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Native Woodland Scheme relaunched and revised

The revised establishment element of the Native Woodland Scheme (NWS) will be more user friendly according to Kevin Collins, forestry inspector with the Forest Service. This grant and premium package is designed for farmers and other landowners who are interested in creating native woodlands on greenfield sites.

Combined with the Afforestation Scheme, growers are provided with a number of options to create a balanced forestry programme. Several issues have been addressed in the revised package as many growers felt the original scheme was too cumbersome. For example, the input of an ecologist and the development of a detailed native woodland plan are no longer required.

The actual grant and premium rates are the same as the standard Afforestation Grant and



Kevin Collins. Forest Service and member of the Society of Irish Foresters.

Premium Scheme except the GPCs reflect the scheme's focus on native species.

While the scheme places strong emphasis on biodiversity it also aims to produce quality commercial hardwoods.

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Society members met with foresters Jeff Muzzi (front right) and Lacey Rose (third from the right back row) in Renfrew County Forest, near Pembroke in the Ottawa Valley during the study tour in Ontario, Canada. Front row: Clodagh Duffy, Tim O'Regan, Izabela Witkowska and Jeff Muzzi. Back row: John Guinan, Paddy O'Kelly Stephen Moore, Kieran Moloney, Kevin Kenny, Lacey Rose, Donal Magner and Richard Clear.

Message from the President



The Society of Irish Foresters enjoyed a hugely successful year in 2011. We organised four field days and two public lectures, all of which were very well attended. This year we also presented a workshop entitled 'Trees and the Law' which attracted almost 100 participants. We intend to continue the experiment in 2012 by organising further workshops on topics, which are relevant to current, professional forestry practice.

The 2011 study tour visited Ontario, Canada. It was a wonderful opportunity for participants to witness at first hand the many new and imaginative systems of forest management practiced there. We rounded off the year with the publication of 'Irish Forestry', Vol 68. We also produced a special edition of *The Irish Forester* for the Irish Forestry, Woodland & Bio energy Show at Birr Castle Estate last May. Once again, our two public lectures – Augustine Henry and Sean McBride were well supported.

We also cooperated with other organisations such as the Tree Council of Ireland at the Abbeyleix Field Day when more than over 100 people attended. We also supported the Wood Marketing Federation at the Electric Picnic where sustainable forestry was promoted to 30,000 visitors at this international event.

In addition, we have completed the first phase of our 'Scanning Project' which allows members, researchers, students, and the general public to view every issue of *Irish Forestry* from 1943 to 2009 on the 'Publications' page of our website.

We look forward to 2012, which will be our 70th anniversary. We intend to mark this significant milestone with several special events including the publication of a facsimile edition of *Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* by Elwes & Henry, which was first published in eight volumes between 1906 and 1913. Many foresters are familiar with the title of this book but very few are fortunate enough to possess a complete set as only 300 were printed originally.

Finally, I would like to wish all our members and their families a very Happy Christmas and Good Health in 2012.

JOHN Mc LOUGHLIN

Implemented by the Forest Service in partnership with Woodlands of Ireland, the National Parks & Wildlife Service, and the Heritage Council, further information on the

scheme is available from registered foresters or the Forest Service, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford (lo-call 1890 200 223 or e-mail: forests@agriculture.gov.ie).

Table 1. Grant rates for Native Wood Land Scheme – Establishment (€/ha)

Grant and premium category (GPC) relevant under NWS Establishment	1st Grant	2nd Grant	Total	Additional Fencing Allocation IS436	(Alternative Fencing Allocation Non-IS436)	Total Available Funding
1-Unenclosed	1,500	500	2,000	400	350	2,400
5-Broadleaves (Note, under NWS Establishment, this GPC refers to ash)	3,600	1,100	4,700	500	450	5,200
6-Oak	3,800	1,200	5,000	500	450	5,500
8-Alder	2,400	800	3,200	500	450	3,700

Table 2. Premium rates for Native Woodland Scheme – Establishment (€/ha)

GPCs relevant under NWS Establishment	Farmer	Non Farmer
1-Unenclosed	155	126
5-Broadleaves (Note, under NWS Establishment, this GPC refers to ash)	481	195
6-Oak	515	195
8-Alder	481	195



John McLoughlin, President, Society of Irish Foresters makes a presentation to Dr. John Gilliland OBE at the Annual Sean McBride Forestry Lecture in UCD on 29 September. Dr. Gilliland's excellent talk addressed the role of willows and woodland in solving our food and energy problems.



