



CORRIB CRUISES

FISHING/ANGLING:

The season extends from 15 February to 30 September, (the dapping season from mid-May to mid-June), using mayfly and from mid-July to mid-September using 'hopper' or 'daddy'. The tourist can avail of the excellent fishing from Castletown Bay and Salthouse Bay. Salmon fishing is excellent from Cong River salmon licences available at Fred O'Connor's, Cong.



HORSE RIDING

WALKING & HIKING:

Cong, Cross and the Neale offer the tourist excellent walkways by the river and lakes. Many caves are to be viewed, particularly Kelly's Cave, Pigeon-hole and the caves by the 'Dry Canal'.

GOLF:

The 18-hole golf course at the Courtyard Hostel Cross, is set in magnificent landscape. Golf clubs are available. The 9-hole course at Ashford Castle is set on mature land on the shore of Lough Corrib. Advance booking is essential.



GOLFING

EQUESTRIAN:

The Ashford Equestrian Centre is situated in the grounds of Ashford Castle and is within easy walking distance of the village of Cong. We ride over beautiful wooded country side between the shores of Lough Corrib and Lough Mask, and to the west into the mountains of Connemara. Our superb natural amenities are backed up by a modern purpose built equestrian centre including a large indoor school, outdoor jumps, both natural and manmade. Beginners are welcome.

JAUNTING CARS:

Scenic, picturesque trips on horse and trap maybe had around the Quiet Man Village of Cong. For further information contact John at 092-46029.

CRUISING & BOATING

Corrib Cruises/Ferries has a daily sailing between Cong and Oughterard, which includes a stop off at Inbhagoill Island, where a guided tour is conducted of the ancient ruins on the Island, which include (The Saints Church) 12th Century. St Patrick's Church which was built by St Patrick himself in the 5th century. You also have the stone of Lugna which is also of the 5th century, it is believed to be the oldest inscribed christian inscription apart from the Catacombs in Rome. You are assured of a pleasant trip. You can hire a rowing boat and view the lake at your leisure, contact numbers available overleaf.

TOURING:

Cong, Cross and the Neale is an ideal base for touring as it is the 'Gateway to Connemara'. Sightseeing tours are available, contact bus hire or taxi service overleaf.

ART & CRAFTS:

'The Craft Shop', Galway Road, Cong, is a must for original knitwear — a sweater for everyone! Local craftsmanship skills are displayed at O'Connors, Cong. They supply local souvenirs and mementos to suit all tourists.

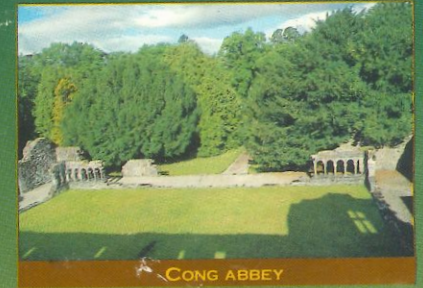
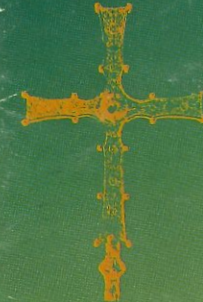


The making of the classic 'The Quiet Man' by John Ford had a major impact on the life and soul of the Cong Village. Electricity was introduced to the village in that memorable year of 1951. John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara were the main actors and Ms O'Hara is still a regular visitor to the area.

