Shops, Ulster Museum,
City Hall Tour)

PLUS
Edenderry Cultural &
Historical Society meeting
every Tuesday morning.
Edenderry Belly Dance Group
meeting every Thursday
8-9pm.
Edenderry Business & Resi-
dents Group meeting each 4th
Wednesday in the month.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to all the above activities we would also invite you and your friends to a number of special events.

Train Film Show, Friday 8th October.

This event will be hosted by Mr Fred Cooper. Edenderry had one of the finest railway stations in the country and the railway network was of great importance to Portadown. Fred will be showing a selection of footage from his matchless archive of Irish railway films, a mix of vintage collected material and many made by himself of UTA and early Society steam tours.

Line Dancing, Friday 22nd October with

all proceeds going to the Help for Heroes charity. Get your cowboy boots on and come along to a good night's fun! Don't expect to be able to do ALL the dances in one evening! Do one or two, then sit out and watch. You can learn a lot from watching others. There will be a dance to suit every level. Those taught from scratch will be done slowly, until everyone has a basic idea how they work, before being done to music, with the instructor calling out the steps.

Festival of Remembrance, Thursday 4th November in Portadown Town Hall. We join together with Portadown Royal British Legion to

invite you to our Festival of Remembrance. Last year this event raised in excess of £3,000 for the Poppy Appeal. Tickets are sure to sell out fast. Watch the local press for more information.

Bands Night and Disco, Friday 12th November in Carleton Street Orange Hall. This date is provisional. Our youngest committee member organised this event last year and had a great response. We invite young adults to join us again this year to raise funds for the upkeep of Edenderry Arch.

Card Making Demonstration, Thursday 25th November. Come along and see how to produce a unique card

for that someone special. This event might even encourage you to make your own Christmas cards!

Quiz Night, Friday 26th November in the Masonic Hall, Thomas Street, Portadown. Teams of up to six are invited to take part with an entrance fee of £3.00 per person. If you can't raise a team yourself come along anyway and we'll soon give you a place on one! All proceeds from this event are again for Help for Heroes.

Saturday 4th December, Coach Tour to Belfast. We already have some names for this outing! We will leave Portadown in the morning

for a two-tiered day in Belfast. If you are in to shopping we will drop you off in the city centre to shop-till-you-drop. OR you can come along with us to the Ulster Museum in the morning before free time in the city. Then you can join us on a guided tour of the City Hall OR carry on shopping, followed by an evening meal in one of the city centre restaurants. The total cost of this tour is £20 (includes evening meal). Register your interest on our answering service 07769 737297.

However, if there is nothing here to interest you, look out for our next newsletter detailing events for 2011!





EDENDERRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

LINE DANCING

Friday 22nd October 2010
8pm til late
Edenderry Orange Hall

*Come One ~ Come All!
No Partner Required!
Great Fun for ALL!
Everyone Welcome!*

Proceeds to Help for Heroes

Donation £5.00 per dancer

EDENDERRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

TABLE QUIZ

Friday 26th November 7.30pm
The Masonic Hall, Thomas Street

Proceeds to Help For Heroes

Maximum number per team 6
Donation: £3.00 per team member



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