

### Sneem Community Notice Board

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Monthly

**FREE** 

### What's happening in Sneem over Christmas

1st—22nd December—Sneem Christmas Pop-Up Shop in Gossip

Friday 8th December—Christmas Lighting
Parade and Santa's arrival

10th December—Coomanassig
Christmas Dinner

17th December - Sneem Rowing Club - Fun Run

> 19th December— St. Michael's NS Seó Na Nollaig

21st December - Shadow Play "Lightning Bird" - Sneem Hotel

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

26th December - Music 4 - 6pm D O'Sheas

27th December -Cash Returns Tribute Show in Sneem Hotel

28th December—Maedhbh Walsh In The Loft

6th January—Sneem GAA Social Nollaig na nBán in D. O'Shea's



Santa and his Elf came to the Christmas Market on Sunday 3rd December



### **Sneem Resource Centre**

Closing on Friday 22nd December Reopening on Wednesday 3rd January at 10.30am



### **Sneem Post Office**



You can lodge and withdraw cash using your A.I.B. or Bank of Ireland debit card Also selling sterling and U.S. dollars. ATM



Next Issue due out 1st February



### THE WINDOW BOX

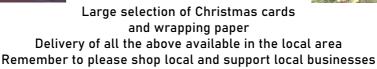
South Square, Sneem 087 7712865

windowboxsneem@gmail.com Wishing all my customers and friends a Wonderful Christmas and

New Year Thank you all for your support throughout 2023 and always



Lots of gift ideas instore Fresh Door Wreaths Table Arrangements of all sizes Fresh Christmas Bouquets Potted plant Arrangements Grave Wreaths



Check out my Facebook and Instagram pages



### **Sneem Post Office**



Christmas Greetings to all our Customers



We would like to thank you all for supporting us this past year

Post Office - Banking - ATM - Shop - Petrol -Lotto Agent - Newsagents - Off-licence We are closing on Saturday 23rd at 1pm

Reopening on the 28th and 29th December.

Closed 30th December, reopening on 2nd January.

### **Shadow Play**

The Shadow Play will take place at Sneem Hotel on Thursday, 21st December 2023 at 8:30. Entry is free. Lightning Bird is a shadow play that brings together elements of culture and mythology from Ireland and from Africa.

### **Coffee Morning**

Will take place on Saturday, 3rd February 2024 in Riney's Bar from 11am to 1pm in aid of The Irish Heart Foundation and Sneem Defibrillator. In memory of Johnnie O'Sullivan, Sneem House

### Wash and Squash

When dumping food cans, if you don't wash them, they smell and get maggots. If you don't squash them, even if they are washed, starving

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feral cats will put their heads in looking for food. Their heads get stuck, and they pull causing swelling, so they can't get out. Death is inevitable but takes up to two weeks of terror and agony until they die of starvation. Squashing means more room in the bins. Please wash, it only takes a minute and stand on the side of the tin if

your hands aren't strong enough. Thank you, Deborah.

### **Sneem Parish News**

This year's edition is out now in shops in Sneem. Cost is €13

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

### **Congratulations**

To Deirdre Jones. Ardshellaune on the birth of her first great-granddaughter Sierra in the UK.



### 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 26th January

### **December Birthdays**

Layla Foley, Rachel Demangeat and Mary Teresa Burns on the 8th; Paddy Coffey and Samuel Hickman on the 9th; Damien Fitzgerald and Laura Murphy on the 10th; Lauren Sherborne (13), Jacob Hickman, Ger Coffey and Ciara Galvin Foley on the 11th; Jim O'Sullivan on the 12th; Jimmy O'Brien 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; Róisín Murphy, Sive O'Leary and Ruairi Hussey 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 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 Lettaneur on the 28th; John Galvin on the 29th; Patrick Letanneur and William Davies on the 30th

### **Special Birthdays**

Belated 80th birthday wishes to Catsy Looney on 5th December, Noel Casey will be 90 on 19th December, Jack Riney will be 21 on the 31st December.

### **Deepest Sympathies**

To Jim, Paula, Séamus Dillon family and friends of Chris Dillon (nee Mulligan), Emyvale, Co. Monaghan and West End, Sneem who passed away recently.

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To family and friends of Mick Hussey, Direenavourig who died in Florida recently.

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To the family and friends of Dinny Cremin, Raycoslough, Blackwater who passed away recently.

### **Deepest Sympathies**

To Johnny JP O'Sullivan Derryleigh, and family on the death of his sister Sheila O'Sullivan in Leicester, England.

### **Thanks from First Responder Committee**

On behalf of Sneem's First Responder Committee I wish to acknowledge two relatively recent donations from both Sneem Resource Centre, West End and Féilte na Snadhma. (Sneem Festivals) Their support for potential life saving equipment in the Parish and their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Tim O Sullivan. Chairman

### **Creative Recycling workshop**

A workshop exploring techniques, using recycled materials and found objects to create artworks will take place in Coomanassig Day Centre 18th January from 10am − 12.30pm. €10 Contact 087 2998443 comdev@kenmarefrc.ie

It will initially be a workshop and if enough interest we will follow up with 4/5 classes in Coomanassig. People are asked to bring some materials and/or images they would like to work from. i.e: magazines, recycled plastics, photos etc.

### **Sneem Community Pre-School and Creche AGM**

will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 5.45pm in Sneem Creche.