Joe Gowran demonstrates charcoal making at the Birr show. He is also one of the few experts in coppicing woodlands in Ireland. Recently he has been involved in a number of projects including coppicing the ecologically important native woodland St. John's Wood in Co. Roscommon.



Sean Lenihan, Kestrel Forestry Consultants (centre) with Agnes Hayes and Willie Joe Hayes, Rossscarbery, Co. Cork.



Enda Coates WIT, Cathal Hennessy Coillte, and Nick McCarthy WIT at the Coillte stand.

Forestry show a success

The weather was kind to the Irish Forestry, Woodland and Bio energy Show in Birr last May. Almost 5,000 visitors attended the show – an excellent turnout given the prevailing economic uncertainty.

The Society of Irish Foresters produced a souvenir edition of its newsletter *The Irish Forester* for the show. The Association of Irish Forestry Consultants (AIFC) represented the Society and the forest consultancy profession at their stand during the two-day event

The Society, through AIFC, is represented on many strategic and policy-making forestry forums including the Forest Service Liaison Group, the Forest Policy Review Group and regular meetings with the Forest Service and the Irish Forestry and Forest Products Association, the forestry group within IBEC.

Opening the Irish Forestry, Woodland and Bio energy show Shane McEntee, Minister of State with responsibility for forestry, said that the event was important in promoting the forestry and bio energy sectors. The show featured a conference centre organised by ITGA while scattered around the ideal site at Birr Castle Estate were stands representing all the major forestry companies, sawmillers and wood energy companies as well as harvesting and other forestry machinery distributors.

The show organiser, David Wilkinson, deserves credit for his tireless efforts in making the event a success. He was encouraged by the positive feedback from this year's show and plans are already in hand for the next show in May 2013.



Paddy Murray (right) displays eased edged spruce, produced by the Murray Timber Group (MTG) with John Duane MTG and Seamus Whelan of Future Training.



The Green Belt Ltd team – Seamus Hagan, Seamus Gavigan and Maurice Ryan with John McLoughlin, President, Society of Irish Foresters

TEAK 21 continues to grow

Gerhardt Gallagher reports that Ray Keogh has completed his Coillte sponsored work for TEAK 21. This has involved adding a teak archive to the TEAK21 website, preparing a pre-project proposal for a community support scheme with the Kilombero community and the Kilombero Valley Teak Company (KVTC) in Tanzania as well as communities in Central America (e.g. Orotina and Nicoya) and the Latin America Teak Organisation (OLAT) which is based in Costa Rica. The project will examine ways of achieving fair prices and certified produce for community growers in Africa and Central America with possible support from Irish and international development agencies.

The TEAK 21 website, www.teak21.org is attracting considerable interest with visitors from over 20 countries each month.



Valuable mature teak trees in Indonesia

Society activities

The Society organised numerous events this year, which promoted forestry and forest products throughout Ireland. These included field days in counties Westmeath, Fermanagh, Laois and Tipperary, forestry shows and wood promotion events in counties Offaly and Laois and international events such as the ICF conference in Birmingham and our annual study tour to Ontario, Canada. We wish to thank the Forest Service, Coillte, the Northern Ireland Forest Service, the Tree Council of Ireland, the Irish Timber Growers Association and the Wood Marketing Federation, which were involved in four of these events.

Society study tour to Ontario

This year's study tour was a huge success. Seasoned participants rated it alongside the great tours such as Oregon/Washington, South Africa and British Columbia.

Our 2,770km tour of Ontario began in Dufferin County Forest, north of Toronto, and then headed east to the 7,653km² Algonquin Provincial Park, and the privately owned Haliburton Forest, a "working" forest which generates strong income flows from recreation. From Ottawa, we travelled up the Ottawa Valley to Pembroke, North Bay, Sudbury and Parry Sound and then south to the University of Guelph's arboretum, followed by a fascinating tour of Brant and Norfolk County Forest managed by the Grand River Water Conservation Authority. Here timber production cedes primacy to water management. The tour ended at Niagara Falls – a fitting climax. Overall, it was a hectic but hugely

interesting tour, which offered a memorable glimpse of Ontario's forests and related industries.

Without exception, the foresters we met displayed great pride in their profession together with a deep knowledge of silviculture and the many issues currently affecting their forests. Their confidence and professionalism were impressive.

