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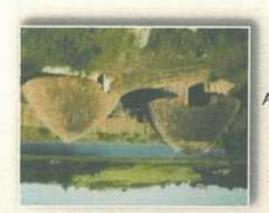
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(Stonehall Harriers Hunt)
25 day hunting between Mid
October and end of February. Two
Point to Points in January and April.
Wester: Michael O'Shaughnessy.
Tel.: 061 592218



ADDITIONAL CONTACTS



Celtic Park and Gardens
Celtic theme Park and Gardens located
on an original celtic settlement. On
display are a stone circle, mass rock,
dolmen, lake dwelling, ogham stone,
historic ring fort, Tea/coffee & shop.
Open daily March-November from
9 am. - 7 pm. Tel.: 061.394243

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Céad Mile Fáilte

We in Askeaton know the true meaning of that ancient greeting. Being one of the oldest towns in Ireland, we have a strong tradition of visitors. Walk through our town and you will become aware of its medieval heritage. With its winding streets and imposing ruins you will find a rare mix of old and new.

Awarded a fidy towns Endeavour Award 2004

Take the time to immerse yourself in the world of the Desmond Geraldines with a tour of the Castle and Franciscan friary. Wander at your ease with a walk around the beautiful river Deel with its' rich tradition of salmon and trout.

For a complete change of scene, go for a swim in our heated pool. Try Go-Karting or a visit to the Celtic Theme Park. Whatever you want from your holiday, be it a trip back in time or a fun filled break, Askeaton has it all:

Call to the Tourist Office in the centre of town, situated beside the medieval bridge. You will find that we do indeed extend a Céad Mile Failte to all.

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Gaelic name for Askeaton is 'Eas Geitine' and probably derives the waterfall, which is just south of the town on the River Deel. cascade or "eas" was near the spot where the "Geiphtine" or thing" tribe settled in pre-Christian times. The place then became yn as "Eas Geiphtine" or "Geiphtine's Cascade". In later times the ling changed by various stages until it arrived at its present form.



mond Castle

focal point of Askeaton is the Desmond Castle, which stands in the re of town on a rocky island on the river Deel. Founded by William urgo in 1199, it became the dwelling place of the Kings of Munster. e mid-thirteen hundreds, the castle was rebuilt and what you see y dates from that period.

The Constable Tower, which consists of three stories, the Second Tower, was a latrine tower, and the third and most familiar, the Desmond Tower. This building contains the remains of three rooms. The ground floors were vaulted, the first floor contains the remains of a massive fireplace and the second floor a smaller fireplace, both served by the same chimney. Banqueting Hall – The outer ward contains a building known as the Halla Mor – the great hall. One of the finest examples to be seen in Ireland, it was built by the 7th Earl of Desmond, James, in about 1440 - 1459. Underneath the hall is a chamber which dates from the twelve hundreds

The Hell Fire Club

and was used as wine cellars and kitchens.

In the grounds of the Desmond Castle stands the remains of the Hell Fire Club, a red brick structure built in around 1740. There were many such gentlemen's clubs in the mid-seventeen hundreds. The Askeaton's club, which was founded in 1740, stayed in existence up to the end of that century. The popular tipple of members of the Hell Fire Club was "Scaltheen", a mixture of cream and whiskey, a forerunner of our modern Irish Cream.



The Franciscan Friary

The 4th Earl of Desmond, Gerald, founded the Franciscan Friary about 1389. It is one of the most complete ruins of a Medieval Abbey and includes beautiful cloisters, the east window, transepts, a carving of St. Francis and the chapter room which is the final resting-place of the two Irish Martyrs, Bishop Patrick O'Healy and Fr. Conn O'Rourke.

A more recent tomb shelters the remains of the grandparents of the famous Hollywood actor, J. Carrol Naish.

The Franciscan Abbey is the burial place of the Earls of Desmond.
Flour Mill / Creamery

The Mill was built in 1796 by William Studdert and was a flour mill originally worked by a water wheel. In 1927 it became a registered creamery under Askeaton Co-Operative and Dairy Society.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

The present Catholic Church was built in 1851, is constructed of

limestone rock and has beautiful stained glass windows. The window on the right transept shows the resurrection of Christ, while that on the left transept depicts his Ascention into heaven.

St. Mary's Church of Ireland and Knights Templar Tower

The original church was founded by the Knights Templar in 1298. The Belfry from the old church stands today. It is most unusual in that it has a square base and an octagonal top. It is based on Norman architecture.

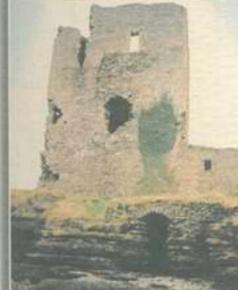


The present church building was probably built in 1829.
The Cemetery holds ancient and more recent graves, including that of Irish poet Aubrey deVere who died in 1902. Victims of the mid-19th Century famine are also buried here.

