

Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance

The Portadown Branch of the Royal British Legion in association with Edenderry Community Development Association will be hosting a Festival of Remembrance in the Town Hall Portadown on Thursday 29th October 2009 at 7.47pm (seated by 7.30):

Entrance is by ticket only, on a first come, first serve basis, tickets are £10 each and they are available from Hoy's Butcher, Eden Pharmacy Bridge Street and the Royal British Legion Club in Thomas Street.

The programme will consist of; The Muster which will include representatives from the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, PSNI, Ex-Service personnel and youth organisations

The Festival will be compered by Niall Crozier and feature St Marks Brass Band, Portadown Male Voice Choir, Stonewall Folk Group, the Bugles, Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment

The Act of Remembrance will take the form of a short religious service, followed by the Last Post, Exhalation, Pipers Lament, Two Minute Silence, during which the poppies will fall, the Reveille, the Call "In Flanders Fields" followed by "The Response"

This is a first time an event of this kind has been held in Portadown and as all the proceeds are in AID OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL the organisers hope it will become an annual event.



Pictured at the launch of the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance are from left, Chris Carson, RBL secretary; Doug Beattie, RBL president; Shirley Branyan and Jim Edgar ECDA; Bill Stewart, RBL chairman and Stewart Buckley RBL vice-chair. ♦

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ECHS Heritage Lottery Grant



The history of Portadown Foundry is to be explored in a new project thanks to a £21,100 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The grant was awarded to Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society and will be used to record and interpret the history of the Foundry, which was at the heart of local industry for 127 years.

Portadown Foundry manufactured machinery for agriculture and linen mills, built barges to facilitate canal trade and serviced the two World War campaigns. In its later life its structural steelwork was used in the construction of new hospitals, factories and government buildings. The Foundry is of great significance to both the local community and Northern Ireland's wider industrial heritage.

The project will be led by Edenderry Cultural Society and developed by a team of volunteers who will be recruited from the local community. Together they will research the history of the Foundry by collecting photographs and artefacts and interviewing former employees, their families and the general public to record their personal memories, experiences and stories which were in danger of being lost.

The volunteers will receive training and support to help them acquire the skills necessary to undertake the project. Working in partnership with local organisations including the Irish and Local Studies Library and the Community Network Craigavon, they will receive training in collecting oral histories, interview techniques, research and recording skills and IT.

To raise awareness of the Foundry's heritage the findings will be used to produce a book which will be distributed to local schools, libraries and museums. A DVD and website are also planned and an exhibition of photographs and artefacts will be created and displayed at various sites in the area including the Edenderry Heritage Centre and the Millennium Court Centre in Portadown. Throughout the project a series of talks and lectures will be delivered to local schoolchildren and groups to involve the wider community in the project.

Funding for the project was awarded through the HLF 'Your Heritage' programme which provides grants of up to £50,000 for projects that help people learn about their own or other people's heritage. Head of HLF Northern Ireland, Paul Mullan, said: "This project will record the history of the Foundry and highlight its place of importance in not only local terms, but in the wider context of Northern Ireland's industrial development. The opportunities for volunteers to become involved in researching and recording this history will ensure that learning and participation are at the heart of the project, and we are delighted to be involved."

Cardwell McClure from Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society welcomed news of the award: "Portadown Foundry had a long and interesting history and it would have been a great shame if this was lost. Thanks to the HLF grant we will be able to preserve the memories and experiences of those who worked there and collate artefacts and photographs to create a lasting legacy for this important Edenderry industry."

If you would like to become involved in the project to research and record the history of Portadown Foundry, Edenderry Cultural Society would like to hear from you. Please contact Cardwell McClure on 07789 550 738. ♦

EOH IMPROVMENT

Get another improvement has been completed in Edenderry Orange Hall thanks to much voluntary help by the members of the various organisations. A first floor room has been fitted out to provide a space for Edenderry Heritage Centre; a revived Junior LOL 51/Youth Club the room will also be suitable for committee meetings, training sessions etc. The new room will feature a permanent exhibition of Edenderry, Wade and Orange memorabilia staged by Edenderry Cultural and Historical Society and the Loyal Orders. For more information about the Junior LOL 51/Youth Club contact Eric on Mobile 07711484820.♦

Sponsored Walk and BBQ

What a surprise! We had a dry night for our sponsored walk and BBQ in aid of **Edenderry Arch**. It must have been the only dry night of the 'summer'. Our group enjoyed what was more of a stroll than a walk along the Bann Boulevard recently and returned to Edenderry Orange Hall for marvellous BBQ prepared by John and Karen Hoy. After eating true Hoy's beef burgers and sausages (best in Portadown!), every calorie burnt-up by the walk was doubled and put back on when Karen served up the most delicious pavlova you've ever tasted.