Midlands field day

This field day featured a very successful visit to the forest and arboretum of the de Vesci Estate, at Abbeyleix, Co. Laois. This event was organised by the Tree Council of Ireland in association with the Society of Irish Foresters and was extremely well supported.



Peter Feegan addresses some of the 104-strong attendance at the de Vesci Estate, Abbeyleix.



Study Tour to Ontario

Members of the 2011 Study Tour to Ontario. Back Row: Kieran Moloney, Ken Ellis, John Mc Loughlin, Kevin Kenny, Dermot O'Brien, Izabela Witkowska, PJ Bruton, Willie McKenna, Sean Galvin, Trevor Wilson, Michael Doyle, Bob Dagg, David Milton (tour leader).

Middle Row: Mark Hogan, Tony Mannion, Pat O'Sullivan, Stephen Moore, Liam Murphy, Gerhardt Gallagher, Jerry Fleming, Michael O'Brien, Tony Gallinagh, Pacelli Breathnach.

Front Row: John Guinan, Frank Nugent, Tim O'Regan, Paddy O'Kelly, Richard Clear, Jim Crowley, George Hipwell, Clodagh Duffy, Denis O'Sullivan, Donal Magner.

Forestry in Fermanagh

This year's Ulster field day, organised by the Society of Irish Foresters in association with the Northern Ireland Forest Service, visited Lough Navar Forest, Co. Fermanagh, which is one of Northern Ireland's largest tracts of forest, and the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark.

Right: Participants at the Ulster field day in Lough Navar Forest



Society supports Electric Picnic

Readers will be familiar with the main timber sizes required to meet market demands. These usually fall into the following four categories: construction, pallet, stake and pulp. Recently, Society of Irish Foresters member and Coillte production manager Jim O'Dowd received a request from the Wood Marketing Federation (WMF) to produce 100 eight metre long Douglas fir poles with an average mid diameter of 15cm. The poles would be used to build an exhibition at the Electric Picnic site.

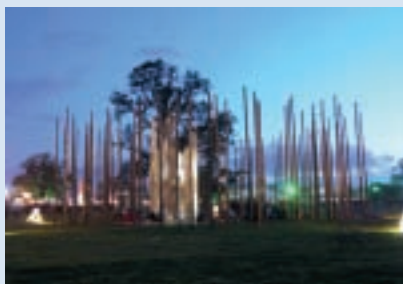


Jim O'Dowd (right) Coillte production manager with Victor Robinson, harvesting contractor in Brackens Wood, near Woodenbridge discussing the sourcing and extracting of poles for the Electric Picnic installation.

Jim found suitable trees in a Coillte forest near Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow and Victor Robinson and his team quickly and efficiently selected, felled and extracted the timber while Coillte organised the transport to the Electric Picnic site in Stradbally, Co. Laois.

At the end of August, the poles were erected under the supervision of Eugene Boyle of Woodcollective, an organisation that specialises in building outdoor wood exhibitions in Ireland and continental Europe. The exhibition – entitled Woodspace-Forest of Light – attracted huge interest at Electric Picnic. Glennon Brothers supplied the timber for the sculpture 'Yggdrasil' and ESB Electric Ireland provided the spectacular illumination of the installation.

Paul Harvey, chairman of the WMF thanked all involved including the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and COFORD for part-funding the project. He praised the Society of Irish Foresters and SmartPly Europe for sponsorship and the woodworkers in the forest and workshops for bringing the exhibition to fruition. The Society part-funded a souvenir booklet which was distributed free of charge to the 30,000 visitors to the three-day event.



The Woodspace-Forest of Light exhibition at the Electric Picnic site in Stradbally.

'A man who works in woods' – the story of Denis Hayes

Donal Magner

When Denis Hayes announced to his family in 1935, that he was applying for the position of trainee forester, his bemused aunt asked: "In the name of God, what will you be qualified to do when you complete this course?" Pointing to the advertisement, 19 year old Denis replied: "It says here, that I'll be a forester." Nobody in the room had ever even heard the word 'forester', not unusual at the time when little more than 1% of the country was under forests. The family was little the wiser when his aunt read out the dictionary definition, which Denis still recalls as "a man who works in woods".

Denis always had a love of trees and nature and while the advertisement had a strange attraction for him, he was unsure of where it might lead him. Whatever it entailed, forestry presented him with an opportunity of working in Ireland at a time when emigration was rife. He was all too aware of the huge unemployment at a time when agriculture had virtually collapsed during the Anglo-Irish Trade War or Economic War, which lasted from 1932 to 1938.

