



Sneem Community Notice Board



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FREE

Sneem GAA Lotto Winner



Sneem Gaa Lotto

Congratulations to Kevin O'Shea who won the €15,000 jackpot outright in the Sneem GAA Lotto Draw which took place in D. O'Shea's Bar on Sunday 2nd February
The winning numbers were 4, 7, 11, 28

Pictured L:R: Johnny O'Sullivan Treasurer, Kieran Burns Chairperson, Sneem GAA Lotto Winner Kevin O'Shea and Jim O'Sullivan Lotto Officer.
Photo: Lisa O Shea

Dog Poop

The shopkeepers and local residents of Sneem have noticed there has been quite a bit of dog poo being left behind. It is being left on footpaths, in front of shops, in the two greens and all along the village streets.

Bags are provided in the village at the top of Quay Road and Seaview for dog waste and for some reason people are not using them!!!

Our residents, CE workers and visitors would like to walk or work without the worry of stepping in the mess. When the CE workers mow, they run the risk of getting it all over themselves. So we ask **PLEASE** clean up after your dogs, for our health, safety and cleanliness. There are children, people pushing buggies, visually impaired people and people in wheelchairs using our streets, please be considerate to everyone and **scoop the poop!**



Sneem Post Office

Lodge and withdraw cash in Sneem Post Office using your A.I.B. or Bank of Ireland debit card, ATM, also selling sterling and U.S. dollars

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Community News

Please note: 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.

Our newsletter is provided free to the community with the ongoing support of our local advertisers.

Deadline for submissions to next newsletter is Friday 7th March

February Birthdays

James O'Leary and Ruairí Burns on the 6th; Olga Tochowicz (15), Grace Riney and Gerrit Noordkamp on the 8th; Nora Murphy and Daniel O'Sullivan (17) on the 9th; Jerry O'Donovan, Huw Edwards and Kevin Looney on the 10th; Angelika Scheibein on the 11th; Tara Murphy and Helen Foley on the 12th; Máiréad O'Dwyer and Anita O'Sullivan on the 14th; Val Murphy on the 15th; Niamh Galvin (12) on the 20th; Caroline Clifford and Debi McCormack on the 25th; John O'Neill, Eoin Casey (17) and Odhran O'Connor (5) on the 27th; John Riney on the 29th.

March Birthdays

Brid Larkin and Rosaleen O'Connor on the 4th; Michael O'Reardon, Jessica and Fionán Galvin Foley (16) on the 5th. Mike O'Connor on the 7th; John Patrick O'Sullivan on the 8th; Nakita Rigter on the 9th; Eoin O'Dwyer, Mike Joe Murphy on the 10th; Denis O'Brien and Maura O'Brien on the 11th; Tony Mulcahy on the 12th; Clara Murphy on the 13th.

Special Birthdays

Robert O'Donovan (18) on 11th February; Leona Rigter (18) on 15th February; Jim Clifford (21) on the 29th February.

Deepest Sympathies

to the family and friends of Jim Dillion, West End, Sneem and Ballinaskelligs who passed away last month.

Deepest Sympathies

to the family and friends of Finbarr Murphy, Gleesk, Sneem, formerly of Kilclogher, Kilbaha who passed away in Kilrush Nursing Home in Co Clare.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Frank Moriarty, Sneem House and Castleknock Dublin, brother of Una O'Sullivan and Louis Moriarty.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Jackie Moran, Waterville, father of Bríd Moran, Caherdaniel.

Deepest Sympathies

To Karen and Gary Casey, family and friends of Paddy Casey, Copthorne, West Sussex and formerly Dirrah, Sneem. who passed away this week.

Daffodil Day



It's that time of year again folks. We hope you can join us, your help is invaluable.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th March in Riney's 11am to 1pm.

Daffodil Day Bridge collection

Friday 28th March all day.

The list will be in the Post Office nearer the day, please join us if you can. Any questions please contact Deborah on 086 1255340.

Sneem Community and Sports Centre AGM

The AGM of the Community and Sports Centre will be held on Tuesday 25th February at 7pm. Everybody's welcome.

Remember, this is **your** Community Centre. In particular we want every group using the Centre more or less regularly to send at least one representative.

Mock the Mic Musicals and Movies

Saturday 15th March at Sneem Hotel, Book your tickets by contacting 087 6756131, keep an eye out on our Facebook page.

Fundraising Coffee Morning

Thank you to Bríd and Don Riney, who let us use Riney's Bar for our Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st February. Thanks to all the helpers and cake makers, and everybody who came and enjoyed themselves. We made €954 and have since been given some more donations to make a total of €1000. Half will go to Sneem Defibrillators and half to the Community Centre. Thank you, Una O'Sullivan



Sneem Mens Shed

The Men's Shed boys after a wonderful meal at Sneem Hotel, at their Christmas Party.