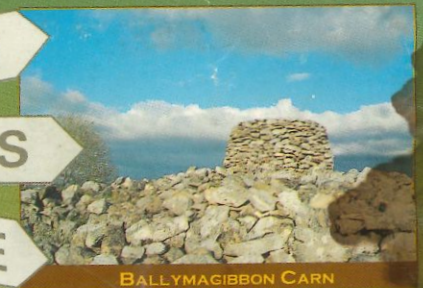
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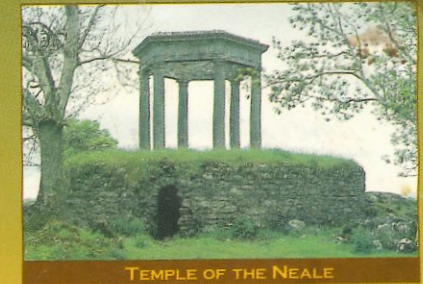
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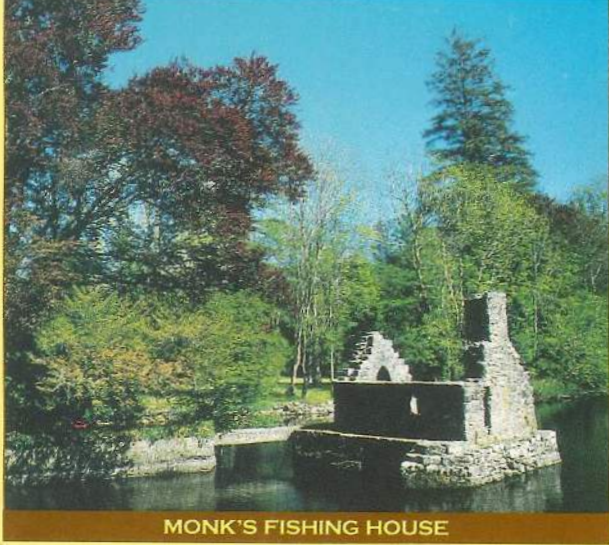


BALLYMACIBBON CARN



TEMPLE OF THE NEALE

THE GATEWAY TO CONNEMARA



MONK'S FISHING HOUSE

INTRODUCING CROSS, CONG & NEALE

A triangle of historical and picturesque villages, snuggled between two of the world's great trout fisheries, Lough Corrib and Lough Mask.

CONG - 'Cunga Feichin'

The Gaelic name for Cong is very informative and revealing. 'Cung' means a narrow strip of land and Cong is situated on a narrow isthmus of covenerous limestone between Lough Mask and Lough Corrib.

A stroll through Cong and it's hinterland is a microcosmic trip through the history of Ireland and it's people.

No trace, today remains of Feichin's haven by the river but the tranquillity, clear water and abundant supply of fish that tempted Feichin to settle in Cong are still there to be savoured, enjoyed and appreciated nearly 1400 years later.

The majestic monastic remains that adorn Cong today

are the relics of a monastery built by the High King of Ireland, Turlach O'Connor in 1120 for the Augustinians. The Monastery continued as a site of worship and learning until it was suppressed in the reign of Henry VIII. Stroll around the monastic cloisters and cast your mind back to the psalm chanting monks following the ornate Cross of Cong which is now in the National Museum. The Market Cross in the village commemorates two former Abbots of the Monastery. A walk along the dry canal rekindles memories of the dreaded famine of 1845-1848. The canal was a famine relief scheme that never quite fulfilled it's promise in any sense of the word. Due to the limestone nature of the terrain the water disappeared into the ground like water gurgling down the plughole of a bath. This era also saw the Oranmore & Brown family vacate Ashford House in 1852 and heralded the arrival of the famed Guinness brewing family to the area. Arthur Guinness (Lord Ardilaun) devoted much of his life and considerable wealth to the development of the Castle, the walks, the forest and local historical artefacts.

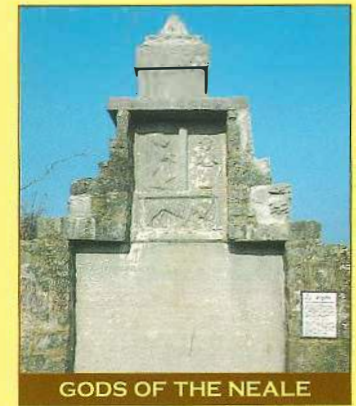
CROSS - 'An Crois'

A great battle took place between the Firbolgs and the Tuatha Dé Danann (ancient tribes of Ireland), on the great plain of Moytura in Cross. They played the first ever hurling match on those plains. The Firbolgs outshone that day, but the battle was won by the Tuatha Dé Danann. Ballymagibbon Cairn was erected to celebrate the battle.

From Christian times you can still see the ruins of St. Fura's Church at Ballymagibbon (7th century). An interesting relic of this old ruin is now placed in the porch of Cross Church. It is a carved stone having in relief the figure of a child.

Having completed your rambles

through Cross, relax with a copy of Sir William Wilde's 'Lough Corrib', or enjoy the works of his son Oscar, who roamed the area as a youth while holidaying in Moytura House.



