



Sneem Community Notice Board

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Sneem Resource Centre Relocation

The Resource Centre has moved again! We have relocated to the West End, Sneem (across from the school). Drop in and see us for a cuppa and a chat or a browse.



Opening hours:

Monday - Thursday
10.30am till 3pm

and Friday - 10.30am till 2.30pm. (limited service on Fridays)

SNEEM RESOURCE CENTRE CHRISTMAS MARKET

SOUTH SQUARE, SNEEM

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER
12NOON TO 4PM

HOMEMADE CRAFTS,
WREATHS & REINDEER
GLITZY GIRLS GOODIES
DELICIOUS THINGS TO EAT
SOMETHING HOT TO DRINK
SANTA'S POSTBOX
AND LOTS MORE

Shop local to support local

*In the event of bad weather,
the Market will move to Sneem
Community Centre.*

Enquiries 064 6645545



SNEEM CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP



OPEN

DECEMBER 1ST TO 22ND

DAILY

12PM TO 5PM

LOCATION

GOSSIP, NORTH SQUARE, SNEEM

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Community News

This is YOUR newsletter - we cannot print local news if you don't send it in to us.

If you have a special birthday, death notice, engagement or any event to share, please let us know. Call the Resource Centre on **064 6645545** during opening hours or drop a note into the Resource Centre, or

email: sneemcnb@gmail.com.

The newsletter is produced entirely by volunteers and is provided free to the community with the support of our local advertisers.

Deadline for submissions to next newsletter is Friday 1st December

This will be our Christmas issue, so businesses please email any new Christmas advertisements in to us in good time.

November Birthdays

Pattie O'Connor on the 9th; Tim Larkin, Eleanor O'Brien and Dinah O'Neill on the 10th; Ava Looney and Kevin O'Shea on the 11th; Sheena O'Sullivan on the 15th; Anne Marie Fogarty and Jonathon Davies on the 16th; Barry John O'Regan on the 18th; James O'Shea and Geraldine Breen on the 19th; Jerry O'Brien on the 21st; Marian O'Sullivan and Andy Savage on the 23rd; Siobhan Murphy, Niamh de Jong and Sharon Evans on the 24th; Cillian Ryan and Sonny Looney on the 25th; Dylan McGiff on the 27th; Lisa O'Sullivan on the 29th

December Birthdays

Sandra White, Zoey Sugrue and Avril Sherborne on the 1st; Neasa Davies on the 2nd; Michael Cahill on the 3rd; Sean O'Connor and Gavin Breen on the 4th; Darragh Keogh, Shauna O'Shea and Catsy Looney on the 5th; Éireann O'Sullivan on the 6th

Special Birthdays

Anita Byrne (21) on the 14th November, Noel Casey will be 90 on 19th December

Deepest Sympathies

To Dean, family and wide circle of friends on the recent death of Mav Rose, Seaview.

Deepest Sympathies

To John Knightly and family on the death of his mother, Maureen, in Dublin recently.

Deepest Sympathies

To Ian Collins and family on the death of Philomena (Phil, Dilly) Samuels, Taobh Linn, Kenmare and Bohocogram, Sneem.

Congratulations

To Sonny and Catsy Looney who celebrated their 55th Emerald Wedding Anniversary on 9th November.

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Outdoor Christmas Market/Craft Fair - Calling all Crafters

This year's Outdoor Christmas market will be taking place in the South Square on 3rd December from 12 noon to 4pm.

Stalls can be set up from 11am. Each stall space will cost €20, if you require a table, we can provide you with one at a charge of €5, however tables returned damaged will carry a replacement fee of €50. If you would like to book a spot, please contact the Resource Centre on 064 6645545 or at sneemrc@gmail.com

The following details are required:

Goods being sold; If you have your own insurance; If you require a table.

Please be advised we do not supply weatherproofing. However, we do have the Community Centre booked as a backup should the weather be unfavourable.

Community Enhancement Fund

Sneem Resource Centre would like to thank Kerry County Council and The Department of Rural and Community Development for the contribution of €2,800 towards the purchase of new computer equipment for the Community Notice Board. This will enable us to continue creating the newsletter for many years to come.

Sneem Parish News

Join the Sneem Parish News mailing list

If you, or someone you know, lives outside of Sneem and would like to order a copy of the Sneem Parish News, you can join the mailing list. Contact Maidie O'Leary at olearym7@gmail.com, or Mary Margaret Casey at marymgcasey@gmail.com, and your copy will be sent to you in early December.

Sneem Vision 2030

Further to the July public meeting entitled "Sneem Vision 2030" the Sneem Development Co op has now made its submission to the Kenmare Local Area Plan. This is the most significant submission ever made on behalf of the community of Sneem with a contribution of over €100,000 in pro bono professional fees. It runs to over 90 pages with a further 40 letters/e-mails in the appendix. The submission can be found at <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/en/node/1973/submissions?chapter=1985> which is the consultation section of the Kenmare Local Area plan on the Kerry County Council website. As KCC has a number of submissions to review we don't expect a response until well into 2024.

Walking Football for Men over 50

Monday 20th of November until Monday 18th December inclusive.

Location: Sneem Community Centre

Time: 5:30-6:30pm Cost: €10 for the full 5 weeks

Registration is essential via Eventbrite: Please make sure to book your place!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/739443002927?aff=oddtcreator>

Christmas Dinner in Coomanassig Day Care Centre

Will take place on Sunday 10th December. Tickets cost €10. Names must be in by 1st of December. Please contact 087 3531363 to book your place.

St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Church News

The clocks have gone back and so we are experiencing darkness approaching and sadly pretty bad weather has also to greet us every day. The bank holiday weekend is just past and we were delighted to welcome many visitors among us. Despite the poor weather I hope everyone had a nice time and pleasant memories of their stay. The schools are closed as I write this. The scarecrows are dominating the skyline and Trick or Treat boys and girls are doing their house visitations.

A few weddings are booked for the coming weeks, All couples are travelling from outside of Sneem Parish and we delighted to extend a warm welcome to all their families and guests.

The annual Storytelling weekend is upon us and no doubt the events will go off very smoothly. There is something for all age groups and many will travel from outside the Parish to partake. The South Kerry Rosen Choir will have a performance in Sneem Church on Saturday 11th November at 4pm. All are welcome.

People were delighted to hear the good news that our Parish debt has now been cleared.. This is Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously and consistently. -- Many donations also came from overseas- from former Parishioners and others living around the country and indeed the many visitors who come here. There are many lovely compliments about the renovation carried out in Sneem Church and sincere thanks to everyone for your effort, commitment and generosity.

Best wishes to all who are sick at present and hoping you will be in much better form in the near future. May I offer my sympathies to all families who experienced a bereavement recently and all will be remembered in our Holy Souls Masses.

For now, take care -keep warm- keep a look out for each other. Stay well, stay safe.
Fr. Liam.

Little Church Notes

Unfortunately the church building has not been blessed with that coat of paint – obviously a few more prayers are required! Visitors and indeed most of the congregation continue to enjoy the tasteful introductions to the interior of the church by the Story House committee – of particular interest are the photographs of 'Old Sneem'. Thanks to their investigation into works needed to improve the interior and exterior of the church building by the conservation architect, it seems we can pull the church bell on Sundays after all!