Community News

Mountain Skills Training Course (MS1)

1st and 2nd March

Are you looking to get into hiking but don't know where to start? Or are you a novice hiker hoping to gain more confidence on the hills?

Alaind Walking is holding a Mountaineering Ireland accredited MS1 course to equip you with the skills to gain confidence while hillwalking and to navigate safely.

You will also get to have two fun days learning and exploring Sneem's beautiful countryside.

Next Date:

Saturday 01 – Sunday 02 March 2025

Learn more at: <https://alaindwalkingireland.ie/mountain-skills-1-training-course-ms1/>

Places are limited, so contact:

Fergal Harrington 085-142 2677 or email@alaind.ie

Alaind Walking





SNEEM COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

**A limited number of spaces still available
for the final course on 18th February**

The **Sneem Community Defibrillator Group** maintain and conduct regular inspections of the eight defibrillators in the Sneem area.

We are running refresher/training courses to familiarise Sneem area residents in the use of the defibrillators and the application of CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation). These techniques will equip you with the necessary skills which could help you save someone's life.

Ger Deasy, qualified trainer and First Aid Officer of Derrynane Inshore Rescue has kindly agreed to conduct the training sessions. The cost will be met by the Defibrillator Group and we are grateful to our local benefactors and sponsors for making this possible. For you, it will be FREE.

Course numbers are strictly limited - please contact Richard Tindale 087-773-8159 or Tim O'Sullivan 086-855-9283 to reserve a place.

Tuesday 18th February at 6pm, Sneem Community Centre. Duration 2 – 3 hrs

Community Activities

Indoor Bowling

Indoor Bowling Club are in action in the Community Centre on Wednesdays at 8pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

Board Games Club

Meets every Wednesday evening 6.30pm in the Community Centre. For more information, please contact Pál in Pete's Butcher Shop or on 087 0973316.

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

Meets in Sneem Book Shop on Monday evenings at 7pm. 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.

Knitting Sessions

Take place on Wednesdays in Sneem Book Shop from 11am to 1pm. All welcome.

Bingo

Bingo takes place in the Resource Centre, West End on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Tuesday Tidy-Ups

Spare an hour or two on Tuesday mornings to weed, prune or clean up around the village. Join us anytime from 10am until 12 noon.

Wild Atlantic Play

Young Singers Wanted! Established local music theatre performance studio, Wild Atlantic Play, is looking for choir member ages 7-12 to join our new Youth Choir. Rehearsing every Thursday from 5-6pm in Castlecove – Youth Choir learns and performs a variety of choral music from pop and top 40 to Broadway, West End and Disney musical classics. Email info@wildatlanticplay.ie for details today!

Sneem Resource Centre
West End,
Sneem
064 6645545



Opening Hours
Monday to Thursday -
10.30am to 3pm

Library - Bric a brac - Nearly new clothes - Photocopying - Laminating

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

New Year's greetings to you all and best wishes for 2025.

While we are aware of the snow and ice and poor travelling conditions in various parts of the country and county, we were very lucky that in Sneem and Tahilla the weather was very good.

We witnessed wonderful neighbourliness and support for the elderly as we saw the housebound on the television and this support was badly needed by many. These people had no water, electricity or heat. Indeed some were snowbound and eventually in need of food supplies. Great credit to everyone who helped in any way.

For Christmas we had many family members home for a few days from various parts of the world and country. Our Christmas Masses were well attended and our choir set a lovely tone for our church celebrations.

Many thanks to all our volunteers over this period which is greatly appreciated. We received some very generous donations for which we are most thankful.

During the season we had weddings and funeral services. My sympathies to all who laid a loved one to rest. A number of weddings are booked for the year ahead and we extend a warm welcome to all and may you have a wonderful time on your special day.

The Crib visit was very inspiring. It was lovely to see the children and parents and grandparents saying their prayers and welcoming Baby Jesus.

Thanks to those who erected the Crib—those who clean the church and all who helped at our Mass celebrations. Deacon Jean Yves assisted at all our ceremonies and I appreciate his support throughout the year.

Some people were quite sick recently with heavy colds and flu and other ailments. So I wish you all a quick recovery and everyone the best of health in 2025. Stay well—stay safe—stay in touch.

Fr. Liam.

St. Michael's Church Parish Office

Presbytery, North Square Sneem. Parish Office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 4pm. Mobile 087 3480050.

St. Michael's Church Sneem

Mass every Sunday at 10am. Check out our Facebook page for Mass times for daily masses.

