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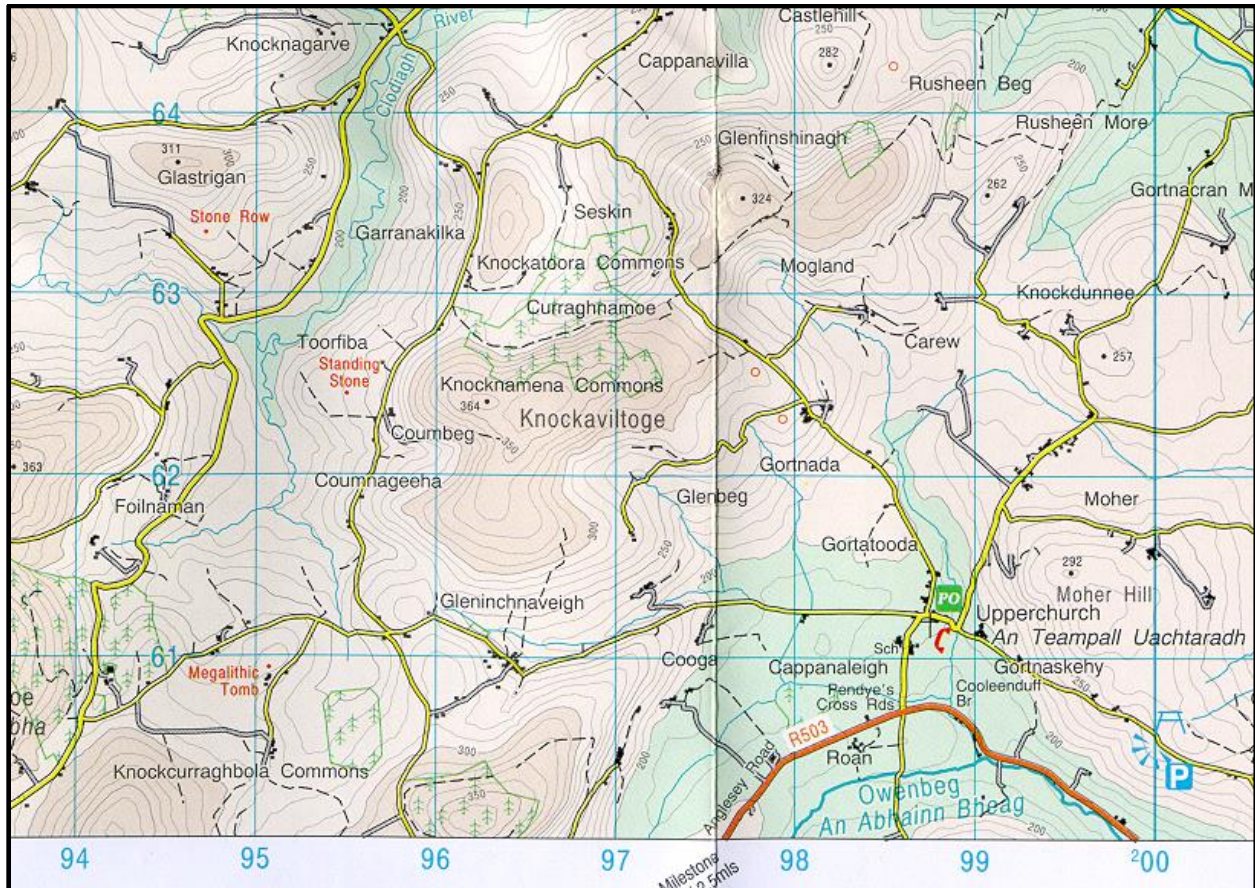
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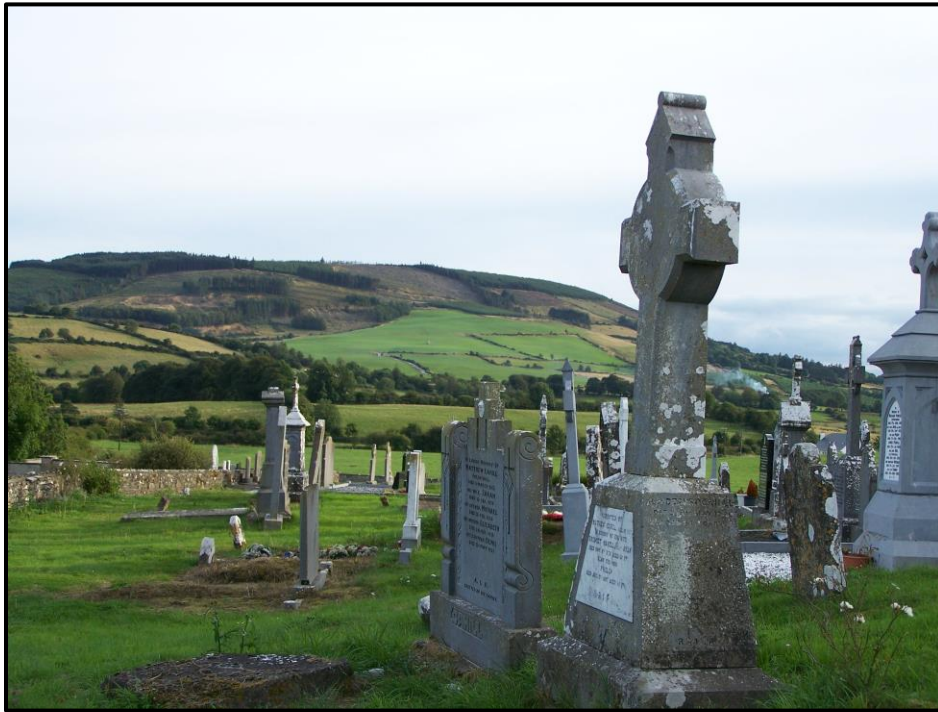
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The map above shows the village of Upperchurch, the surrounding townlands and many geographical features. Knockcurraghbola Commons is the townland adjacent to Gleninchaveigh (Glowm) on the southwest side. In the center of the map is Knockamena Commons. About three-quarters of a km from the end of the word “Commons” is a small red circle which is the Knockamena fairy fort which plays an important role in the *Secrets in an Irish Diary*.