The Bishop is to make a return swift visit to the church on Saturday, 18th November at 2.30pm as part of his 'peregrination' 'a whistlestop tour of all the parishes in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome to come and hear him play 'Christ is the King' to raise funds for 'Empowering Women through Literacy' in various countries in the developing world: to quote: *"I have learned over the years that combatting the poverty cycle is all about education, education, education... that investing in the education of women has a consequence in terms of benefits for the whole family and that in many countries women still have to struggle for the sort of transformative educational opportunities that are simply taken for granted here."* There will be a retiring collection for his huge fundraising efforts.

Sneem Story House



Public Meeting

A meeting was held on Monday 16th October in the Little Church and the following committee was elected:

Chairperson - Fergal Harrington

Secretary - Jane O'Sullivan

Assistant Secretary - Michele Cooper-Fay

Treasurer - Liam McLoughlin

Community Liaison - Úna O'Neill

Church Liaison - Louise Austen

Planning / Strategy - Dave Fay

Creative Director—to be elected.

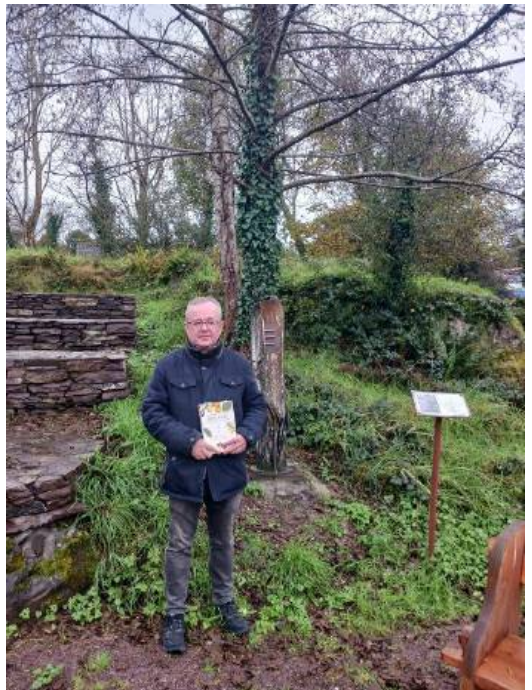
The role of Creative Director is of vital importance to get the storytelling element off the ground and to develop an engaging programme of events for next summer. If anyone has any suggestions about who might fill this role, please get in touch.

Call for old photos of Sneem

Sneem Story House are looking for old photos and video footage to tell the story of Sneem - past and present. Pop in and have a look at the display in The Little Church and if you have material or ideas to share, let us know at admin@sneemstoryhouse.ie.

Ogham Tree Talk

There was a full house in the Little Church Story House on Saturday 28th October to hear author Niall Mac Coitir talk about Ogham trees. Niall is pictured right with one of his books at our Alder Sculpture in An Gairdín Fiáin. Niall then signed his books at Sneem Bookshop. Niall's visit was facilitated by Féilte na Snadhma, Sneem Book Shop and Sneem TidyTowns.



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Congratulations

To Michael Delahunty, son of Noel (RIP) and Mary Delahunty, Killarney Road, Sneem and Cara Fullerton, daughter of Randy and Christina Fullerton, Florida who were married on 16th September in Bantry House and reception in the Maritime Hotel. A lovely weekend was had by all, finishing in Widdy Island on the Sunday. The couple resides in Manhattan.



Congratulations to Jack Riney, pictured above, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Economics in UCC.



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Fenton White, pictured right, who graduated from MTU Tralee with a B.Sc. in Veterinary Bioscience on the 27th October

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Congratulations to Sadie Knightly who graduated from MTU with a BA in Social Care Work



Congratulations to Lillian O'Shea who graduated in Early Years and Childhood Studies from University College Cork. She is now continuing her studies in a Masters of Primary Education with Hibernia College.

Community Activities

Board Games Club

The board game club looking for new and advanced players. Come join us every Wednesday evening 18:30 in the community center, for additional details you can contact Pal in Pete's butcher shop or 087 0973316.

Indoor Bowling

Play takes place every Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. New members always welcome.

Sneem Writers Group

The Sneem Writers Group meets on the first Friday of every month from 1pm to 3pm. If anyone would like to join them, please contact June on 085 7700524 or email sneemwritersgroup@gmail.com.

Sneem Men's Shed

We are meeting in Sneem Book Shop on Mondays at 7pm. We are still looking for a site for our shed if anyone has suggestions. For information, ring Damien on 087 2563858 or Danny on 087 2064462.

Comhrá

Meets in Sneem Book Shop every Wednesday from 5 – 6pm for conversation and chat as Gaeilge.

Bingo

Bingo has resumed in the new Resource Centre on Tuesdays at 8pm. There is a bright outside light and ramp for anyone having difficulty with steps.

Sneem Gardeners

We have a number of beds available, both in the allotments and in the polytunnel. Perfect time for putting in your winter onions, garlic and broad beans. €15 per annum. Contact Caroline at 087 7007747 or Cara in the Garden of the Senses.

Wild Atlantic Play

Wild Atlantic Play is County Kerry's newest music and performing arts studio serving the Kenmare, Sneem, Waterville, Caherdaniel, Cahersiveen and Castlecove areas. Embrace your musical talent with expert music lessons for all ages - kids, beginners, and adults. Explore singing with private or group voice lessons and explore the world of musical theatre with our specialized courses and clinics. Enquire today and join a community of creativity and artistic expression right here on Kerry's southwest coast. Email info@wildatlanticplay.ie or call 087 1744779
Instagram/FB: [@wildatlanticplay](https://www.instagram.com/wildatlanticplay) Website: www.wildatlanticplay.ie

Green Blue Yoga

Yoga classes are running for another 4 weeks at Sneem Digital Hub

Mondays 6:45pm

Mondays 8:15pm

From 6th November to 1st December. Dropins welcome, booking required with Julie on 086 2037238 or online greenblueyoga.ie

Féilte na Snadhma

Sneem Festivals

The AGM took place on 3rd November and the following committee was elected:

Chairperson- Florian Scheibein
Vice Chairpersons- Shane Larkin and Jimmy O'Brien
Treasurer- Shirley O'Sullivan
Vice Treasurer- Christina Murphy
Secretary- Stephanie Burns
Vice Secretary- Amy O'Regan
PRO- Cadhla O'Sullivan
Vice PRO- Caoimhe Kavanagh
Health and Safety Officer- Tim Larkin
Vice Health and Safety Officer- Brian Foley
Operations Officers- Ewan Buckley and Damien Fitzgerald



Pictured above: Christina Murphy and Jimmy O'Brien presenting Timothy O'Sullivan Chairperson of Sneem AED Committee with a cheque of €1550 on behalf of Féilte na Snadhma which was raised during the Tennis Ball Race at Sneem Summer Festival.

Samhain na Snadhma

As part of the Samhain na Snadhma celebrations, Sheaf Tossing took place on Saturday 28th October in the South Square Fair Green

Womens Sheaf Tossing 1st Prize Winner - Patty from Spain

Womens Sheaf Tossing 2nd Prize Winner Leah Sugrue (pictured)

Womens Sheaf Tossing 3rd Prize Winner Colleen from Cork

Mens Sheaf Tossing Winners- Pat O'Connor 1st, Liam O'Sullivan 2nd and Shane Larkin 3rd (pictured below right)



Scarecrows on the Green

Thank you to everyone who created the fantastic Scarecrows on the Green in the North Square this Halloween week. Thanks to the Green Chair for a voucher which was won by Iva Kiel from The Village Kitchen for her terrifying spider's web (pictured right). The Bridge Bistro and Restaurant won the Scared Crow Trophy for their Scarecrow on his day off (pictured below).