Sneem Story House



Sneem Story House

Our Bank account is open in AIB Kenmare and we would welcome any contributions towards the costs of renovating the church and getting this ambitious project off the ground. Account No:14273050 Sort Code: 936324 IBAN: IE36AIBK93632414273050 BIC / SWIFT: AIBKIE2DXXX All contributions hugely appreciated.

www.sneemstoryhouse.ie

Coomanassig Social Centre

Meals On Wheels

Our Meals on Wheels service is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for €7.50 per meal. We deliver to the broader Sneem area. Please contact 086 3533861 at least 24 hours in advance and inform us of any allergies.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with meal delivery three days a week and to help with the monthly mass. Deliveries take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12 noon. Any assistance provided would be greatly appreciated, even one of these days a month. As we operate as a voluntary committee, we are unfortunately unable to be present every day.

In addition to our meal delivery service, we also offer laundry services, chiropody, and room rental.

Monthly Mass

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who attends Mass in Coomanassig. Mass is usually held on the first Tuesday of every month in the Centre at 11 am and we often have guest speakers, so everyone is welcome to come. After the Mass, we will also have tea and a chat. The next mass is scheduled for **Thursday** 6th March at 11am for this month only, it will revert to Tuesdays going forward. Everyone welcome.

Sneem Rowing Club

Annual Santa 5K Fun Run

We had our Christmas Fun Run on 15th December. Congratulations to Ewan Buckley and Geraldine Breen who were first home of the adults, and Colm Ryan and Rosalyn van Daele were the first teenagers back, they received vouchers sponsored by D J O'Sullivan's, thanks to Johnny. Thanks to everyone for the support.

Huge thanks to Santa for visiting and providing treats for the younger boys and girls.

Thanks to Fr. Liam O'Brien for his lovely traditional blessing of the boats ceremony.

Sonny's mulled wine went down a treat after a damp run, everyone enjoyed it.

AGM

We will be holding our AGM in The Loft, Dan Murphy's Bar on Friday 21st February at 8pm. All members and general public very welcome.

Hospital Bags

Sneem Resource Centre has overnight hospital bags available for those who may require them. These contain pyjamas/nightdress, dressing gown and a towel. Please do not hesitate to visit the Centre if you find yourself or know somebody in need of such assistance.

Winners of Sneem Community and Sports Centre Draw

1. Mega Hamper sponsorship from Hilary O Sullivan's, Dan Murphy's, Sneem P.O, The Window Box and The Green Chair. Winner ---- Mary T. O Sullivan, South Square, Sneem. (Special thanks to Cadhla O Sullivan of Hilary's who arranged the Hamper.)
2. Lunch for two in the Dolittle Lounge in Parknasilla Hotel. Winner - Joe Quinn, Blackwater.
3. €100 Voucher for Christian's MACE Foodstore. Winner – Jerry O' Shea, Tahilla.
4. € 100 Voucher for Quill's Retail Ltd . Winner – Kevin Locke, Reen and Limerick.
5. Dinner for 2 at Sneem Hotel. Winner - Aoife Boyle, Blackwater.
6. Seaweed Bath for two, courtesy of Brendan Galvin, Sneem Seaweed Baths.
Winner –Jeni Darcy Keating, Glanmire, Cork.
7. €50 Voucher for Burns' Butchers. Winner ---Mary Joyce, North Sq. and Boston.
8. €50 Voucher for Sneem Pharmacy. Winner ---Neily O Sullivan, Blackwater..
9. Dinner for two at D. O' Shea's. Winner ----Chris Collier, Maularostig, Sneem..
10. €50 Voucher for Peter O Sullivan's Butcher Shop. Winner ---John Egar, Rossmore, Tahilla.
11. €50 Voucher for Riney's Bar. Winner---Tim Larkin , Sneem.
12. €50 Voucher for The Village Kitchen. Winner – Neily O' Sullivan , Blackwater.
13. €50 Voucher for Dan Galvin's Hardware. Winner ---Ann Quinn, Blackwater.
14. Dinner for two at The Bridge Café and Bistro. Winner Pal Czombos, North Square.
15. €50 Voucher for McCarthy Motors. Winner - Rian O' Neill. Blackwater.
16. Trailer of Timber sponsored by Brian Foley of Tahilla. Winner—Keelin O' Shea, Valentia.
17. €50 Voucher for the Hungry Knight. Winner Syndicate from Dan Murphy's Bar.
18. €25 Voucher for Sneem Book Shop. Winner - Teresa McCarthy, Castlecove

Congratulations to all winners and our sincere gratitude to all who sponsored the eighteen very attractive prizes. A special thank you to those Businesses who also sold tickets for the Draw. Our thanks, likewise to one and all who purchased tickets for the draw. In total just over €2,400 was raised which will be of tremendous help to maintain and insure the Community Centre building for 2025.

Management Committee of Sneem Community Centre.



