

# Edenderry News

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## AWARDS FOR ALL — LOTTERY FUNDED EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY



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### Ulster-Scots Cooking

**T**hursday 17th March. Ulster-Scots Cookery Demonstration. What better night to have a cooker demonstration than St. Patrick's Day. A day to enjoy all things traditional like the yummy food your granny used to make.



#### Traditional soda bread

How many of us now buy our scones and potato bread? I know it may be more convenient but does it taste the same?

Mandy Neill will be presenting an Ulster-Scots cookery demonstration in Edenderry Orange Hall with everyone being given a chance to sample the recipes.

I'm sure all of us love a good auld Ulster

fry, even if most of it is grilled in this health conscious world we live in. It is a dish is loved throughout Northern Ireland that can be enjoyed for breakfast, dinner or tea. And what about champ?

Again this is a traditional Northern Irish fare. Ulster-Scots cuisine is also famous

for "quick to make breads and cakes" like Barmbrack, scones and the humble soda bread, delicious served warm with real butter melting on top. On the other hand, living in County Armagh who can resist Bramley Apple Tart!

Come along and enjoy cookery, craic and supper for only £3 per person.

### Card Making Classes

**T**uesday 15th February.

Following the very successful 'Card Making Demonstration' held in November in Edenderry Orange Hall we have been able to re-allocate some of the Awards for All grant-aid to offer a ten-week card making course. The classes will be presented by Mrs Linda Walker and the only cost to pupils will be that of the materials used to produce the cards (approximately £3 per class).



As usual this class is opened to EVERYONE in the community. You don't have to have been

at any of our previous events. Linda will provide all the materials you need to produce a personal handcrafted card and she will show you some simple tips and techniques that will have you producing cards to amaze your family and friends (and maybe even yourself!).

So come along and enjoy learning new skills or practice the skills you may already have.

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## ***Coach Tour Commencing Saturday 19th March 2011***

The last of our four Awards for All, Lottery Funded coach tours brings us to Carrickfergus and Belfast. After morning coffee in the Clarion Hotel Carrickfergus we will have a guided tour of the Castle.

This castle is one of Northern Ireland's most striking monuments whether you approach it from land, sea, or air with over 800 years of history behind it.

John de Courcy built the castle in 1177 after he conquered eastern Ulster in 1177. During the 18th century the castle was used as a county and state prison and from the 19th century was used as an armoury and magazine.

During World War I, anti-submarine guns were mounted within the castle on one of the platforms for the defence of Belfast. In 1928 the castle was transferred to civilian ownership to be preserved as an ancient monument.

During the Second World War, the basements of the Keep were used as air-raid shelters. Cannons from the 17th to 19th centuries are on show



**Why not join us for a tour of Carrickfergus Castle, followed by sight-seeing in Belfast**



in the castle, while the keep houses historical and other displays.

Moving on to Belfast you will have just over

an hour's free time to have lunch in one of the city's many cafes or restaurants before boarding the coach

to see 'The Sights' of Belfast in our own coach rather than one of the commercial bus tour companies.

Barbara Ferguson, a Blue Badge and Fáilte Ireland Trained Guide, will show us around the city we think we know so well. Barbara has a wealth of experience in her field and all along the route she will highlight the past and present life within the city.

She may recite some poetry or if you are lucky sing a song! An excellent guide, Barbara is sure to make the 'Sights of Belfast' come alive and make the day into a truly enjoyable 'day out'.

To conclude the tour we will have an evening meal in the La Mon House Hotel before heading back to Portadown. This all-inclusive day (morning coffee, entrance fee to the castle, tour of the city and evening meal) is open to everyone in the community for just £20.

We would especially welcome those who haven't joined with us on earlier tours, who are new to the area or who would like to meet others in the neighbourhood.

**E V E R Y O N E  
WELCOME.**





# GOOD LUCK ALISON FROM EVERYONE IN EDENDERRY!



On Sunday 17th April Alison Symington will be taking to the streets of London to take part in the world famous London Marathon. Alison hopes to raise £1000 for Help for Heroes in memory of her dad, Jim Edgar. Jim was the secretary of Edenderry Community Development Association since its foundation and is dearly missed by all of us.

## A message from Alison Symington:

**T**hank you for taking the time to read this letter. I have been lucky(!) enough to get a place in the April 2011 Virgin London Marathon and after much thought I have committed to fund raising for Help for Heroes, H4H.