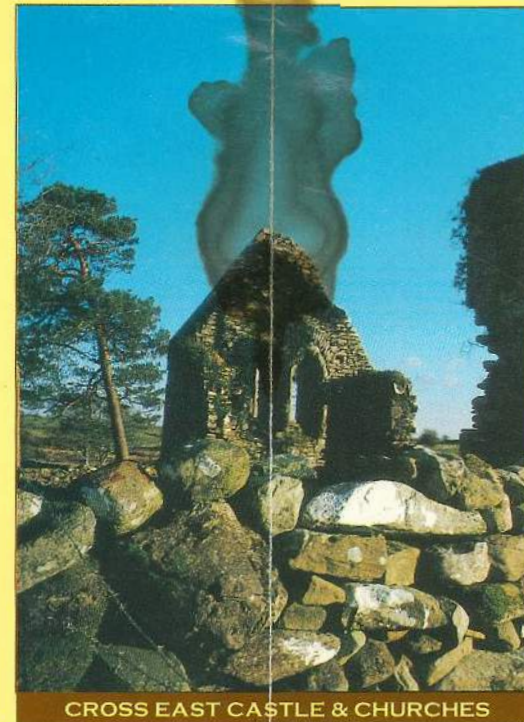
GODS OF THE NEALE

NEALE - 'An Eill'

Snuggled close to the isthmus of Cong is the small village of the Neale, with its historical and archaeological wealth virtually unknown.

Spread over the landscape are the ruins of the Norman Castles occupied by the McDonnell mercenaries and adjacent to the Neale Village is the home of the first

Englishman to settle in the country—the sheriff and map-marker John Browne. His descendant Lord Kilmaine, was responsible for the building of the 'Temple'. The Neale village also itself hosted the great uncrowned King of Ireland, Charles Stewart Parnell, and Michael Davitt during the land league era. The system of organised ostracisation of overbearing landlords and agents—later termed 'boycotting' by Fr. O'Malley PP, The Neale—was first put into operation at Lough Mask House where Capt. Boycott attempted to raise the rents. Journalists from all over Europe and American converged on the tiny village to witness the non-violent resistance which in later years were the hallmarks of Gandhi and Martin Luther King.



CROSS EAST CASTLE & CHURCHES



CONG-CROSS-NEALE

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POINTS OF INTEREST

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Ashford Castle | 14 Lisloughry Point |
| 2 Cong Abbey — Monk's Fishing House | 15 Stone circles |
| 3 Pigeon Hole | 16 Cairn an Chluiche |
| 4 Giant's Cave | 17 Moytura |
| 5 Cresheens | 18 Ballymagibbon |
| 6 Drumshiel Bridge | 19 Lackafinna Bay |
| 6a Dry Canal | 20 Gortacurra Bay |
| 7 Aughalard Castle | 21 Kilfraughan |
| 8 Giant's Grave | 22 Cross East Church |
| 9 Lough Mask Castle | 23 Longstone Neale |
| 10 St. Cecilias Well | 24 'Gods of the Neale' |
| 11 Captain Webbs | 25 Carn Eochai |
| 12 Kelly's Cave | 26 Derry Quay (Salthouse Bay) |
| 13 Horses Discovery | 27 Temple of the Neale |
| | 28 Chalet |

Forest Walks: ----- For further information contact local Tourist Office at 092-46542

APPROVED ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS (Phone/Fax)

Ashford Castle, Cong 092-46003
Danagher's Hotel, Cong
092-46494/46495
Ryan's Hotel, Cong 092-46243/46004

B & B · Guesthouses

Town & Country House
Hazel Grove, Mrs. A. Coakley 092-46060
Nymphsfield House,
Mrs. M. Hynes 092-46320
Riverlodge, Mrs. B. Ryan 092-46057
Rocklawn House,
Mrs. M. Varley 092-46616
Villa Pio, Mrs. A. Holian 092-46403
White House,
Mrs. K. Connolly 092-46358
Woodlands, Mrs. M. Bourke 092-46067
Woodview House,
Mrs. B. Carney 092-46355

Farmhouse Accommodation

Ballykine House,
Mrs. A. Lambe, 092-46150
Breezy Heights,
Mrs. C. Moran 092-46212
Cong Gateway,
Mrs. B. O'Mahony 092-46667
Corrib View Villa,
Mrs. M. Lydon 092-46036
Hillview, Mrs. B. O'Toole 092-46500
Inisfree House, Mrs. K. Walsh 092-46082

