



Sneem Community Notice Board



Issue 283

1st May 2026

Monthly

FREE

May Bank Holiday Weekend

Sneem
SUMMER FESTIVAL
EST. 2014

TABLE QUIZ

FRIDAY, MAY 1
RINEY'S BAR
AT 8:30PM
TABLE €20

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SNEEM COMMUNITY CENTRE

EARTH, SKY AND WATER

Saturday 2nd May

- 11 am John G. O'Dwyer Book Signing at Sneem Book Shop
- 1 pm Sneem Village Geo-Walk with Ravit Yanay (circa 1 Hour)
- 3 pm Kerry Marine National Park & Dark Skies with Vincent Hyland
- 4.30 pm Ireland's Pilgrim's Trails with John G. O'Dwyer

Sunday 3rd May

- 3 pm The Atlantic Irish Seaweed Story with John Fitzgerald

Single Event €10
Weekend Pass €25

SNEEM STORY HOUSE

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

Next Issue due out 4th June 2026

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 29th May 2026

May Birthdays

Mary and Patricia Galvin on the 6th; Jeff Prior on the 7th; Finn Wilkinson, Tom Clifford, Mary Dennehy and Hedley Jonas on the 9th; Christopher Wallace; Seamus O'Sullivan and Aengus and Ashling Looney on the 10th; Maureen Connelly on the 15th; Dion Burke on the 16th; Breda O'Neill and Liam Breen on the 17th; Bridget Galvin (17) on the 20th; Kieran Galvin on 22nd; John Egar on the 24th; Michael O'Reardon and Darragh Murphy on the 25th, Mary Liggins and Paddy O'Brien (Gerah) on the 29th; Irene O'Sullivan on the 30th.

June Birthdays

Diane Breen on the 1st; Yvonne Ryan and Bernie Hussey on the 2nd; Timmy Murphy on the 3rd.

Special Birthdays

Sam O'Sullivan (18) on 7th; Cadhla O'Sullivan (30) on the 8th; Eibhlin Mullins O'Brien (18) on the 23rd; Colm Ryan (18) on the 28th; Oghie Burns (18) on the 30th May.

Deepest Sympathies

To Mary Moloney and family on the death of her father, Tony Moloney, Bishopstown, Cork.

Deepest Sympathies

To Una, John Damien, family and friends of James (Jim) O'Sullivan, Killorglin, who passed away recently.

Congratulations

To Patrick and Juliette Dennehy on the birth of their baby girl, Saorlaith, a sister for Odhran and Riona and to proud grandparents Patrick and Mary Dennehy and Michael and Eileen Healy Rae.

Sneem Summer Festival Fundraisers

Summer Festival Fundraising Quiz - Dust off your thinking caps and get your teams of 4 together! Our annual fundraising quiz night will be taking place on Friday, May 1st at 8:30pm in Riney's Bar We are looking forward to a great night.

Bake Sale

We will also be having a Bake Sale on Sunday 31st May in South Square at 10:30am. If anyone would like to donate some baked goods, we would be so grateful!

Joe Quinn Acknowledgement

In loving memory of
Joe Quinn
Bonane and Blackwater
13th May 2025
Acknowledgement and 1st Anniversary



As we lovingly remember Joe on his 1st Anniversary, we his heartbroken family wish to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all those who sympathised with us. Words cannot truly convey our thanks to our wonderful family, friends, neighbours and plant hire colleagues who have supported us throughout the year and continue to do so.

Those who called to our home, brought refreshments, attended the funeral, sent mass cards, floral tributes, messages, online condolences and travelled long distances to be with us we thank you.

We thank the Defence Forces for driving the boys home on the morning. We would especially like to thank the Gardaí, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, H.S.A. and Dr Ganzo who attended the scene. Ye are a credit to our community. Thanks to Lisa Cremin and Michael Healy Rae for their exceptional help on the day and afterwards. Thank you to the gravediggers and Drummond Brother's funeral directors (especially Mark) for their care and professionalism.

Thanks to Fr Liam for the beautiful mass, Mary O'Regan Sacristan (R.I.P.) and Jean Yves for helping. Also thanks to Derry Healy for the wonderful church music and Patie Casey for the music at the graveside. Thanks to Mairín Finnegan for the beautiful condolence book.

Thank you to Sneem Hotel, The Hungry Knight, The Bridge Cafe, Sneem House and Riney's Bar for catering during and after the funeral.

We would also like to thank Sean O'Sullivan, Johnny Doyle and Denis McCarthy for bringing the turf hopper to escort Joe on his final journey, and all Joe's Plant Hire colleagues for the Guard of Honour.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this Acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday

1st Anniversary mass will be in St. Michael's Church, Sneem on 10th May at 10 a.m.