### Mountain Skills Course with Álaind Walking

Register your interest for our Mountain Skills Courses in 2024. Develop your confidence walking and navigating in the mountains with accredited Mountaineering Ireland Training Provider. Send your details to 085 142 2677 or email@alaind.ie

### Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership (KRSP) Walking Football

Well done to the men who played walking football on Monday nights starting on 20th November in Sneem Communitv and Sports Centre Walking football is aimed at keeping men aged over 50 active and involved in football. A big thank you to our coach Andrew from Inter Kenmare FC who put the 'young lads' through their paces on Monday night. There was lots of banter and messing going on but it was great to see smiles all round.

If you fancy trying it out laces are still available: Monday nights from 5:30-6:30pm Only €10 per person Book on Eventbrite



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

Season's Greetings to you all and I trust life is treating you kind.

As I write these few words the weather is so pleasant which is a real blessing after all the rain and storms over the past number of months. Understandably the Parish is quiet at present but over all it was another exceptionally good season. We had visitors coming among us from near and far. Their visits are much appreciated as it adds to the economy of the Parish and provides job opportunities to local people and all who are looking for employment. Many visit our Church and attend Sunday Mass.

We have a number of weddings these weeks and best wishes to all couples and hope all their guests had a nice stay and leave with good memories of Sneem.

Sympathies to those who had a bereavement during the year and it will be a sadder Christmas missing your loved one this year. We also had new arrivals and rejoiced at the birth of your child. Wishing good health to all.

Christmas is just around the corner- the TV Toy show is over and Santa has received your letter. Our Church Cribs receive much favourable comments and people are really touched by their warmth and simplicity. Many thanks to all involved in erecting the Crib in both Churches, it is very much appreciated. Also thanks to those who clean and tidy both Churches, it is a credit to you.

The Christmas Liturgy is shared by many volunteers and everyone looks forward to joining in some beautiful Christmas hymns. Many thanks to those who provide the music, our readers, collectors, offertory counters and Eucharistic ministers at Christmas time. Likewise to those who open and close our Churches, they are doing a very important task and to those who prepare the Altar and Sacristy it is very much appreciated.

I welcome those who have come home from other lands for Christmas and I send kind regards to all emigrants where ever you reside this Christmas. I know some of you share our Sneem Masses online which is a great connection for you.

May I send best wishes to one and all who may be in poor health and my prayer is that you will be feeling much better on Christmas morning and be blessed with much better health in the New Year.

While you are busy with your Christmas shopping and preparations, I'll now include our Mass times for both Churches.

Christmas Eve, December 24th Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Tahilla at 6pm. Christmas Eve, December 24th Mass in St. Michael's Church, Sneem at 8 pm. Christmas Day, December 25th Mass in St. Michael's in Sneem at 10 am.

At present we have three Priests covering 5 Parishes so hopefully the above times are suitable and indeed also we will be saying Masses in other Parishes at the weekends and some week days. Much travel is involved but we will do our best and appreciate your support and understanding. May I say thanks to Deacon Jean Yves Lettaneur who has been a great help with baptisms and funeral services in the Parish and wider area. It is very much appreciated. May I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and love.

### Little Church Notes

As promised on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, punctually at 2.30p.m., the Church of Ireland Bishop of Limerick, Michael Burrows paid a swift visit to the Little Church, as part of his 'peregrination - 'a whistlestop fundraising tour of **ALL** the parishes in his Diocese!' His enthusiasm for his topic 'Empowering Women through Literacy' in various countries in the developing world, 'where women still have to struggle for the sort of transformative educational opportunities that are simply taken for granted here' was uplifting and the small congregation joined him heartily in singing 'Christ is the King' as he accompanied us on his own keyboard assisted by our rector, Rev. Michael Kavanagh on his viola. The congregation wished him well as he continued on his journey through the Diocese.

Church of the Transfiguration – the Little Church – Christmas Services

Monday 18th December 7pm Village Carol Service followed by mincepies in the Village Kitchen

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10am Family Communion Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Christmas Communion



#### Church of Ireland

Carol service Monday 18th December 7pm Monday 25th December Christmas Day -10am

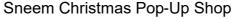


### Sneem Story House



### Appeal for old photos of Sneem

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





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

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

### Community Activities

#### **Board Games Club**

The board game club are looking for new and advanced players. Come join us every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, for additional details you can contact Pál in Pete's butcher shop or 087 0973316.

### **Indoor Bowling**

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

### **Sneem Writers Group**

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

#### Sneem Men's Shed

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

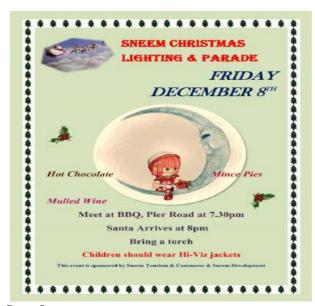
#### Comhrá

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

### Bingo

Bingo is on in the new Resource Centre on Tuesdays at 8.30pm. There is a bright outside light and ramp for anyone having difficulty

with steps.





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### **Congratulations**

Parknasilla proudly celebrates George White's "Lifetime Achievement Award," by the Kerry branch of the Irish Hotel Federation recognising his enduring dedication and 48 years of service within the hospitality industry. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to George, along with his daughter Georgina and granddaughter Kaitlyn, all valuable members of the Parknasilla team, who were present to share this well-deserved recognition.



