

Property/NewsPeople

Public Auction set for Saturday 23rd March

Connaughton Auctioneers and Gerry Coffey Auctioneer are together holding a property auction on the 23rd March 2013 in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon Town at 1 pm. There will be seven properties on offer for sale on the day.

Among the properties for auction are an attractive four-bedroom bungalow residence at Muckloon, Ballyforan, Co. Roscommon, a four-bedroom bungalow residence under construction being sold as seen at Parkwest, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, a very attractive three-bedroom bungalow standing on c. 0.54 acres at Aghagower, Castlecoote, Co. Roscommon, a prime development land containing c. 1.2 acres at Station Road, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon, a three-bedroom two-storey residence with range of outbuildings at Coolusty, Athleague, Co. Roscommon, a charming two-bedroom cottage in need of renovation standing on c. 0.77 acres at Quinaltagh, Garrafrans, Dunmore, Co. Galway, an excellent business opportunity to purchase Ballygar Equestrian Centre occupying c. 19,000 sq. ft. at Ballygar, Co. Galway.

The properties are priced to sell and offer amazing value. For instance the property at Muckloon, Ballyforan is described by Connaughton Auctioneers as an attractive four-bedroom bungalow residence standing on c. 0.5 acres located

c. 1 mile from Ballyforan, boasting spacious accommodation throughout in need of modernisation with large garage to rear, with an AMV of €75,000.

The property at Parkwest, Clonberne, Ballinasloe is described by Gerry Coffey Auctioneer as four-bedroom bungalow under construction with the following works done – 1st fix wiring completed, pvc windows and doors fitted, skim plastered walls. The house is being sold as seen and with an AMV of €35,000 this property would make an ideal starter home.

The property at Aghagower, Castlecoote is described by Connaughton Auctioneers as a very attractive three bedroom bungalow in excellent condition standing c. 0.54 acres with an AMV of €95,000. The development land at Station Road, Ballinlough is described by Gerry Coffey Auctioneer as being a prime development land containing c. 1.2 acres offering obvious development potential due location with an AMV of €10,000.

The property at Coolusty, Athleague is described by Connaughton Auctioneers as an attractive three-bedroom two-storey residence in good condition with a range of outbuildings. The property at Quinaltagh, Garrafrans, Dunmore is described by Connaughton Auctioneers and Gerry Coffey Auctioneer as a charming two-bedroom cottage in need of renovation standing on

c. 0.77 acres with an AMV of €20,000. Also on offer at the auction is the opportunity to purchase an excellent business opportunity the property at Ballygar is described by Connaughton Auctioneers as Ballygar Equestrian Centre located just off the Town Centre. The said Centre occupies an area of c. 19,000 sq. ft. indoor arena with Wexford sand and Woodship. The Centre comprises of: Indoor Arena, Toilets, Waiting Arena Service, Canteen, and Outdoor Floodlit Arena. They are also buildings adjacent including 16 stables, Tack Room and Hay Barn with horse crush and large grazing paddock to side. The said property stands on an overall area of c. 3.1 acres with its own water supply. Without doubt this is a fine property to come on the market.

Without further ado put this date in your diary 23rd March – Abbey Hotel, Roscommon at 1 pm. The Connaughton and Coffey alliance would like to most sincerely thank all of the people who have contacted them regarding the auction and indeed the general public at large for their support in this exciting project.

For further details contact either of the auctioneers or visit their websites for full details on all properties going to auction – Connaughton Auctioneers on 090-6663700 or Gerry Coffey Auctioneer on 094-9643600.

CONNAUGHTON AUCTIONEERS

● Property Sales ● Lettings ● Valuations

Athleague, Co. Roscommon. Tel. (090) 6663700. Mob. (086) 8985013

www.connaughtonauctioneers.ie



SOCIETY OF REGISTERED SURVEYORS IRELAND

M.S.C.S.I

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX

Connaughton Auctioneers conduct written valuations for the Local Property Tax.

The valuation will include a photograph and will guide and cover your self assessment.

Cost of Valuation: €50 + vat

For further details contact Ivan Connaughton

WANTED WANTED

Lands to Let - Any Size Any Location - For Awaiting Clients

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT THE OFFICE.

