

# Proceedings 1998

## LECTURES

- 19 January 'John Wesley in Ireland'  
Rev. Dudley Levistone Cooney, Adare (Member)
- 2 February 'From Carrigogunnell to Kilimanjaro'  
Jim O'Farrell, Clarina
- 16 February 'Centenary Monuments of the 1798 Rebellion'  
Peter Dundon Askeaton (Member)
- 2 March Annual General Meeting  
'A Tour in China'  
Liam Irwin, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
- 8 March Annual Social Event (Knappogue Castle)  
'Recovering Hidden Ireland'  
Dr Margaret MacCurtain, UCD
- 20 March 'William Smith O'Brien and 1848'  
Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh, UCG
- 14 April 'Tower Houses of Co. Limerick'  
Dr Colm Donnelly
- 9 October 'Inauguration Sites in Medieval Ireland'  
Dr Elizabeth FitzPatrick, UCG
- 13 October 'A Death-Dealing Famine'  
Dr Christine Kinealy, University of Liverpool
- 13 November 'Irish Sheela-na-Gigs: Origins and Contexts'  
Éamonn Kelly, National Museum of Ireland
- 4 December 'The Archaeology of Anglo-Norman Ireland'  
Dr Terry Barry, TCD

## Outings

1-4 May	Westport area	
	Organiser	Paddy Lysaght
17 May	Adare	
	Organiser	Liam Clifford
21 June	Golden	
	Organiser	Seán de Bhulbh
8 July	Kileely and Parteen	
	Organiser	Cian O'Carroll
19 July	Murroe and Boher	
	Organiser	Fr Donough O'Malley
5 August	Corbally	
	Organiser	Anne Yeoman
23 August	Loughill / Glin	
	Organiser	Tom Donovan
27 September	Kilkee	
	Organiser	Tony Browne

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- 11 January 'The Medical Practice of Dr Thomas Arthur, 1620-64'  
Dr Pádraig Lenihan, University of Limerick
- 1 February Annual General Meeting  
'Browne's Limerick'  
Tony Browne (Member)
- 15 February 'Re-evaluating the Thomond Region in the Early Medieval Period'  
Professor William Smyth, UCC
- 21 February Annual Social Event (Dromoland Castle)  
'Dr Norton Book Collection comes to Limerick'  
George Cunningham (Hon. Life Member)
- 2 March 'People, Place and the Natural World in Neolithic Orkney'  
Dr Andrew Jones, University of Glasgow
- 15 March 'Recent Archaeological Discoveries on the Shannon Estuary Mud Flats'  
Aidan O'Sullivan, Discovery Programme
- 12 April 'The Heritage Council – an Overview'  
Dr Charles Mount
- 9 October 'People and Land of Co. Limerick 1830-45'  
Dr Maura Cronin, Mary Immaculate College
- 12 November 'Nuns in Nineteenth-Century Ireland'  
Dr Caitríona Clear, UCG
- 4 December 'Treasures from the Irish Architectural Archive'  
David Griffin, (Director)

## Outings

9 May	South Galway	
	Organiser	Tony Browne
21-8 May	South of France	
	Organisers	Anne Yeoman and Fr Leonard
13 June	Pallaskenry	
	Organiser	Morgan McCloskey
27 June	Newport	
	Organiser	Patrick Ryan
7 July	Dock Road, Limerick	
	Organiser	Tony Browne
18 July	Kilfinane	
	Organiser	Fr Donough O'Malley
4 August	Irishtown, Limerick	
	Organiser	Cian O'Carroll
29 August	Kilmeedy / Mahoonagh	
	Organiser	Liam Irwin
3 October	Cork city	
	Organiser	Jim Tarpey



## Obituary

### Kevin McAlliney Glancy

The Society suffered a severe loss in May 1998 with the tragic sudden death of our Treasurer, Ted Glancy. Kevin McAlliney Glancy was born 30 December 1921 in Glasson, Co Westmeath where his father was the dispensary doctor. The family moved to Moate, Co Westmeath four years later. At the tender age of eight, Ted was sent off to primary boarding school to the La Saint Union Nuns at Killosheen and later on to Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare for his secondary education. Following this he attended University College Galway and subsequently qualified as civil engineer. During his time in UCG he involved himself in cricket and often referred to playing for Donough O Malley's XI versus The Rest of the World!

