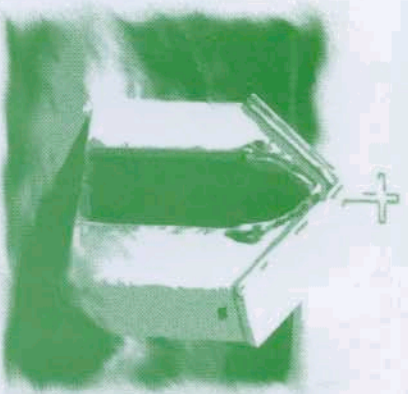


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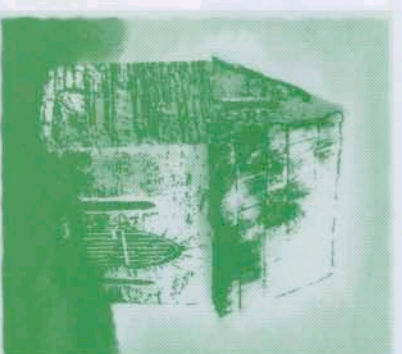
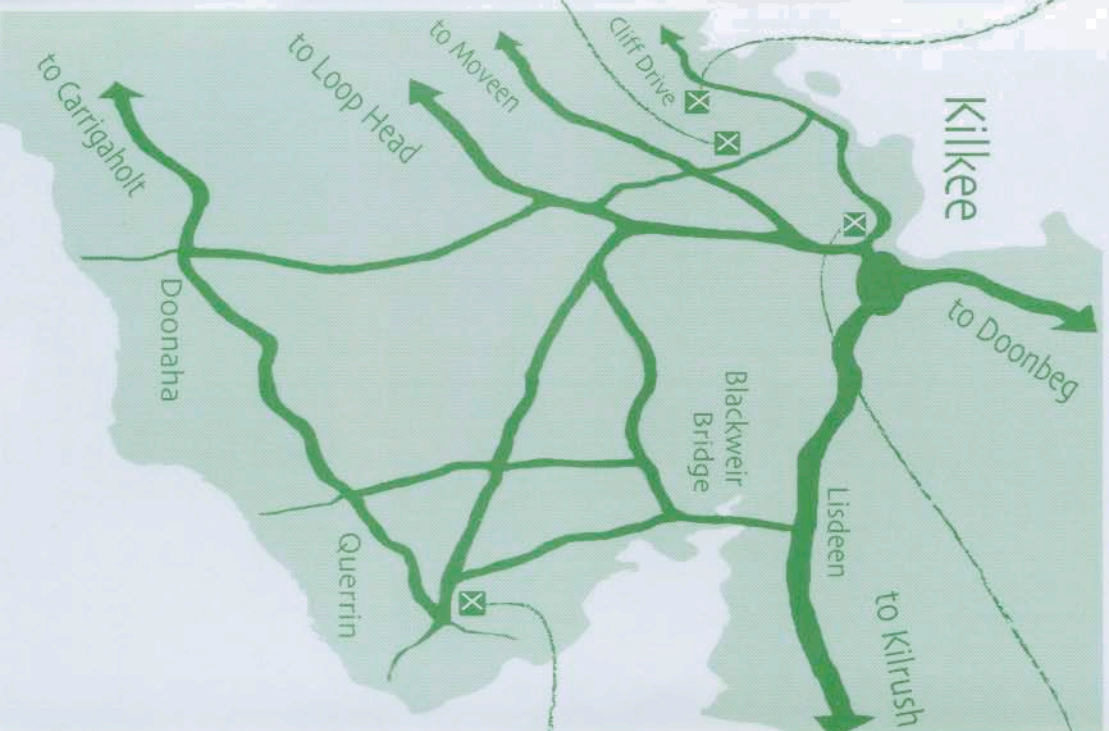
Toberkee (Foothagh)

"...They show the site of a little burying place at Killree (Cill Chaoidhe) from which the townland takes its name, and the Holy Well of St. Caoidhe, called still Tobar Caoidhe, lies two miles southwest of it on the brink of the cliff near the Bishop's Island, still occasionally frequented for the cure of diseases of the eye..." (From the Ordnance Survey Letter re Killfearagh (Killree) Parish, 1839). This well is still frequented for the same purpose; the curing is dependent on one's own faith in God. The water is not used for drinking purposes.