Felim O'Conor King of Connacht

HISTORIC SITES IN ROSCOMMON

A series inspired by
Dysart Rural Men's Group

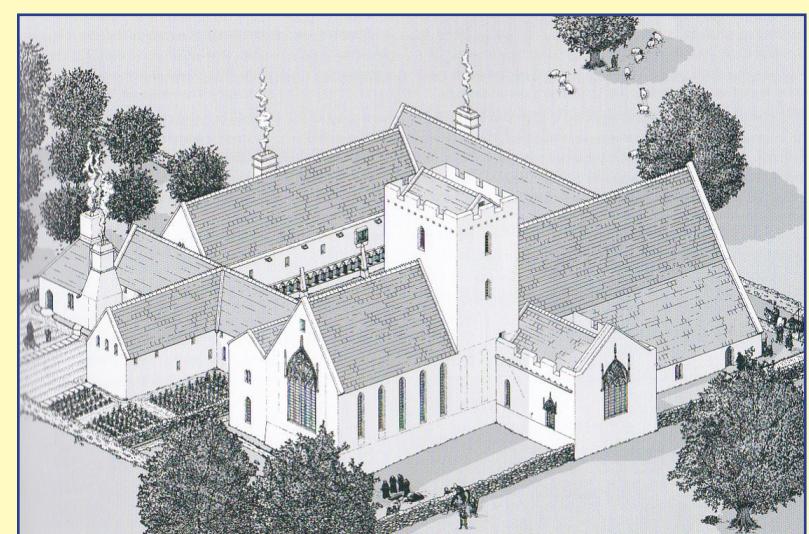
An important part of Roscommon's medieval history lies behind the Abbey National School on Circular Road. This is the site of the Dominican Abbey, and

within its walls is the effigy of the King of Connacht, Felim O'Conor who died in 1265. His reign, like that of his predecessors, was one of conflict interspersed with periods of peace. Felim O'Conor ruled for a long period like his grandfather, Turlough, had done before him.

Turlough O'Conor, who died in 1156, was High

King of Ireland and Connacht and he was responsible for bringing Connacht to political prominence. The Kingship of Connacht was constantly contested with the King of England and Anglo Normans sometimes having a say in the outcome, following the signing of the Windsor Treaty in 1175. Turlough's son, Rory, ruled Connacht

after his father's death and later Cathal Crobhderg O'Conor reigned until 1224. When Cathal's son, Felim, assumed the Kingship, the English nobility were firmly established in Connacht, having gained control over most of it except for an area which was known as the King's cantreds (an area of land about 100,000 acres was known



Dominican Abbey, circa 1470.

as a cantred). This comprised of the present day Co. Roscommon, parts of Sligo and east Galway as we know them today.

Felim O'Conor was a peacemaker and fighter. The history books document many attacks on castles by him including Rinndown in South Roscommon during 1236. In Co. Galway he destroyed many castles including one where he was held prisoner by an Anglo Norman Baron for one year in 1231. He took his fight beyond Connacht, and on one occasion he fought in Wales with his Irish kern (or soldier).

Felim O'Conor's eldest son, Aedh, carried on the fight inflicting huge losses on his enemies by attacking the castles of Athlone, Onagh (Taughmaconnell), Rinndown and Roscommon.

Change of a different kind

was also happening within the Christian Church in Ireland, with new religious orders from the continent becoming established. One such order was the Dominicans, established by Felim O'Conor in Roscommon town in 1253. The Dominicans were renowned for their generosity and teaching of the faith during their long period at Roscommon.

The Abbey, as it is known locally, had two building phases and must have been impressive in its day, (see conjectural drawing). Its interior, illuminated through its lancet and tracery windows by the sun onto its white washed walls, decorated in wall paintings of its time are in stark contrast to the roofless building one sees today.

Adjacent to the church was the Hall, Dormitory, Cloister, its gardens and

orchard. There is also a reference to a castle on the same site.

Tillage and pasture farming would have dominated the surrounding fields, the produce of which was shared with the local community and sometimes taken from them forcefully by the sheriff of Roscommon Castle and native Irish clans.

Today, visitors can see the effigy of this King in the most sacred part of this building, the chancel. A very ornate piece of work sculptured over 700 years ago which includes a sceptre and below this eight gallowglasses (professional soldiers) that 'protect' his resting place. And at his feet, as if 'asleep' is the figure of a dog, a sign of loyalty.

The Dominican Abbey has public access and well worth a visit.

