

## Shannon Charts - by Harry Rice in 1960 donated by Dan Gleeson

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These charts created by Harry Rice in 1960 have been donated to the HBA by Dan Gleeson and displayed here with the kind permission of Betty Williams.

Dan Gleeson gave these charts to the HBA in August 2008. He was to attend the HBA AGM in November 2008 for a formal handing-over ceremony. Tragically, he drowned in Shannon Harbour in the week before the AGM. The HBA acknowledges his generosity and is committed to continuing one of Dan's favourite projects: raising funds for the Nenagh Canoe Club.

The seven charts are almost A3 size. They cover the stretch of water from Lough Key to Lanesborough, but provide considerably more detail than the sketch-maps in \*Thanks for the Memory\*.

Here, for instance, the chart shows anchorages, shoals and more courses, as well as extra detail on the private canal system. B.J.Goggin.

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O'Beirne's pub at Battlebridge is shown here, but didn't make it into the book.

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There is considerably more detail here, both on and off the navigation, than there is in the book.

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Again, the chart shows much more detail than the book. Note for example the quays at Derrycarne House and the old canal at Roosky. The book used the spelling "Carnadoe" but here "Carranadoe" is chosen.

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This chart is particularly interesting because it shows the little-known Rockville Navigation, the network of small lakes and canals up the Grange River. The book (written in 1952) does not mention the Rockville. Hugh Malet, in "In the Wake of the Gods", describes a small-boat trip on the system; the navigation is mentioned briefly in an early Shannon Guide and it is shown on early Ordnance Survey maps, but it seems to have been forgotten since Rice and Malet.

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The hotel in Roosky is named and, downriver, the townland names are given. Lough Forbes is mapped in great detail; note the quay in the south-east corner.

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A mass of detail between Tarmonbarry and Lanesborough. The Bord na Mona railway bridge was not on the map in the 1952 book, but it is shown here. Note the site of the pitcher plant, the navigable Feorish River and the small harbour at Derrycashel.