Library

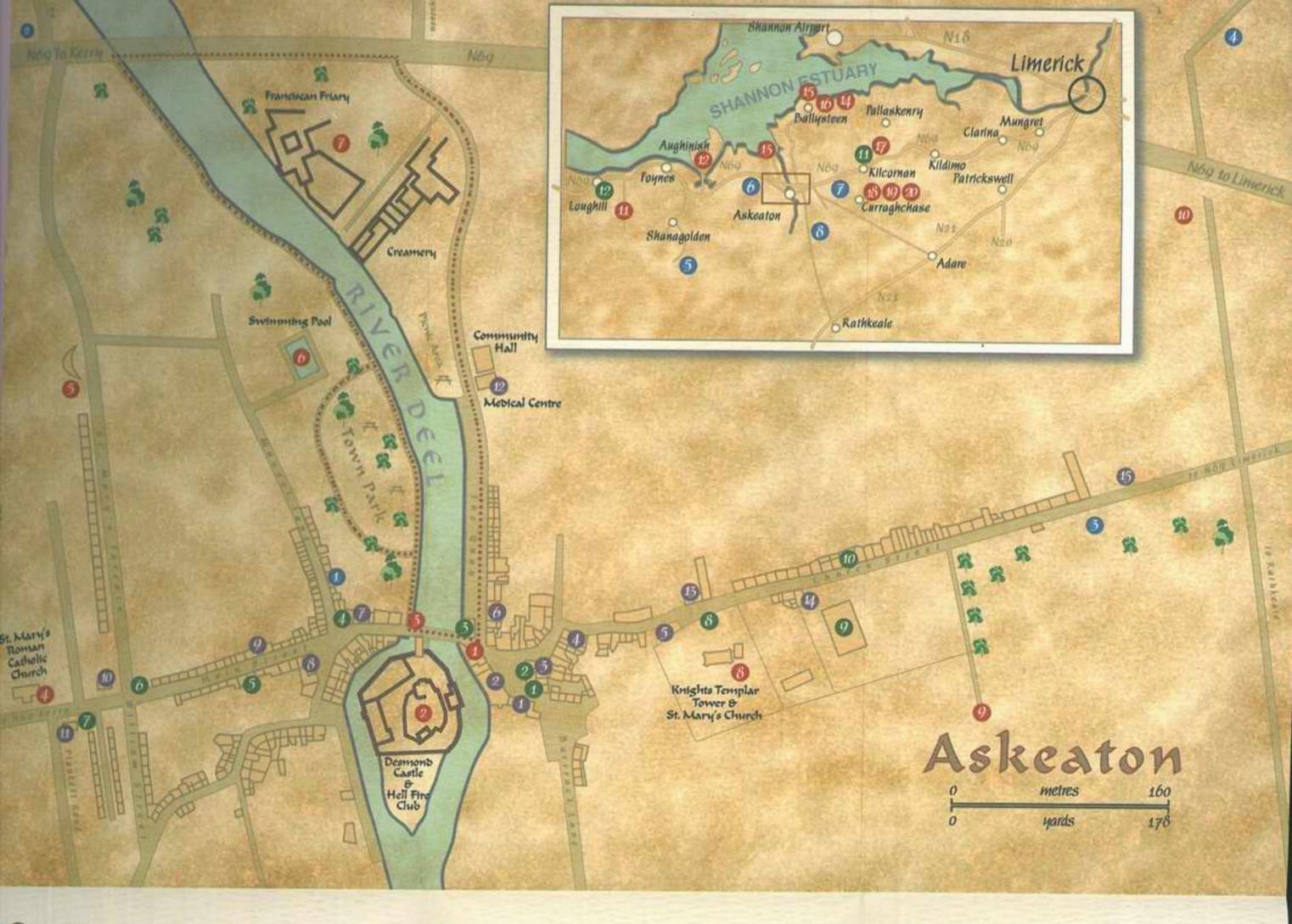
Built in 1907 it was designed by architect W.F.C Hartigan who was the district engineer and responsible for the design of a number of other libraries in neighbouring towns.

In the past the building has also been used as a school and a dance hall.



Beagh Castle

Dating from Viking times, this edifice on the banks of the river Shannon has had a chequered history. Among its lords have been a Viking prince, a Norman Bishop of Limerick, the Knight of Glin and a Cromwellian General.



Tourist Information Point

Talk to our friendly staff for information and guided tours. Open daily May - September from 10 am - 5 pm. Tel.: 061 392149

Desmond Castle & Hell Fire Club

Step back in time and visit the magnificent ruins of the Desmond legacy. Also on the grounds of the Castle is the ruin of the Askeaton Hell Fire club. (see historical notes)

Tours arranged from Tourist Point.

