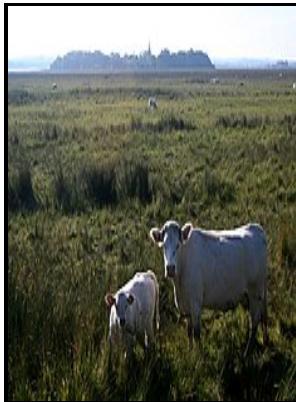


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Faber and Faber - Church Island (Lough Gill)



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Annagh Cottage

Hervey's ambitious mansion was therefore not economically viable. It has been straightened up quite recently by the Department of the Environment much to the dismay of some locals who feel that some of its history has been taken away. Frances Sandys, no 'H', was involved with the design of Ickworth Rotunda.

Church Island (Lough Beg)

Church Island which is on the lake was the site of a pre-Viking monastery and during the summer it is normally reachable by foot. The beach The wet meadows are winter or migration quarters for birds from the northern hemisphere.

The countryside which inspired Heaney's poetry opens to public

It was reputed to have had the best Italian marble and notably 365 windows. There is now a huge number of Scullions in that city with roots in Bellaghy. The fields surrounding Church Island are famous Wetlands where many species of geese, ducks and swans are to be found.

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The windmill was built some time between 1860 and 1875 by William Palmer 1823-1898. I love the regular prayer rhythms that measure my routine in the Oratory.

Open Ground

He died in San Francisco in 1916 and his widowed mother was buried in the Island graveyard a few months later. Church Island is not an 'island' as such, insofar that only its eastern flank is adjoined by water.

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The spire was built beside the church for Bishop Harvey in the late 1700's who wanted a view of a spire from his dwelling in Bellaghy. On a visit to

the island you will discover the ruins of an old church with no spire! One of the Marble fireplaces from the old mansion now stands in the library in Bellaghy Bawn. Pilgrims can however walk to the island from the County Londonderry side as Church Island is not an 'island' as such insofar as only three of its sides are surrounded by water, with the passing of time and in particular after the dredging of the River Bann in the 1930s, the water on the west side of the island has receded although in bad weather the swollen River Bann again completely surrounds the island.

Open Ground

Ballyscullion was designed and built BEFORE the new house at Ickworth.

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