

## Points of Interest.....Reen/Blind Harbour

- 12. Site of Village Forge:** This was the site of the old village forge which operated up to the mid 1960's.
  - 13. Old Water Tank:** Water from Tobar na gCaoláin flowed into this tank was then piped to the houses and to the village pumps up to the early 1960's.
  - 14. Site of Methodist Church:** The village's Methodist Church or the "Preaching House" as it was affectionately known. Built in 1893 on land donated by Captain Townsend, it was often used by Cornish and Manx fishermen. It finally closed in 1955.
  - 15. The Blackfield/GAA pitch:** It is so named as it was once the site of a cutaway bog. In former years flax was grown here and in 1970 the Land Commission handed it over to the local community to be developed for the good of all.
  - 16. St. Bridget's Church:** Built 1831 it was completely reconstructed in 1927. It was designed by Ashlin Coleman Architects of Dublin and rebuilt by Coffey Builders of Midleton.
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- 31. Raheen Castle:** 16<sup>th</sup> century stronghold of the O'Donovans. This marked the western edge of their lands which extended to the O'Donovans castle in Drimoleague.
  - 32. The League:** A spit of land sticking out into the estuary, once used for packing salt herring and pilchards for shipping to America. Departure point for Cork Whale Watch, and Atlantic Kayaking (advance reservations are essential, see contact information under Sponsors).
  - 33. Reen Pier:** Huge O'Donnell, one of the Irish leaders at the battle of Kinsale, left for Spain from this harbor. On private land on the left side of the harbor is an old graveyard with some graves from the Spanish Armada, and the first victims of the famine.
  - 34. View point:** Views across to the Castle of Castletownshend and St. Barahanes Church, burial place of 'Summerville and Ross'.
  - 35. Blind Harbour:** So called as it cannot be seen from the open sea.