I have set myself a fund raising target of £1000 and would love to be able to achieve this.

My reasons for supporting this charity are twofold, firstly the work that H4H do in the rehabilitation of injured service personnel is second to none and secondly I am fund raising in memory of my dad, Jim Edgar who died on 1 June 2010.

Please take a little time to visit the Help for Heroes website, [www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk) to see the fantastic work that the charity does for British service personnel injured in conflict



throughout the world.

Dad was a keen supporter of H4H and with his practical approach to all things, he would be delighted to think that I was attempting to help such a worthwhile cause. So...

... Please support my efforts - my training will take place throughout the winter months, I'm sure I'll feel like giving up many times however my efforts, exhaustion and pain will be miniscule in comparison to those who H4H support!

Donating through [www.bmycharity.com/alisonsymington1](http://www.bmycharity.com/alisonsymington1) is simple, quick and secure. It is the most efficient way to give - so every donation goes further - and if you are a UK taxpayer and give Gift Aid consent the charity will receive an extra 28% at no cost to you.

You can follow my progress on Facebook (Alison Symington) or on Twitter ([alisy69](https://twitter.com/alisy69)) - I promise that I will post weekly updates!

Thank you very much for your support,

*Alison x*



# Well Done Boys!

After a break of 26 years Edenderry Junior LOL51 restarted in December 2009. Now, just over a year later, they have proved to be amongst the best in County Armagh.

The boys won a recent football competition competing against others who have had many seasons of playing as a team.

Football is just one of the many activities the boys undertake when they meet. Others include, table hockey, Wii games, snooker, darts and table tennis.

## COUNTY ARMAGH JUNIOR LECTURE COMPETITION IN MARKETHILL

On Saturday 5th February the boys had three teams taking part in the Junior Orange Lecturing Competition. It is a credit to the superintendents that so many boys have been installed with enthusiasm to memorise the lecture and enter a competition where their opponents had years of experience in this discipline. All of the teams did their very best and one team took second place to secure a position in the regional finals! Congratulations to all the boys and good luck for the finals.

The next challenge on the programme is the yearly scripture competition. It is encouraging that the boys have completed the scripture course and we wish them the very best in this event.

Edenderry Juniors meet on the first Monday of every month and membership is open to boys from the age of seven. Parents will be reassured that the Superintendants and their helper have undertaken Child Protection training and the lodge operates an anti-bullying policy.



Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland 5 A Side Football team winner 2010



County Armagh Junior Lecture Competition in Markethill. Two of our teams go on to the Junior Grand Lodge Competition in Maghera, Saturday 12th February.



# THE HISTORY OF PORTADOWN FOUNDRY

During this past two years a team of dedicated volunteer researchers from the Society have been very busy probing into the history of Portadown Foundry.

The Foundry was located on the east bank of the Bann in Bridge Street, Edenderry and carried on business from 1844 until 1983, almost 150 years.

In its heyday



it employed over 100 people and provided the steel for most of the schools in the area, such as Clounagh, Killicomaine and the Hart Memorial, as

well as projects like North Street Arcade in Belfast. It is also a little-known fact that the foundry built barges and lighter, as well as bombarding tanks for the D-Day

landings.

After many hours delving into the archives of numerous records and documents, the Society is now in a position to give

an insight into the importance of the Foundry throughout its history and is holding a presentation on Monday 11th April in Edenderry Orange Hall.

Come along and hear for yourself how the work of the foundry impacted on our industrial heritage.

The Society is indebted to The Heritage Lottery Fund for their grant-aid of the project.

## EDENDERRY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTATION OF

### THE HISTORY OF PORTADOWN FOUNDRY LTD

MONDAY 11th APRIL 2011 – 8.00pm  
EDENDERRY ORANGE HALL

**SPEAKERS:** C. McClure and W. Steen

**ADMISSION £2**  
INCLUDES SUPPER

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



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# Edenderry Business and Residents Association

Following a number of burglaries in the area the Business and Residents group are urging residents to report any suspicious activity to the PSNI on 0845 600 8000. We often take it for granted that our homes are safe and secure but are they?

Check all windows and doors for any weaknesses. Make sure that they are locked, especially when you leave home. Keep your keys nearby in case of an emergency and always keep your keys safe. Never give keys to workmen and change your locks if you think other people may have copies.