M River Walk

Take a leisurely scenic stroll along the river Deel passing historical points of interest which includes the Franciscan Friary. (outlined on the map -----)



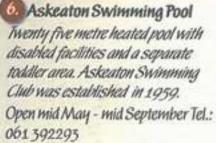
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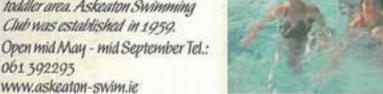
Mass Times: Saturday, 7 pm. Sunday 11.30 am. (see historical notes)



5 Grotto

Built in the Marian year 1988 and completed for the Feast of the Assumption on the 15th of August.





Franciscan Friary

The most beautiful and complete ruined Medieval Abbey in Ireland. (see historical notes) Tours arranged from Tourist Point

😘 St. Mary's Church of Ireland & Knights Templar Tower

Church Service Times: 1st Sun. of month Holy Communion 9.45 am. 3rd Sun. of month Morning Prayer 9.45 am. (see historical notes)

Askeaton GAA (Cumann Lúthchleas Gael)

Local club of the Gaelic Athletic Association for Hurling and Football. Michael Ryan Tel: 061 398198

Askeaton Association Football Club Francis Sheahan Tel: 061 398294

Boyce's Garden's

These one acre award winning Gardens have been developed over a period of 18 years by the Boyce family.

Open daily May-October. from 10am.- 6 pm. Tel. 069 65502 Email: dboyce.ias@eircom.net



Aughinish Nature Trails

A self guided nature trail through a meadowland of grasses, herbs and wild flowers. The trail includes Birdhides, Butterfly and Dragonfly sanctuaries. Open year round. Tel.: 061 6040000

> Deel Boat Club Marina Cyril Ryan Tel.: 061 392198

Ballynacourty Gardens, Ballysteen

This 25 year old garden of 1.6ha lies close to the river Shannon and is designed as a series of small gardens all inter-linked. By Appointment. Tel.: 061 396409 Email: stacpool@iol.ie



Beagh Castle and Picnic Area. (see historical notes)

6 St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Ballysteen.

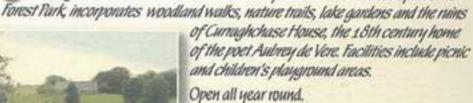
Built in 1861 of blue limestone. The site for the Church was donated by the 3rd Earl of Dunraven who was the owner of the townland.

Mass Time: Sunday 9.30 am.

Wallcoman Karting

Professional floodlight outdoor karting arena that has staged the All-Ireland Finals on numerous occasions. Open all year round. Bookings and details.

Tel.: 061 393733 18) Curraghchase Forest Park This amenity within the ambience of a Coillte



Tel.: 061 557322 Web: www.coillte.ie Email: okeeffee@coillte.ie Also Curraghchase Caravan & Camping Park open May 1st - Mid Sept. each year.

Services

- Bank of Ireland / ATM / Bureau de Change (061) 392105
- Aidan Hanley Fishing Tackle (061) 392229
- Shanahan's Newsagents (061) 392141
- Mary's Gift Shop (061) 392711
- Deel Pharmacy (061) 398888
- Library (061) 392256
- Pharmacy, Kevin Davison MPSI (061) 392343
- Komer Newsagents (061) 392152
- Present Time Gift Shop (061) 392355
- Garda Station (061) 392102
- Amber Filling Station (061) 392811
- Medical Centre. (061) 392267
- Cois Sionna Credit Union / Bureau de Change (061) 392237
- Post Office. (061) 392122
- Lyons Garage. (061) 398322

Eating Out? Have a drink!

- Cagney's Lounge Bar, East Square (061) 392141
- Ranahan's Bar, East Square 🕎
- O'Mahony's Bar (061) 392881 🝸
- Kennedy's Lounge Bar (061) 392227
- Noleen's of Casey's Bar (061) 392234
- Jack's Lounge Bar & Restaurant (061) 398910 [Y]
- Dragon Court Chinese Restaurant & Take-Away (061) 398985 III Y
- The Belfry Coffee Shop, Church Street [1]
- Arena Supermarket Delicatessen (061) 392122 [H]
- Downes Bar, Church St (061) 392659 🗓
- Kilcoman House Lounge Bar (061) 393171
- The Anglers Rest, Loughill (069) 82125

Accommodation

- Mary Ruttle B&B, Sunhill, Askeaton (061) 392286
- Coolrahnee Guest House, N69 Askeaton (061) 398883
- Ballindeel House B&B and Self Catering, Askeaton (061) 392784
- Fitz's Self Catering Cottage, Askeaton (061) 592654
- Sporting Lodge Self Catering, Clashganniff, Shanagolden (061) 398181
- Whitethorn B&B, Clounreask, Askeaton (061) 392556 Killeen House B&B, N69 Kilcoman (061) 393023
- Curragheen Self Catering Farm House, Askeaton (061) 398108