Scarecrows on the Green



Contributors included Green Chair; Feilte na Snaidhma; Tahilla CNS; D. O'Shea's, Dan Murphy's; Sneem Resource Centre and Rene and Lucy.



Scarecrows on the Green



Sneem Men's Shed



Pictured above selling nest boxes and kindling at the Annual Men's Shed Car Boot Sale which took place on Sunday 29th October are John Galvin, Noelle Bill Mike O'Sullivan, Maurice Walsh, Sonny Looney, Mike Eager and Paul Hewison.

Sneem GAA

Walsh Supervalu South Kerry SFC Quarter Final

Congratulations to Sneem/Derrynane (pictured) who defeated Skellig Rangers on a scoreline of 9 points to 8. The game was played in Sneem on Sunday 29th October. It was a game



of two halves with the Portmagee side dominating the first half. Sneem/Derrynane came out in the second half with all guns blazing and with a combination of youth and experience squeezed out a great one-point victory.

The semi-final is on this Sunday 12th November against St Mary's. Venue: Reenard with a 2pm start. Please support the team.

South Kerry Minor Championship

Hard luck to Sneem/Derrynane/Templenoe/Tuosist. Who lost to Skellig/Valentia on Sunday the 5th of November in the SK semi-final in Waterville.

Deepest Sympathies

The Sneem GAA Club would like to offer their deepest sympathies to the family, relations, neighbours, and friends of the late Mav. Mav was a lovely lady who helped the club to operate the scoreboard in the past. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Attendance Awards

We were delighted to have a number of pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the month of September. Congratulations to you all, keep up the good work!



Football Blitz

Team Tahilla enjoyed a day at Kenmare football blitz playing against local school teams. Thank you to all the teachers in the other two-teacher schools in the Kenmare area for helping put together a fun-filled day of sport. We're already looking forward to the next football blitz.

Pumpkin Soup

In our school garden we grew two pumpkins of our very own this year. Thank you to Múinteoir Elaine for working with the children on the last day of school before mid-term to make some delicious treats. We tried roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin soup, and even pumpkin muffins! Bia an-bhlasta ar fad.



St Michael's National School

We celebrated Maths week with a maths trail, pattern work, 2d shape art and much more. We also got to pick apples from our orchard at the end of September and this inspired our beautiful apple paintings.

Lots of spooky science activities kept us busy leading up to Halloween.

Sneem school Middle room

October was a hype of activity for the Middle Room. Pupils celebrated Maths Week in style. They brought the Junior classes out on a Mini Maths Trail around the school environment. They later participated in a Maxi Maths Trail and worked independently in their groups. Games were incorporated into the classroom more. Pupils made their own "Math about Me" charts and a lot of giggles were had measuring height and the head circumference of all!

Pupils learned about soluble and insoluble materials in Science. They worked together to discuss/predict whether or not certain materials dissolved in water. They set up the experiments and investigated further. They had a lot of fun during the process!



October drew to a close Halloween Fever was high! The class took part in a fabulous, Halloween painting workshop with Sinéad Campbell. They recreated a spooky, haunted house step by step. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Finally well done to our pupils and parents for their incredible effort for our Halloween, Dress-Up, in aid of Temple Street Hospital.



Mountaineering Ireland's Autumn Gathering in Sneem

All Trails Led To Sneem in October

Mountaineering Ireland's Autumn Gathering in Sneem: A resounding success

Over 140 participants enjoyed the weekend of outdoor activities, socialising, and learning. Sneem proved a very popular destination with three times more guests attending than last year's Autumn Gathering in County Wicklow. The event kicked off on Friday evening with a welcome reception at Sneem Hotel, which included a talk about the history of Cronin's Yard at the foot of Carrauntoohil by John Cronin, 5th generation owner of the popular business.



Pictured above: John Cronin, owner of Cronin's Yard presenting to a packed house

Sneem Walking Club Members Actively Involved



On Saturday morning, participants had a choice of seven guided walks, all of which showcased Sneem's stunning scenery and rugged terrain. One of these was a challenging walk of Knocknagantee and Knockmoyle lead by Fergal Harrington where the early clouds cleared and the group enjoyed sublime views high above Sneem.

Pictured above: On The Hill of Chat - Cnoc na Cainte - Knocknagantee

At the same time, Sneem Walking Club's Aisling O'Sullivan was helping out on a walk on the Kerry Way and Ravit Yanay was participating in rock-climbing training at the Gap of Dunloe. There was plenty of activity to suit all tastes.

Pictured right: Ravit Yanay On Her Way To The Top



Sneem Walking Club

On Saturday evening, participants enjoyed a social dinner at Sneem Hotel and the opportunity to mix with others from all over the country.

On Sunday morning there was a Members forum event, followed by a number of insightful training workshops and the option of going on a walk of Sneem's Mountain Lakes again led by Fergal.

Chasing Rainbows in Derryleigh

The Autumn Gathering was a great success, with participants of all ages and abilities enjoying the weekend. The event was a great opportunity for people to learn new skills, meet new people, and experience the beauty of Sneem and the Kerry Mountains. So many of those involved said they'd love to come back to Sneem for more walking.

Halloween and Campervan Festival Walks 28th —29th October



Guided walks in Sneem also formed part of the Bank Holiday weekend's scheduled activities. Saturday's Lománagh Loop ably lead by Chris Collier and

Aisling O'Sullivan saw 30 walkers complete the walk.

Pictured above: On a quiet backroad near Lománagh

Pictured below: Bridge Over The Small River near Fermoye.



On Saturday another group of 16 enjoyed the Fermoye Loop experience with Fergal Harrington. Spirits were high, the walks enjoyable and the banter afterwards in the village contributed to another great weekend. Sneem Walking Club gained two new members and many of the Total Motorhome Ireland

Group are keen to return for more walking in Sneem.

Sneem Walking Club AGM

Sneem Walking Club held their AGM on 1st November 2023 in The Loft Dan Murphys. It was well attended by walking club Members and a new Member on the night.

Nick Heffernan (Chair) opened the AGM by thanking attendees for their support. Nick expressed thanks to the following:

The current Committee Members for their hard work throughout the year and the volunteer walk leaders for their great support and commitment – without all of them the Club would not function.

The landowners and farmers who allow us access to their land and mountains; without them the Club would not have access to such beautiful landscapes.

The Club Members who took part in the Leadership Course (organised by Mountaineering Ireland) during the year.

Fergal Harrington for all of the hard work in setting up the website for the Club, as well as maintaining this, and what a difference this has made.

To Sean at Dan Murphys Bar who allows us the use of the venue for meetings free of charge and has always been very supportive of the Club.

Respect was paid to the family of John V O'Sullivan (founder of Sneem Walking Club) who passed away during the year. Our sincere sympathy is with Alice and the family, John V will be greatly remembered for the many walks he introduced people to and his imparting of his knowledge of the history of the area.

Frank McGonigle (Treasurer) presented the accounts to the Members present for discussion and approval; they were approved on the night.

Fees are now due and it was agreed to keep the fees at €40; €35 of which goes to Mountaineering Ireland for admin, insurance etc. The AGM agreed that they would introduce an additional fee for Associates wishing to join/remain Associates of SWC and this was agreed at €15. We now have 31 paid Members and 7 Associates.

Thanks again to David Gordon and his employer Atlantic Projects for providing funding for the Club website.

