



***The William Carleton Society,  
in association with Libraries NI  
presents:***

## **ULSTER VOICES**



William Carleton



Benedict Kiely



Patrick Kavanagh



W F Marshall

**on Friday 8 August 2025 from 10am to 5pm**  
**Admission Free**

in Fivemiletown Library, 67 Main Street,  
Fivemiletown, Co Tyrone BT75 0PG

Please reserve your place by

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T: 028 8952 1409 or by dropping in to the branch;

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*and*

**Carleton and County Monaghan**

**Coach tour on Saturday 9 August 2025**

(see back page for details)

# Ulster Voices: an opportunity to explore landscape and linguistic diversity

## Programme

10.00am	<i>Welcome and Tea/Coffee</i>
10.30am	Paul Clements on <b>Carleton the Novelist seen through the eyes of Benedict Kiely</b>
11.30am	Shaun O'Byrne on <b>A Sense of Place</b>
12.30 - 2.00pm	<i>Lunch* (please see below for more details)</i>
2.00pm	William Anderson on <b>The Trails of two Williams</b>
3.00pm	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
3.30pm	Carleton Connections: a panel discussion featuring members of the Carleton Committee
4.15 - 4.45pm	Closing Discussion

\* Lunch is available in The Valley Hotel (directly opposite the Library) at £15 per person. If you are interested, please inform Library staff **before 31 July** so numbers can be confirmed.

# Speakers

## Paul Clements



Paul Clements, who grew up in the Clogher Valley, is the author of five travel books about Ireland. He has also written two biographies and wrote the introduction to *A Benedict Kiely Reader: Drink to the Bird and Selected Essays* (2024). His new book, *A Year in the Woods: Montalto through the Seasons*, was published by Merrion Press in 2025. A former BBC assistant editor, he is a regular contributor to the *Irish Times*, writing local history books reviews and Irishman's Diaries. He lives in Belfast with his wife and son.

## Shaun O'Byrne



Shaun works as Visitor Experience Coordinator in the Patrick Kavanagh Visitor Centre in Inniskeen in County Monaghan. His talk, **A Sense of Place**, examines how Kavanagh and Carleton used 'place' in their literature to capture habits, manners of life and idioms of speech of the rural Irish in their native Ulster.

## William Anderson



Born and bred in Sixmilecross, William has always been interested in the life and works of Rev W F Marshall (1888-1959). He is at present doing an MA in Public History with Queen's University Belfast. His talk today, **The Trails of two Williams**, focuses on the William Carleton Trail in the Clogher Valley and the William Forbes Marshall trail in Sixmilecross and discovers there is much that unites these two men, the love of language and the love of Tyrone.

**The William Carleton Society**  
**Carleton and County Monaghan: the Saturday Tour**  
**on Saturday 9 August 2025**

**Ticket** (including refreshments in Glaslough) **£20**

**10.00am** Coach departs Fivemiletown (rear of Valley Hotel), with Clogher pick-up (in the old Post Office car park) at 10.15am. Visiting Errigal Old Graveyard (setting of Carleton's story 'The Churchyard Bride'), Derrygola (where he lodged with the McCarrons) and Glennan Chapel (where he attended a classical school).

Tea/coffee & scone at The Coach House in Glaslough c12 noon.

**1.00pm** Arrive in Monaghan. Walking tour of the town centre led by Henry Skeath - includes St Patrick's Church, the Courthouse (site of Johnny Short's 'hotel'), Aviemore (Dacre Hamilton), McPhillip's Hotel (now Westenra Arms) and Dublin Street (birthplace of Sir Charles Gavan Duffy)

Lunch in either Flemings 'Barley & Bean' (which has a lift) or Dinkins.

*Lunch **not** included in the tariff.*

**3.00-4.15pm** Guided tour of the new Monaghan Museum site in the Peace Campus. Exhibits there include Castle Leslie artefacts, famous Monaghan people, banners and emblems from the county, costume, railway heritage etc.

**4.30pm** Depart for Clogher and Fivemiletown.

**Please book your seat in advance E: [wcarletonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wcarletonsociety@gmail.com), Jack Johnston, T: 028 8554 8288 or Ita McGirr M: 07980 915 457**

***Date for your Diary - Wednesday 13 August 2025***

*The Clogher Valley Walking Club are offering a Carleton walk which includes Springtown, Cargagh Lane and Dunroe.*

*Meet in Clogher car park at 7pm. Everyone welcome!*

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The Society wishes to thank everyone who contributed to this programme, especially Mid Ulster District Council and Libraries NI.