What irked his aunt most was that her young nephew had already secured a teaching post at a private secondary school in Dunmanway. But his persuasive powers, which would serve him well in later life, brought her around. She even supplied the necessary half crown (two shillings and six pence or 16 cent in 'today's money') required to accompany the Civil Service application.

Denis was born in Glandore, Co. Cork on 22 October 1916, the second eldest of four children of Bartholomew and Kate Hayes. His mother died when he was only 12 years old, which is the reason his aunt and extended family crop up throughout his recollections of his happy childhood, which moved between the family farm and the pub cum grocery shop in the village of Glandore. Denis went to the local national school before boarding in Rochestown College where he completed his Matriculation. This was followed by a year in Ballyfin College, Co. Laois where he sat his Leaving Certificate in 1934.

He successfully completed the interview and entrance exam for the position of trainee forester and resigned his teaching position. Despite misgivings, his father and aunt gave him their blessings as he headed for Avondale Forestry School on 5 February, 1936.

He quickly realised that the succinct dictionary definition of a forester was correct, as the words "man" (forestry would remain a male preserve for a further half century), "works" and "woods" rang true especially during his first gruelling day "felling larch thinnings along with my fellow students with axes and cross cuts and broad backs to carry the trimmed full length trees to the roadside".

As they worked, the supervisor Danny McGlynn mingled with the students. When he came to Denis, the conversation turned from forestry to teaching as McGlynn had also spent some time as a teacher in the Donegal Gaeltacht. When it emerged during the course of conversation that Denis had resigned his position as a teacher McGlynn, who at that time regretted leaving his



Denis Hayes with Donal Magner. Denis celebrated his 96th birthday in June and still maintains an active interest in forestry.

teaching post, advised the incredulous student to reconsider his position and return to teaching.

Although Danny McGlynn's belief in forestry never wavered after the first few rocky years, he had painted such a pessimistic picture of the future life of a forester that Denis tendered his resignation the following day. His resignation was accepted and he waited for a day to arrange transport and to say good-bye to his fellow students. Even in the short time he was in Avondale, he had already built up friendships with the group to such a degree that on the eve of his departure they convinced him that he should stay.

He withdrew his resignation but the Forestry Division, annoyed at his cavalier approach, made him sweat it out for a few days before agreeing to reinstate him. And so, from this hesitant start, Denis's 44-year career in forestry began.

Over the following months, under the tutelage of Alistair Grant, he endured a hard training regime which included felling and extracting thinnings, planting, pruning and nursery work, before the students were transferred around the country on their 'practical' year. Denis spent a year working in four forests: Aughrim and the Glen of Imaal in Co. Wicklow followed by Cootehill, Co. Cavan. He would have liked to return to West Cork for his final assignment, but the nearest he got was Cappoquin Forest, Co. Waterford.

The emphasis in the final year shifted from manual to academic as in-house lectures were provided by Alistair Grant. He also recounts visits to Avondale by two directors of forestry in Ireland during this period – the Scottish forester Mark Loudon Anderson and Otto Reinhardt a former Oberforstmeister in the Prussian Forest Service.

He also recalls the strict hierarchical structure and relationships in forestry when trainees were seen and not heard, especially when they were in the presence of foresters and inspectors. He observed this during his period in 'The Casino' – the tiny forestry office near Avondale House where he carried out some office duties as part of his training

BOOK REVIEWS

Planet Dancing by Pat McCusker

Open Gate Press (Paperback 160 pages; £7.99)



Pat McCusker is well known to many of our readers. A former editor of the Society's Journal *Irish Forestry*, he served as a forester with the Forest Service before joining the National Parks and Wildlife Service. He was guest lecturer in nature conservation and forest landscape management at University College Dublin for a number of years and now lectures on biodiversity to postgraduate students. His interest in nature goes back many years and he was a strong proponent of amenity forestry as it was known then. In a letter to *Irish Forestry* in 1977, he outlined his reasons for supporting greater access for the public: "On the matter of forests and the general public the answer is unguardedly simple – the public are looking for 'Beauty'. We come to play. We come seeking the opportunity to be raised above our ordinary existence and to swirl around ourselves the great evolutionary tapestry at least for a few hours." Clearly his enthusiasm hasn't diminished over the years.

His interest in global environmental issues has taken him beyond these shores and has shaped his experiences of nature in his extensive travels especially during his early years when he worked in Canada. He is still swirling around and in the aptly titled *Planet Dancing*, he – metaphorically at least – jives with jellyfish, waltzes with whirligigs, floats with frogs and ends up calling for 'A World Dance Day for Nature' where the children of the world would dance 'for the sheer delight in existence'.

Planet Dancing is a series of stories, parables, observations and conservation proposals. Some are whimsical, some thought provoking and some serious, reflecting his view on the wilderness and the need to protect the biodiversity of our planet.

He hasn't left the forest in this crusade. There are some delightful



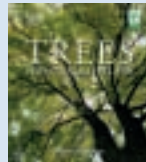
essays on the forest and what it means to him: "not a forest of trees alone but the breath of deer, the movement of beetles under bark, the eyes of hawks staring downwards. . .".

He offers global solutions and the role that children can play in conservation. He enlists the help of the UN, the 'super rich' and religious leaders as a step towards creating a world conservation ethic for nature.

McCusker has no time for cynics. He is an optimist and he rounds off the book with two poets dreaming of what might be. They pick 2020 as the year "when the people of the world [will] come together to plan a number of spectacular events to celebrate all life". No doubt Pat McCusker will be in the thick of it.

Trees of Britain and Ireland by Edward Milner.

Natural History Museum (Hardback 224 pages; £20.00)



Trees of Britain and Ireland is a celebration of the trees of these islands with portraits of all the major species, their history and ecology, and our relationship with them. It is not to be confused with the eight volume *Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* by Elwes and Henry which the Society plans to publish next year to celebrate its 70th anniversary.

Edward Milner is an ecologist who previously published *The Tree Book* based on a Channel 4 series *The Spirit of Trees* which was presented by Dick Warner in 1992. This book, published in association with the Tree Council in the UK, contains all the essential facts about native trees, including where the different trees grow naturally, the insects, fungi and animals that are associated with them. The traditional craft beliefs associated with them, how they are managed and what products are obtained from them are all discussed in full.

This book brings together recent research on managing trees by scientists and historians to help build an up-to-date account of what we know and understand about Britain and Ireland's native trees. Anyone interested in, and concerned about, trees will treasure this beautiful book, which is lavishly illustrated in full colour throughout.

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with the local forester Paddy Ryan, the district inspector would enter with a cursory "Morning Ryan" and pass by the Dickensian trainee in the corner as if he didn't exist.

After successfully completing the course in Avondale he began his life as a forester or forestry foreman in Athlone in July 1939 and within a year he was transferred to Ballinasloe.

He was heavily involved in felling and extracting firewood during World War II or the Emergency, as it was known. Forests were scoured for oak, beech, ash and birch as coal and oil were severely rationed.

He recalls visits to the forests by various forest inspectors especially Anderson who had been appointed director of forestry in 1940. Anderson appeared aloof and could be impatient but Denis also recalls his humane side. Anderson recommended a period in a forest closer to good hospitals after Denis suffered from a period of ill health and Anderson arranged a transfer to Donadea in September 1946. By now he had settled down to married life with Kathleen (nee Marsh) whom he met in Athlone and married in 1943. They had two children: Catriona – or Rena as she is known – and Declan.

In November 1951, he was transferred to Durrow, Co Laois where he lived with his young family in an isolated house deep in the forest. The house was in a very poor state of repair but this did not surprise him as official residences (ORs) were often damp and badly built – a reality he became all too well acquainted with in his role as General Secretary of the State Foresters Association (SFA).

However, he quickly realised that the house in Durrow was the worst of a bad lot. One morning while he was doing some office work in a ground floor room, which doubled as his office, he heard a loud crash upstairs. He ran upstairs to find Kathleen rescuing their four-month old daughter from her cot. Both were covered in dust as the ceiling had collapsed, scattering debris all over the upstairs bedrooms. Fortunately, both escaped injury.

As a member of the SFA he was often angered by the negative responses of the Department to various submissions made on behalf of foresters in relation to pay and living accommodation. For example, when he reported the collapse of the ceiling to the Department, he received the laughably terse reply: "Please occupy the ground floor until further notice."

At the time, foresters were frequently transferred across the country at a whim and despite repeated promises they had failed to secure Established Civil Service status. Infuriated, he stepped up his work with the SFA and on a personal basis, demanded a new house which was duly built, not deep in the forest as the Department at first insisted, but closer to the public road where his children could meet and play with local children and where Kathleen wouldn't feel isolated during Denis's trips around the forest.