Community News

Daffodil Day

On Daffodil Day, The Bridge Bistro generously donated their entire morning takings, amounting to €600, to the Daffodil Day fund.

Local Activities

Pickleball is back in town

Pickleball is being introduced as part of the Active Aging initiative, aimed at those who are 50 and above. The Sneem Pickleball Club has a net, bats and balls for all ages. Anyone interested in trying their hand at the new "all the rage" unifying, social and low impact sport that bridges generational gaps? It is a vibrant mix of tennis, badminton and ping-pong that is easy to learn but offers endless strategy. Do check it out, where laughter and the 'dink' of the ball is more important than the final score. Call Trish on 087 3648586 to learn more.



Knitting Sessions

The group is now creating additional trauma toys for the Kenmare Fire Brigade. New members are always welcome to join the Sneem Craft Group on Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm at Sneem Bookshop. Donated wool is available at the shop. For further information, please contact 087 2563858.

Book Club

Anyone interested in joining a Book Club, call 087 2563858.

Sneem Men's Shed

We are back outdoors: Crazy Golf resumes in the Sportsfield on Mondays at 7pm and Boules in the Wild Garden on Thursday evenings. New members welcome, ring Damien on 087 9816520 or Danny on 087 2064462.

Board Games Club

Meets every Wednesday evening 6.30pm in the Community Centre. For more information, please contact Pál in Pete's Butcher Shop 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 email sneemwritersgroup@gmail.com.

Bingo

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

Indoor Bowling

has now concluded for the Summer and will resume again in early October.

Comhrá

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

Community News

Congratulations to Ellie O'Sullivan, Convent House on being the overall Grand Champion level 6 in the Legacy Elite Gymnastics Competition which took place in Killorglin on Sunday 26th April. Also to her sister, Sarah who was Player of the Match last weekend with Inter Kenmare against Tralee Dynamos and also made the County Roll of Honour Team.



Congratulations

To Brendan Galvin (Seaweed Baths) and Cat O'Connell who got married in Sneem recently.

Pictured right: Tim O'Shea collecting a hedgehog box for Sneem TidyTowns made by Rebecca O'Brien in Tech Amergin Life Skills class.



Sneem Welfare and 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.

Mass in Coomanassig

Next Mass in Coomanassig takes place on Tuesday 5th May at 11am.



Sneem Community First Responders



Sneem Community First Responders continue to build strength, skill, and community connection through ongoing training and local support.

Earlier this month, the Sneem Sewing Community joined us for a special training session where they presented a number of handmade comfort dolls. These will be given to children who, for whatever reason, find themselves involved in an emergency situation. The gesture was deeply appreciated by the team and reflects the quiet strength of community support behind the service.



Training remains a core focus, with sessions taking place twice each month to ensure responders maintain a high standard of readiness.

Following a recent joint service incident, Mr. McCarthy, Sneem Chief Fire Officer, attended a training evening to offer feedback and support. He described Sneem CFR



as a professional team showing strong commitment to both training and community care, and expressed his interest in developing further collaboration through joint training exercises.

The team continues to respond to callouts and support the community when needed, working alongside the National Ambulance Service to provide early intervention care.

If you have any questions about Sneem Community First Responders or would like to learn more, contact John Moses (Coordinator) 085 8810922





Sneem Rowing Club



50/50 Draw

On Friday 1st May our first 50/50 draw of the year will be held in D. O'Shea's Bar. Tickets are 3 for €5. We also have a deal going for all 6 draws, 6 Tickets per draw for all 6 draws €50. The more that enter, the bigger the prize.

Please contact Caroline in Murphy's Bar or Siobhan 0872844527 Revolut @siobha9m00

Gym Membership

Gym and Rowing Membership for 2026 is now due for renewal. Yearly membership for gym is €150/ adult, €30/child. Family discount available.

Anyone for rowing membership only, please speak with Caroline.



Gym Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm

Saturday - Sunday 10am - 5pm

Regatta Dates

These are the dates for South/Mid Kerry Regattas 2026

14th June Caherciveen

21st June Sneem

28th June Sive

4th July Cromane

12th July Callinafercy

19th July Ballinaskelligs

3rd August Valentia

9th August Portmagee

Kerry Coastal Rowing Regattas

17th May Flesk Valley Time Trial

24th May Sive Time Trial

5th July Flesk Valley County Championship

25th July Valentia County Championship

All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2026

will take place in Bantry, West Cork on 14th to 16th August 2026.

What to do with your waste leaflets

Updated "What to do with your waste" leaflets are now available in the Resource Centre. If you run a B&B or rental property, these are useful for holidaymakers staying in Sneem.

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



As I write these notes, the last few days of a wet, cold and dreary April are upon us and we all are looking forward to better days ahead.

Our Easter season went very well and quite a number attended the ceremonies in both churches. Many thanks to all who organised the different readers and participants. Those who cleaned both churches to a very high standard. As well as locals, many visitors were in attendance which was great to see. Deacon Jean Yves Lettaneur was a wonderful help to me which I greatly appreciate.

We have a number of upcoming weddings, some from the parish and others from different destinations. Best wishes to all the couples and we hope you have a lovely day and a long and happy life.

The tourist season is upon us and last Sunday 19th April we had a group of 46 from Indiana attending our 10am Mass. The group also had Mass in Tahilla Church the previous day.

At present we are preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion which is on 16th May. This is a very special occasion for the families and the wider community. Sincere thanks to the teachers and staff for the great work they are doing in preparation for this special day.

Sadly we have had a few bereavements in recent times and sincere sympathies I extend to all who are sad and broken hearted at the passing of a loved one. Also a number of people are sick at present both at home and in hospital and here's wishing you all a speedy recovery.

In the Parish we are blessed to have dedicated volunteers in both churches which is a mighty help. Also I acknowledge the constant generosity of so many towards the churches and special envelope collections. Many thanks to you all.

At present the students are busy preparing for upcoming examinations and I wish the very best to you all.

In sport, it's training season in the sportsfield and on the water - have a good season.

Wishing you a warm month of May - enjoy the long evenings.

Stay safe—stay well. Fr. Liam.

Parish Office

Presbytery, North Square, Sneem. Parish Office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 10am to 4pm. Mobile 087 3480050. Mass every Sunday in Sneem at 10am. Check out our Facebook page for Mass times for daily masses.

Mass in Coomanassig

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Community News



Congratulations

To Fiadh Rose Murphy on her Christening held in London on Saturday 25th April with her parents Daniel and Diana, grandparents Noel Lehane and Jane Lindsay and Marian and Adrian Fitzgerald along with family and friends. Pictured is all the Sneem people who attended.

Back row Martin Larkin, Dan Angrave, Ben Sparks, Bríd Larkin, Saoirse Kavanagh, Sophie and Harper Sparks, Florian Scheibein, Cillian Hussey.

Middle row Caoimhe Kavanagh, godmother, Róisín Murphy, Diana Murphy, Doiran Kavanagh, Damien and Adrian Fitzgerald. Front row Jane Lindsay, Daniel and Fiadh Murphy, Marian Fitzgerald and Noel Lehane.

Charity Events

Darkness into Light

Is on Saturday 9th May, there is a walk in Caherdaniel starting at the Blind Piper at 4am.



Dave Fenton Charity Cycle

The 1st Dave Fenton Charity Cycle takes place on Saturday 20th June starting at 9am at the Castletownbere GAA grounds, entry fee €80.

Proceeds will go to Castletownbere RNLI and Castletownbere GAA who are jointly running the event. Visit the website to register, www.davefentoncharitycycle.com.

Sneem Story House

Gobnait Ní Bhruadair Festival

On Saturday 4th April, we had a lovely gathering in Sneem Story House to learn all about the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, a remarkable woman who came from British aristocracy, took up the Irish cause becoming Gobnait Ni Bhruadair.

To open the evening Councillor Norma Moriarty spoke with passion and gratitude about Gobnait who did so much for the area during those times. Following on with Tim Buckley who had great knowledge on her upbringing in high circles in Great Britain, her life as a midwife, then moving to Kerry, learning Irish (with an English accent), opening a Co-operative near Westcove and building a hospital.

The Committee are very grateful to Norma and Tim for their presentation at short notice. Each year at International Women's Day we plan to have an Annual Festival for Gobnait Ni Bhruadair as she is laid to rest in the Little Church graveyard.



Following on as part of our fundraising weekend, we had a successful Cake Stall outside Dan Murphy's Pub on Sunday morning. We would like to sincerely thank all those who donated cakes and buns towards this event. All funds go towards a new door for the Little Church and work to the porch and vestibule to make the building more comfortable for future events.

If anyone wishes to make an online donation to the renovation work this can be done through the Sneem Story House website: sneemstoryhouse.ie or by scanning the QR code.

Go raibh maith agat,
Sneem Story House Committee.

Scan to Donate
to Sneem Story House



Sneem Story House

Earth, Sky and Water at Sneem Story House

Discover what makes South Kerry a truly amazing place!

Join us at **Sneem Story House** on **2nd and 3rd May** for a weekend of walks, talks, and local history.

The Schedule

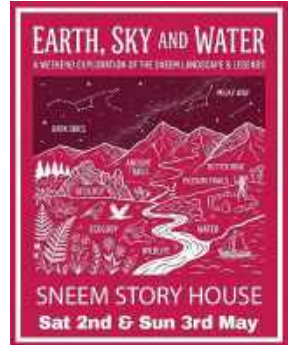
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Sunday, 3rd May

3 pm: The Atlantic Irish Seaweed Story (with John Fitzgerald)

Tickets

€25 – Weekend Pass (All events included - purchase online or at the door)

€10 – Single Event (Pay at the door only)

Get your **Weekend Pass** here: www.sneemstoryhouse.ie

See you there!

Declan Sinnott and Evelyn Kallansee Unplugged

Saturday 16th May Concert in the Little Church, 7.30pm.

Tickets €22 at door or book on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.nl/e/declan-sinnott-presents-evelyn-and-dec-tickets-1988263461536?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Upcoming Events planned



We have more exciting events planned for the Story House this year. If anyone would like to hold an event or get involved, please contact sneemstoryhouse@gmail.com.



Junior Room News

We had a lovely, restful Easter break and are excited to be back for our final term. This month, we are exploring the theme of food in lots of different ways. We've enjoyed supermarket role play, learning about healthy eating, and talking about food as Gaeilge. In Art, we made colourful fruit baskets and painted beautiful cherry blossom trees.

We've also planted cress seeds and learned what plants need to grow, the names of plant parts, and how to recycle and compost. In maths, we are exploring capacity, number, and patterns. We're also working hard to improve our writing and reading skills.

A highlight this month was buddy reading with the Middle Room, who shared their own short stories with us. We also had a very special delivery—our very own caterpillars. We are excited to look after them and watch them become beautiful butterflies.



St. Michael's National School

Middle Room

It has been a busy and exciting time in the Middle Room.

In English, we have been working hard on writing our own mini storybooks. The children have shown great imagination and creativity, developing characters and story-lines while improving their writing skills.

We have also been exploring the Seven Wonders of the World. Over the past few weeks, we have focused on the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal, and Machu Picchu. The children have been learning fascinating facts, carrying out research on Chromebooks, and even building their own versions of these famous structures during STEM time.

Our choir practice is well underway as we prepare for the upcoming First Holy Communion on 16th May. The children are putting in a wonderful effort and are sounding fantastic.

A special milestone was reached this week as the First Holy Communion children took part in their first confession on Tuesday, 21st April. We are very proud of them. We are all looking forward to an enjoyable and productive final term.

Mrs Kissane



St. Michael's National School's Annual School Football League's 50th Anniversary 25th May - 18th June 2026.

St. Michael's National School will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their Annual School Football League this year. Played in the last term when our football field is dry, it is a rite of passage for all our pupils.

The League in which every pupil from First Class upwards plays ends with a well attended final in the week of the holidays. The Pat Hussey Cup is presented to the winning Captain with medals and trophies for all the finalists. Tense, thrilling, competitive and fun it is a league like no other as it generates conversations and analysis many years after the football has been played!

To mark 50 years of this unique event, our school will be publishing a book of School League memories.



The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



This month was all about preparation and execution for our Scouts, who competed in this year's County Shield event. The camp, which took place last weekend, is an annual county-wide competition made to showcase all of our Scouts' fabulous talents and Scouting prowess. Our Scouts displayed a wide variety of skills, from map and compass work, to teamwork and leadership, to pioneering, with which they constructed their entire campsite out of wooden spars and rope.

The 'Top of the Pops' themed weekend started on Friday night with an opening ceremony and building their campsites. Saturday early morning saw the Ventures all partake in the Darkness into Light walk, for which they trekked up towards Hag's Glen to watch the sun rise.

For the Scouts, Saturday brought along various bases with challenges to complete. A particularly popular base had the Scouts suspend a saucepan from a construction of their own making, and then use the saucepan as target practice for some good old mallet throwing. Loads of fun was had throughout the day.

In the evening, the Scouts had their trade fair with their brilliant 'Top of the Pops' themed costumes. Afterwards they wound down with the campfire, where every Patrol performed a song. Our Scouts blew everyone away with their rendition of "Dancing Sneem", a far more on-theme name for our camp than ABBA's original.

Sunday morning the Scouts took their campsite down and cleared the field, staying true to the Scouting principle of 'Leave No Trace'. It's incredible how in one weekend a simple field can become a hub of so much fun, learning and memories, but by Sunday afternoon it's as if it were never there at all. Our Scouts truly are magnificent. We are all extremely proud of them, and how they represented our group.

Thank you to the Scouter who went with us, Sheena, and the Ventures who were on staff. Thank you as well to this year's Camp Chief, and the team of Scouters who co-ordinate the event. This weekend is not possible without the contributions of all of you.

However, just because the Scouts and Ventures had a big event on, it doesn't mean the rest of our sections were idle. The Beavers and Cubs did a hike from Sneem to Tahilla. On the hike, Beavers learnt their Hillwalking Badge, and enjoyed their time with the Cubs. The Beavers also conducted a beach clean at Parknasilla, taking home three bags of rubbish.

They also had the pleasure of investing two new Beaver Scouts, Goda and Emilija. Unfortunately, the Beavers had to postpone their planned camp due to poor weather, but hope to reschedule when the weather is looking up!



The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group





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Sneem River Clean 2026

Thank you to the 15th Kerry Sneem Scout members, parents and leaders for spending Saturday 19th April collecting rubbish from our river in their canoes and from along the riverbanks. Photos by Edel Brady.



	Ages	Meeting times
Beaver Scouts	6-8 years	Monday 6pm to 7pm
Cub Scouts	9-11 years	Monday 7pm to 8.30pm
Scouts	12-14 years	Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm
Venture and Rover Scouts	15-17 years 18-25 years	Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm

All-Ireland Squirrel and Pine Marten Survey 2026



Vincent Wildlife Trust Ireland is partnering with the University of Galway, Ulster Wildlife, the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) and the Centre of Environmental Data and Recording (CEDaR) for the All-Ireland Squirrel and Pine Marten Survey 2026.

This important survey invites people across the island of Ireland to help track the distribution of red squirrels, grey squirrels and pine martens. It builds on previous national surveys carried out in 2007, 2012 and 2019, and will provide valuable insights into how these species are changing over time.

Get involved

To take part in this survey during 2026, please submit your sightings of red squirrels, grey squirrels and pine martens and, if possible, please include a photo with your record. You can also add information about your sightings in the comments section of the form, including how often you see these animals or whether you've noticed changes over time. We may want to contact you to help verify your sightings.

Survey Form

<https://records.biodiversityireland.ie/record/2026SquirrelPineMarten#7/53.455/-8.016>

Kenmare Family Resource Centre

Join Us!
Lets talk
Potty
Training

Public Health Nursing with Community Families are hosting an interactive session on toilet training. This training aims to assist those who are considering or have already begun the toilet training journey.

WEDNESDAY
27TH MAY

LOCATION 10:30 - 11:45 am
Kenmare Family Resource
Centre, Railway Road V93K580
Co Kerry

HE

To register contact Irene Caroy, 087-8749715
Any Queries ring
Alice Moore PHN 086 7571963

community connections

County Clean Up/Sneem Spring Clean

Thanks to everyone who took part in our annual community litter pick on the weekend of 11th and 12th April.

Thanks also to the fabulous scouts who took to the river the following weekend and collected rubbish from the islands and the shore.

Time to spruce up

Home and business owners within the village, now is the time to get washing the mould off the front of your buildings and gutters after the long wet winter. Also if any buildings need painting, please think of getting it done early, as we can have Tidy Towns inspections from early June and we hope to retain the Gold medal awarded in 2025. Thank you.



Storm Drain Murals

Have you spotted our first drain mural? The idea is to draw attention to the fact that whatever goes down these drains ends up in our river and can affect everything living there.

No Mow May

Save fuel and energy by leaving the mower in the shed for a few weeks and enjoy the natural world. You can get creative by mowing wiggly paths through the longer grass. You never know what might pop up, we've had an orchid appear in the Garden of the Senses the last few years on a previously mown lawn.



To do this month:

Look out for the Orange-tip butterfly and their eggs.

If you're lucky enough to have a patch of cuckoo flowers in your garden, take a look under the flowers to see if you can spot a bright orange egg stuck to the stalk. This is the egg of the orange-tip butterfly which feeds on these plants.



Sneem TidyTowns

Sneem Circular Economy

Keep collecting your batteries and dispose of them in the school, Hilary's, Resource Centre, Post Office, Green Chair or Mace. If you missed the spectacles collection in February, they will still take them in Nearly New.

Monday Tidy-Ups

If you have an hour to spare to join us, we'd love to have you. Text 087 7865053 to be added to our WhatsApp group if you would like to help out with weeding, pruning, litter picking, etc. around the village - weather permitting. We would like to thank Derry from SuperValu in Kenmare for donating new hi-viz vests to our Tidy-ups team.



New River Mural

Check out the beautiful mural celebrating our river behind the Community Centre by Roland Hunter featuring an otter, heron, salmon and freshwater pearl mussels. Thanks to the Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO) for funding this mural.



The butterfly wall in the North Square has also been repainted and now features our native common blue butterflies



Kerry Biodiversity Week – 15th to 24th May



Sneem Events



Saturday 16th May

Native Woodland Walk and Talk

with Rob Fell from Hometree

Meet at Sneem Hotel at 11am

Wear suitable clothing and walking boots

Monday 18th May

River Explorers with LAWPRO

12.30pm (School only)



Tuesday 19th May

Foraging with Mo

12 noon in the Wild Garden

Wednesday 20th May

Discover Iveragh

7pm Videos and discussion in the Little Church

Thursday 21st May

Rhododendron Treatment Workshop

11am in the Garden of the Senses



Saturday 23rd May

Flower-Insect Timed (FIT) Count Workshop

2pm in the Garden of the Senses

Download FIT Count app in advance



*All events are free of charge, subject to change,
keep an eye on Sneem Tidy Towns Facebook page or
text 087 7865053 for enquiries.*



Sneem Tidy Towns

Pollinator Patches - leave a space for wildlife in your garden

- let the grass grow - dandelions are an important food for emerging bees.
- plant a native tree/hedge - willow is especially important for insects
- put in a mini-pond, even a basin with stones and a native mint or other water plant greatly helps wildlife in your garden
- don't use pesticides/herbicides



Keep Sneem Village Toxic Chemical Free

If you must spray weeds, try our tried and tested Pollinator Friendly Weedkiller

- One litre white vinegar (extra strong available in Galvin's)
 - One cup of diluted Epsom Salts (available in Sneem Pharmacy)
 - A squirt of washing up liquid.
- Spray onto weeds on a still dry day.



Actions for Pollinators

Let us know if you are trying to make your garden more pollinator friendly and we will give you a sign you can erect to let people know what you're doing. Neat mown "tidy" gardens are deserts for nature and we need to get away from this way of thinking as we are in a biodiversity crisis with insect numbers declining dramatically. We

need native plants to feed the insects which in turn feed the birds and their young.

One of the most valuable actions for wildlife is a pond in your garden, however small. Our pond in the Wild Garden dried up, so we took the opportunity to line it and are now waiting for rain again to fill it. Thanks Katy for digging out all the mud!



Invasive Bluebells

Bluebells are in bloom right now and look lovely but did you know that many of those flowering in Sneem are Spanish bluebells which are considered invasive as they hybridise our beautiful native (English) bluebells. Native bluebells are darker blue, flower on one side of the stem and droop over, they have a scent. Spanish bluebells are much bigger, paler blue, flowers all around the stem and no scent.



Men's Section

The golf competitions got underway in April despite the bad weather. The Fr. O'Sullivan Cup was keenly contested and there was only a one point difference between first and second place. Well done Niall Egan (Junior) and Pierce O'Brien. The D.O'Shea match play, first round is on 26th April. This competition is sponsored by D O'Shea's, thanks Garbhan. Pascal McCarthy, a Mayo man, won the competition last year and is going for two in a row (Up Mayo). He will have stiff competition as there is keen interest from others who want to get their hands on the trophy.

The Cork v Kerry competition is happening on Saturday 2nd May. The two captains have been appointed (Jim O'Sullivan for Kerry, and Vincy O'Sullivan for Cork). Team selection is progressing, and Paul Moran is the event orchestrator. The event will be keenly contested. The victors will be presented a cup and will claim the associated slagging rights. The presentation of the cup is in Dan Murphy's on Saturday evening (2nd May). All are welcome. Thanks Sean for sponsoring the event. The other competitions in May are the English Cup and the David Fleming Memorial trophy.

Membership

Parknasilla Golf Club is now open for membership (golf and pitch & putt). Membership forms and costs can be obtained at the club house or requested by email from parknasillagc@gmail.com

There is also a great selection of golf attire in the golf shop. It may not improve your handicap, but you will look good on the course.

Ladies Section

The Lady Captain's Drive In took place on Easter Saturday 4th April and despite the arrival of Storm Dave there was a great turn out. A shorter game of just 3 holes was played due to the weather but this did not deter the group from enjoying the course, refreshments and prize giving in the clubhouse afterward.



Parknasilla Golf Club – Men’s Competition Schedule for May

02 May 2026	Cork V Kerry (18h)
10 May 2026	English Cup (18h)
17 May 2026	9 Hole Qualifier
24 May 2026	David Fleming Memorial V Par
31 May 2026	9 Hole Qualifier

A full schedule of the men’s competitions is available on the Parknasilla Golf Club website. <https://parknasilla.golf-club.website/website/index.php>

South Kerry Destination and Experience Development Plan



Putting Sneem at the Heart of Iveragh’s Future: An Update

Fáilte Ireland’s DEDP (Destination and Experience Development Plan) Taskforce is moving into high gear. Sneem’s delegation—representing our village community, local businesses, and community groups—is attending the Stakeholder Forum at the Royal Hotel on Valentia Island on Tuesday, 28th April.

What’s Happening? Sneem’s representatives will be sharing with experts.

What’s Great: Making sure everyone knows what makes Sneem special, but also where further potential lies.

Exciting Themes: Talking about the positives like our amazing businesses, landscapes, Dark Skies, festivals, walks, beaches, coastline, transport, hospitality, food, etc.

Fixing Problems: Figuring out what obstacles hampers our progress in achieving more in the village and how to get past those hurdles.

New Ideas: Thinking of new projects that can actually happen in the next few years.

Look Out for the June Edition when we will report on progress made. This project aims to develop Iveragh using the VICE model which focuses on Visitors, Industry, Community, and Environment.

Stay tuned—Sneem’s future is being shaped right now.

Nearly New



The Nearly New Shop reopened on 20th April.

Selling a wonderful array of pre-loved items and staffed entirely by volunteers.

Open Monday to Saturday 11am- 4pm.
Thanks to Roland for refreshing the elegant lady mural.

Upcoming Events at The Carnegie

1st May /7pm Vincent's Fashion Show

"Vincent's Kenmare Fashion Show is a dazzling showcase of creativity and style; This year's Show showcases some amazing upcycled pieces made by TY students from Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine and also a small Upcycled collection made by manager Rita Zachar. Raffle on the night. Tickets €15

2nd May /8pm "Tommy Fleming in Concert"

Tommy Fleming is widely regarded as one of Ireland's finest vocalists, celebrated for his powerful voice and heartfelt interpretations of both traditional Irish songs and contemporary classics.

Known for his warm stage presence and moving renditions of beloved songs, Tommy's concerts offer audiences an intimate and memorable musical experience. His upcoming performance promises an evening of beautiful melodies and timeless favourites. Tickets €35

8th May /8pm Fundraiser for Kenmare Special Needs Children's Group

By The Folk Ups Choir

Join us for a special evening of music and song in support of the Kenmare Special Needs Children's Group. The Folk Ups are a Roscommon-based folk ensemble born out of the Roscommon Men's Choir They've been bringing their brand of traditional Irish folk, warm harmonies and genuine craic to charity events around Ireland. With a local connection to Kenmare through member James O'Sullivan (Dan) – a proud Kerry man living in Longford – who is bringing the group to the Kingdom. All proceeds go to the the Kenmare Special Needs Children's Group. They will be joined by wonderful local musicians Maureen Sullivan and Kenmare Trad—Noreen O'Shea, Helen Brosnan, and Emmet Vaughan . The Kenmare Special Needs Children's Group is made up of parents representing 22 local children with additional needs. . Through this group, we provide local activities so that these children can enjoy the same fun, friendship, and opportunities as their peers.

Come along, enjoy a great night of music, and support a truly meaningful cause
Tickets €20

Tickets available at www.carnegieartskenmare.ie



Álaind Walking – Spring Update

Mountain Skills Training - Ready to be confident to explore more?

We have one spot remaining on our next Sneem Mountain Skills 1 Course (30th and 31st May). Further places are available for the course on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August.

For morning, evening, and nighttime guided walks (and training), visit our website at www.alaindwalkingireland.ie or contact Fergal at 085 1422677.

The 2026 Sneem Site Specific Sculpture Trail

Creative participants are invited to take part in the 2026 Site Specific Sculpture Trail which will be taking place from 7th July to 2nd August 2026. Everyone is welcome to create an artwork/sculpture to exhibit along the Sneem River Walk. The theme this year is Sound/Fuaim and this can be interpreted whichever way the participant would like. The intention is to encourage surprising combinations. This event has been running annually, with great success, for seven years now. There is no fee charged and no fee paid for participation. It's all about the enjoyment of everyone concerned. Contact Roland Hunter on 085 7700538 or email sitespec2019@gmail.com if you would like to take part, or would like more details.



Kenmare and District Garden Club

Our meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month, unless otherwise specified at the Gateway in Kenmare (V93T9XT)

7th May - Michael White, former Head Gardener, Mount Congreve. Memorable Plants from Mount Congreve

4th June - Greta McCarthy O'Brien on Growing Herbs

Visitors are welcome. Contact Stephen Austen: 087 9112876 for further information or if you are interested in becoming a member.

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Vincent's Kenmare Fashion Show

Vincent's Kenmare Fashion Show will take place at Carnegie Arts Centre Kenmare on Friday 1st May at 7pm.

The show is renowned for its eclectic mix of avant-garde and ready-to-wear designs, reflecting both cutting-edge trends and timeless elegance. All outfits were picked and styled at Vincent's Kenmare Charity Shop and can be purchased the day after the show.

Attendees can expect a captivating blend of bold colours, innovative fabrics, and exquisite craftsmanship, all choreographed into a seamless presentation that celebrates the artistry of fashion. The event fosters a sense of community and collaboration, offering a platform to showcase some amazing upcycled pieces made by TY students from Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine and also an upcycled collection made by manager Rita Zachar.

A pop-up shop will also be available on the evening, with various upcycled accessories made at Vincent's.

Photos by Nick Cavanagh

Music:

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- Pianist Robin Sammon Wharton will play at the intervals.

More surprise musical entertainment on the night to be confirmed shortly.

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Louise Morrissey visits Rockmount

Rockmount Care Centre Kilgarvan was filled with excitement recently when Irish country musical star Louise Morrissey called in on route to her concert in the Carnegie Arts Centre in Kenmare.

Louise with her beautiful smile flooded the room with her renowned vocal talents singing songs that everyone knew.

Louise was joined by her guest star for the night Marty Daniels, who also sang. Spirits were lifted, hands clapping, feet tapping along to Louise who sang in perfect harmony with the backing of everyone in the room.

For a little while, the day room was transformed not just by music but the connection of song and the reminder of days of dancing, youth and shared memories for all the service users from Kilgarvan, Kenmare, Sneem and Killarney. Louise Morrissey along with Marty Daniels made the evening unforgettable and will be spoken of for a long time to come. Louise was also accompanied by her singer/musician brother Norman Morrissey of The Morrissey's.

Louise Morrissey visits Rockmount



Louise Morrissey, Marty Daniels and Norman Morrissey with staff at Rockmount

L-R; Mary Hussey, Marty Daniels, Louise Morrissey, Catherine Mulvihill, Helen Spillane, Norman Morrissey and Valerie Lynes (Louise's manager),



Pictures of Louise with Service users.

Photos by Mary D O'Neill



Sneem Events Calendar 2026

15th – 24th May - Kerry Biodiversity Week

Saturday 16th May - Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

Saturday 16th May - Evelyn Kallansee and Declan Sinnott Unplugged Concert in Sneem Story House

Sunday 31st May - Sneem Festivals Cake Sale Fundraiser

5th - 7th June - Discover Derrynane Weekend

Sunday 21st June - Sneem Regatta

Thursday 25th June - George Murphy and The Rising Suns In The Loft

Friday 3rd July - Bernard Casey in the The Loft at Dan Murphy's Bar

7th July to 2nd August - Site Specific Sculpture Trail

15th - 19th July 2025 - Sneem Summer Festival

20th- 24th July - Sneem Cúl Camp

20th to 25th July - Castlecove Swim Week

28th-31st July - St Crohan's Festival

28th - 30th August - Daniel O' Connell Summer School

11th - 13th September - Cur Le Cheile Festival

18th - 20th September - Sneem Walking Weekend

Friday 23rd October 7 - 10pm Book Launch of 'The Blow-Ins of Inbhear Scéine' Sneem Community Centre

24th -29th October - Skellig Coast Archeology Festival

Sunday 25th October - Scarecrows on the Green Judging

Sunday 25th October - Sneem Rowing Club Table Quiz

Sunday 31st October - Pumpkins on the Bridge

13th - 15th November - Sneem Storytelling Festival

December - Christmas Lights and Santa's Arrival
Sneem Resource Centre Christmas Market
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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

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Sneem to Kenmare

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Tide Times

Here are the high tides for the period 5th May to the 3rd June.

5th	7.32am	19.45pm
6th	8.11am	20.22pm
7th	8.53am	21.04pm
8th	9.42am	21.53pm
9th	10.43am	22.52pm
10th	11.52am	
11th	0.00am	12.59pm
12th	1.06am	13.55pm
13th	2.04am	14.43pm
14th	2.54am	15.27pm
15th	3.41am	16.09pm
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26th	1.36am	14.03pm
27th	2.33am	15.17pm
28th	3.22am	15.55pm
29th	4.04am	16.29pm
30th	4.42am	17.02pm
31st	5.19am	17.36pm

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1st	5.57am	18.13pm
2nd	6.03am	18.50pm
3rd	7.14am	19.57pm

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Sunday 5th April. Numbers drawn: 4, 8, 27, 28. No Winner.

€40 consolation went to: Kevin Synnott, Xanadu, Tahilla; Tim O'Sullivan, Maigh Eo; Eileen Moriarty, Sneem Hotel; Liam Riley, Birr, Uibh Fhailí.

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