



THE GATE LODGES OF IRELAND

The Follies Trust invites you to a lecture by J.A.K. Dean on Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 7.15pm in St Thomas Church, Eglantine Avenue, Belfast BT9 6DW (junction of Eglantine Avenue & Lisburn Road)

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In 1994 the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society published J.A.K. Dean's *The Gate Lodges of Ulster: a gazetteer*. His aim was to provide a complete inventory of this building type in Ireland. In 2016 Wordwell published *The Gate Lodges of LEINSTER*, closely followed by the Munster volume in 2018.

This year the final piece in the jigsaw - *The Gate Lodges of CONNAUGHT: a gazetteer* - will be launched. The fieldwork for these three volumes were progressed concurrently which assisted with comparative analysis. The completion of this project is a major achievement and we are all indebted to J.A.K. Dean for putting this information in the public domain. He studied architecture in the Queen's University of Belfast and while engaged on an undergraduate thesis became fascinated by the country's landed estates. Dean's particular contribution to our understanding of Ireland's architectural heritage is to demonstrate that the gate lodge is a particular building type rather than a mere adjunct to 'the big house'. The rate of loss of these delightful lodges is well documented by Dean but so are the successful restoration projects which have been undertaken.

The Follies Trust is delighted to have the opportunity of hosting this lecture which coincides with the publication of the final gazetteer. It will be a great opportunity to congratulate Dean and to enjoy looking at these buildings which provide us with so much delight as we travel around Ireland.

Wordwell will have copies of all four Gazetteers on sale at a reduced rate before the lecture for one evening only.

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