Jerry Moriarty is appointed as chair of PensionsEurope - check out the news on European Pensions



PensionsEurope appoints IAPF's Jerry Moriarty as chair

europeanpensions.net · 1 min read

### **Congratulations**

To Jerry Moriarty, Derryquin and Dublin, who has been appointed as chair of PensionsEurope. Jerry is the CEO of the Irish Association of Pension Funds (IAPF) and was elected on 16th November during the PensionsEurope AGM.

### THE SUNSHINE CLINIC, SNEEM

The Sunshine Clinic is closing; I shall be folding up my massage table at the end of this year and seeking new adventures. Thank you to all my customers, past and present, for your valuable support and friendship and I wish you all a very happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

Angelika Scheibein

### St. Michael's National School

### **Team Hope Shoebox Appeal**



Pictured left are the children donated shoebox gifts this year to the Hope Foundation Christmas appeal organized by Monica O'Shea.

### Science Week in the Junior Room **Sunshine Room News**

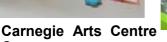
The Sunshine Room kids have been very busy!











We are busy working on our canvas based on our local area. We are doing a mixed media artwork collaboration with the Rainbow Room. It's looking amazing already.









Canvas

### St. Michael's National School







Music lessons with Aoife and Peggy are continuing. The children love making music and practicing for their Seó na Nollag.

Alongside all the schoolwork we do in the Sunshine Room, we also love to explore our locality. We recently enjoyed a trip to the Village Kitchen and the playground.

### The Rainbow Room

We have been very busy here in the Rainbow Room preparing for the Christmas festivities! We have been practicing our Christmas songs ahead of our Seo Na Nollaig which takes place in the Community Centre on the 19th December at 11am. We would love for you all to come along and see all of the hard work we have done preparing for this and to join in the Christmas cheer.

We have been very creative these past few weeks in the Rainbow Room designing our Christmas cards for the children to send to their families all around the world as well as practicing our cooking skills to make tasty treats for the holiday season!

We have also been working on a canvas for the Carnegie art exhibition. Each child has worked on their own bubble about the local area based on the village of Sneem along with collaborating with the Sunshine Room to complete the overall canvas.







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### Tahilla CNS

#### **Canvas Creations**

This month we started a new art project. Both the Junior and Senior room created their own masterpieces on canvas supplied by the Carneige, Kenmare. The theme was 'Local Inspiration'.

The Junior Room focused on buildings local to Tahilla: our very own school and St. Patrick's Church in Tahilla.

The Senior Room focused on inspiration in our town of Kenmare. It displays Café Mocha, the suspension bridge, the Ring of Kerry stat-

ues, Cromwell's Bridge, among others.

Thank you to all the staff in the Carnegie for helping us take part in such a lovely opportunity to learn more about and create art based on our very own locality.

#### Science Week

For Science week this year we took part in various STEM challenges throughout the week. We designed and created models for unsinkable boats. We learned all about how volcanoes erupt too. We ended the week with a Science Quiz which we thoroughly enjoyed!



All the pupils and teachers in Tahilla CNS are currently busy with their preparations for our Winter Concert. The Junior Play will showcase their play "We're going on a Present Hunt" while the Senior Room will star in our very own "Jack and the Beanstalk". We are also practicing singing and our tin whistles each day. We are really looking forward to it!







Tahilla Community National School

Tahilla, Sneem, Co Kerry, V93D735



Email: info@tahillacns.ie

Tel: 085 8717284

### Poem for Sneem

and when I left my land, the gorse like yellow flames, the heather in bloom and my boat asleep in the yard and when I left my land, the blue and wondrous sea. the mussels, the lobsters, the fish, where could I go if not sad and when I left my house I left my warm and homely fire, the birds stealing the thatch, neighbours, robins, friends and when I left in my car, my oldest son driving the van, where did I go, how will I fare, nearer my doctors, family see, I moved away to Italy, the climate is good, no boat but light and the sea and the gulls calling me they quarrel like cats, populate the evening sky and I think of you, inside I found a missing place but I don't need to cry I send my cheers to you

> you knew I was crazy good for not forgetting yippie Slàinte

Note: for all friends and kind persons I met and know in Drimnamore and Sneem and Oysterbed and Blackwater- I thank you. Thanks to the fire brigades from Sneem and Kenmare too and to neighbours, pubs and fishermen. You all are in my heart and I loved my 4 years with you and my house. I only moved away for health reasons and I expect my property to be sold towards beginning July. I bless my house and you. Stay well!

Theophrastus Feder (formerly of The Thatch Cottage, Drimnamore, Sneem.) Germany

### Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival

This year has been one of the most successful in our history. We had people attend who had either never heard of us before or had intended to come but hadn't for some reason or another. We had so many great comments that they will be back next year and will be bringing friends with them as they enjoyed it so much. Our audience consisted of people from as far away as Oregon, California, Denmark and, of course, the UK, NI and the Republic.

We added an extra event, a pre-festival session on Thursday evening with local musicians and storytellers. We had many saying what a great idea and that it should be included every year ... so that is exactly what we are going to do! Len Cabral was there and said what an enjoyable time he had and to keep doing it. Get your storytelling skills honed, stories written, your guitars, instruments and voices tuned to come along to this new event next year.





The audiences at all of our events were much bigger than in previous years; the barn could have had three sessions instead of two, and our concerts, lecture and story swaps were popular.

The professional storytellers were as ever full of great stories and did a fantastic job for us. They kept our audiences enthralled and involved. Paddy O'Brien was all over the place - I'm sure someone cut him in half! Helena Byrne made her first appearance at our festival and was very well received, performing in The Loft twice and also for the

children. I'm sure we'll see more of her in the future.

Two previous storytellers made an appearance: Liz Weir and Paddy Regan, who also took part in our various story swaps. Dr Aoife Granville gave a very interesting talk on the history of the wren boys and the reason why they have the parades and why they have the groups. Aoife also played tunes on the flute from the Dingle marching tradition. Killian Burns took over Batt's slot and gave a history of his life which included photographs and playing the accordian for his audience.

John Spillane made a second visit to our festival and made a lot of new fans. He sang many of his well known songs and a couple of new ones. The first one was about Michael Collins and the second one Beautiful Ballincollig Castle which showed off both his storytelling skills and musical ability (woo woo)! You had to be there to understand that! Aoife Granville (our lecturer) got up on stage with John and played the



flute in a selection of tunes with him as an added bonus. Photos by Tom Naiman

### Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival

The Young Tellers never fail to amaze our audience with how much talent they have for storytelling and this year was no different. We were short of a few Young Tellers for various reasons - so if there are any youngsters out there who want to try their hand at storytelling please let us know.

We had one of the stars from The Banshee of Inisheran, Sheila Flitton, with her one woman play 'Beezie' which was written by Sheila and her son 40 years ago. Sheila is now 90 years old and can still hold her audience for an hour with her skills. She said that she thoroughly enjoyed playing here to such a lovely audience; and being at the festival and in Sneem. She intends to revisit this lovely place again.

The South Kerry Rosen Choir performed in St Michael's church to a large appreciative audience of about a 100. Their songs were either written by Irish composers or about Ireland. One song was dedicated to people the community and choir members they had lost and wished to remember through music.

### Midday Drama at Storytelling Festival

Sneem DramSoc played to a very large audience this year (standing room only). I heard many comments about this play and all were complimentary.

Photo shows Jim Feeney, Bridget O'Connor, Mary P. O'Sullivan and Don Keogh who appeared in The Tinker's Wedding by John Millington Synge.



We wish to thank everyone who helped us. Firstly, Louis Moriarty and his staff at Sneem Hotel. The pubs; Dan Murphy's Bar, Rineys Bar and D O'Sheas. Sneem Creche and t Michael's Church. Our performers: Paddy O'Brien, Killian Burns, Helena Byrne, Len Cabral, Dr Aoife Granville, John Spillane and Sheila Flitton, all the amateurs who stepped up to the mark, Liz Weir and Paddy Regan. The various shops and businesses who donated to our raffle which is as always much appreciated. Tom Naiman and Susan Baughman for their photography at all our events. Kevin Larkin and the session musicians on Thursday evening. McCarthy Motors for supplying a minibus to the barn. Our wonderful volunteers who were there supporting us all the way. Joe Murphy and FAS and the village of Sneem for entertaining our visitors. The Committee as a whole for sharing the load. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone but after a weekend like that I am a bit frazzled!

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.

### Local Adverts

### Village Kitchen

Would like to wish all our customers Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

064 6645281

### Blackwater

Tavern

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### Sneem Rowing Club

Wishing all our Club members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### Local Adverts

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North Square 064 6645188

### Christmas Greetings

From

Drummond Undertakers



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Quills Sneem

Wishing all our customers and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

### Kavs Coffee

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Thank you for your support this year and look forward to seeing you all next year

Seasons Greetings
John M Casey
& Son

Construction and Renovation

083 466 4967 jkaycee@gmail.com

### Sacre Coeur Restaurant

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Friends and Customers

Johnny, Patricia and Family

### Michelle Hussey Hair Salon

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Gift vouchers and Gift sets available

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### **Vincent Casey**

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Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year 086 8662926

### Burns Butchers

Tel: 064 6645139

Merry Christmas to all our Customers and Iriends

### Sneem GAA



The 1998 South Kerry Champions were well represented in Waterville on 25th November being introduced to the crowd at the South Kerry final.

### **Sneem/Derrynane GAA Night**

will take place on 6th January in Sneem Hotel at 8pm. Finger food, band, disco and spot prizes.

### Adverts

- Free: 2 seater tan leather couch, faded but structurally fine. Contact 087 2202380
- Caretaker and cleaner wanted: looking for a caretaker for our new holiday home. Jobs would be cleaning, washing and small chores. Pieter and Maaike 0031625342229 email: perpvan@gmail.com
- Wanted: Our Vintage Doughnut Van is looking for a shed to house it for the winter, please contact Julie on 086 0241604.
- Items for Sale: dining table and 6 chairs €50, baby stuff €20 the lot, contact 087 6548073.
- For Sale: 3 seater couch with 2 armchairs, perfect condition. Call 087 4128064
- For Sale: 18 Stacking chairs, €10 each, contact Sneem Resource Centre 064 6645545





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From: Margaret, Bertie, Shane and Staff

The Board and Management of Sneem Digital Hub wish you a wonderful Christmas and an equally great 2024

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### D. O'Shea's Bar **North Square**

Call 064 6645515



### **Seasons Greetings** from Garbhan, Mary and all the staff

Please Note: we are not be serving food Christmas Eve or St Stephen's Day

New Year's Eve Music with Tommy, Fintan and Kris



### Calling all Ladies

Get your sequins and sparkle out! Nollaig na mBán on 6th January **Dinner, Dancing and Cocktails** Book your table now !!!!



### Sneem Book Shop

Wishing the folks in Sneem a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Thank you for your support during the year Best wishes Úna





from all of us at

### The Bridge Cafe & Bistro

We're so grateful for your support since we opened this year.

Wishing you and yours happiness and health in 2024

Open everyday serving food



### Dan Murphy's Bar

Tel. 064 6689694

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our customers





Music
21st December—Trevor Sexton
and Ger O'Donnell
28th December—Maedhbh
Walsh

He He He!

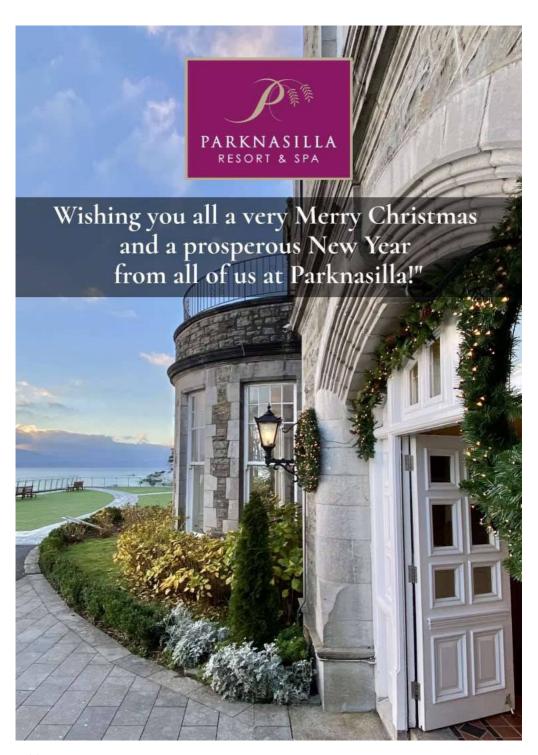
Music on New Years Eve

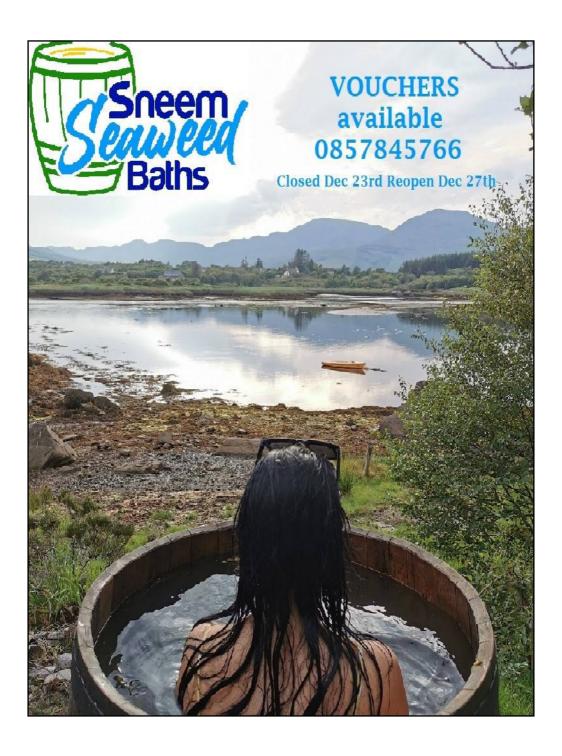
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Christmas Wishes to all our customers and friends and Best wishes for 2024

Kieran Casey Electrical Sneem, Co. Kerry Tel: 087 6716986





### St Michael's National School



### Sneem Hotel





### Riney's Bar Beer Garden and Off Licence



**Merry Christmas** 



**Happy New Year** 

to all our customers and friends.

We thank you for your custom throughout the year

Music New Years Eve

from Don, Bríd, family and staff

All at

D. J. O'Sullivan's

Wish everybody a Peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year

We look forward to the Newsletter in 2024



Hardware - Paint - Animal Feed - Fuel - Groceries



To all in Sneem,

Blackwater,

Tahilla, Castlecove

and Caherdaniel

- wishing ye all a

Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year





### VINCENT O'LEARY

vincent@bandjrochford.com

I would like to wish everyone a Healthy, Happy & Peaceful Christmas and 2024 from all at B & J Rochford Nollaig Shona agus Athbliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh

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# SNEEM GAA CLUB ANNUAL LOTTO VALID FOR ALL DRAWS –4th February 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025 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 31<sup>st</sup> of January, 2024

Your €100.00 entitles you to full Sneem G.A.A. Membership and a yearly lotto ticket valid for all draws from the 4th February of February, 2024 to January, 31<sup>st</sup> 2025

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

#### TICKET RECEIPT WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU

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#### Sneem GAA Annual Lotto 2024/2025

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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 4th February 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025 and membership of Sneem GAA Club.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page – Sneem GAA and in the Newsletter and Kerryman for GAA news.

On behalf of the club, I would like to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and prosperous 2024

Is mise le meas.

Lisa O'Shea, Runai, CLG An tSnaidhm

## **SNEEM GAA LOTTO**

# CURRENT JACKPOT €6,700

### **Next Draws**

Sunday 10th December - Dan Murphy's Bar Sunday 17th December - D O'Shea's Bar Sunday 8th January - Riney's Bar

### 10pm sharp

Sunday 12th November: Numbers Drawn: 12, 15, 29, 30. No Winner. €40 consolation went to: Eileen Riney, Drimnabeg, Sneem; Jiri Kohler, Direenauliffe, Sneem; Mick Madden, Moulagullane, Sneem; Sarah and Ellie O'Sullivan, Convent House, Sneem.

Sunday 19th November: Numbers Drawn: 5, 11, 15, 23. No Winner. €40 consolation went to: John Fitzgerald, Staigue, Castlecove; Michael Scannell, An Post, Kilgarvan; Eugene Maginnis, Tahilla; Jerry Moriarty, Derryquinn, Sneem.

Sunday 26th November: Numbers Drawn: 1, 16, 19, 21. No Winner. €40 consolation went to: Paul Flynn, Bohocogram, Sneem; Georgina Douglas, Derryquinn, Sneem; Grace and Jack D, Sneem Post Office; Noreen Moriarty, Staigue, Castlecove.

**Sunday 3rd December: Numbers Drawn:** . **No Winner** 1, 2, 7, 24. €40 consolation went to: Fiona Casey, Sneem; Margaret and Bertie Christian, Mace, Sneem; Ann Browne, Ardshillane, Sneem; Pat Breen Seaview Sneem

Tickets available in Pubs and Shops throughout the Village Please support your local GAA Club

### **Sneem/Derrynane GAA Night**

will take place on 6th January in Sneem Hotel at 8pm. Finger food, band, disco and spot prizes.

### Sneem Rowing Club

### South/Mid Kerry Rowing Social

We had a wonderful night at Sneem Hotel on Saturday 18th November, at the South/Mid Kerry annual Rowing Social. The food and service provided by Sneem Hotel was just excellent. Our Senior Ladies collected 2nd overall award, as did the Seine Boat Men also. On the night, the oarsmen of the Seine Boat of 25 years ago were honoured for winning the Johnny Mahony Trophy in 1998.







#### Fun Run Fundraiser

On Sunday December 17th we will be hosting our Annual 5k Fun Run, followed by the very important and lovely blessing of the boats ceremony by Fr. O Brien.

Sonny will be there with his famous Mulled Wine and there will be Hot Chocolate and some treats served also. Santa of course will be there to start the race off and he will have a little treat for all the kids who participate.

Registration starts at 12.30pm

Run starts at 1pm

Blessing of the boats at 2/2.15pm.

Looking forward to see ye all there.

### Opening Times of Gym

Due to popular interest, we have decided to open the gym to members for longer hours. This is being done on a trial basis to see how we go. We are expecting all members to use the facilities with respect and to follow all rules.

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8am - 8pm

Wednesday 8am - 12pm (evening rowing training)

Over Christmas, the gym will be closed on Monday 25th December, Tuesday 26th December and Monday 1st January



### The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



A busy month for all the sections within the Sneem Scout Group. Fund-raising is a necessity to keep the costs down as much as possible for parents and Oisin Schots organised a very successful Bake Sale, with delicious cakes and biscuits baked by scouts, parents and leaders, at Supervalu in Kenmare while Paul Fairbairn organ-

ised a table at Supervalu more recently to sell our popular "12 Days of Christmas" raffle cards which were on sale at the Sneem Christmas Craft Fair. Thank you to all who baked, bought cakes, bought tickets, donated and helped out generally.

The Venturers had a great weekend camp at the Scout Field in Gortdromagh, it's a long way so understandably some of the older venturers needed a bit of help!

Kayaking skills are top of the agenda at the moment as we make use of the generous grants Alan Davies sourced for



equipment and training. Congratulations to Sylvana and Ruari for passing their Grade 2 Kayaking skills. Sigi Muller-Tolk ran the course and Romke Biesma did the assessment. Sheena O'Sullivan, Sean O'Sullivan and Sean Bergin qualified for Grade 3 WhiteWater skills and we're hoping that Paul Fairbairn will pass his last hurdle, an eskimo roll in the river, before our Kayak Instructor course in Schull early December (brrr!). Huge thanks to Sigi, Romke, Eoghan, Roisin and Rhys for all their help in our training. We're also hugely grateful to Roli and the team at Parknasilla for allowing us the use of their lovely pool to practice our eskimo rolls.





### The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



And, most importantly, we continue with our weekly Beaver, Cub, Scout and Venturer meetings in the Community Centre. A great opportunity for our kids to gain skills to last a lifetime while running off a bit of steam and playing with friends from Caherdaniel, Castlecove, Sneem, Tahilla and Kenmare.

Please get in touch if you are interested at sneemscouts@gmail.com



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

### Sneem Medical Centre

### Dr Hernan Ganzo, Family GP Tel: 064 6645102

Covid Booster Clinic Winter 2023
Covid boosters will be available on Wednesday 13th December
— book with Julie

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

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

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

### **Surgery Hours**

Monday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm - 5.00pm Tuesday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm - 4.30pm Wednesday 2.00pm - 5.00pm Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm / 2.30pm - 5.00pm Friday 10.30am -12.30pm / 2.30pm - 4.30pm

**Practice Nurse (appointment only) Monday to Thursday** 9am to 10.30am

Public Health Nurse Tel. 086 7872096 Monday to Friday 9.30am to 10.30am

### Out of Hours Service Southdoc 0818 355 999

For out of hours service. This service is for GP services that are urgent and cannot wait until the next working day. If you have contacted Southdoc and they have not answered and/or returned your call, please continue to call them.

If it is an emergency call 999 for immediate assistance

### Risen Light Garden

The garden beds are peacefully sleeping covered in seaweed.

The birds are so noisy that it sounds like a whole orchestra singing arias.

New seeds are being sown and while we are all getting ready for the big celebration the early potatoes will be going into the freshly

prepared soil.

What a multifaceted life cycle we can watch happening right in front of our eyes. A kaleidoscope of beauty, symmetry, geometry, contours and colour ... for all our senses.

A very peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year to everyone from the Risen Light Garden Team

### Kenmare and District Garden Club

The last indoor meeting of the year was held in the Gateway with a talk by Shirley Lanigan entitled 'Gardens that stay with you: Special Gardens and Special People'. However, there was amused silence when on the screen was a picture of a garden ornament with the caption 'Beyond the Peeing Cherub'! The talk turned out to be a delightful presentation on the history of garden ornamentation from the classical in Victorian times, introduced by the rich and wealthy, to the present day. As interest in gardening in Ireland increased, really over the past thirty years, garden designers displayed a new freedom, confidence and self expression, borrowing from the classical, but also using innovative ways of incorporating Ireland's heritage of stone and using in fact anything available to make garden ornamentation! It was a refreshing and inspiring talk that encouraged us to look beyond plants to create 'art' in the garden '. Shirley is also a features' contributor to the Irish Garden Magazine

The next meeting will be the A.G.M in February 2024, followed by a talk on vegetable growing, which will prepare us for the start of the new season and hopefully tips on how to produce the best cabbage or slug and blight proof potatoes! – a date for your new diary! In the meantime contact Stephen Austen: 0879112876 for further information.

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

### Sneem Events Calendar

10th December—Coomanassig Christmas Dinner

17th December - Sneem Rowing Club - Fun Run

21st December - Shadow Play "Lightning Bird", Sneem Hotel

27th December -Cash Returns Tribute Show in Sneem Hotel

6th January—Sneem/Derrynane GAA Night

Nollaig na nBán at D. O'Shea's Bar



### Music

### Dan Murphy's Bar

21st December - Trevor Sexton and Ger O'Donnell - The Loft 28th December—Maedhbh Walsh Music on New Year's Eve



### Riney's

Music will be advertised outside

### D O'Shea's Bar

St Stephens day - Music with Stephanie Burns 4 - 6pm New Year's Eve Music with Tommy, Fintan and Kris



#### **Sneem Hotel**

27th December - Cash Returns Tribute Show



### **Sneem Calendar 2024**



Available in local shops for €5 or can be posted.

Email sneemrc@gmail.com for details.



### Stefanie Brussig Pottery

website: https://www.stefaniebrussigpottery.com online shop: https://stefaniebrussig.etsy.com email: info@stefaniebrussigpottery.com

### Blackwater News

### The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust

Barry Clifford and William Noonan along with the O'Sullivan Black family and Noonan family who organised the fundraising walk in Blackwater in aid of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust in memory of Michael O'Sullivan Black who was repatriated by the KBRT in July after his sudden death in Pearl River USA.

They raised an amazing €16,570. Colin Bell Kevin Bell's father along with Kevin Heaney of the KBRT came to Blackwater to collect the cheque. Colin Bell said 1,700 people have been repatriated since 2013 when the trust was set up in memory of his son Kevin who died unexpectedly in an accident in New York. Michael Healy Rae TD and Senator Mark Daly also spoke of the great work the KBRT does bringing home loved ones who have died in unexpected or tragic circumstances abroad.

Four Local Families from the greater Kenmare area whose relatives were repatriated by Kevin Bell Trust.

L-R; Jacqui and Leah Harrington, Michael Rice, Colin Bell KBRT, Jimmy O'Sullivan Black, Karen O'Mahony, Kevin Heaney of KBRT and Marie O'Sullivan Black. Jacqui Harrington's sister was repatriated from UK. Michael Rice's nephew

was repatriated from USA, Jimmy and Marie O'Sullivan Black's brother was repatriated from USA and Karen O'Mahony's sister was repatriated from USA all in the last year or so.

Karen O'Mahony wrote a lovely poem in memory of Kevin Bell and it was presented by Karen to his father Colin on Sat night. It was a very touching poem and there were tears shed by many especially Colin Bell. Photos by Mary D O'Neill.







### Breda Fitzgerald O'Sullivan

#### Certified Public Accountant

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### **Bus Services**

### Local Link

#### Sneem to Kenmare

Wednesday leaves at 9.30am, 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 4.45pm from Tesco (town) carpark. Bus has wheelchair access - a lift for wheelchair user.

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

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



## D. Galvin and Sons

Builders Providers Bridge Street Sneem

064 6645118

Seasons
Greetings
to all our
Customers
and friends



### Local Adverts

Happy Christmas and Good Luck to all in 2024 from all at



The Hungry Knight



# Community Bin Service



Blue Rubbish Bags €5.00 -Household rubbish ONLY

Clear Recycling Bags €3.00
Available from DJ O'Sullivan's,
Sneem Post Office and Christian's
Mace

Trailer available
Monday to Saturday
between 9am and 4pm
at Seaview

Please do not leave bags if there is no trailer there



### CE Scheme Vacancies

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

### To advertise in this Newsletter call 064 6645545 email or sneemcnb@gmail.com

Due to increasing costs our Newsletter will be printed in black and white going forward. A colour page costs 10 times a black and white page. A full colour version is available online on sneem.ie/newsletter, our Facebook page or via our mailing list.

Full Page Black - € 80 per issue Half Page Black - € 40 per issue Quarter Page Black - €20 per issue Small Box - €10 per issue Due to rising costs there will be a review of pricing in the near future.

All Cheques to be made out to Sneem Resource Centre or pay directly into our bank account: Sneem Resource Centre Ltd. IBAN: IE71 AIBK 9363 2446 8420 13 (BIC: AIBKIE2D)

with your name on the remittance please

### Local Business Numbers

Álaind Tours - 085 1422677

Brushwood Studios Art Gallery - 064 6645108

Burns Butchers - 086 2213772

Breda Fitzgerald O'Sullivan- Certified Public Accountant 064 6689115

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

Dan Murphy's Bar - 064 6689694

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

Galvin's Hardware - 064 6645118

Green Chair - 089 4616573

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

Hungry Knight Chipper - 087 6775207

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

Joe's Cleaning - 089 9488174

Katy's Wildlife Rescue's 085 8312293

Kerry Experience Tours - 086 2554098 086 474679

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Majella O'Sullivan Auctioneer -- 064 6642101

Michelle Hussey, Hairdresser 087 6577813

Vincent O'Leary - 064 6640841

Parknasilla Hotel 064 6675600

Peter O'Sullivan Butchers 064 6645213 or 087 6577239

Quills Woollen Shop - 064 6645277

Riney's Bar and Off-licence - 064 6645225

Ring of Kerry Tyres Kenmare - 087 9041109

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 House Off-licence and Shop 087 7936177

The Homoeopathic Clinic 086 3009109

The IT Guy - 087 6764384

The Window Box - 087 7712865

Village Kitchen - 064 6645281

### Local Information

<b>Gardaí -</b> 064 6645111	Tide Times			
Sneem Pharmacy Monday to Saturday 9am - 6pm	Here are the high tides for the period 7th December to the 31st December.			
Tel/Fax: 064 6645288	07th:	11.56		
Sneem Post Office	08th:	12.54		
Monday to Friday 9am - 5.30pm Saturday 9am - 1pm. 064 6645110	09th:	13.43		
St.Michael's Church Parish Office	10th:	14.28		
Presbytery, North Square. Parish Office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays	11th:	15.12		
10am to 4pm. Mobile 087 3480050	12th:	15.54		
St Michael's Church Sneem.	13th:	16.36		
Mass every Sunday at 10am. Check Facebook page for daily mass times.	14th:	17.19		
Church of Ireland	15th:	18.03		
Church Services every Sunday at 10am	16th:	06.33,	18.50	
Canon Michael Cavanagh 085 8533173 michael.cavanagh1968@gmail.com	17th:	07.22,	19.41	
Drummonds Undertakers	18th:	08.16,	20.35	
24 hour service Call 087 7614713	19th:	09.12,	21.34	
SouthDoc (out of hours service) 0818 355 999	20th:	10.13,	22.36	
	21st:	11.18,	23.43	
AIB Community Bank Wednesday 10.30 - 11am South	22nd:	12.23		
Square	23rd:	13.25		
Public Libraries The Mobile Library visits Sneem every	24th:	14.22		
second Tuesday, 2pm to 2.25pm	25th:	15.15		
Sneem School and 2.30 - 3pm in the North Square. Next due on Tuesday	26th:	16.02		
19th December.	27th:	16.43		
Michael Healy Rae Holds a Clinic on the last Monday of the	28th:	17.20		
month in Sneem Resource Centre at	29th:	17.55		
5.30pm. Call 087 2461678.	30th:	06.20,	18.30	
	31st:	06.56,	19.05	

### Sneem Medical Centre

Dr Hernan Ganzo, Sneem Health Centre, Sneem, Co Kerry. Tel: 0646645102

South Doc: 0818 335999

Christmas Opening Hours 2023: 22nd of December- Business as usual

23rd of December- South Doc

24<sup>th</sup> of December – South Doc

25<sup>th</sup> of December – South Doc

26<sup>th</sup> of December – South Doc

27<sup>th</sup> of December- Business as usual

28<sup>th</sup> of December- Business as usual

29th of December- Business as usual

30th t of December- South Doc

31st of December- South Doc

New Year's Day- South Doc

From 2<sup>nd</sup> of January we will return to normal working hours.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy & healthy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. From Dr. Ganzo. Sheena & Julie



### **Sneem Pharmacy** 064 6645288 **Christmas Opening Hours**



Christmas Eve: 11am to 2pm Christmas Day: Closed

St. Stephen's Day 26th December - 11.00am to 1pm Wednesday 27th December - 9.30am to 6pm Thursday 28th December - 9.30am to 6pm Friday 29th December - 9.30am to 6pm Saturday 30th December - 9am to 6pm Sunday 31st December - 11.45am to1pm New Year's Day Monday 1st January 2023 - 11.45am to 1pm

All at Sneem Pharmacy would like to wish their customers and friends a peaceful Christmas and a Healthy New Year