If you are selling your home never show people around on your own. Ask your estate agent to send their representative along with potential buyers. Keep your curtains drawn at night so that no one can see who is in your home. If you think someone is outside keep yourself safe by not going out to investigate. Keep your door locked and phone the police.

If you notice an attempted break-in to your home do not be tempted to enter your property and see what is missing. Phone the police and wait for them to arrive. The intruder may still be in your house and your safety is more important than your possessions. Even if you see a smashed window or open door, go to your neighbours and call the police from there.

Most callers to your home

will be genuine. However, there are some who may not be. Do not go by appearances and always get proof of the person's identity - a genuine caller will be only too happy to provide this information.

If you're still unsure phone Quick Check on Freephone 0800 013 22 90 and an operator do all the checks for you. Do not let anyone into your home until you are satisfied as to who they are. Quick Check is a free telephone service, which is available 24 hours a day all year round.

Unfortunately we are not always safe as we go about our daily lives. The Portadown Times has recently reported on dangers to women in the surrounding area. There are some simple things you can do to help keep you safe.

- Stay in bright, well-lit and busy areas
- Look and act confident
- Get a personal attack alarm (These are a good deterrent.)

If you are confronted by someone - shout, try to run away, set off your attack alarm but NEVER take chances with your safety. The PSNI have specially trained Crime Prevention Officers and they can provide you with advice on how to protect your home, your business and yourself.

**Call 0845 600 8000 to contact your local Crime Prevention Officer.**

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*...a voice for the  
whole community*



# COMMUNITY RELATIONS in Edenderry

**E**denderry Community Development Association has NO paid workers. Its work is carried out by volunteers who collectively give generously of around 1,500 hours per year.

These volunteers come from very diverse backgrounds. There are those in full-time employment, part-time employment, retired, single parents, old, young, able-bodied and with disabilities but they all have a love of the

community in which the live. All our volunteers are striving to build stronger community relations in Edenderry.

With the help of the Big Lottery's Awards for All we have been able to provide classes, demonstrations, lectures and outings to encourage the members of our community to come together in our shared environment.

The Community Relations Council's financial help with our 'Edenderry News'

has been invaluable in enabling us to spread the word of these projects.

We are proud to boast that we have had a great cross-section of the community supporting us in this year's programme of events.

We have opened our doors to every resident in the area and no-one has been turned away.

To use the words of an old Irish song 'There's a welcome on the mat' and 'Whoever you are you're one of us'!

We have also been

encouraged by the cross-community involvement in our classes and we have even crossed the traditional 'gender' barrier in our wood craft class with one of our top students being a female!

In order to successfully plan for the future we have drawn up a simple questionnaire for you to complete and return it to:

ECDA  
c/o 225 Bridge Street,  
Portadown  
BT63 5AR

**Please Help Us Help You!**

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you been to any event organised by Edenderry Community Development Association?

Yes / No

If not is there a specific reason why?

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Are there any courses / classes / lectures / demonstrations you would like us to arrange?

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How much of the Edenderry News newsletter do you normally read?

All of it / Most of it / Very little of it

Do you find this newsletter informative?

Yes / No

In Edenderry, how much of a problem are people not treating others with respect and consideration?

A very big problem / A fairly big problem / Not a very big problem / Not a problem at all

Do you feel the people of Edenderry enjoy good community relations?

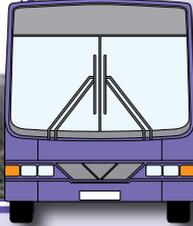
Yes / No

If 'No' why not?

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EDENDERRY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

# Coach Tour



***Carrickfergus Castle  
and the Sights of Belfast***

**19th MARCH 2011  
PROFESSIONAL  
TOUR GUIDES**

**Cost: £20**

includes Morning Coffee,  
Entrance Fees and Evening Meal.  
To book your place or for more  
information

**Contact: 07769 737297 after 5pm**  
Or contact any committee member

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

# COOKERY AND CRAIC

Edenderry Community  
Development Association

## **ULSTER-SCOTS COOKERY DEMONSTRATION**

*Everyone Welcome*

**Admission £3**  
includes supper



**THURSDAY  
17th MARCH - 8.00PM**

**E.C.D.A. MEET IN EDENDERRY ORANGE HALL**  
**www.edenderry.co.uk contact us: mail@edenderry.co.uk**  
**answer service: 07769 737297**



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