However, the motive for the evening was to raise money for arch funds and we wish to say a big thank you to all our friends and sponsors. The sponsorship monies together with the arch appeal envelopes and donations given on the 1st July have cleared the cost of the arch, along with the insurance and other ongoing overheads incurred in erecting the arch each year. Once again we are indebted to our friends, businesses in Edenderry and the general public for their generosity in what was a very ambitious project.

The old arch has found a new home in Waringstown and their arch committee hope to have it erected for the County Down demonstration there in 2010.♦

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The CAB clinics will recommence in Edenderry Orange Hall on Friday 3rd October and thereafter on the first Friday of the month from 12.00 to 1.00p.m for confidential advice and information. ♦



Edenderry Art Club will recommence in Edenderry Orange Hall on Monday 12th October 2009 at 7.30. Former and new members will be very welcome. No experience necessary. Members £2 non members £3 per session. Paints, brushes and supports supplied. ♦

OBITUARY: We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr George Rusk, resident of Edenderry, we convey our deepest sympathy to his wife Marie and the family circle ♦

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EDENDERRY
BUSINESS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
...a voice for the whole community

Contact: 028 3833 0387

Do you own or use an Electric Blanket? Old or damaged electric blankets can cause fires. Each year the Southern Health and Social Care Trust's Promoting Wellbeing Team holds a number of FREE Testing and Information Days.

Last year 356 blankets were tested and 205 (57%) failed the safety test. If you would like to have your electric blanket(s) tested, please contact Miss Rebekah Vanscoy, Promoting Wellbeing Team, Brownlow Health Centre, Tel: 028 3834 4973. Electric blankets that fail the safety test are retained and disposed of. A voucher for £15.00 is given for every failed blanket to help with the cost of purchasing a new blanket. Only one voucher can be used per blanket.

Did you know you can request a Free Fire Safety Check for your home by contacting the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Tel: 028 9260 0477.

The committee of Edenderry Business & Residents Association will resume meeting in September and will keep residents and businesses updated with their progress reports through this newsletter. If you are interested in joining our group or have any issues for us to consider, please contact Adrian Branyan by email us through the website www.edenderry.co.uk or leave your details on 38330387.♦



EDEN~TOTS



Eden Tots is a very successful parent & toddler group run by E.C.D.A. Our sessions run from September - June ~ 10:30am - 12noon every Thursday and costs just £1 per big person and 50p per small person each session (maximum cost £2.00).

Throughout the year we do a range of activities including arts & craft, basic cookery, stories, music, dance, physical play and games.

We provide a healthy snack for the children whilst you can enjoy a well deserved tea break and a chat with other parents, grandparents and carers.

This terms session begins on Thursday 17th September.

EVERYONE Welcome ~ Why not come and join in the fun!

Registration fee is £1.00 per adult per year.

For further information email: mail@edenderry.co.uk or contact Shirley (07900558992)

WANTED Our Mums & Tots group are in need of a baby changing unit.

If you have one you no longer need and would like to donate it to our group please contact Shirley 07900558992. Many Thanks.♦

Edenderry News invites our readers to send us your stories, announcements or comments for inclusion in our newsletter or website www.edenderry.co.uk .

Contact Jim Edgar at 07944 665 166 or sjcedgar@o2.co.uk♦

FREE



Beginners & Intermediate BELLY DANCE Classes by **Aylin**

From Thursday 17th September 8~9pm
Edenderry Orange Hall



Belly dancing is a wonderful exercise. You will discover muscles you never even knew existed! It is a form of low impact aerobics combined with stress free fun. You don't need to "have the belly" for it! Big or small bellies are welcome in the class but you do not need to show them off. Wear something comfortable which doesn't restrict your movements - loose skirts, jogging bottoms and T-shirts are ideal. We usually dance in soft soled shoes like ballet type shoes or in sock soles. No dance experience is required to join in but you must be over 16. Oh, by the way, it's not the showy sexual dance that men perceive it to be.

Belly dance is a relaxing and enlivening dance that can improve body awareness and confidence while helping to keep a healthy and toned body. It's not just your belly that is used but your hips, chest, back and arms are all major elements of the dance. It helps to improve self esteem, gives you the opportunity to make friends and introduces you to different cultures and music.

Come along and forget your every day worries, learn something new, increase yourself confidence, make new friends and simply have fun!