The current Committee Members agreed to stand for one more year. The Committee Members are:

Nick Heffernan – Chairperson

Michele Cooper-Fay – Secretary, with the additional appointment of Ravit Yaney as Assistant Secretary.

Frank McGonigle – Treasurer

Fergal Harrington – Safety Officer.

A and B walks will continue with these moving to alternate weeks so that there is a walk each weekend during the walking season; providing more options. Week day walks will take place as and when they can. There are other things planned for 2024 so watch this space!

As always, we welcome new Members to the Club and anyone wishing to join or participate in a trial walk can contact us through the website, sneemwalkingclub@gmail.com or by calling Michele Cooper-Fay on 0851708286.

Sneem Rowing Club

Table Quiz

Thanks to everyone who showed up and supported our Table Quiz last on Sunday 29th October. It was a fantastic night and a fantastic crowd. Thanks to Riney's Bar for hosting us and for having a great sound system set up this year. Thanks so much to our wonderful quiz master Jim, a wonderful job done as always, the quiz is always very interesting and fun. Thanks to Marian and Mossie who do a fantastic job always on the scores etc. To everyone who brought spot prizes, thank you.

Well done to the winners a fantastic score and they also donated their prize back to the club, very much appreciated. Well done everyone a fantastic night.

50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to Fiona and Mike O'Shea on winning €300 in our October 50/50 draw. We are taking a break from our 50/50 draw for the winter as the last of our yearly ticket were in the October draw. We really appreciate everyone's support every month for our draw. We will re-evaluate again in the Spring time.

South/Mid Kerry Dinner Dance

We are looking forward to the South/Mid Kerry Dinner Dance in Sneem Hotel, on Saturday 18th November. The Seine Boat winners of 25 years ago were Sneem, so it's wonderful to see them receive their presentations in our own local Hotel. Also, Senior Ladies and Seine Boat crews from this year will receive their 2nd place overall prizes too.

Christmas 5K Fun Run

On Sunday 17th December we will have our Annual Christmas 5K Fun Run along with the lovely and important blessing of the boats ceremony by Fr. Liam.

Registration starts at 12.30pm and the run will take place at 1pm sharp.

Santa will also help us to get the run started and have a little treat for the younger participants afterwards. Sonny will also be providing his wonderful Mulled Wine for the more mature participants, a great treat every year.

Gym Members

Please make sure if using the gym that you **SIGN IN** on entry.

Also, anyone using the heavy weights, please replace after use and no dropping or banging heavily on the floor.

Gym Closing Hours

From Wednesday 8th November, the gym will be closed every Wednesday evening (5pm - 9pm) to allow for rowing members indoor training.

Gym Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8am - 12pm and

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 5pm - 9pm



The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



The Scouts started the term with a 2 night camp at Gortdromagh. We hiked into the Hidden Valley, played games in the boulder caves and swam at the waterfall. We had a very enjoyable cycle trip around Muckcross lake where there was another cave to explore! We night hiked the 'Walk of the Planets' from Caherdaniel to Coad in the lashing rain and recently spent a day in Dromore woods building shelters and fires and cooking and eating.



For our next 'camp' we will stay at the Scout Hall in Mitchelstown, Cork. We had a successful Open day on the Quay Road in Sneem with Kayaking and Rafting where we recruited a few new Scouts. We still have some vacancies for teens aged 12-15 years and would love to see a few more members. Call Paul on 087 7659448 or find us on a Thursday evening between 7.30- 9pm at the Community Centre or our Quay road campfire area.



	Ages	Meeting Times
Beaver Scouts	6 - 8 years	Thursdays 6pm to 7pm
Cub Scouts	9-11 years	Monday 6.30pm to 8pm
Scouts	12-14 years	Thursdays 7.30pm to 9pm
Ventures	15-17 years	Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9pm

Please contact sneemscouts@gmail.com for any queries.

Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival



The festival has come around so fast this year where does the time go. This year is our 10th but sadly, our beloved Chairman Batt Burns will not be appearing due to ill health but I'm sure he will be here in spirit. We will surely miss his wonderful stories and cheeky grin. Our storytellers and performers are: John Spillane, Sheila Flitton, Helena Byrne, Len Cabral, Paddy O'Brien and Killian Burns. The lecture will be given by Dr Aoife Granville (Folklore and Ethnology, UCC) she is a native of Dingle. An expert in 'wren boy' and 'strawboy' traditions and also a traditional musician who has conducted extensive study on our native musical traditions. On Saturday night actor Sheila Flitton will be performing her one woman play 'Beezie'. Sheila was in the film The Banshees of Innisheran last year playing Mrs McCormick.

Patrons can look forward to children's performances, adult story swaps, and storytelling in the barn, the South Kerry Rosen Choir will sing in the St Michael's Church. Our talented Young Tellers return with their stories, as does our popular lunchtime theatre from Sneem DramSoc. We have a story bar in Murphy's Loft on Saturday night after the play.

Programmes can be picked up from local shops, bars and hotels and tickets can be reserved from Rosie on 086 1522346, info@sneemstorytellingfestival.com or you can come along to the Information Desk in the Sneem Hotel Lobby outside the Function Room from Friday 10th November at 10am onwards and either pick up your tickets or buy them (we're sorry cheque or cash only).

Programme 2023

PROGRAMME - THURSDAY 9th November

8.30 pm: Musical/Storytelling Evening— **The Loft at Dan Murphy's Bar entry Free**

PROGRAMME - FRIDAY 10th November

1.00 pm: Yarns in the Barn with Paddy O'Brien in the foothills outside of Sneem. Walking shoes, masks & rain gear required. *Details provided on booking.* **Meet at Sneem Hotel cost €5.00**

4.30 pm: Storytelling Session with Helena Byrne
Murphy's Loft, South Square entry Free



8.00 pm: Storytelling Concert, with John Spillane, and all our storytellers. MC Killian Burns.

Function Room, Sneem Hotel - Entry- €20.00



Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival

PROGRAMME - SATURDAY 11th November

10.00–11.15 am: Workshop—Len Cabral
Function Room, Sneem Hotel €5.00

10.45 am: A Performance for children with Helena Byrne.
Sneem Crèche, North Square Free

11.30 am: Lunchtime story swap - Paddy O'Brien. Come tell your story!
D O'Shea's Bar, North Square Free

12.15 pm: Storytelling Performance for School Children with Killian Burns.
Sneem Crèche, North Square Free

1.00 pm: Old Comrades: Music, Community & Identity in the Dingle Wren Tradition -
Dr Aoife Granville Function Room, Sneem Hotel €5.00.

2.15 - 3.00 pm: Killian's Auld Yarns: Killian Burns
Function Room, Sneem Hotel €5.00

3.15 - 3.50 pm: Performance by Helena Byrne
Murphy's Loft, South Square €5.00

4.00 - 4.45 pm: - An Irish Celebration - The South Kerry Rosen Choir: Music to
mark a 100 years of Irish Independence.
St Michael's Church, South Square Donation

5.00 pm: The Young Tellers - come and enjoy our amazing young people tell their
stories. With our MC Paddy O'Brien
Function Room, Sneem Hotel €5.00

8.00 pm: Beezie performed by Sheila Flitton
Beezie Gallagher was, for over 60 years, the sole resident of an island on Lough
Gill, Co. Sligo. Born in 1872 and orphaned in her teens, Beezie's wisdom, robust
humour and fierce independence gained her a reputation as healer, wise woman
and witch.

