

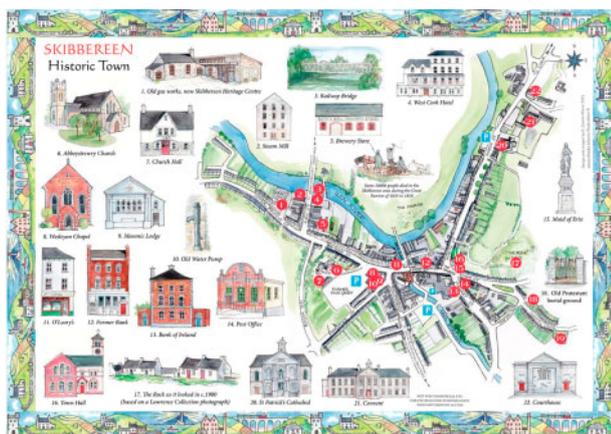
# Editor's Page

## 'Dear Old Skibbereen'

The nearest town to Sherkin Island is Skibbereen. It is a busy market town located on the River Ilen. It's Irish name Sciobairín means a small inlet for docking boats and in olden days people from Sherkin would have travelled up the River Ilen in their boats, tied up near the centre of the town and did their shopping. Nowadays, Skibbereen is still where people from the locality do their shopping, visit the doctor and dentist, do their business in banks and the Post Office and sell their cattle in the local mart. The town is full of history and historical buildings and people can visit the Skibbereen Heritage Centre to learn more about the history of the town and the surrounding area. Cork County Council's Heritage Unit and map illustrator Rhoda Cronin-Allanic have produced an illustrated map for Skibbereen and 10 other historic towns in County Cork. They are beautiful maps and full of information about the buildings in each town.

The 11 historic towns in County Cork for which maps have been produced are:

- Bandon
- Bantry
- Blarney
- Castletownbere
- Charleville
- Clonakilty
- Dunmanway
- Kinsale
- Mitchelstown
- Schull
- Skibbereen



Maps can be downloaded for free from the following sites:  
<https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/visiting-cork/cork-county-historic-town-maps>  
<https://purecork.ie/plan-your-trip/tips-info/download-a-map-of-cork>

**AS GAELGE!** We are delighted to have teamed up with An Gúm, who are translating Nature's Web into Irish. Issues are now available, as gaeilge, at:  
<http://www.gaeilge.ie/maidir-le-foras-na-gaeilge/an-gum/leon-dulra/>

## Soft Boiled Eggs and Smoked Salmon Bagels



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### What you need:

- 4 large eggs
- 2 bagels
- butter, for spreading
- 200g packet smoked salmon slices
- 2 tablesp. crème fraîche
- A little salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teasp. fresh chives, chopped

### What to do:

- Place the eggs in a small pan of water and boil for 5 minutes, then drain and plunge into a bowl of iced water. Set aside for 10 minutes as this will make them much easier to peel.
- Preheat the grill to high. Cut the bagels in half and arrange on a grill rack. Cook for 1-2 minutes until toasted. Spread with a little butter.
- Place the toasted bagel halves on warmed plates and ruffle the smoked salmon slices on top. Add half a tablespoon of crème fraîche.
- Shell the eggs and cut each one in half, then arrange on top of the smoked salmon and crème fraîche. Season lightly and sprinkle with the chives to serve.  
*Serves 4*

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Welcome to the Summer Edition of Nature's Web!



Dear Reader,

Welcome everyone to the Summer 2019 issue of Nature's Web. In this issue, Conor Nelligan, Heritage Office for Cork County, features in "All in a Day's Work" and he explains how he helps to promote the County's history and culture. One such historical place is the tower house, Desmond Castle (see page 10), located in the historic town of Kinsale. We also find out more about two closely related aquatic insects, dragonflies and damselflies, which are often seen near ponds and streams during the summer months. Also, do you know the difference between garden cucumbers and sea cucumbers? Well, in this issue we explain just how different they are!

Check out nature news from around the world on page 12 and enjoy a giggle with jokes on page 13.

We would love to hear your views and comments and suggestions for future articles. Have a good read!

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