**Valentine's Night
in
D O'Shea's Bar
Friday 14th February**

3 Course Menu available

Choose between

2 Course €30pp or

3 Course €35pp

Complimentary Prosecco for all Ladies

Followed by music and cocktails



*Please ring bar for reservations
064 6645515*

VALENTINE RIDE

in memory of Ita Corridan

**CHARITY CYCLE IN AID OF
MARYMOUNT HOSPICE**



**Saturday 15th February 2025
@ 1pm**

ROUTE: Caherdaniel Village to Sneem and back
Registration on the day at Caherdaniel Village

Enquiries Tom 087 6403859
Wearing of Helmets is Mandatory

EVERYTHING €1.00

Sneem Resource Centre

JANUARY

Extended to include the entire month of February !!!!!

SALE

FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JANUARY



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025



This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade promises to be even bigger and better. Everyone involved in the parade last year made it a day to remember with a fabulous amount of floats and this year we are looking for even more sections of the community to get involved.

"Creativity and having fun" is this year's theme. Dress up, go wild and make memories. Please register your float or if you have any queries, please contact Brendan Galvin 085 7845766 or email brendanpgalvin@gmail.com



St. Patricks Weekend in Sneem will begin with a sell out show Mock The Mic - Movies & Musicals in The Sneem Hotel on Saturday 15th. Sunday is Music Day with our pubs featuring live music and Monday 17th will see the parade kicking off at 1pm.

See social media in the upcoming few weeks for further details.



Sunshine Room News

Happy New Year from the Sunshine Room at St Michael's National School! Since returning after Christmas, our class has been busy with exciting learning experiences, creative projects, and community outings.

Building Our Skills

We have been working hard on our reading skills using the Sounds Like Phonics interactive programme, which is helping us learn our letter sounds in a fun and engaging way. To strengthen our hands for better handwriting, we've been doing lots of playdough exercises, which also make for a great sensory experience! In maths, we've been learning to tell the time and practicing subtraction using a number line, making sure to use hands-on activities to help us understand these important skills.

Music, Art and Cookery

Music has been a highlight of our week as we've been learning music notation with Aoife from Music Generation, using ta, ti-ti, and sh to explore rhythm and beat. In art, we've been inspired by our January themes of space and weather—we created night skies using splatter painting, firework paintings with paint sticks, and clay planets to bring our learning to life.

In cookery, we had fun making popcorn and even tried our hands at making hand-made pasta! Cooking gives us a chance to practice following instructions, using our fine motor skills, and of course, enjoying a tasty treat at the end.

Out and About

One of the highlights of the month was our visit to The Bridge Café, where we enjoyed a social outing. These trips help us practice real-life skills, such as ordering food, waiting our turn, and chatting with friendly staff and customers.

We've had a wonderful start to 2025 and are looking forward to even more learning, creativity, and adventures in the months ahead. A big thank you to everyone in the school and community who supports our class—we love being part of the Sneem Community!

Warm wishes,
The Sunshine Room



St. Michael's National School

After a hectic December in **The Middle Room**, January was definitely a bit of a stop/start month but pupils kept very busy. We wrapped up and availed of the dry, crisp, cold weather by heading off on afternoon walks and playing Maths games outside. In the classroom pupils learned about the impact of Global Warming and the vast history of the Titanic.

In Art we drew and painted sloths and are currently designing outfits for Spring Collection 2025. Pupils will then select a fabric of choice to complete their outfits.

Second and Third Class are also busy preparing and presenting oral topics to their classmates. Topics presented to date include: If I were President for a day, If I could be any animal in the world I would be.... and My Best Friend. February Fitness is now upon us and we will be embracing all things active for the month ahead!



St. Michael's National School





New Storage Shed

A huge thank you to Sean O'Sullivan (Murphy's Bar/Goosey Island) for doing a great job of the groundwork on the pier road for the Scouts' new storage shed. Having all the Scouts' camping and kayaking gear safely stored in one area will hugely benefit the group and our many youth members.



Peace Light

This Christmas, we had the pleasure of delivering the Peace Light to Sneem. The flame originates from Bethlehem and is a symbol of peace, hope, and unity. Every year it makes the journey across Europe, traveling with Scout groups across the continent. This year, it was collected from Tralee and brought to Sneem by Scout Leader Sheena O'Sullivan, and many of our youth members were involved in delivering this symbol of peace and hope to our churches. One of our youth members wrote a piece about partaking in this symbolic annual event.

Peace Light Experience, by Kitty Cahill

Bringing up the Peace Light was a very nice experience knowing what it symbolizes. It symbolizes peace and hope and it shows that no matter what, there is still some light in our hearts. For the peace light on Christmas Eve, I did a reading, and Ella O'Sullivan, Lillymay O'Sullivan, and Aibhe Cullen Bain brought up the Peace Light. When I was first asked to bring up the Peace light two years ago, I didn't want to. I eventually did after a while. It felt really nice that I was able to bring up something so meaningful in my own community. If you ever get the chance to bring up the Peace Light, I encourage you to do it. It might seem boring at first, but it's quite a nice feeling knowing you were part of something so special for your community.

Sienna Burns, Jayden McGiff-Shaw, and Alex McGiff-Shaw (not shown) delivered the Peace Light to Sneem on Christmas Day. (pictured above right)

Lillyann Foley, Layla Foley, Zoe Panzner, and Bay Panzner (pictured below right) brought the Peace Light to Tahilla Church, on Christmas Eve.





The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



Eden, Samuel, Noah, and Jacob Hickman delivered the Peace Light to the Little Church in Sneem.

Thank you to all those who took part this year in spreading the message of peace, hope, unity, and light that the flame represents.

Investiture

The Beaver Section welcomed 11 new Beaver scouts and 1 Beaver leader as they made their Scouting promise at the investiture ceremony on Thursday 30th January. Welcome to the new leader – Esther Rayner, and the new Beavers – Ana Manchevski, Alex McGiff-Shaw, Jayden McGiff-Shaw, Sienna Burns, Eoghan Casey, Lorcan Jonas, Gabrielle Deasey, Leanne Casey, Mikolaj Hubisz, Johnny Casey and Tomas Knyza.



	Ages	Meeting times
Beaver Scouts	6-8 years	Thursday 6pm to 7pm
Cub Scouts	9-11 years	Monday 6.30pm to 8pm
Scouts	12-14 years	Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm
Venture and Rover Scouts	15-17 years 18-25 years	Tuesday 7.30pm to 9pm

Sean Bergin, Cub Section Leader (086) 155 5212

Sheena O’Sullivan, Group Leader (086) 812 6546

If anyone is interested in becoming a scout leader please contact Sheena O’Sullivan 086 812 6546 or email sneemscouts@gmail.com

Tahilla CNS

On Friday, 6th December, the Senior Room spread festive cheer by carol singing at SuperValu. Their wonderful performance delighted shoppers and raised €400.51 which will go towards the Parents Associations fundraising for Music Generation, Science day etc. The students' hard work and talent were rewarded with delicious hot chocolate and cookies—a well-deserved treat for their efforts. We were joined there by Eimear from RTE who recorded some clips of our performance and interviewed us to create some clips for the radio in the lead up to Christmas.



During science week we completed a number of different experiments in the classroom. This included making a rain cloud with shaving foam and blue food dye, watching curious minds informational video on YouTube and watching a chemical reaction using baking soda and vinegar. We made a homemade lava lamp using vegetable oil, water, food dye and an alka seltzer. We had a great day on the 12th of December when Chuck came to visit us. He set up a range of different experiments and STEM activities for us in the Halla. We learnt all about forces, Isaac Newton's first law of motion, magnification, gravity, building towers using different designs and how to balance ten nails on one. We even created our own rocket using a plastic water bottle, water and a pump to create air pressure.



Tahilla CNS

On the 13th of December we all wore our Christmas jumpers to school in aid of SVP and we raised over €30. We also had a visit from Amy Harrington a member of the Kerry team who won the All-Ireland this year. It was great to meet Amy and to get to hold the Brendan Martin cup. Amy also took time to join the Senior Room for a fun kickaround.



On the 5th of December we welcomed all our families, neighbours and friends to the school to watch our Christmas play. This year the Junior Room did their own version of Hansel and Gretel and the Senior Room their own version of The Grinch. The children really enjoyed creating the script, making the props and most of all performing the play. We had worked very hard learning all our lines and it showed on the day. The whole school joined together to sing some Christmas songs and we played on our musical instruments. The performance included a variety of instruments such as tin whistles, fiddles, the piano, accordions, and concertinas, highlighting the incredible musical talents of our students. Way back in October we began practising for our performance, working with Múinteoir Aoife who taught us our tunes and then we did some in school practice under the supervision of Elaine and Máire. We performed our Christmas Concert in our school hall. We had a great day. Everyone was amazing!!!



Tahilla CNS

Killarney Busking and Ice-Skating
The whole school headed to Killarney on Tuesday the 17th of December for our surprise trip that we earned due to our fantastic attendance over the last few months. We began the day by busking in the Killarney Outlet Centre where we raised €191.70 which paid for the bus to Killarney. One retired teacher was so enamored she went a bought a gift to be raffled between the children the following day. We then headed to the ice rink to take part in some ice-skating. All of the pupils gave it a go and said it was their favourite part of the day. To finish the day the children enjoyed some hot chocolate and crepes



We were delighted to welcome John Drummey to the school. John was presenting us with our brand new tablet that we won in the Radio Kerry #TieDayFriday photo competition. John spoke to the pupils about the work the Kerry Mental Health Association does in the county and the importance of looking after our own mental health using the 5 ways to wellbeing: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give.



Tahilla CNS

We received beautiful Happy New Year cards from children in Germany. The exchange of Christmas and New Year cards with German children through Erasmus+ program showcases the power of international collaboration and cultural sharing.



On Thursday, 30th January, we took part in the traditional craft of weaving St. Brigid's crosses using rushes. This age-old Irish custom is believed to bring protection and blessings to the home. Traditionally made to mark St. Brigid's Day on 1st February, these crosses are often hung in houses to keep them safe throughout the year.



Sneem Tidytowns

Sneem Tidytowns WG AGM

will take place on Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm in The Loft, Dan Murphy's Bar. All welcome.

Thursday Tidy-Ups

are changing to **Tuesday Tidy-Ups**, text 087 7865053 to be added to our WhatsApp group if you would like to help out on Tuesday mornings with weeding, pruning, litter picking, etc around the village. New volunteers are very welcome!

Circular Economy Action Plan

We have received funding to develop a Circular Economy Action Plan for Sneem and will soon be meeting with our mentor to start work on this. If anyone has ideas and would like to get involved, please contact janeosullivan11@gmail.com. Examples of what other groups have done include repair cafés, community cups, clothes swaps, etc.

Willow Cuttings If anyone wishes to start their own Sally Garden, we have harvested some of the basket willow we planted last year and have put together bundles of about 12 slips, few of each of our 6 varieties in each bundle. Free and available to pick up from the community polytunnel in the Garden of the Senses



Sneem River Recommendations

Pictured above Maureen Connelly, Caroline Lea and Jane O'Sullivan with the new LAWPRO (Local Authority Waters Programme) officer for Kerry, Bláthnaid O Loughlin who visited Sneem on 5th February to review the recommendations from the Sneem River Report. We look forward to working with Bláthnaid on implementing some of these going forward.

Sneem Tidy Towns



Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators

1. Don't Mow, Let it Grow Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. Dandelions provide food for early emerging insects in the Spring. Even just leave a corner of your garden.

2. Manage native hedgerows for biodiversity. The more blossom your hedgerow has in spring, the better it is for biodiversity. Allow hedges to grow into a natural A-shape profile rather than a neat box shape. Flowers grow on older wood, so avoid cutting annually – cut on a three-year rotation instead to allow them to flower in spring

3. Plant pollinator friendly trees Native trees and shrubs such as Willow, Hawthorn, Rowan, Crab Apple, and Holly support huge numbers of insects including pollinators. Plant a young tree in the autumn or winter, or grow them from seed.

4. Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. If you buy plants at a garden centre, ask if they have been treated with chemicals. Even 'bee friendly' labelled plants may have been treated with pesticides.

5. Create nesting habitats for pollinators Wild pollinators nest in hedgerows, wild areas, dry stone walls, and even in the ground. To make a nesting habitat for them, just scrape back some bare earth, leave some areas to grow wild, or simply drill holes 10cm deep in unvarnished wood for solitary bees.

6. Choose nectar and pollen-rich plants for your garden There are plenty of beautiful plants you can choose for your garden that are rich in nectar and pollen. Bidens and Bacopa are great bedding plants for small containers and hanging baskets; and herbs such as Thyme and Rosemary provide food for you as well as for pollinators. Make sure you keep these plants to your garden and don't plant them in the wider landscape. Outside your garden, the best action for pollinators is to create biodiversity meadows and margins by reducing mowing.

7. Think twice about getting a hive of honeybees. On the island of Ireland, we have one honeybee species, and it is not in decline. Most honeybees are 'domesticated pollinators', living in hives and managed by beekeepers. Our 100+ wild bee species are under threat. If we have too many honeybee hives in the landscape, they can compete for food with our struggling wild pollinators. You should only get a honeybee hive if you want to start a new hobby, but it is not the best thing to do for biodiversity.

Sneem Tidy Towns

8. **Be careful with wildflower seed mixes.** You might be surprised to hear that sowing wildflower seed mixes can be detrimental to local biodiversity. Many wildflower seed mixes contain non-native species, and can inadvertently introduce invasive species. Please avoid using them where possible. If you do decide to sow wildflower seed mixes, keep to garden settings, ensure they are native and of Irish origin, and never use in situations where natural habitat restoration is possible (Don't mow, let it grow). Alternatively, you could collect and sow seeds from local wildflowers.

9. **Don't install a large bee or insect hotel** Large bee hotels are attractive to humans, but not great for pollinators. They can encourage the spread of disease and attract predators. Avoid anything bigger than an average-sized bird box. There are many other ways to provide nesting habitats for pollinators, such as providing wild areas of undisturbed long grass, and scraping back some bare earth. If you want to make a bee hotel, make sure it is small, and position it away from bird feeders so the insects aren't easy targets.

10. **Spread the word.** Many people want to help pollinators and biodiversity, but it can be hard to know where to start. Tell your friends and family about these top ten ways to help pollinators; join a community group or Tidy Towns; talk to your council, school, college, workplace, or faith community.



Bee the Change! For more information, see pollinators.ie

Sneem Sustainable Energy Community

By coming together as a Sustainable Energy Community (SEC), homeowners, businesses and community groups can upgrade their homes, businesses and community buildings to save energy and reduce costs.

Working with a mentor, we can avail of a fully funded **Energy Master Plan (EMP)** which will assess our current energy use and identify opportunities for availing of the latest technologies to greatly reduce our energy consumption, e.g.

- Increased buying power for solar panels
- replace inefficient electrical appliances such as fridges and freezers in businesses
- upgrade home heating stoves and boilers, etc.

We had an online call with our mentor Martin Bealin from Dingle Hub who has gone through the process developing the Corca Dhuibhne Tourism and Hospitality SEC EMP. We will be inviting Martin to an open meeting in Sneem in March. If you are interested in future proofing your home, business or community building, get in touch.

Email janeosullivan11@gmail.com or register your interest with Sharon in the Green Chair.





**Forest School Programs
Spring 2025**

The Otters After-School Program
 Program Length: 6 - 12 weeks
 Day and Time: Wednesdays 3pm - 6pm
 Dates: March 5th - April 9th | May 14th - June 18th
 Location: The Garden of the Geres, Sneem
 Age: 5 to 13 year olds
 Activities inc.: Nature crafts, Fire, Hand tools

Busy Bees Toddler Group
 Program Length: 6 or 12 weeks
 Day and Time: Tuesdays 10:30am - 12:30 pm
 Dates: March 4th - April 8th | May 6th - June 10th
 Location: Blueberry Hill Farm, Sneem
 Age: 2 to 4 year olds (with their Adult)
 Activities inc.: Bug hunting, Mud Kitchen, Stories

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Upcoming Events at The Carnegie

February 14th/8pm Bernard O'Shea Comedy "Desperate House Husband"

Bernard O'Shea hits the road with his 2025 tour! Don't miss his brand-new stand-up show, Bernard O'Shea is an Irish comedian and broadcaster from Durrrow, County Laois. Tickets €22

February 21st/7pm Caspervek Silent Film Music

The Caspervek Trio is a Spanish instrumental ensemble at the forefront of merging music with the visual arts. On Friday, 21 February, they will use their talents to accompany Buster Keaton in his spectacular 1926 silent film, *The General*. Tickets €10

February 13th/8pm King Frankie: Irish (in English language). 2024.

95 mins. Cert-15. Director: Dermot Malone, Cast: Peter Coonan, Olivia Caffrey
Following the death of his father, Frankie Burke, a kindly taxi driver living a quiet life in a Dublin suburb, is forced to confront the ghosts of his past when an unexpected stranger arrives at his door.

Premiered at 2024 Dublin International Film Festival to critical acclaim

February 20th/8pm Film Thelma

USA. 2024. 98mins. Cert-12A.

Director: Josh Margolin

Cast: June Squibb, Richard Rowntree, Malcolm McDowell

Thelma Post is a 93-year-old grandmother who loses \$10,000 to a con artist on the phone. With help from a friend and his motorized scooter, she soon embarks on a treacherous journey across Los Angeles to reclaim what was taken from her.

Awards : 6 wins and 10 nominations

March 29th/8pm Kathy Nugent "The Best of Broadway"

This concert will be a musical celebration, performed by Kathy Nugent, of *The Best of Broadway*, With songs such as 'I Could Have Danced All Night', 'Don't Rain On My Parade', 'Those Were The Days, she will have you singing and dancing in your seat! Tickets €23

April 4th/8pm Comedy Reggie O'Lads

Reggie from the Blackrock Road is doing a Masters in Irish Mortification. He wants to know why Irish people have huge heads AND low self-esteem? Great night of laughs guaranteed. You might even learn something. Tickets €24

Thursday Night Films:

For Tickets or further information go to www.carnegieartskenmare.ie

Sneem Medical Centre

Dr Hernan Ganzo, Family GP
Tel: 064 6645102

Contact Julie for an appointment.

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

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Music in Sneem



Dan Murphy's Bar
Valentines Cocktail Night



Riney's Bar
Check with the Bar



D O'Shea's Bar
Friday 14th February - Valentine's Dinner and Music



Sneem Hotel
Check Hotel Website

Sneem Events Calendar

Saturday 15th February - Valentine Ride Caherdaniel Charity Cycle
in aid of Marymount Hospice

Tuesday 4th March at 11am - Confirmation- St Michael's Church, Sneem

Saturday 8th March - Daffodil Day Coffee Morning - Riney's Bar

Saturday 15th March - Mock the Mic Musicals and Movies - Sneem Hotel

Monday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day Parade and Fair Day

Friday 28th March - Daffodil Day

Saturday 12th April - Ger O'Donnell and Trevor Sexton in The Loft Dan Murphy's

Saturday 10th May at 11am. - Holy Communion - St Michaels's Church Sneem

Saturday 7th June @ 2pm a 5K Memorial Walk for Brú Columbanus in memory of
Sean Connelly on the 20th anniversary of his passing.