Afterwards Special Guest TBA
Function Room, Sneem Hotel Tickets €20.00



Sheila Flitton

Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival

PROGRAMME - SUNDAY 12th November

12.15pm: Children's Storytelling - Len Cabral

Sneem Crèche, North Square

Free

12.00 - 12.45 pm: The Tinker's Wedding by John Millington Synge performed by Sneem DramSoc in Sneem Community Centre

Free

2.15 - 3.30 pm: Open House and 'Story Swap' hosted by Killian & Paddy - Come tell your story! Riney's Bar, South Square

Free.

3.45 pm: Closing the Festival with a storytelling session with all our Tellers.

Murphy's Loft, South Square

Free



Len Cabral

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

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info@sneemstorytellingfestival.com

Weekend Ticket - €65.00 per person

PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Committee would like to thank our sponsors, storytellers, volunteers and you our audience for making our Festival a success.

See you next year!

9-11 November 2024

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Nearly New Lunch



The Annual Nearly New Lunch took place on the 26th October in The Village Kitchen to thank all our wonderful volunteers who keep the shop going all summer long. Pictured above are Tamzin Lee, Betty White, Clare Broom, Eileen Burns, Jackie West, Kathy Jukes, Angela Regan, Martina O'Sullivan, Julie Knightly, Maura O'Brien, Mary Casey, Avril Sherborne, Gilly Reid-Walker, Maureen Connelly, Caroline Lea, Mary Casey Liggins. Sadly missing from the lunch was Gisela Liedtke and Barbara O'Connor. Thank you to the VK for the delicious lunch.

Willow Wreath Making Workshop

will take place in Sneem Community Centre on Wednesday 29th November. There will be two sessions: 10 am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm. Willow will be provided, bring your own embellishments. Cost €30 including tea/coffee. Booking essential, contact Daphne on 083 1878114



Good Luck Stacey

The Village Kitchen is sad to say goodbye to Stacey. She came to us 9 years ago as a caterpillar when she was just 15, and within that time grew to be a remarkable young lady. She is loved by us and by the customers and her lovely smiley face will be sorely missed by all. She was an amazing worker and could run the place with ease. She leaves us a butterfly onto her new adventures and we wish her all the best.



Sneem Community Centre

Réka Padar accepting the prize for pumpkin weight for her daughter Emma pictured left with Chairman of the Sneem Community Centre Tim O'Sullivan. The pumpkin was generously donated as it is every year by Jim O'Sullivan (Sneem Tavern). Over €300 raised on Sunday 29th October for the draw. Runner up was Laura Jones from Kenmare.



Sneem Christmas Pop-Up Shop



Back by popular demand, Martina will create her Winter Wonderland again this year, this time in Gossip in the North Square - thanks to the generosity of Jerry O'Donovan. Last year, Martina had over 40 local craftspeople's products for sale and hopes to have the same again this year. If you would like your products to be included, please contact Martina at 083 3643515 or email sneemrc@gmail.com.

Martina would like to thank everyone who has offered their support. The shop will be open from 1st –22nd December from 12noon to 5pm daily.

Whiskey Tasting

A happy crowd of whiskey lovers enjoyed our second tasting session in The Loft. We were pleased to see friends from the village and also some new faces from motorhomes and other visitors.

Three whiskeys from around Munster were featured – from West Cork, Skellig and Redbreast distilleries. There was no overall winner this time – each of the whiskeys was favourite with several of the tasters.

Our friends at Skellig Chocolate provided some delicious samples to go with the whiskeys – much appreciated by the tasters.

After the 'official' part of the evening we were able to share a special treat with everyone – Dingle Distillery had very generously donated bottles of three of their new whiskeys – just enough for us all to have a taste of some very special whiskey indeed.

Many thanks to Sean O'Sullivan for again being such a generous host – we hope to be back in Spring 2024.

David Durant – Michele Cooper Fay – David Fay



Swim in Pink at the White Strand



The National Breast Cancer Research Institute, in association with Blackrock Swimwear, were asking as many people as possible to 'Swim in Pink' on Sunday, October 22nd and help raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research during October, breast cancer awareness month.

This is the third year of the event which was a huge success for the charity last year raising over €44,000 nationwide. Hopefully the event raises more funds this year: so far it looks like there was 1104 swimmers nationwide and in excess of €100,000 has been raised (as at 1.11.2023). It is likely the donation page will stay open until early November so anyone still wishing to donate can do so at: <https://swiminpink.ie/>.

The White Strand Wailers organised an event for that afternoon to take place at White Strand and they were delighted to have 30 hardy swimmers turn up to take part, as well as many supporters. Swimmers who had signed up donated to the event as part of the sign up and were provided with pink swim hats and some tee-shirts. People bought food along to warm the swimmers after the event and we also had the chance to try a wee dram of home-made Blackcurrant gin made by one of the swimmers.

Due to generous donations from supporters, through the "Swim in Pink" website as well as on the day, the Wailers have raised over €3,300 and that does not include the €25 that the participating swimmers paid directly to Swim in Pink for their entry.

A huge well done to everyone involved in organising the event and to the swimmers and supporters.



Sneem Tidy Towns

The Annual TidyTowns Awards ceremony took place on 6th October in Croke Park. Sneem retained their Bronze Medal with 361 marks, up 10 from last year. We were delighted to win a Pollinator Award once again, having won in 2018 and 2019. We think the success of No Mow May this year contributed to this along with our continued efforts to make Sneem a haven for pollinators.

All the results can be found on tidytowns.ie.

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Sneem - An Snaidhm**

Ref: **349**

County: **Kerry**

Mark: **361**

Category: **B**

Date(s): **18/07/2023**

	Maxi- mum	Mark	Mark
	Mark	Awarded 2022	Awarded 2023
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	80	51	53
Streetscape & Public Places	80	47	48
Green Spaces and Landscaping	80	43	44
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	55	42	43
Sustainability – Doing more with less	55	27	28
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	67	69
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	55	32	33
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	55	42	43
TOTAL MARK	550	351	361

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Fáilte chuig Comórtas Na mBailte Slachtmhara Super Valu don bhliain 2023. Táimid buíoch daoibh as ucht na hiontrála a chur chugainn, agus guimíd gach rath ar bhúrgcuid oibre amach anseo. Adh Mór....

Sneem is welcome to this year's competition, and we note you have been a participant in the competition for 60 years. We are aware that you were the Overall Winners in 1987 so well done for your continued enthusiasm since then. You have a committee of 5 members who are supported by another 10 volunteers and CES workers of 5 members who are supported by another 10 volunteers and CES workers.

Tidy Towns Adjudication Report

You are supported by Kerry Co. Co. officials and elected members and several other agencies within the county. For communications, you have a monthly newsletter which is distributed locally, and pdf versions are emailed to 329 people. You also use Facebook and have 1,670 followers. You work with a teacher in St Michael's National School on environmental issues and have planted a wildlife friendly hedge at the rear of the school, erected 20 outdoor signs of common birds and helped plant a mini orchard in the garden. This year, the children made 'No Mow May' signs for bringing home for their parents. The specific project for this year is to complete the 18 Sneem Sculpture Trail and River Walk signs which were erected last winter. Well done on the various awards won over the years. We note your 5-year plan which is quite ambitious. Thank you for the map of Sneem which was very well done. We also thank you for responding to comments and suggestions from the 2022 adjudicator's report. We are pleased, when communities take note of our suggestions and act upon them where and when possible. With 49 pages, your entry form is too large, and we ask if you would reduce it next year. One way of doing so is to reduce the volume of text – this can be done by brief descriptions of projects and avoiding unnecessary information that is important for you but not for the adjudicator. We thank you for including relevant pictures beside the text. We read through your 5-year plan which has many appropriate and ambitious targets, and we wish you luck in their implementation. Our visit was the day before your summer festival, and we could see that some sections were under construction and there were trucks with equipment for unloading the next morning. We recommend that you read the revised handbook which has guidance and project ideas on all eight criteria. It is available at the following link. <https://www.tidytowns.ie/competition/handbook/>

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

The main item mentioned under this heading is the Sneem Sculpture Trail Audio and Signage Project. This was a great idea to unite these art features by linking them together as a trail. The signs and audio are very well done so congratulations on this initiative which cost less than €13,000. The voice of Batt Burns, your local seanachai is perfect. The second project is the Church of the Transfiguration, otherwise known as 'The Little Church', has been offered by the Church of Ireland community as an indoor cultural centre under a leasing arrangement while it would still operate as a functioning church. That seems a wonderful idea and we wish you luck with that venture. We note that there is already a precedent for such an arrangement in Waterville. The school is well-painted, we liked the stone wall boundary and admired the green flag flying. The built environment of Sneem is very colourful – many buildings have a range of delightful pastel colours. We were pleased to see street trees planted on Sportsfield Road. They are developing well and will enhance the streetscape with each year's growth. We admired many shops including Kelly's Bakery beside the little church with its traditional shop frontage and Quill's corner shop south of the river. The Blue Bull Restaurant has a stone-faced frontage with window and door surrounds in red brick. The Pharmacy on the corner with half the wall stone faced, also caught our eye. Sneem Tavern near the river is a complex of three buildings that houses the Post Office. The entrance to Sneem Hotel on the Kenmare Road is attractive and the curved entrance road is very inviting. The hotel looks very well, and we were pleased to see fine specimens of birch trees in the car park and established shrubberies with Hydrangea and Hypericum in flower. Rock faces add to the character of this space.

TidyTowns Adjudication Report

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The bilingual river walk signs are high quality and are a great addition to the walking routes. The various improvements made to the wild garden, the hard landscaping, the metal archway with the cut-out lettering, an information sign, native plants, and outdoor cushions and shades all make this a delightful space. We have noted the layout and the maintenance operations in the different sections. You are fortunate to have had the advice from Ian McGrigor of Gortbrack Organic Farm. The theme of 'Wind/Gaoth' was chosen for the fourth site specific sculpture trail along the river walks in July. We are pleased to learn that formative pruning was done on the mini orchards in the village last winter. It is so important to ensure that trees develop a suitable shape for their future growth. Removal of suckers may be ongoing each year and well done for removing stakes from established trees that no longer need them. It is fortunate that the north and south squares – which are triangles, not squares – are green spaces and will remain so for the future. These are unique features of Sneem, that are in any other town or village in Ireland, and we know you are justly proud to have them as part of your heritage.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

Well done on the bilingual information sign for An Gairdín Fiáin – there is much to read, but people can take a photo and read it at another time. Other activities were the willow weaving workshop, the mural of the Pipistrelle Bat, painted by Roland Hunter on the wall of the creche building. You participate in the National Biodiversity Data Centre's Bumblebee monitoring scheme by walking the Sneem River Walk monthly between March and October.

The Ogham Tree project is an interesting way of educating people about the environment and our culture. Examples of the 13 tree species have been located in and around the village and will now form another interesting trail. You have commissioned biodiversity reports in 2014, 2019, 2020 and 2022 on different aspects of gardens.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

You are planning to have festivals as green as possible. The scarecrow festival uses recycled items for making the scarecrows. Trashion was the name given to the entry by children in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade – the children wore outfits made from waste. In a similar vein, you had a junk couture segment in a fashion show in April. In a similar vein, you had a junk couture segment in a fashion show in April – the costumes were made from waste material. In the Sneem Resource Centre, the Euro room operates year-round selling second-hand books, clothes, curtains, shoes, toys, etc. Clothes recycling bins were observed outside the school. There is also the 'Nearly New Shop' at the north square which opens in summertime.

Tidy Towns Adjudication Report

Under sustainable gardening, you have mentioned composting, and using well-rotted farmyard manure as well as seaweed, and cardboard. Rainwater is collected behind the polytunnel and in 5 water butts in the village - we wonder how important that is in an area where there is so much rainfall. You also gather seed and have a seed swap, as well as a plant swap. The bottle filler is a great idea as some people expect to find one in their travels and come prepared to use them. You have reduced the use of paper by using digital technology

Under this criterion, there are several more projects that if undertaken could gain more marks. Therefore, we suggest you consult the handbook on the following link for more ideas on projects under this criterion. <https://www.tidytowns.ie/competition/handbook/>

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

You participated in the annual county clean-up last April and the village is kept clean by the CES workers and Kerry Co. Co. who also empty the litter bins. Your action days are on Thursday mornings when between 10.30am to 12.30pm to weed, prune, litter pick and generally clean up around the village. Well done on all your efforts, we found Sneem very clean and tidy.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Thank you for the update on the Ard an Óir scheme where we noted security barriers are in place. It seems a pity that some technicality has delayed these houses being occupied. The hornbeam trees planted there look very well. Thank you for before and after pictures of the painted garden walls in the Seaview estate - portion of the access road is in bad condition, the open space is well-maintained and across the road, the modern playground is well-used

– Hydrangeas are adding summer colour. The entrance to the Atlantic Gateway estate is a well-built stone wall on one side and Hydrangeas in full bloom on the other side. The estate has a range of house/apartment types and parts appear unfinished. We were pleased to note that in sections of this estate there were nice specimens of established trees.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Well done on the new footpath, between the Riverside Café and Galvin's Hardware. We note that the former steps are now levelled out. Well done on painting the back wall opposite the wild garden. The new pedestal signs are very well done. Our approach was from the Waterville direction, and we admired the large boulder with the bilingual welcome to Sneem written clearly for visitor's attention. Further on we noted the sign for the summer festival and then one for Declan Nerney, but pressure of time meant we couldn't attend his show.

Concluding Remarks:

Sneem is unique among Irish villages and your actions are helping to improve its environment and have it looking its best. Well done and keep up the good work.

This month we have the opportunity to meet Aishling who is keeping the family gardening tradition alive, thanks to the Transition Kerry Programme on Biodiversity & Climate Change (Kenmare/Sneem). The programme was aimed at spreading information and ideas through the community to tackle the climate and biodiversity crises we face. As a follow up of the course I decided to realise a series of interviews with people who grow food in our area and I would love to hear from you. Laurence Vanpouille, email: growlocal@icloud.com

What is your favourite vegetable to grow, Aishling?