The work of the SFA began to bear fruit during the 1950s when foresters were eventually granted Established status. From the late 1940s they lobbied Government party members incessantly, including Ministers in the Inter-Party Government (1948-'51) beginning with the Minister for Lands, Joseph Blowick and later Sean McBride who was Minister for External Affairs. Both men were in opposition by the time the Department of Lands (Establishment of Foresters) Bill, 1952 was debated in the Dail and Seanad and finally enacted in May 1953.

"We were now established Civil Servants which ensured that we had full pensionability and our families would be cared for if anything happened to us," he says. "It is difficult to imagine it now, but achieving Established status made a huge difference to the morale and financial standing of foresters, in addition to granting a new-found status to our profession."

Transfers became less frequent and opportunities for promotion improved. In 1961, Denis was appointed Assistant District Inspector in Kilkenny. He moved house for the last time to Kilkenny with his family. His final appointment as District Inspector in Kilkenny, was a role he

thoroughly enjoyed.

In this position he helped shape forest policy for a district that included the forests of Callan, Castlecomer, Graigueenamanagh, Knocktopher, Piltown, Mullinavat, Thomastown and his former stomping ground of Durrow. "The aim was to recreate a forest resource and for the most part that was virtually total conifer afforestation," he says. "Kilkenny had its fair share of good sheltered sites and we always insisted on at least 10% broadleaves and often surpassed this target, while not losing sight of the commercial objectives."

A founder member of the Society of Irish Foresters, Denis took an interest in many aspects of forestry. Foresters who worked with him talk of his commitment, dedication and vision. He encouraged foresters to voice their opinions and explore a wide range of interests. On one occasion I remember a field day he hosted in South Kilkenny in October 1978 when the group visited a number of forests but ended up at the National Ploughing Championships (NPC) in Knocktopher on his suggestion. Although private planting was only 170 hectares that year, Denis realised the huge potential of farm forestry. He wished to discuss forestry with farmers as well as observing new techniques in agriculture at the Ploughing. Forestry and the NPC have made great strides since 1978.

Denis retired in 1980 but even now, aged 96, his interest and enthusiasm for forestry have not diminished. He is delighted to see private and State forestry thriving but is trenchantly opposed to any privatisation of Ireland's State forests. He has campaigned in the press against privatisation and in a recently published letter, he wrote: "We have now reached the stage where large tracts of forests have reached maturity and are being harvested, yielding a reasonable financial return. It is inconceivable to contemplate that any government would consider selling such a valuable asset for short-term financial gain."

Denis Hayes has more than played his part in creating this valuable asset.

Society plans to publish facsimile edition of 'The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland'



Frontispiece and title page of Volume I of *The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* by Henry John Elwes and Augustine Henry



Augustine Henry and Henry John Elwes

The Society of Irish Foresters is planning to publish a facsimile edition of 'The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland' by Henry John Elwes and Augustine Henry to mark its 70th anniversary next year. 'The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland' was privately published in eight volumes including index between 1906 and 1913. It was subsidised by a number of patrons. Now almost one hundred years later the Society plans to take a similar approach to fund this major publishing event. The publication will contain close to 3,000 pages including 2,080 body text pages, 850 pages of photographic plates, seven colour titles, five colour frontispieces, one photographic portrait frontispiece along with lists of patrons, foreword, acknowledgements and introduction. Further details will be issued shortly.

New members

We welcome the following new members to the Society of Irish Foresters:

Associate

Niall Armstrong,
Colm O'Callaghan,
TJ O'Sullivan.

Student

Gearóid Burke,
Edwin Corrigan,
Leighton Hoban.

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Joe O'Carroll Managing Director, Imperative Energy Ltd (second from left) accepts the "Best in Bio energy" award from Pat Rabbitte Minister of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, with Frank Ryan CEO, Enterprise Ireland and Tony Boyle CEO, The Green Way, Ireland's Cleantech Cluster. Imperative Energy Ltd, owned by Joe O'Carroll and Green Belt Ltd, Ireland's largest private forestry company, is a leading player in the sector in the UK and Ireland.



The unveiling of the Society memorial to Augustine Henry in Avondale in February 1951, which includes Augustine Henry's widow Alice (far right), Dr. Thomas Walsh, Thomas O'Carroll (sixth from right) and OV Mooney (far left). Can any of our readers identify the others in the photograph, please?

*To all Society members,
thanks for your support
during the year*

*Nollaig shona is gach sonas
i gcomhair na h-athbhliana*

*Happy Christmas and a
prosperous New Year*