Classes cost £20.00 for 6weeks or £4.00 per class

Plus a registration fee of £1.00

For further information email: mail@edenderry.co.uk or contact Shirley (0790055899

Line Dancing Night

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Line Dancing Night in May, raising £700.00 for **Autism NI**. All credit for the success of the evening goes to former Edenderry resident Mrs Millicent Richardson and her family. Millicent organised the event, raised sponsorship, enrolled the help of the 'line-dancing' fraternity and created a marvellous, well attended, event which not only raised much needed funds but also increased the awareness of Autism. Formed in 1989 by a group of parents and professionals concerned by the lack of Autism services in Northern Ireland, Autism NI seeks to ensure that people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their carers have access to appropriate services, enabling people with Autism to become valued members of the community. More information can be found at www.autismni.org. ♦



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Flower Festival

The First Portadown Presbyterian (Edenderry) Church Flower Festival has been designed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the 1859 Revival, and is under the expert guidance of Alan Beatty, Artistic Director. The opening ceremony will be held on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm in the church and the event will run right through to its conclusion at the Sunday Evening Service on 20th September. All visitors will receive an extensive programme, written by The Right Rev Dr Carson, which not only highlights the significance of each exhibit but also provides biblical references for further study. In Dr Carson's own words "we trace the biblical background of renewal and revival, reflect on some of the local and wider aspects of the work of the revival and consider its continuing significance".

Festival Proceeds

All donations received during the Flower Festival will contribute to the ongoing work of First Portadown in our local community.

Café Revive!

Elaine Hawthorne and her team are busy making arrangements to provide food and refreshments for visitors to our church during the Flower Festival. Our Main Church Hall will be transformed into our very own Café Revive in Edenderry so that you can "do coffee" or "do lunch" with your friends and combine this with a visit to the Flower Festival. Elaine has planned a range of dining experiences which include morning coffee, afternoon tea, lunch and high tea at very competitive prices:

The church is ideally situated for business, voluntary and social groups to hold their September meeting in our halls, visit the Flower Festival and have food provided on the premises. To help us cater for large groups a booking form is available from Anne Patterson at the church office which gives a sample of the menus available. Individuals don't need to book – just put the date in your diary and bring your friends. We'd love to see you there.♦



Flower Festival
REVIVE!
First Portadown
Presbyterian Church
(Edenderry)
17 - 20 September 2009

Thursday: Official Opening - 7:30pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 8pm
Sunday: 2pm - 4pm
Sunday 7pm: Epilogue Service

Café Revive
Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

10am - 12
Tea/Coffee £3

12 - 2pm
Soup lunch & dessert £4
Fork lunch & dessert £6
Childrens lunch £3

2 - 4pm
Tea/Coffee £3

5pm (Friday only)
High Tea £10
Children £4

Rushmere
the Centre of Creation

THE CROSS ROAD

Clive and Connie Elliott welcome everyone to The Cross Road in Edenderry Orange Hall on the 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings at 8.15 pm from October to May.♦

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Sunday School

Every Sunday afternoon in Edenderry Orange Hall at 3.00 pm all children welcome for more information contact Joe Murphy on 38343344♦

Dance Classes

The ever popular Classical Ballet Classes resume on Thursday afternoons and Irish Dance Classes on Saturday.

Beginners welcome to both classes.

For more information on the ballet classes contact Caroline Robinson on 9045 6005 and for info on the Irish dance classes contact Deborah Anderson on 07783 669 052.♦

Dance Scottish Week

As part of Dance Scottish Week from 10.00am on Saturday 12th September there will be a Scottish Dance Children's Workshop in the first floor room. Admission is free and parents are welcome.

Free Ceilidh at Edenderry Orange HALL

To promote Scottish dancing on Friday 16th October 2009 at 8.00 pm the Portadown Scottish dance Group will host a free taster Ceilidh in EOH. There are no high kicks or complicated steps included at this level; just fun party dances The Gay Gordons, Dashing White Sergeant, the Cumberland Reel, and Pride of Erin Waltz.

Dance Scottish You don't have to be Scottish to Do It!

www.scottishdancing.org ♦



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IN

SEAGOE ORANGE HALL

ON FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2009

DANCING FROM 8.00 PM TO LATE MUSIC BY DICKIE RAY

ADMISSION £6.00 ~ CONTACT NIGEL MAGEE ON 07866 690 541 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



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Hosted by

The Royal British Legion Portadown Branch

&

Edenderry Community Development Association



Portadown Town Hall

Thursday 29th October 2009 at 7.45pm

Featuring

Niall Crozier, Portadown Male Voice Choir, St Marks Band, Stonewall

&

The Bugles, Pipes & Drums of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment

Tickets £10 each

Please be seated by 7.30pm

All Proceeds in Aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal