



Sneem Community Notice Board

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Blue Dot Sculpture Unveiling



There was a great turn out for the unveiling of the new Blue Dot Sculpture on Saturday 29th November on the North River Walk. The sculpture was commissioned by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) called 'Freshwater Pearl Mussel in bronze' by artist Don Cronin. The sculpture was unveiled by Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Christopher O'Sullivan, TD and Sarah O'Sullivan from Sneem Rowing Club. Following this, LAWPRO hosted a screening in the Little Church of a new documentary made in collaboration with Kerry County Council and CrowCrag Productions, called 'The Blue Dot Waters of the Iveragh Peninsula'. Attendees were then invited to a delicious lunch in Sneem Hotel.

Sneem Resource Centre

Closing on Tuesday 23rd December at 2.30pm

Reopening on 7th January at 10.30am

Please DO NOT leave any donations outside the premises when it is closed.



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Next Issue due out 6th February

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 31st January 2026.

December Birthdays

Layla Foley (8), Rachel Demangeat (8) and Mary Teresa Burns on the 8th; Samuel Hickman (13) on the 9th; Damien Fitzgerald and Laura Murphy (17) on the 10th; Lauren Sherborne (15) and Jacob Hickman (8) on the 11th; Jim O'Sullivan on the 12th; Jimmy O'Brien (Seaview) on the 14th; Ewan Buckley on the 15th; Fiona O'Shea, and Gisela Liedtke on the 16th; Paul Jonas on the 18th; Sadie Knightly on the 19th; Jackie O'Shea on the 21st; Michael Egar and Aoibheann Galvin on the 23rd; Tim Murphy and Elizabeth O'Sullivan on the 24th; Rachael Looney, Aisling O'Sullivan and Nicholas O'Sullivan on the 25th; David O'Connor on the 26th; Sive O'Leary, Róisín Murphy, and Ruairi Hussey (11) on the 29th; Brid Murphy on the 30th; Dylan van Daele on the 31st.

January Birthdays

James O'Sullivan and Michele Cooper-Fay on the 2nd; Denise and Eric Burns and Rachel Murphy on the 7th; Emily O'Sullivan on the 14th; Janet Fitzmaurice Hawker on the 16th; Aisling O'Sullivan (11) on the 17th; Mary Breen on the 19th; Mary Kavanagh on the 20th; Fiona Schots on the 21st; J.B. Breen on the 23rd; Pat Murphy on the 27th; Thomas Lettanneur on the 28th; John Galvin on the 29th; Patrick Letanneur and William Davies on the 30th.

Special Birthday Wishes

To Ciara Galvin Foley (18) on 11th December.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Dorothy Tyrrell, Caherdaniel and Wicklow who passed away recently.

Deepest Sympathies

To Michelle O'Sullivan and family Gleesk on the death of her sister Deirdre Kelleher, Coolnoohill, Kilgarvan, who passed away recently.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Carmel O'Sullivan, wife of Dan O'Sullivan, Catford London and formally Dirrah, Sneem who passed away in London last week.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Tom O'Sullivan, Direenavourig who passed away this week.

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Congratulations

to Caoimhe and Liam O'Sullivan (Tullamore) on the birth of a baby boy, Billy, and to proud grandparents Noel and Mary T.O'Sullivan and Brid and Peter Mimnagh.

Road Works

Residents from Tahilla and beyond would like to thank Michael Healy-Rae on his efforts to successfully get the road section at Tahilla resurfaced. Michael stayed in touch continuously over the last year, with council updates and progress. We are delighted, what was an extremely bad section of road, has now been done. Seaview also got a new road surface last month.

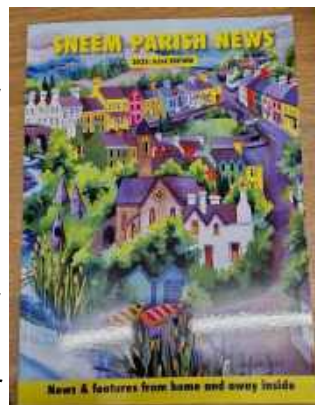
Sneem Calendar 2026

We are excited to share that our 2026 calendars are nearly all sold. If you have not yet got yours and would like one, call 064 66 45545 or drop us an email at sneem-calendar@gmail.com. There are a few left in the shops in the village also.

Sneem Parish News 2025

The 64th edition is now on sale in local businesses, priced €13. The cover price remains the same as in 2023, despite increased production costs. Unfortunately with rising postage prices, the cost to post a copy is €20 in Ireland, €23 to the UK, and €30 for the rest of the world. Contact Sneem Parish Newsletter by post c/o Mary O'Leary and Mary Margaret Casey, Sneem, Co. Kerry. They will send copies on receipt of payment, which must be in euros and please make cheques payable to Sneem Parish News, they cannot accept dollar or sterling cheques.

Congratulations to the editorial team of John Downing, Maidie O'Leary and Mary Margaret Casey on yet another fabulous issue of the Sneem Parish News, a huge amount of hard work has gone into producing such a colourful and newsworthy edition.



Sneem Festivals AGM

took place on Friday 21st November in the Community Centre. The Committee wishes to express their gratitude to outgoing members for their time and dedication. The following committee was elected at the AGM:

Chairperson: Shane Larkin **St. Patrick's Day Chairperson:** Brendan Galvin

Secretary: Florian Scheibein **Vice Secretary:** Lilly O' Shea

Treasurer: Amy O' Regan **Vice Treasurer:** Shirley O' Sullivan

PRO: Cadhla O' Sullivan **Vice PRO:** Ella Allison

Events Officer: Martin Larkin **Vice Events Officer:** Sadie Knightly

Safety Officers: Tim Larkin and Brian Foley

Logistics Officers: Ewan Buckley, Ruairi Burns, and Damien Fitzgerald

Support Officers: Caoimhe Kavanagh and Christina Murphy

We look forward to working together and planning for a wonderful 2026.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the Sneem Festivals Committee.

Graduations



Martin Larkin who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Quantity Surveying Level 8 pictured left with his girlfriend Catherine Kelly.

Pictured right Elaine Murphy who graduated in Post Masters in Primary Education from Hibernia College in the Convention Centre Dublin on 28th November also pictured Elaine's daughter Doireann.



Pictured left with her parents Mary and Paddy, Lilly O'Shea who recently graduated from Hibernia College with a Professional Masters of Education in Primary Education.

Siobhain Murphy and Clodagh O'Connor, Ballincollig, who both graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sport and Exercise Science from Atlantic Technological University Galway on 19th November 2025.



Community News

Sneem Resource Centre and Sneem Community Noticeboard

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone for their ongoing support throughout the year, whether through donations, advertising on the noticeboard, or purchasing a calendar. The calendars were a great success again this year, and we look forward to more wonderful pictures next year, so remember to get your cameras out!

As many of you know, we have moved to the West End, and this change has been very beneficial for us. We are particularly thankful to Mary Dwyer for allowing us to use her property.

Nearly New has also had a successful year, and we couldn't have done it without our incredible Nearly New volunteers. We are truly grateful to each and every one of you. A special thanks goes out to the O'Sullivan family for allowing us to operate Nearly New.

The income generated from both the Resource Centre and Nearly New helps fund the operation of the Resource Centre and supports our Community Noticeboard.

The Sneem Community Noticeboard was started as a grassroots initiative by the Sneem Resource Centre, with the aim of connecting people, sharing local news, and fostering community spirit. It has since grown into a well-read and valued monthly newsletter, sustained by volunteers and community support.

We look forward to 2026 and hope to welcome new volunteers in the New Year.

From all of us at the Resource Centre and the Noticeboard, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sneem SEC

Progress has been made with the submission of a Request for Tender (RFT) to provide an Energy Master Plan (EMP) for Sneem village. Some of the survey work feeds into a national energy survey which is a requirement of the funding body SEAI.

The RFT was completed with the help of our mentor Martin Bealin. The RFT was sent on 3rd December to Kerry County Council and we are waiting to hear back in the next couple of weeks.

The Energy Master Plan will include possible funding sources for sustainable energy solutions within the village. Any questions please contact Sneem SEC at sneemsec@gmail.com.

Safe Pass Course

A Safe Pass course will be held in Sneem Community Centre on Tuesday 9th December, there are some spaces still available - cost €175, contact Joe at sneemtidytowns@gmail.com for further details.

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

As I write these few notes, I have just passed Tahilla Church on my way back to Sneem. Delighted to see major repairs taking place on the road which is long overdue.

The weather is nasty with lots of rain but hopefully will get brighter and more favourable in the weeks ahead.

Christmas is just around the corner and Santa will be receiving his cards anytime now. A big event in the Village is the turning on of the Christmas Lights. Like wise many homes will be putting up decorative house lights and our Churches will have the Crib. Sneem Church will also have a Christmas tree with little messages from the children placed on the branches.

Another big event at Christmas is the annual Christmas Dinner in Coomanassig Day Centre where we meet up –renew old acquaintances and make new friends. The food is always beautiful and a sincere thanks to our cooks and all who help preparing the tables and serving the people. Many thanks to all the people who donate spot prizes, this is greatly appreciated.

We have a few weddings before and after Christmas. All the best wishes to the couples who celebrate their special day.

Many thanks to our volunteers who help throughout the year and to others who are involved putting the crib in place and decorating both Churches with the appropriate greenery including a Christmas tree.

Christmas can be a very sad time for some—maybe you had a bereavement during the year—maybe family members are living overseas or maybe your health is poorly at present. Let's look out for each other ... Let's keep the fire down and the heart up.

May you have a pleasant Christmas ---keep safe---keep well and may life treat you kind.

Seasons Greetings to one and all at home and away Deacon Jean Yves and I look forward to celebrating our Christmas ceremonies with you on Christmas Eve in Tahilla Church and in Sneem Church on Christmas Day morning.

Take care of yourself, Look out for each other and have a happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr. Liam.

Peace Light

There will be a Mass for Peace at 10am on Sunday 21st December at St. Michael's Church with the Peace Light of Bethlehem. For more than 1,000 years, oil lamps have continuously burned at the grotto at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. This light will travel from Bethlehem to Austria for a special distribution ceremony to be held on 6th December. From here it is spread throughout the world by scouts and guides. It is this light that will be at the Church on 21st December. 15th Kerry Scouts will be distributing the light through our community. Please contact Sheena O'Sullivan if you would like the light to come to your community or home 086 8126546



The Little Church



Winter time has come to The Little Church. The regular congregation is reduced at this time of year as the congregation is minus the many visitors that the church welcomes over the summer months. But there are two occasions which hopefully will swell the numbers! On 7th December, we are delighted to welcome Bishop Michael again for the 10 o'clock morning service. He makes every effort to visit all the parishes in the enormous diocese. Everyone is welcome to this service as he is a force to be reckoned with and always worth a listen!

The other occasion is the Christmas Carol Service on Monday, 22nd December at 7pm. The Kenmare Community Choir will be joining us, as well as the readers so come along and enjoy some heartfelt Christmas cheer. The Peace Light of Bethlehem will be at our Christmas Day service which takes place at 10am on Thursday 25th December.

The Story House project continues to bring visitors to the church and thanks to Eileen Burns the church remains open most weekdays.



The Little Church Christmas Carol Service

Monday 22nd December at 7pm



Sneem Story House



Blue Dot Screening

We were delighted to have a full house for the first public screening of the LAWPRO production of 'The Blue Dot Waters of the Iveragh Peninsula' in the Little Church on Saturday 29th November. Minister Christopher O'Sullivan (pictured left) described it as a wonderful venue. The video looked stunning on the big screen. Thanks to Pattie Casey for his help with the screen and to LAWPRO for hosting it here and for their generous donation.

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

Community Activities

Indoor Bowling

The indoor Bowling Club is 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. Finished for Christmas break starts back on Tuesday 14th January 2025.

Seó na Nollaig

Don't miss Sneem National School's Seó na Nollaig on Wednesday 18th December which takes place in Sneem Hotel at 11am.

Sneem Ladies Coffee Morning



The Sneem Ladies Monthly Coffee Morning has been resurrected after it fell by the wayside as a consequence of Covid. Ladies from Sneem and outlying areas are welcome join the Coffee Morning which is being held the last Friday of the month alternatively between Adam's Kitchen and The Bridge at 11am for a chat and a cuppa. You don't have to be free to attend every month, people will

dip in and out as they can. We try to give a day's notice of numbers to the respective cafes so they know seating numbers and who would like a scone. Anyone wishing to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Michele Cooper- Fay on 085 1708286.

This Coffee Morning will last as long as the cafés can accommodate us allowing for seasonal tourist fluctuations.

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 still 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, everyone is welcome to come. After the Mass, we will also have tea and a chat. The next mass is scheduled for Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 11am, and everyone is welcome to attend.



Clothing Banks

St. Michael's NS is very grateful to everyone for supporting our school and using our clothing banks to effectively recycle clothes. We would ask that you do not leave excess bags at our bins if our bins are already full.



Rainbow Room – Christmas Report

What a wonderful and busy term it has been in the Rainbow Room! All of the children have been working incredibly hard, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

In recent weeks, the class has enjoyed a wide range of activities. Swimming has been a weekly highlight, with everyone showing growing confidence and enthusiasm in the water. Science lessons with Mr. D have sparked great curiosity, with the children eagerly exploring new ideas and taking part in exciting hands-on experiments. Our Gaelic football sessions have been full of energy, teamwork and fun, and it has been fantastic to see the children developing their skills and sporting spirit. Music has also played a big part in our learning, with the class expressing themselves creatively through rhythm, song and sound.

The children have been putting wonderful effort into preparing their piece for the Christmas show, and their hard work, excitement and dedication shines through each time they practise.

Well done to all in the Rainbow Room for a fantastic term. We wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to more great learning in the new year!



St. Michael's National School

The Sunshine Room have had a busy few weeks. We have been working hard on the theme of space. We have learned about the planets in the solar system. We have loved our music sessions with Aoife and Peggy. We had a great time doing science with Mr D and working on our football skills with Tadgh.

The Sunshine Room celebrated a very special birthday. Malachy turned 6. We had a birthday party and fun on a bouncy castle. We went to Adam's Café and had some delicious hot chocolate. We are very excited for Christmas, the Christmas show in Sneem Hotel and the Sunshine Room Christmas video.

The Sunshine room are on the countdown to Santa!



The Junior Room



November was packed with fun and learning! We explored the theme of "Homes," built at our play construction site, and enjoyed stories like The Three Little Pigs. We welcomed a storyteller, who brought our imaginations to life with wonderful tales. Science Week was a hit—Mr. D amazed us with exciting experiments, and we tried our own, like growing a giant gummy bear and mixing colors. We celebrated World Kindness Day, learning how to be kind to one another. In between, we mastered new

sounds, explored numbers and length in math, and started getting ready for the festive Christmas season. We can't wait for what's next. See photo on following page.

St Michael's National School



St Michael's National School

Middle Room

We've been getting into the Christmas spirit with lots of arts and crafts and joyful carol singing. Our classroom is filled with colour, and creativity as we make decorations, cards, and little festive surprises. The sound of carols adds to the magic, as we practice our favourite Christmas songs and enjoy singing together. We sang in Coomanassig Social Centre on 2nd December for the Mass.

These activities bring so much warmth and excitement, and they help us all feel the joy of the holiday season.

The children recently completed swimming lessons in Parknasilla with Norma, and it was a fantastic experience. Norma was patient, encouraging, and always

made each session enjoyable while helping the children build confidence in the water. The beautiful setting of Parknasilla made every lesson feel relaxed and refreshing, and I could see the children's skills improving with each day. Thanks to Norma's guidance, the children now feel much stronger and more comfortable swimming, and I'm really proud of the progress they've made.

We are working hard on the school play production of "The Greatest Christmas Story Ever Told", putting in our time, creativity, and teamwork to make it something truly special. Every rehearsal brings us closer together as we practice our lines, refine our scenes, and bring our characters to life. We're excited to share our hard work with the audience and can't wait to see it all come together on stage. We will see you all on 17th December at 11am in Sneem Hotel!

Muinteoir Emma The Middle Room



Tahilla Community National School

Following its transfer to Kerry ETB patronage, Tahilla Community National School was officially opened by Minister for Education and Youth, Helen McEntee TD. Friday 14th November 2025 was a significant milestone for the school, which became part of the Community National School network in 2019, joining a growing number of multi-denominational, state-supported schools.

Principal Máire de Cógáin said, "Is mór an ónóir dom a bheith mar phríomhoide ar Scoil Tathuille, Scoil Náisiúnta Phobail i gCiarraí Theas, ár scoil álainn tuaithe. It has been such a privilege for me to lead Tahilla Community National School as principal for the past six years. As a Community National School, under the patronage of Kerry ETB, we have been able to build an inclusive, nurturing learning environment where every child is valued and supported to thrive. The official opening marks a new chapter in Tahilla's long history of providing education and celebrates the success of the past six years, growing from an enrolment of 7 to 36 at our highest point."

Thanks were paid to John Gleeson, Blackwater Women's Group, Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine, Rural Social Scheme, KCC, Teddy McCarthy, and Paul Fairbairn, along with parents and neighbours. The school serves families from Sneem to Kilgarvan, Tahilla to Tuosist, and Bonane to Blackwater, offering inclusive, co-educational, multi-denominational education under Kerry ETB patronage. A Bus Éireann service operates from Kenmare via Rossacoosane, Templenoe, and Blackwater.

Erik Romashyn presented Minister Helen McEntee T.D with a copy of the beautiful wildlife book '*Wild Derrynane*' by Vincent Hyland at the official opening of Tahilla CNS.

Photo by Mary D O'Neill



L-R: Pádraig Ó Donnabháin Chair of Board of Management Tahilla CNS, Con Moynihan Director of Schools Youth and Music Kerry ETB, Minister Norma Foley T.D. F.F., Ann O'Dwyer

CEO Kerry ETB, Julia O'Brien, Kyle Schots, Minister Helen McEntee T.D. F.G. and Máire de Cógáin Principal Tahilla CNS. Photo by Mary D O'Neill

Tahilla Community National School



Back Row: L-R; Aoife Desmond, Lara Rygoll, Callum O'Donovan, Olivia O'Leary, Elaine McGreevy and Christina Hallissey. Front Row: L-R: Louise Foley, Minister Helen McEntee TD and Máire de Cógáin Principal Tahilla CNS. Photo by Mary D O'Neill



Minister Helen McEntee, Politicians, Members of Kerry ETB and the Principal of Tahilla CNS pictured at the official opening following its transfer to Kerry ETB patronage.

Back Row: L-R; Councillor Teddy O'Sullivan Casey, Senator Mike Keneally, Con Moynihan Kerry ETB, Minister Norma Foley TD, Councillor Dan McCarthy, Minister Michael Healy Rae TD, Councillor Johnny Healy Rae, and Danny Healy Rae TD.

Front Row: L-R; Pádraig Ó Donnabháin BOM Tahilla, Ann O'Dwyer Kerry ETB, Minister Helen McEntee TD, Máire de Cógáin Principal Tahilla CNS and Councillor Norma Moriarty. Photo by Mary D O'Neill

Tahilla CNS

Some familiar faces enjoying the official opening in Tahilla CNS.
Pictured right: Máire de Cógáin and Johanna Galvin.



Pictured left: Beth Schots, Freja Heider Sherry and Julia O'Brien singing 'The Rattling Bog' to entertain the visitors.



Pictured below: Marian Hanley Principal Cahir School, Trish Foley Kenmare.



Mike Tyther, Bus Inspector, Ann O'Dwyer, CEO Kerry ETB, Áine Murphy, Principal Sneem National School, Con Moynihan, Director of Schools Kerry ETB.

Photos taken by Nora Cogan

Science Week

Pupils in the Junior Room took part in Science Week, completing a range of hands-on experiments. The children in Tahilla CNS always enjoy exploring how the world works, and this year was no exception. One of our investigations looked at how different liquids, milk, water, coke and vinegar, affect an eggshell. The children were fascinated by the results, noting how vinegar softened the shell while the coke caused noticeable staining.

We also explored how fire needs oxygen to stay alight. By placing a candle on a saucer and covering it with a glass, the pupils observed how the flame went out once the oxygen supply was cut off. Another favourite was exploring how static electricity works, using a balloon the children rubbed it off their hair and tested the 'charged' balloon on a number of different items such as a piece of ribbon, cardboard and tissue paper. The children had great fun during this experiment and were thrilled to see the ribbon 'dancing' when the balloon was held over it.

The Shoe Box Appeal

The pupils of Tahilla CNS once again took part in the wonderful charity initiative, *The Shoe Box Appeal*. Many children contributed shoe boxes full of items suitable for children of all ages, which will be sent to children in need in other countries. Well done to everyone involved, and thank you for supporting such a meaningful cause.

The Seatbelt Sheriff

On Wednesday, 26th November, the Seatbelt Sheriff paid a visit to Tahilla CNS to teach pupils about the importance of wearing seatbelts when travelling by bus or car. During his visit, he deputised all of the children as Seatbelt Sheriffs, encouraging them to help ensure that everyone in their cars and on the school bus remembers to buckle up.

CLÁR Funding

We have been selected for CLÁR funding to the tune of €65,000 to improve the play area to the back of the school. So watch this space for updates on the progress.





Our Beavers were practicing their knot skills this month for practical use. They hung hammocks and made shelters in the dark forest, which they enjoyed immensely. Meanwhile the Scouts have been learning First Aid skills, in particular how to stop bleeding and get help. They also attended a knife skills workshop and learnt the safe use of knives as a tool, as well as things that they could use them for on camp. Our Venture section has been doing lots of planning over tea and biscuits, along with a bit of hiking. Over the weekend in November we were delighted to attend our "Scouting Christmas" Weekend with fellow Scouts from across the country. 8th and 14th Kerry Scout Groups hosted us all in Fossa, for a weekend filled with fun! Our Rovers and Ventures enjoyed a hike along the Fossa Way into Killarney and back again, followed up by active games and Christmas fun. Many thanks to 8th and 14th Kerry for hosting, it was great craic as always.



Cubs have been travelling through medieval times this month, training to be knights and having lots of fun. We made shields, swords and even tried jousting, Scout style. We will be heading to Kilcully in December for a weekend camp. We also plan to distribute the Peace Light of Bethlehem again this year throughout our community. The date of arrival in Kerry has not yet been determined. Every year, a light comes from Bethlehem. Before Christmas, the Scout movement takes a flame from the "Eternal Flame" from the Nativity Grotto in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The Light is flown to Austria and is distributed across the world. They carry the Light as a sign of Peace which is much appreciated, especially in these years where the longing and hope for a lasting peace throughout the world is so urgent. The Light brings peace to us and is a sign of our willingness to be channels of peace through our words and actions.



We also had Rose Schots with her Cub Scouts group being invested as a Cub Scouts for the first time.

Finally, a big thank you to Oisin Bergin for making our wonderful statue for the Wacky Races event in September. We're glad to hear that other Scout groups are now going to be hosting their own Wacky Races, which we're looking forward to attending!



Sneem Walking Club

AGM Summary 2025

The Sneem Walking Club held its AGM on 30th October in Dan Murphy's with a strong turnout. Outgoing Chair Nick Heffernan thanked members, walk leaders, local landowners, and Dan Murphy's staff for their ongoing support. The club ran walks nearly every week this year, with cancellations only during severe weather.

Treasurer's Update

Treasurer Frank McGonigle reported a closing balance of €2,143.64, supported by membership fees and a €500 Kerry County Council grant for first aid kits. Transport costs covered two bus trips, and the club plans to use funds more often for future walk transport.

Committee for 2025–2026

Chair: Ravit Yanay

Secretary: Sue Moses

Treasurer: Frank McGonigle

Safety and Training: Fergal Harrington

Warm thanks were expressed to Nick for three years of dedicated leadership, during which the club grew past 60 members and reinstated the annual Walking Weekend.

Walking Weekend

This year's event had smaller numbers but good weather and smooth organisation. Members agreed to run it again in 2026. Kelly Agnew will lead the planning group, and Sue O'Keefe will take on social media.

Plans for 2026

- Encourage more walk leaders, especially for B walks
- Update the club walk list
- Build a small library of local guidebooks and maps
- Explore Mountaineering Ireland training options
- Look into trail-logging apps and possible joint walks with Cork clubs

Full AGM minutes available on request from sneemwalkingclub.ie

If you would like to join the club see: <https://sneemwalkingclub.ie/membership/>

Sneem Rowing Club

Christmas Fun Run



Come join us for a Christmas Fun Run/Walk 5k. Buggies, pets welcome, an all inclusive family day on **Sunday 14th December**. Registration takes place at 12pm, Run starts 12.30pm.

Fr. Liam will do our annual blessing of the boats ceremony just before the run. Sonny will serve his famous mulled wine for the adults and there will be Hot Chocolate for the kids.

Santa will have a Christmas treat for all kids who participate. A Prize of a year's gym membership for first adult male and female

home. A Prize for first U18 male and female also. We look forward to seeing all our supporters and friends.

We would like to wish all our rowing and gym members, and our supporters a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thanks for all the fantastic support throughout the year.

Sneem International Folklore and Storytelling Festival 2025

This year's festival had a lot of publicity from Kerry County Council who wanted to include us in their Samhain Chiarrai Festival with us being the closing festival in their calendar. This is the first year they have done this and we were honoured to have been asked. It was quite a tight schedule to get everything they needed in time for our own festival but we did it. They also supplied the fire dancers and drummers for the end of our festival and we are very grateful as it gave an exciting finish to both festivals.

Faillte Ireland provided us with two influencers. Roz Purcell, who many of you know from RTE2 radio and TV appearances, visited Sneem and was entertained by Paddy O'Brien. Roz advertised us on her Instagram account and tv which was great. Kelly Prince-Wright and her husband met Killian, and promoted us on her Instagram account. We have been very lucky with social media advertising through the two girls.

Thursday night music and storytelling in The Loft with Vinnie, Aoife and Wally who were our musicians and Dominic Bennett our professional storyteller. The atmosphere was great but I have to admit I couldn't stay long as I had things to do.

Irish Place names on Friday was very well attended and people have started to learn Irish in an easy way with Paddy helping them to make sense of where they live or places they have seen on their trip down here.

The barn wasn't so well attended this year – I think the weather put people off it was very muddy; but those who braved it were enthralled with Maria Gillen's stories.

Sneem DramSoc had a large audience on Sunday at the Community Centre where they performed *The Bear* by Chekhov.

Our storytelling sessions and swaps were very well attended. Cath, Paddy and Dominic all had good audiences who had a chance to tell their own stories. The Open House Story Swap in Rineys was again a great event.

Killian Burns did a storytelling show called 'Time Traveller' celebrating the stories and songs of Irish traveller culture and in particular the famous traveller storyteller Johnny Cassidy.

Vinnie Hyland always gives a great lecture. We should give him longer as people came out explaining that they would have happily listened to him all day!! This year's lecture was *Curious Locals* looking at some of the unexpected creatures found in the Kenmare Bay area, illustrated with a number of objects which we were allowed to handle.

Dr Tomas Mac Conmara, our lecturer from UCC this year, talked about social memory of the Irish revolutionary period. He spoke of the Easter rising through to the civil war and how people remember it.

Luke Eastwood, spoke about the beginnings of Halloween and its history. He also talked about zombies and how their story evolved and how America took on Trick or Treat.

The choir's Silver Screen Stories held in St Michael's Church was very well attended. Our thanks have to go to Father Liam and the church for allowing them to use this beautiful venue. After the concert they had some lovely comments on our Facebook page.

Sneem International Folklore and Storytelling Festival 2025

After I got back from the choir they were still going strong: very popular with much raucous laughter coming out of the function room.

Our three performances for children in the creche are over two days and three storytellers, Cath, Killian and Maria. Batt started this so that children of our village were opened up to the culture of storytelling which he thought was very important.

The Storytelling Concert had a great mix of storytellers and an appreciative audience who enjoyed an evening of stories and musical numbers.

Our headline act on Saturday, Mary's Hopes and Dreams by HubCap, has to be one of the highlights of all our festivals. It was so funny I know a lot the audience were laughing so hard at one joke they missed the next. How many of you remember the chant "I'm an independent woman I can achieve all my hopes and dreams!" Or Alice, Cattle Dealers and Time to Say Goodbye sung by Anthony? A fantastic evening and then the raffle drawn by the 2 Mary's! Speaking of the raffle/s all the prizes were collected.

Closing the festival is always interesting: great final stories from our tellers and good-byes to all our new and old friends. But instead of finishing there we went outside to see the exciting open-air show of fire dancing and drummers provided by Samhain Chiarrai – Kerry Halloween Festival, supported by Kerry County Council and Failte Ireland's Home of Halloween initiative. This was to celebrate the closure of both our festivals. It was so good to see so many of you there enjoying this show.

All I need to do is to thank everyone who helped us. Firstly, Louis Moriarty and his staff at Sneem Hotel. The pubs; Dan Murphy's Bar, Riney's Bar and D O'Shea's. Sneem Creche and St Michael's Church. Our storytellers, lecturers, HubCap Theatre, The South Kerry Rosen Choir and all the amateurs who stepped up to support us. The various shops, businesses and friends of the festival who donated to our raffle - it is very much appreciated. Susan Baughman, photographer. Vinnie, Wally and Aoife on Thursday. McCarthy Motors for supplying a minibus to the barn. Our wonderful volunteers who were there supporting us all the way. Timmy O'Sullivan, Joe Murphy and his team and the village of Sneem for entertaining our visitors. The Committee as a whole for sharing the load. Our sponsors SkelligSix18 Whisky, Kerry County Council, Failte Ireland, Skellig Oil and NBI. The fire dancers and drummers; Brian and Jimmy. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

Each succeeding Festival is built upon the foundation put in place in previous years and all those foundations were built upon the talent and personality of Batt Burns.

Rosie Crouch



The 2 Mary's drawing the raffle
photo by Susan Baughman

Sneem International Folklore and Storytelling Festival 2025



Pictured left: Irish Lessons in Dan Murphy's Bar. Photo by Susan Baughman

Pictured right: the South Rosen Choir in St. Michael's Church. Photo by Susan Baughman



Pictured left: Cath Little's Story session in Riney's Bar. Photo by Susan Baughman.

Pictured right: Jim Feeney, Patrick Malone and Mary O'Sullivan in "The Bear" by Anton Chekhov at the Storytelling Festival.



Kenmare and District Garden club

Our October meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather. However, Colm O'Driscoll will be visiting us during 2026.

On Thursday 6th November we were delighted to have Hester Forde of Cosheen House, Co Cork speak to us on '**Bulb planting in Autumn for a Spring Show**'.

Hester gave us an enlightening talk on the possibilities for having a wonderful display of Spring, and beyond, flowers in the garden, both in beds and in containers. She pointed out that it can seem like hard work taking on this job at this time of year but that it is worth every minute, especially when the bright colours of Narcissus appear. Using beautiful photos to illustrate her points, Hester provided gems of advice and information on how to plan for, and manage a range of bulbs from Snowdrops (plant now) to Scilla and Camassia and some species bulbs. Hester pointed out that while Tulips are typically planted in November, for this year, the end of November will be more suitable. She advised care be taken with the source of your bulbs and she provided excellent recommendations on where you could find them. She also said never plant a bulb that has mould or is damp as, e.g. with Tulips, a disease called Tulip fire can decimate a collection.

Hester also made suggestions for the placement of bulbs with other plants, such as grasses and ferns and how to make the most of the presentation of bulbs when they are in flower. Her feed of choice is liquid seaweed though she also uses other ways of protecting and nourishing flowers.

She referred to a number of gardens both in Ireland and other places that she has visited, some a number of times. Her favourite is Great Dixter, a constant source of inspiration and learning.

To round off the year, the Garden Club's Christmas lunch was held on 4th December in the Kenmare Bay Hotel.

Next meeting: Thursday, 5th February, 2026. Venue: The Gateway. Time: 6.45 p.m. Tea, coffee and welcome.

Talk : Following our AGM, our guest for this meeting will be Mags Coughlan of Ballymaloe House, speaking to us on growing vegetables.

*Meetings: First Thursday of the month, unless otherwise specified. Venue: The Gateway V93T9XT (beyond the Centra Garage heading on the Molls Gap/Killarney road, opposite the Brook Lane Hotel grounds). Parking available. **Visitors welcome.***

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What's happening in Sneem over Christmas



Friday 5th December - Christmas Lights and Santa's Arrival
Sneem Community Centre 6.30pm

Saturday 6th December - Sneem Beekeepers Christmas Quiz Night
D. O'Shea's Bar 9.30pm

Sunday 7th December - Sneem Resource Centre
Outdoor Christmas Market 12 - 4pm - South Square
Santa arriving at 2pm and at his Grotto outside Murphy's at 3pm

Sunday 14th December - Sneem Rowing Club
5k Fun Run/Walk - 12 noon

Sunday 14th December - Coomanassig Social Centre
Christmas Party - 2pm

Wednesday 18th December - Sneem NS
Seó na Nollaig in Sneem Hotel - 11am

Saturday 20th December - Maedhbh Walsh plays in The Loft

Monday 22nd December - Carol Service in the
Little Church at 7pm

Thursday 26th December - St Stephen's Day Trad session with Wally
Aoife and Kevin - D. O'Shea's 8pm

Friday 27th December - Trevor Sexton and Ger O'Donnell
play in The Loft

New Year's Eve - Check with Bars



Monday 6th January - Nollaig na mBan
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Sneem Tidy Towns

Rhododendron Clearance Project

We had a very productive morning on 20th November tackling invasive rhododendron ponticum around the bat house near Sneem. Thanks to Ger McEnery from NPWS and our small but effective group of volunteers. We look forward to seeing the treated stands dying off over the next weeks and releasing their stranglehold on this beautiful native woodland. This Sneem Rhododendron Control Project was funded through the NPWS Peatlands and Natura Community Engagement Scheme 2025.



Green Flag and Pollinator Award

We were delighted to receive our second Community Green Flag for the Garden of the Senses. The awards ceremony was held in Maynooth University on 12th November. We also won the Community Garden Pollinator Award so kudos to Cara Allison, Joe Murphy, the CE team and the Tuesday Tidy-uppers who keep the Garden looking fabulous all year round.



Sneem TidyTowns

Blue Dots of Iveragh Launch

It's wonderful to have a fabulous new sculpture to add to Sneem Sculpture Trail. It is located on the North River Walk and celebrates the endangered freshwater pearl mussels. We are fortunate to have some of these mussels in Sneem River as they do an important job of filtering water. Unfortunately they are very old and not reproducing as they require specific conditions including attaching to the gills of passing salmon or trout as part of their life-cycle and these have declined greatly in our rivers.

We would like to thank LAWPRO for commissioning this sculpture and locating it in Sneem. We had a lovely day at the launch despite the rain, where Sarah O'Sullivan represented Sneem Rowing Club and unveiled the sculpture with Minister O'Sullivan. This was followed by speeches in the Little Church by Councillor Norma Moriarty; Jane O'Sullivan (Sneem TidyTowns); Anthony Coleman, (Director of Services LAWPRO) and Minister Christopher O'Sullivan followed by the first public showing of "The Blue Dots of the Iveragh Peninsula" video. Attendees were then invited to a delicious lunch afterwards in Sneem Hotel.

You can find out more about this exciting project on <https://lawaters.ie/iveragh/> and watch the video online.

The sculpture is pictured right with the artist Don Cronin.



Funding updates

November was a busy month submitting all the final paperwork for a number of projects we had completed during the year:

Community Support Fund 2025 - Paint for O Dalaigh memorial - €454

Local Enhancement Programme 2025 - Pollinator signs - €900

Peatlands and Natura Community Engagement Scheme 2025 - Rhododendron control project - €5286.40

Creative Communities 2025 - Ogham Tree Project - €3000

Community Foundation of Ireland - Circular Economy Action Plan - €2500

We are in the process of applying for the Community Climate Action Fund and the Community Water Development Funds for 2026.

The Hare's Corner is coming to Kerry!



The Hare's Corner, an innovative biodiversity initiative coordinated by Burrenbeo Trust, in conjunction with Kerry Local Authorities Biodiversity Office, is being rolled out this coming year to landowners in Kerry.