The onions! We use a lot of red onions because my husband is from India and we cook everything from scratch - he makes a lot of Indian dishes. The red onions are used as the base of the curries, and they are growing really well in our climate and soil. We are living in Rossdohan - Ros Dochan - which is derived from the Irish for wood on the promontory. At the beginning, gardening was more of a hobby for me. Not long ago we got a second-hand greenhouse and thanks to this, I really started my gardening journey. At first it was for the kids, for them to see from where the food comes from, and for them to participate. Now my parents are also involved. My mother has always enjoyed gardening. When I was young she grew veggies, and when my parents saw what was coming out of this little greenhouse, they proposed we add beds outside along with fruit bushes and trees. I grow a lot of vegetables, such as potatoes, kale, cauliflower, because we are vegetarians. My husband uses cauliflower a lot and we cook together. I like the idea of growing something and making a dish out of it directly. I like to be able to experiment and make lovely recipes from my produce. For the winter, last year I preserved cherry tomatoes in oil and garlic, and made chutney from courgettes. I also tried a cordial with gorse, and to make breads with nettles. The taste of this bread is not overpowering with a light iron touch mixed with spinach flavour, and a fresh feeling close to cucumber. I don't have to go into the garden every day, it actually takes just about half an hour to an hour every other day. Even if I am very busy, like this year, there is still something growing. We are beginning to figure out what flourishes in this climate, and we are trying varieties from India to see what will work. I love swapping plants and tips with the neighbours.

In your opinion, how does gardening affect your climate impact?

Clearly we reduce the amount of packaging. Additionally, we always reuse and repurpose items - for example, the garden beds are built with old roof tiles. You can reuse all your plant pots, you can use your leftovers for the compost or plant treatments. We get cow manure from a local farmer, and we collect seaweed locally to improve the soil. And even the greenhouse, the start of our garden, was a second-hand structure!

A tip, a recommendation?

I started a Facebook group named Cooks' Kitchen, for people who like cooking. I put a lot of my recipes and experiments in it to share with others. They include recipes which use only products from the garden, such as 'garden salad with black-eyed peas' in which black-eyed peas are boiled, and added to spinach, lettuce, pepper, red onion - whatever you have in your garden at the time really - along with hard-boiled eggs... it is just so satisfying to cook using your own produce!



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Blackwater Women's Group

Membership of Blackwater Women's Group only €5 per year. Members can avail of classes, guest speakers, social gatherings and parties.

Next meeting Tuesday 14th November at 8pm

Qigong in Tavern: Qigong Classes in Tavern every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8pm (gentle exercise to music) with Bob Martin. All welcome, no charge.

Muintir Na Tire

will host a Crime Prevention Information Evening in Blackwater Tavern on Tuesday 21st November at 8pm. An **Active Community Alert** is key to crime prevention and local safety. Attend to get information on Garda and Muintir initiatives like **Text Alert System and Cairde App**. Text Alert application forms are available in O'Neill's Shop Blackwater. Membership is €10.

Seniors Alert Alarm Scheme: Blackwater Women's Group are affiliated to **POBAL** and can apply for **Free Personal Monitored Alarms** which enable older people to live securely in their homes. Application forms and information leaflets are available in O'Neill's Shop Blackwater. Monitoring is Free for the first twelve months. **Alarms can operate through a landline or a mobile phone.**

Defibrillators Blackwater/Templenoe: There are **5 open access Defibrillators in the area, all on (NAS) National Ambulance Service's database;** Templenoe Church, Templenoe GAA Pitch, Dromore GAA Pitch, Blackwater Tavern and John Sheehan's Dieren. The Ring of Kerry Golf Course recently installed a Defibrillator also and held training on CPR.

Harvest Dance

There was a great turnout for the Harvest Dance in Kenmare Bay Hotel. The meal was excellent followed by great music and dancing to Neily O'Connor. Many thanks to all who attended and to everyone who sponsored Spot Prizes.

'Changing Times' Blackwater/Templenoe Social History Book: Changing Times covers the Social History of the Blackwater/Templenoe area; available in O'Neill's Shop Blackwater and Quills Shop Kenmare.

St Vincent de Paul Table Quiz and Raffle

Table Quiz and Raffle in aid of St Vincent de Paul takes place in **Brooklane Hotel Kenmare on Friday 10th** of November at 8pm. Please support!!

Holy Cross SVP Conference Kenmare covers Sneem, Blackwater, Templenoe, Kilgarvan and Tuosist. If anyone needs help please call 087-6805264 and we will help with food hampers, fuel, etc.



Blackwater Women's Group are celebrating their 21st Anniversary this year. They are pictured here at the Harvest Dance 2023 in Kenmare Bay Hotel.

Photo by George O'Neill

Kenmare and District Garden Club

At the end of September several members from the club attended the annual symposium in Kells Bay Gardens, organised by Billy Alexander, Kerry's Chelsea gold medallist. This annual three day event is a source of inspiration not only due to the top speakers, whose knowledge is second to none, but also to the gardening contacts and friendships that are forged. The autumn meetings resumed this month in the Gateway with a return visit by Assumpta Bloomfield, renowned historical horticulturist, seed collector and plantswoman, who gave a talk on Corona North of Altamont. Influenced by her father, himself a seed collector who travelled with the imminent seed collectors of the 1920's to China and beyond, Corona developed the garden with herbaceous borders, a walled garden, the lovely restored lake, a bluebell wood and a woodland garden, famous today for its collection of snowdrops whilst also herself undertaking seed collecting ventures. Here she gardened until her death in 1999. Of local interest is her connection to the O'Mahony family of Dromore castle, Kenmare, who were also avid snowdrop collectors. The garden is now run by the OPW.

Next meeting: November 9th: Talk by Shirley Lanigan: 'Gardens that stay with you: Special Gardens and Special People'. Author of 'The Open Gardens of Ireland', featuring three of our members gardens in the Kerry section

Reminder: Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month, unless otherwise specified. Venue: The Gateway (beyond the Centra Garage heading on the Molls Gap/Killarney road, opposite the Brooklane Hotel grounds). Parking available. Non-members are very welcome (small fee)

Contact Stephen Austen: 0879112876 for further information.

Carnegie Arts Centre

Jo Beth Young: Shadow Navigation Show, Friday 17th November 8pm

An internationally acclaimed musician, poet and artist, Jo Beth Young brings songs, stories and visions to navigate the shadows of human experience. She is a hidden gem rising from the alt/neo-folk and prog scenes. Her ethereal vocals and mesmeric musical style have been enrapturing and provoking deep emotional responses from audiences since her 2018 debut album 'An Abandoned Orchid House' and 2019's follow-up 'Strangers.' Tickets €18.

For Bookings or more info go to www.carnegieartskenmare.ie or call 064 6648701

Sneem Sustainable Energy Community

Existing Grants for Energy / Home Improvements

The National Home Energy Upgrade Scheme provides grants to upgrade the energy efficiency of your property. When the work is completed your property should have an energy efficiency rating of B2 or above. The scheme is available to homeowners, private landlords and [approved housing bodies](#). The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) administers the grants and a private company manages the work for you. These companies are called [One Stop Shops](#), and the scheme is also known as the [One Stop Shop Service](#). The SEAI also provides [individual energy upgrade grants](#), if you only want to do certain home energy upgrades, and would prefer to manage the process yourself. There is also a [free home energy upgrade scheme](#) for people on low incomes.