Hostels

Cong Hostel, Lisloughry,
092-46089 fax: 092-46448
Courtyard Hostel, Cross 092-46203
Quiet Man Hostel, Abbey St., Cong
092-46089 fax: 092-46448

Self-Catering

Mrs. Mary Lydon, Corrib View Villa
092-46036
Mrs. Christina Moran, Cross 092-46212

Caravan & Camping Parks

Cong Caravan & Camping Park,
Lisloughry, Cong
092-46089 fax: 092-46448

SERVICES & AMENITIES

Banks Mobile Service

Cong Wednesday 12am-12.15pm AIB
Cong Wednesday 2pm-2.30pm Ulster
Thursday 2pm-3pm Bank of Ireland

Pharmacy

Mary Daly, Cong 092-46119

Grocery · Gifts · Newsagents

Connolly's, Cong 092-46485
Mellottes, Neale 092-41032
O'Connor's, Cong 092-46008

Butchers

Mellottes, Neale 092-41032
Ryan's Butchers, Cong 092-46035

Post Office

Cong 092-46001
Cross 092-46201
Neale 092-46271

Auctioneers

Tom Ryan, Cong 092-46035

Arts & Crafts

Luskin's Craft Shop, Galway Road, Cong
092-46029
O'Connor's, Cong 092-46008

Angling Information

Cong Salmon Hatchery 092-46049

Fishing Tackle

O'Connor's, Cong 092-46008 ask for Fred!

Guide Books on Cong

Cong Walks, Sights & Stories
Complete Guide to the
Quiet Man Locations
Heritage Trail
The Glory of Cong

Laundrette & Dry Cleaning Service

Cong Hostel, Lisloughry,
Quay Rd., Cong.
Gerry Collins 092-46089 fax 46448
Quiet Man Hostel, Abbey St., Cong.
Gerry Collins 092-46089 fax 46448

Religious Services

Cong; St. Mary's (R.C.)
Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 11.30am
Cross; Saturday 7pm, Sunday 10.30am
Neale; St. John's
Saturday 8pm, Sunday 11am
Church of Ireland (St. Mary's) 10am

Doctors, Cong

Dr. Tim Regan 092-46006
Dr. Ml. Regan 092-46006

Bureau de Change

Cong Hostel, Lisloughry, Quay Rd.,
Cong 092-46089
Connolly's, Cong 092-46485
Courtyard Hostel, Cross 092-46203
O'Connor's, Cong 092-46008
The Quiet Man Hostel, Abbey St., Cong
092-46089

TRANSPORT

Coach, Mini Bus Hire

Holian, Martin 092-46403
Walsh, Michael 092-46082

Taxi Service:

Martin Holian 092-46403

Garages & Petrol Stations

Fahy Car Sales, Cong 092-46154
Imperial Motors, Cong 092-46334
Mellottes, Neale 092-41032
O'Connor's Garage, Cong 092-46008
Riverside Inn, Cross 092-46211

Corrib Cruises, 092-46029/46568

Equestrian Activities

Clesham, Tim. Cong Horse Riding
092-46024/46507
Cong Jaunting Car & Pony Traps
092-46029

Boat Hire

Gerry Collins 092-46089
Frank Costello 092-46348
Michael Holian 092-46385
Marty Holian 092-46403

Bicycle Hire

Gerry Collins 092-46089
John O'Brien 092-46203
Fred O'Connor 092-46008

RESTAURANTS & CAFÉS

Corrib Restaurant, Cong 092-46655

Danagher's Hotel, Cong
092-46494/46495

Echo's Restaurant, Cong
092-46059/46665

Mellottes Bar, Neale 092-41032

O'Connor's, Cong 092-46008

Quiet Man Coffee Shop, Cong 092-46034

Riverlodge, Cong 092-46057

Ryan's Hotel, Cong 092-46243/46004

PUBS · BARFOOD · ENTS

Danagher's Hotel, Cong 092-46494

Gibbon's Pub, Neale 092-46264

Mellottes, Neale 092-41032

O'Connor's, Cong 092-46008

O'Malley's, Cross 092-46431

Ryan's Hotel, Cong 092-46243

Walsh's, Cross 092-46211