The map is from OS #59 Discovery Series (1st Ed - 1997). The scale is given by the 1 km blue squares.

The panoramic description of the village of Upperchurch starts with sunrise at the village graveyard, which faces easterly so that the rising sun illuminates the east facing gravestone inscriptions.



June 2006 - This is the view looking south toward Pendye's Cross (Anglesey Road) from inside the Upperchurch graveyard.



June 2006 - The old small leaning stone on the right is that of Jerry Ryan, the brother of the Ryan sisters: Mary, Margaret, Catherine, and Bridget (fictional wife of William McGrath II).



June 2009 - Looking northeast, along the main street through the village of Upperchurch. Kinnane's pub (not visible) is on the left side of the street near the end. Also to the left and out of the picture, directly across the street from the shrine (on the right of the picture), is the entrance to the village graveyard. Peering out from behind the small pink building is the Sacred Heart Church, built in 1929. The stone grotto on the right side of the picture was dedicated in 1967 to the memory of the deceased members of the 3rd Battalion of the 2nd or Mid Tipperary brigade which fought during the War of Independence.



June 2006 - O'Dwyer's, located across the street from the graveyard. It is a grocery store, post office and undertaker all under one roof. And no, they don't use a common refrigerator — anymore.



Kinnane's Pub



The girls meet Bob here shortly after arriving in Upperchurch. He tries to recruit them into becoming Chemistry majors. Bob pointed out that all the skills that made them excellent investigators and mysteries solvers would be just what they needed to succeed in science.



A session of traditional music at Kinnane's



Internal view of Kinnane's Pub, Upperchurch