For more information click [Here](#)

Grant name	Types of home	New Grant Value
Heat Pump Systems <i>Homes built and occupied before 2021</i>	All Houses Apartments	€6,500 €4,500
Heat Pump Air to Air <i>Homes built and occupied before 2021</i>		€3,500
Heating Controls		€700
Solar Hot Water <i>Homes built and occupied before 2021</i>		€1200
Attic insulation <i>Homes built and occupied before 2011</i>	Apartment (any) Mid-Terrace Semi-detached or end of terrace Detached house	€800 €1,200 €1,300 €1,500
Cavity wall insulation <i>Homes built and occupied before 2011</i>	Apartment (any) Mid-Terrace Semi-detached or end of terrace Detached house	€700 €800 €1,200 €1,700
Internal Insulation (Dry Lining) <i>Homes built and occupied before 2011</i>	Apartment (any) Mid-Terrace Semi-detached or end of terrace Detached house	€1,500 €2,000 €3,500 €4,500
External Wall Insulation (The Wrap) <i>Homes built and occupied before 2011</i>	Apartment (any) Mid-Terrace Semi-detached or end of terrace Detached house	€3,000 €3,500 €6,000 €8,000
Solar PV	€900 per kWp up to 2kWp €300 for every additional kWp up to 4kWp Total Solar PV grant capped at €2400	€1800 for 2kWp solar panels €2100 for 3kWp solar panels €2400 for 4kWp solar panels
BER		€50
Technical Assessment		€200

Bus Timetable – Route 281 Stops outside /across from The Green Chair

Departs	Mon – Sun	Mon – Sun	Mon – Sun	Mon – Sun
Caherdaniel Cross	06:34	09:49	13:39	17:24
Castlecove Church	06:41	09:56	13:46	17:31
Sneem South Square	07:03	10:18	14:08	17:53
Tahilla Church	07:14	10:29	14:19	18:04
Templenoe Church	07:27	10:42	14:32	18:17
Kenmare Crean's	07:37	10:52	14:42	18:26
Departs	Mon – Sun	Mon – Sun	Mon – Sun	Mon – Sun
Kenmare Crean's	08:00	11:45	15:00	18:45
Templenoe Church	08:10	11:55	15:10	18:55
Tahilla Church	08:23	12:08	15:23	19:08
Sneem South Square	08:34	12:19	15:34	19:19
Castlecove Church	08:56	12:41	15:56	19:41
Caherdaniel Cross	09:03	12:48	16:03	19:48

Sneem Medical Centre

Dr Hernan Ganzo, Family GP

Tel: 064 6645102

Covid Booster Clinic Winter 2023

**Covid boosters will be available on Wednesday 13th December
— book with Julie**

**Flu injections and nasal sprays are currently available
—book with Julie**

**By appointment only please ring Julie (064) 6645102
from 10.30am to 12.30am or 2.30pm to 4.30pm.**

Who should get the flu vaccine. We recommend the flu vaccine for: • People aged 65 years and over • Children aged 2-17 years (please read HSE leaflet on flu vaccine for children) • Pregnant women (please read HSE leaflet on flu vaccine for pregnancy) • People (adults and children) with long-term medical conditions such as diabetes, chronic heart conditions, liver conditions, kidney conditions and chronic lung disease including COPD, or neurological diseases • People with cancer • People on long-term aspirin treatment • People whose immune system is impaired due to disease or treatment • People who are obese who have a body mass index (BMI) of over 40 • People with Down syndrome • Residents of nursing homes and other long-stay institutions • Healthcare workers • Carers • People who live in the same house as someone who is at risk of flu because of a medical condition • People with regular close contact with poultry, water fowl or pigs.

Surgery Hours

Monday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm / 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Friday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm - 4.30pm

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Monday to Friday 9.30am to 10.30am

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Sneem Events Calendar

10th – 12th November - Sneem Storytelling Festival

29th November—Willow Wreath Workshop

21st December - Shadow Play “Lightning Bird”, Sneem Hotel

21st December - Trevor Sexton and Ger O'Donnell - The Loft

3rd December - Sneem Resource Centre Outdoor Christmas Craft Fair

10th December—Coomanassig Christmas Dinner

17th December - Sneem Rowing Club - Fun Run

27th December -Cash Returns Tribute Show in Sneem Hotel



Music



Dan Murphy's Bar

Music in the Loft this Thursday 9th November at 9pm

Trevor Sexton and Ger O'Donnell playing

@The Loft on 21st December

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Riney's

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D O'Shea's Bar

Traditional Irish Music Session

Sunday 12th November and Sunday 19th November

8.30-10.30pm

Saturday 2nd December Roy Buckley



Sneem Hotel

Saturday 11th November - Martin Larkin

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Sneem Calendar 2024



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Leaves from outside Riney's

Sneem to Killarney

Every Saturday leaves outside Quills
at 11.30am, return bus leaves Killarney
at 4.45pm from Tesco (town)
carpark. **Bus has wheelchair access - a lift for wheelchair user.**

Check out www.localinkkerry.ie/sneem or call 066 7147002

For any other routes or information
contact Teddy on 087 2315014.
Courier service also available.

Risen Light Garden Sneem

We are coming into autumn, the leaves are being swirled around and the days are already really short, preparing for next year ... in every possible way.

There are still organically grown vegetables in our Garden and we would love to encourage everyone to call if they want to find out what is still available.

We took in 'The Stand' and would like to thank you all for the lovely support for our precious little business.

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- Vacancies available at Sneem Tidy Towns and at Castlecove Tidy Towns: Duties consist of general maintenance of public spaces.
- CE positions available at Sneem GAA and Derrynane GAA. Duties include general maintenance of sports fields.
- Office Administrator for Sneem Digital Hub, Cleaning Person also required.
- Kitchen Assistant required at Coomanasig Daycare Centre (Sneem Welfare Group). Duties include assisting with food preparation, keeping kitchen and meeting area clean, preparing meeting room for meetings, functions etc. Eligible applicants should send CV to sneemtidytowns@gmail.com or call Joe Murphy on 086 3724468

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Local Information

Gardaí - 064 6645111

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michael.cavanagh1968@gmail.com

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Michael Healy Rae

Holds a Clinic on the last Monday of the
month in Sneem Resource Centre at
5.30pm. Call 087 2461678.

Tide Times

Here are the high tides for the period
9th November to 6th December

09th:	13.54	
10th:	14.35	
11th:	15.11	
12th:	15.44	
13th:	16.17	
14th:	16.50	
15th:	17.26	
16th:	18.06	
17th:	06.33,	18.51
18th:	07.22,	19.42
19th:	08.18,	20.42
20th:	09.23,	21.51
21st:	10.38,	23.08
22nd:	11.55	
23rd:	13.01	
24th:	13.57	
25th:	14.48	
26th:	15.34	
27th:	16.17	
28th:	16.57	
29th:	17.33	
30th:	18.09	
01st:	06.33,	18.45
02nd:	07.13,	19.24
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04th:	08.45,	21.00
05th:	09.42,	22.01
06th:	10.49,	23.12

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Sunday 12th November - Riney's Bar
Sunday 19th November - Dan Murphy's Bar
Sunday 26nd November - D O'Shea's Bar
Sunday 3rd December - Riney's Bar

10pm sharp

Sunday 8th October : Numbers Drawn: 7, 8, 10, 13. No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: : James O'Neill, Tipperary; George White, Sneem; Barry Watkins, UK; Mary Foley, Corcaigh

Sunday 15th October: Numbers Drawn: 2, 13, 25, 27. No Winner.

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Sunday 22nd October: Numbers Drawn: 2, 4, 5, 29. No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Ailise and Rian Hayes, Trálf; Liz Murphy, Parc Ardshillane, Sneem; Marian O'Sullivan, Dirrah, Sneem; Maureen Smith, Drimnamore, Sneem.

Sunday 29th October: Numbers Drawn: 15, 16, 18, 22. No Winner.

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Sunday 5th November: Numbers Drawn: 7, 11, 24, 25. No Winner.

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