

BALLYPORTRY CASTLE

The 15th Century Gaelic Tower House

THE CLOSEST VILLAGE

The closest village, Corofin, is only a mile from the tower house. Most of the shops are open from about 8 in the morning until about 9 in the evening. Michael Hynes is the butcher and Irish visitors find his Burren beef and lamb to be of a superb quality. McNamara's Daybreak shop stocks the international newspapers and good local Meer's sausages and black pudding.

There is a pharmacy, a garage, a supermarket and several pubs of which the closest, Crowley's is owned by a famous Clare sportsman. The river Fergus runs behind the village and at the back of the main street there is the GAA grounds where you can watch a fast game of hurling in the summer months. On the way in to the village from the castle there is the Clare Genealogical Centre, where family genealogy can be traced for anyone with a Clare connection.

There is a small Museum, a Catholic Church and a pottery shop where you can purchase the green jugs and bowls that we use at the castle from Yvonne Ennis who makes them. At the Teach Ceoil just beyond the garage there are traditional Irish music sessions throughout the summer months.