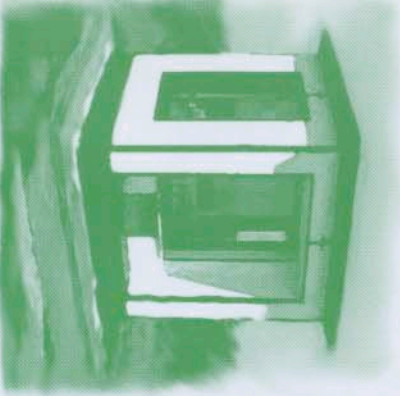
The Spa (Foothagh)

A very popular walk, with locals and visitors alike, is 'around by the spa'. The water of Foothagh Chalybeate Spa, Killree was analysed in 1857 by James Apjohn, M.D., F.R.S.L., Professor of Chemistry, Trinity College, Dublin. He found it rich in certain minerals, an imperial gallon containing "a quantity considerably more than is found in several other chalybeates celebrated for their medicinal virtues". The spa continued in popularity up to living memory but has been in a state of dilapidation for many years now.



Saint Senan's Well (Killree)

(West Clare's patron saint; feastday, 8th March). It was described in 1829 as "a far famed well...dedicated to Saint Sinon (Senan) and together with some of the most clear, salutary and limpid water, is devoted also to religious purposes". The inner structure, recently roofed, dates from 1854 when it was reportedly providing "water of so pure a quality, that it has not its equal in the kingdom". This "old and venerated spring...long resorted to on account of its miraculous efficacy", never failed, and in times of drought, provided water for the surrounding countryside.



Saint Martin's Well (Rahaniska)

This well is dedicated to Saint Martin of Tours who, according to one of the 'Lives' of Saint Senan (of Scattery), miraculously brought him the Viaticum, when he was called from this life, while enroute from the church at Kilcassheen to the convent at nearby Kilnagallagh. "Rounds" are performed here, especially on the feast of Saint Martin, 11th November, and during the octave following, but the practice continues all the year round.



Kilkee Civic Trust was formed in 2001, and brings together members of the local community along with interested householders and visitors to the town, in order to assist in enhancing facilities for Kilkee. The intention is to work together with the Town Council and Clare County Council, in proposing and implementing facilities which would enhance the enjoyment of Kilkee and its environs for both local people and visitors alike.

Kilkee is situated on the west coast of Ireland in County Clare. It sits directly on Moore Bay which provides magnificent bathing facilities both from the beach and from the Duggerna Rocks. In the 18th century Kilkee began to develop as a holiday resort, and is one of the most westerly seaside resorts in Europe.

This brochure is designed to give visitors some information on the history and location of the various wells around Kilkee. This is the first publication produced by the Kilkee Civic Trust and we hope you enjoy it.

If you have any suggestions or would like to become involved in the Kilkee Civic Trust, we would welcome hearing from you.

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Essential Listings

Kilkee Tourist Office, O'Connell St	Tel: 065 9056112
Ennis Tourist Office, O'Connell Sq.	Tel: 065 6828366
Kilkee Post Office, O'Connell St.	Tel: 065 9056001
AIB Bank, O'Curry St.	Tel: 065-9056018
Bank of Ireland, O'curry St.	Tel: 065 9056053
Town Council, Courthouse, Erin St.	Tel: 065 9056040
Kilkee Golf Club, East End	Tel: 065 9056048
Kilkee Waterworld, East End	Tel: 065 9056855
DolphinWatch Carrigaholt	Tel: 065-9058156
Kilkee Diving Centre, East End	Tel: 065 9056707
Kilkee Dog Kennels, Dough	Tel: 065 9056181
Bus Service, Limerick Train Station	Tel: 061 319911
Shannon Car Ferry, Killimer	Tel: 065 9053124
Kilkee Sweeny Library, O'Connell St.	Tel: 065 9056034
Thalassotherapy Centre, Grattan St.	Tel: 065 9056742
Kilkee Cineplex, Kilkee Bay Hotel	Tel: 065 9056356
Kilkee Pony Trekking Club, Tarmon	Tel: 065 9060071
Health Board Clinic, Church rd.	Tel: 065 9056381
Ambulance, Mid-West Health Board	Tel: 065 9051988
Kilkee Garda Station, Miltown Rd.	Tel: 065 9056002



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