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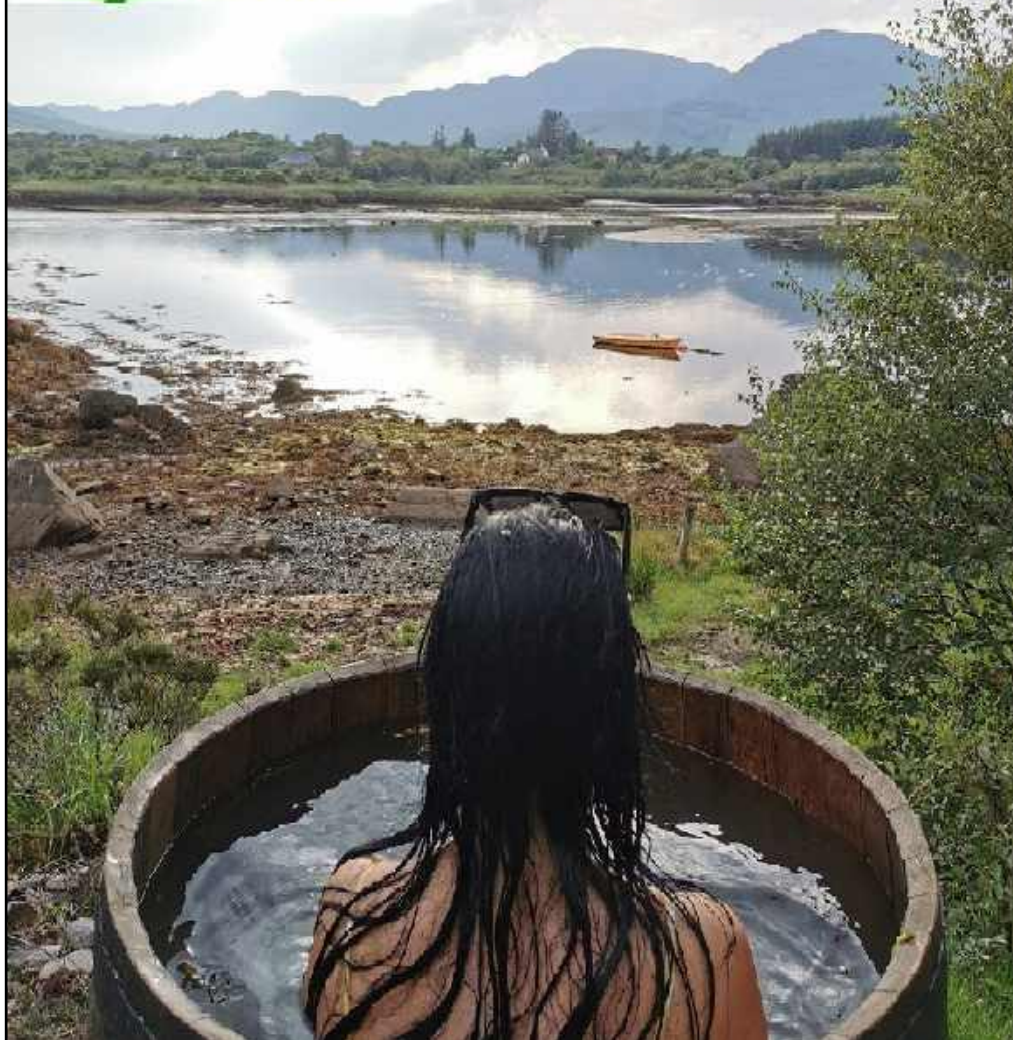


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New Year's Day Thursday 1st January 2026: 11am to 1pm

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Sneem Development Co-operative Ltd.

An open village meeting was held on the 25th November 2025, topics included: Congratulations for the TidyTown's Gold Award, thanks to the CE Scheme workers and volunteers.

SDCL committee is gradually understanding its role. Our aim is to be open and inclusive.

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The Creche is seeking parents of current attendees to become involved with its functioning.

SKDP Rural Men's Group trip is taking place on 10th December, organized by DJ Moran. Mass in Kenmare, followed by lunch and dancing in Kenmare Bay Hotel.

Switching on Christmas lights is taking place on Friday 5th December.

Outdoor Christmas Market on Sunday 7th December.

SDCL and CE Scheme financial accounts are considered to be in good order. Both are under auditor's review.

Sneem Creche is looking to move its legal basis to charity status.

Current Sneem enhancement projects: Rhododendron Control; Circular Economy; Community Support Fund and Local Enhancement; Ogham sculptures.

Future Sneem enhancement projects: Community Climate Action Fund; Community Water Development Programme.

Awards: Community Green Flag for Garden of the Senses; Community Pollinator Award for Garden of the Senses; Bat Conservation Award; New Blue Dot Sculpture-on North River Walk.

Sneem Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) update, there is some progress towards the development of an Energy Master Plan for Sneem.

The future funding and use of 'The Nook' was discussed.

Kerry County Council will be refurbishing the playground in Seaview in 2026.

SDCL acknowledges the good works of KCC (and Sneem residents that pushed) for the resurfacing of Seaview and Tahilla roads.

Music in Sneem



Dan Murphy's Bar

20th December—Maedhbh Walsh
27th December - Ger O'Donnell and Trevor Sexton The Loft



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Saturday 6th December - Bee Keepers Table Quiz
St Stephens Day Trad session at 8pm with Wally Aoife and Kevin



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Tide Times

Here are the high tides for the period 7th December to 14th January.

7th	5.42am	6.15pm
8th	6.34am	7.12pm
9th	7.27am	8.12pm
10th	8.22am	9.15pm
11th	9.19am	10.21pm
12th	10.21am	11.25pm
13th	11.24am	
14th	12.26am	12.27pm
15th	1.20am	1.24pm
16th	2.08am	2.15pm
17th	2.49am	2.59pm
18th	3.26am	3.38pm
19th	4.01am	4.16pm
20th	4.36am	4.53pm
21st	5.11am	5.31pm
22nd	5.46am	6.08pm
23rd	6.21am	6.47pm
24th	6.57am	7.28pm
25th	7.36am	8.14pm
26th	8.20am	9.05pm
27th	9.11am	10.02pm
28th	10.10am	11.03pm
29th	11.16am	
30th	1.09am	1.33pm

January

1st	2.07am	2.36pm
2nd	3.03am	3.34pm
3rd	3.55am	4.28pm
4th	4.46am	5.20pm
5th	5.34am	6.10pm
6th	6.23am	7.00pm
7th	7.10am	7.49pm
8th	7.57am	8.37pm
9th	8.44am	9.25pm
10th	9.33am	10.16pm
11th	10.27am	11.12pm
12th	11.28am	
13th	12.14am	12.35pm
14th	1.18am	1.39pm

**SNEEM COMMUNITY
FIRST RESPONDERS
SCRAP COLLECTION FUNDRAISER
5TH – 26TH JANUARY
@ GALVIN'S WOOD YARD**

We will accept:

All iron / steel / copper / lead / alloy.