16th - 20th July 2025 - Sneem Summer Festival

Sunday 26th July - St. Crohan's Festival, Summer Market, Castlecove Church
Carpark

7th - 9th November - Sneem Storytelling Festival

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



Timetable

281 Waterville - Cathair Dónall - Cuan an Chaisleáin - Sneem - Kenmare

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Departs	Stops	Monday - Sunday			
Waterville	<i>Butler Arms Hotel</i>	06:15	09:30	13:20	17:05
Cathair Dónall	<i>Village Cross</i>	06:34	09:49	13:39	17:24
Cuan an Chaisleáin	<i>Church</i>	06:41	09:56	13:46	17:31
Sneem	<i>Square (Opp Green Chair)</i>	07:03	10:18	14:08	17:53
Tahilla	<i>Church</i>	07:14	10:29	14:19	18:04
Templenoë	<i>Church</i>	07:27	10:42	14:32	18:17
Kenmare	<i>Tom Crean Fish & Wine</i>	07:37	10:52	14:42	18:27

Kenmare - Sneem - Cuan an Chaisleáin - Cathair Dónall - Waterville

Departs	Stops	Monday - Sunday			
Kenmare	<i>Tom Crean Fish & Wine</i>	08:00	11:45	15:00	18:45
Templenoë	<i>Church</i>	08:10	11:55	15:10	18:55
Tahilla	<i>Church</i>	08:23	12:08	15:23	19:08
Sneem	<i>Square (Opp Green Chair)</i>	08:34	12:19	15:34	19:19
Cuan an Chaisleáin	<i>Church</i>	08:56	12:41	15:56	19:41
Cathair Dónall	<i>Village Cross</i>	09:03	12:48	16:03	19:48
Waterville	<i>Butler Arms Hotel</i>	09:22	13:07	16:22	20:07

Bus Services

Local Link

Sneem to Kenmare

Wednesday leaves at 9.30am, leaves outside Quills returns from Kenmare at 1.15pm

Friday leaves at 9.50am, returns from Kenmare at 2pm

Leaves from outside Riney's

Sneem to Killarney

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

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Tide Times

Here are the high tides for the period 6th February till 14th March

6th	10.38am	11.21pm
7th		12.02pm
8th	12.39am	1.30pm
9th	1.53am	2.43pm
10th	2.54am	3.39pm
11th	3.43am	4.22pm
12th	4.24am	4.59pm
13th	5.02am	5.32pm
14th	5.37am	6.03pm
15th	6.12am	6.34pm
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March

1st	5.08am	5.36pm
2nd	5.50am	6.19pm
3rd	6.35am	7.05pm
4th	7.22am	7.53pm
5th	8.13am	8.46pm
6th	9.12am	9.46pm
7th	10.27am.	11.00pm
8th.	12.02pm	
9th	12.25am.	1.35pm
10th.	1.43am.	2.44pm
11th.	2.43am.	3.32pm
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14th.	4.38am.	5.03pm

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Sunday 16th February - Dan Murphy's

Sunday 23rd February - D O'Shea's

Sunday 2nd March - Riney's Bar

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Sunday 15th December. Numbers drawn, 9, 12, 24, 30: No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Knightly Family, Rose Cottage, West End; Paul O'Neill Quay Road Sneem; Mags McCarthy, Seaview, Sneem; John O'Connor, Dromlusk Blackwater.

Sunday 22nd December. Numbers drawn 9, 12, 27, 28: No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Shane O'Sullivan, Sacre Couer; Louis Moriarty, Sneem Hotel; Mark Drummond, Pier Road, Sneem; Ursula O'Sullivan, Valentia..

Sunday 5th January. Numbers drawn 6, 15, 16, 17: No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Liz Murphy, Pairc Ardshillane, Sneem; Kerrie O'Shea, Drimnamore; Marie Galvin, Castlecove, (Online); Bridget McMahan, Direenavourig.

Sunday 12th January. Numbers Drawn 7, 12, 17, 19: No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Jimmy O'Brien, Seaview, Sneem, (online); Elana Hickey, Village Kitchen, Louis Moriarty, Sneem Hotel; Kerrie O'Shea, Drimnamore.

Sunday 19th January. Numbers Drawn 1, 9, 18, 23: No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Marian O'Sullivan, Dirrah; Michael Egar, Rossmore; Caoimhe O'Shea, Blackwater; Kevin Larkin, Golden Heights, Sneem (online).

Sunday 2nd February. Numbers Drawn, 4, 7, 11, 28. One Winner

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