unratty Castle is the last of four Fortresses to stand on this site overlooking the Shannon River. The present structure was built in the middle of the 15th Century by a local Chieftain, Sioda MacConmara, and later came into the hands of the O'Briens, Kings of Clare and later Earls of Thomond.

In 1646, Bunratty was captured from the 6th Earl of Thomond by Admiral Penn, Commander of the Commonwealth Forces. It is believed that William Penn, Founder of Pennslyvania, then an infant, lived for a time in the Castle.

The Castle now stands furnished in its splendour, as it would have been five centuries ago, and each evening the merriment and revelry of the Middle Ages are brought back again to its ancient walls when guests assemble for the Mediaeval Banquet.

Castle Open for Viewing:

* Daily year round 9.30 am - 5.30 pm.

* Folk Park remains open until 7.00 pm.
* June - August.

Bunratty Castle BANQUETING MENU

first remove

Leke and Potato in Potage

second remove

Allowes in Hony and Whiskey Sauce

third remove

Chekyns in Hony and Gyngere Buttered Wortes

fourth remove

Raston with Syllabub

Trencherbread

Metheghelen

Red or Whyte Wyne