Batteries, washing machines, fridges & white goods.

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SEPARATE WHERE POSSIBLE.**

For further information contact

John Moses : 0858810922

Steve Pursey : 0851490330



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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	Butler Arms Hotel	06:15	09:30	13:20	17:05
Cathair Dónall	Village Cross	06:34	09:49	13:39	17:24
Cuan an Chaisleáin	Church	06:41	09:56	13:46	17:31
Sneem	Square (Opp Green Chair)	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	Tom Crean Fish & Wine	07:37	10:52	14:42	18:27

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

Departs	Stops	Monday - Sunday			
Kenmare	Tom Crean Fish & Wine	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	Square (Opp Green Chair)	08:34	12:19	15:34	19:19
Cuan an Chaisleáin	Church	08:56	12:41	15:56	19:41
Cathair Dónall	Village Cross	09:03	12:48	16:03	19:48
Waterville	Butler Arms Hotel	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.**

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.

Local Business Numbers

Alaind Walking Tours - 085 1422677

Brushwood Studios Art Gallery - 064 6645108

Burns Butchers - 086 2213772

Breda Fitzgerald- Certified Public Accountant 064 6689115

The Bridge Café and Bistro 064 6675858

D O'Shea's Bar - 064 6645515
dosheasbar@gmail.com

Dan Murphy's Bar - 064 6689694

Green Chair - 089 4616573

Hilary's/DJ O'Sullivan's - 064 6645165

The Homoeopathic Clinic
086 3009109

Hungry Knight Chipper - 087 6775207

James M. O'Sullivan Solicitor -
064 6689664 / 087 2868855

Joe's Cleaning - 089 9488174

Kerry Experience Tours - 086 2554098
086 474679
www.kerryexperiencetours.ie

Christian's Mace Foodstore
Taxi Service, Shop 064 6645116
Mobile 087 2449026/ 087 2623394

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064 6642101

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087 6577813

Parknasilla Hotel 064 6675600

Paudie O' Keeffe Motors 087 0920596

Peter O'Sullivan Butchers
064 6645213 or 087 6577239

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Riney's Bar and Off-licence -
064 6645225

Ring of Kerry Tyres Kenmare -
087 9041109

Risen Light Garden/Yellow Shed -
083 0715870

SCC Broadband 087 0629897

Sacre Coeur - (064) 6645186

Sneem Digital Hub - 089 9420098

Sneem Health Centre - 064 6645102

Sneem Hotel - 064 6675100

Sneem Pharmacy - 064 6645288

Sneem Post Office - 064 6645110

Sneem Resource Centre -
064 6645545

Sneem Community Creche -
064 6645858

Sneem Seaweed Baths -
085 7845766

Sneem Book Shop - 087 8563858

Sneem House Off-licence and Shop
087 7936177

www.SolarZone.be Stefaan
085 8629505

The IT Guy - 087 6764384

Victoriia - Alterations 083 0809524

Vincent O'Leary - 064 6640841

The Window Box - 087 7712865

SNEEM GAA LOTTO

CURRENT JACKPOT

€8350

Next Draws

Sunday 7th December - Riney's Bar
Sunday 14th Dec - Dan Murphys Bar
Sunday 21st December - D O'Shea's
Sunday 28th December - Riney's Bar
10pm sharp

Please support your local GAA Club

Tickets available in Pubs and Shops throughout
the Village and on the **Sneem GAA Club App**

Sunday 9th November. Numbers drawn: 13, 16, 20, 23 . No Winner.

€40 went to: Kerrie O'Shea, Drimnamore; Sophie Sparks, Derryquinn/London;
Crystal Burns, Sneem; Evelyn Breen Kelly's Cross.

Sunday 16th November . Numbers drawn: 11, 19, 21, 28 No Winner.

€ 40 went to: Doiran Kavanagh D O'Sheas Bar; Ann Brown, Gleninchaquin; Dan Gleeson, Castlecove; Galvin Family, Drimnamore.

Sunday Sunday 23rd November. Numbers drawn: 9, 20, 21, 25 No Winner.

€40 went to: Sandra Traskovskaja, Parc Ardshillane; Mags McCarthy, Seaview;
Matty O'Sullivan, Blackwater; Ann Marie Riney, Drimnabeg.

Sunday 30th November. Numbers drawn: 4, 7, 19, 22 No Winner.

€ 40 went to: Kevin Larkin, Goldens Height; Ellie and Sarah O'Sullivan, Convent House; Patrick Carey, Muckross, Cill Árne; Michael O'Sullivan, Direenavourig.



SNEEM GAA CLUB ANNUAL LOTTO
VALID FOR ALL DRAWS - 1st February 2026 to 31st January, 2027
JACKPOT PRIZE

MINIMUM PRIZE - €2,500 MAXIMUM - €15,000

Draw held every weekend - weekly consolation prizes

*Select the four numbers of your choice and return along with €100.00 to
The Secretary, Sneem G.A.A. Club, Sneem, County Kerry, Rep of Ireland
before the 31st of January, 2026*

Your €100.00 entitles you to full Sneem G.A.A. Membership and a yearly lotto ticket valid
for all draws from the 1st of February, 2026 to January, 31st 2027.

Please remember to include your full name and address and your telephone
number and email address.

TICKET RECEIPT WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Nollaig, 2025

Sneem GAA Annual Lotto 2026/2027

A Chara,

It is that time of the year again when we look forward to the coming year. As always, we would like to thank all of our members and supporters both at home and abroad for their continued support. We are making our annual appeal for your support. The lotto is the most important element in raising funds for the Club. An active club is necessary for the wellbeing of the community and to ensure we can continue to secure All Ireland Ticket allocations. If you would like to support the annual Lotto then please select 4 numbers and return to The Secretary, Sneem GAA, County Kerry together with €100.00. Your annual lotto ticket entitles you to entry in all Lotto draws from 1st February 2026 to 31st January, 2027 and membership of Sneem GAA Club.

*Keep an eye on our Facebook Page – Sneem GAA and in the Newsletter and Kerryman for GAA news. You can buy tickets for the weekly draw on our **Sneem GAA App**.*

On behalf of the club, I would like to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and prosperous 2026.

Is mise le meas,

Lisa O'Shea , Runai, CLG An tSnaidhm



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