

## HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

### NAAS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



### NAAS GASWORKS - CANAL BANK

Along the banks of the canal you will find the well maintained building that was the former town gasworks. Once an important local industry, it supplied heating and lighting in the pre-electricity era to the town through an intricate network of underground pipe works from the gasworks to the town.

The fuel, which was coal, was delivered by barge from Dublin and the story is told how “children were brought to inhale the fumes, thought to be a cure for whooping cough.

A quick visit to “Tommy Fletchers” pub in North Main Street will allow one the opportunity to see some of the original gas fittings, now dormant, but still intact and safely in place above the bar.