When he qualified in 1944 there were little or no prospects in Ireland for newly qualified engineers so, like many others at that time, he immigrated to London, where he subsequently got a job with British Rail. He met Chrissie Horgan from Dublin at a party in 1945 and by 1947 Ted had her dutifully typing up letters of application on his behalf to join Rhodesian Railways, but having decided to marry, they chose instead to return to Ireland. Ted got a temporary job with CIE in Dublin in 1948 and Chrissie returned to Dublin in 1949. They were married in August 1950 in Mountbellew, Co Galway where Chrissie's sister was living at the time. By this stage Ted had secured a permanent post with CIE in Waterford, where they lived until 1960. Both their children, Desmond and Niamh, were born while they were in Waterford. In 1960 Ted was transferred to Limerick. It was a new experience for both of them: from Limerick they could explore Limerick's natural hinterland and history which they did on day trips to Clare and family holidays in Co Kerry initially in Dingle and later to Ted's beloved Valentia Island where many happy times were spent over 25 years. A natural progression of this interest was Ted's joining the Thomond Archaeological Society in the early 1970s where he forged many lasting and valuable friendships. He became a member of the committee in 1982 and when the Treasurer, Dr Chris O'Mahony resigned in 1987 Ted agreed to take on this demanding and time-consuming position. He proved to be a superb choice, organised, efficient and deeply committed. Of all the officers of the Society it is the Treasurer who normally has the greatest contact with ordinary members and Ted's old world courtesy, subtle charm and unobtrusive gentle pressure made him not only very popular but extremely effective in the discharge of the sometimes difficult duties of the position. In addition his wise counsel and gentle but penetrating wit made him a valuable and agreeable member of the committee. Among the outings he organised was one to the Tralee area for National Heritage Day in September 1993.

He was involved both professionally and socially with the Institute of Engineers of Ireland at local and national levels. He was a Founder Member and later became a Director of St Mary's Parish Credit Union. He loved this involvement in his local parish and was a volunteer teller every Friday night at the Credit Union and a role he continued with for over twenty-five years. He took early retirement from CIE in March 1984 and a month later he and Chrissie became grandparents: a role they both thrived on. In 1988 Ted was approached by Kerry County Council to be their Honorary Engineer for a new project they had in mind. The project was the restoration of two miles of track of the old Dingle to Tralee Steam Railway, from Tralee to Blennerville. Ted took on this project with renewed enthusiasm and it was one of his proudest days when the project was officially opened. He particularly enjoyed bringing his grandchildren on the steam train which they

affectionately termed Grandad's train.

In spring 1998 Ted was busy organising a Thomond Archaeological Society Outing to the Midlands and in particular the area around his childhood home place in Moate. This necessitated a couple of reconnaissance trips to the area, during which he met many of his old friends and visited many of his old haunts which he enjoyed enormously. He was particularly looking forward to this Outing but as fate would have it he never got to lead the trip he had so meticulously planned for 7 June 1998. His friends in Kerry had another project about to be initiated. Her Excellency the President Mary Mc Aleese was laying the keel of the Replica Famine Ship the Jeanie Johnson at Blennerville on Tuesday 5 May 1998 and Ted was invited to attend the ceremony. Chrissie and he had just returned home on the Monday evening from a wonderful weekend with The Thomond Archaeological Society in Westport, organised by his friend Paddy Lysaght.

The following day he drove to Blennerville for the ceremony; and also inspected the railway line but sadly on the return journey he met his untimely death. He had been pleased to report that everything was as it should be with the track and this simple but profound statement also sums up his own life as an engineer, husband, father colleague, friend and valued member of the Society. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Chrissie, son Desmond, who lives in Manchester, daughter Niamh Malone and his grand children Ciara and Kevan Malone.

May he rest in Peace.

We also extend sympathy to the relatives of the following members who died in 1998

Tom Cahill  
Bridget Fitzgerald  
Gerry McCoy  
Benny O'Neill  
Mary O'Sullivan  
Eileen Whittle

And those who died in 1999

John Cavanagh  
Rev. Fr. Coyle  
Eileen Murphy  
V. Rev. Dean M. J. Talbot