

Sneem Community Notice Board

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Monthly

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New Community Building



On 22nd December 2023 Sneem Development accomplished a long term goal of finalising the purchase of their own building in the village. Many thanks to the descendants of the O'Sullivan family North Square, (Larry's), who were very supportive of the home to be used for community purposes. Acknowledgement of the family will take place later with a plaque in their honour erected on the building. On the completion of some major renovations to the

building, we hope to be able to accommodate numerous voluntary organisations in the building. Photo shows committee members Eileen Burns, Christine Morley, Joe Murphy, Sue McLoughlin and Patricia O' Sullivan turning the key for the first time. Missing from the photo are Vincent O'Leary and Jim O'Sullivan who did immense work to get the project across the line.

Table Quiz



Fundraising Table Quiz
in aid of the
'Derry Girls' for a Night at the Oscars
Riney's Bar
Sunday 4th February
at 8pm
Table of 4 €20

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 7th March 2024

Community News

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

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

email: sneemcnb@gmail.com.

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

Deadline for submissions to next newsletter is Friday 1st March.

February Birthdays

Mark O'Sullivan on the 2nd; Deborah Callis and Finlay Kinnaird on the 3rd; James O'Leary on the 6th; Olga Tochowicz, Grace Riney and Gerrit Noordkamp on the 8th; Nora Murphy and Daniel O'Sullivan on the 9th; Jerry O'Donovan, Huw Edwards and Kevin Looney on the 10th; Angelika Scheibein and Robert O'Donovan on the 11th; Tara Murphy and Helen Foley on the 12th; Máiréad O'Dwyer and Anita O'Sullivan on the 14th; Leona Rigter and Val Murphy on the 15th; Niamh Galvin on the 20th; Kerstin Hartmann on the 21st; Caroline Clifford and Debi McCormack on the 25th; John O'Neill, Eoin Casey and Odhran O'Connor on the 27th; Jim Clifford and John Riney on the 29th.

Special Birthday -

Ruairí Burns 21 on the 6th

March Birthdays:

Brid Larkin and Rosaleen O'Connor on the 4th; Michael O'Reardon, Sierra Adams, Jessica and Fionán Galvin Foley on the 5th.

Congratulations

To Norah and Denis Foley, Rossdohan and Kilworth on the birth of their little girl Annie Noreen. Little sister to Mary Elizabeth and granddaughter to Noreen and Jackie O Shea, Rossdohan.

Congratulations

To John Riney and Alison Tindall on their recent engagement.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Trevor Snyman, Seaview and the Old Road who passed away passed away in December.

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to the family and friends of Tim Murphy, Moularostig, Sneem who passed away recently.

Community News

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To Mary, family and friends of Johnny Teahan, Derry East, Sneem who passed away recently.

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To the family and friends of Kathleen Galvin (nee O'Sullivan), Goulanes, Castlecove who passed away recently.

Deepest Sympathies

To Paddy Burke and family on the death of his brother Joe in Bantry.

Deepest Sympathies

To Johnny O'Sullivan, Derryleigh and family, on the death of his sister Bridie, in Duignan in Leicester, UK.

Deepest Sympathies

To Jim Dillion and family on the death of his sister Mary, in Ballinskelligs.

Deepest Sympathies

To Doreen, family and friends of Ted O'Sullivan (Coom), Gortbrack, Blackwater who passed away recently.

Deepest Sympathies

To John O'Sullivan (Halliseys) Kenmare and family on the death of his wife Marie.

ALONE

ALONE cherishes volunteers' commitment, offering diverse roles to support our older community. Join us to make a difference while being a part of a network of pasionate, dedicated people that improve the lives of older people. "It feels amazing to make someone feel amazing"—explore opportunities at alone.ie/volunteer. To make a referral, contact us on 0818 222024.

Daffodil Day

Daffodil day takes place on Friday 22nd March. Anybody interested in helping on the day or on the coffee morning, please come to the meeting at the Sneem Resource Centre on Wednesday 21st February at 7pm. Date for Coffee Morning to be confirmed.

The Window Box Reopens

Fiona will reopen her flower shop on Tuesday 13th February. For orders call 087 7712865.

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

A new year has dawned and warm greetings to you all.

While the greetings may be warm, the same cannot be said for the weather. Having endured weeks of heavy rain we are now experiencing very cold weather which I suppose is seasonable. The roads are quite passable and safe to travel.

We had a lovely Christmas overall. The Cribs in both Churches were very meaningful and a lot of people with their children and grandchildren paid a visit to view and say a prayer.

We had great numbers at our Christmas Masses –some returned to spend time with family –while others stayed in the hotels and local homes. Many thanks to everyone who erected our Cribs and decorated our two Churches. The National School pupils decorated our Christmas tree with very touching messages and remembered the sick, the needy,the homeless and bereaved loved ones.

We had a wedding a few days after Christmas, the couple coming from outside the Parish. No doubt they all had a lovely time. Quite a few weddings have been penciled in for 2024.

We also had some funerals and were reminded that death is no respecter of seasons. Sympathy to all who laid a loved one to rest in recent weeks.

We are blessed to have really committed volunteers and they certainly were not found wanting during Christmas. Thanks to one and all for your help and support. We look forward to others coming on board and joining our volunteer group.

Our Mass in Coomanassig Day Centre has resumed and we are delighted to welcome back everyone and a special welcome to anyone who is new in the Parish. We enjoyed a beautiful Christmas lunch at the Centre and again thanks to all who gave of their time and talent.

May I wish you all well. I hope you are blessed this year with the best of health and may life treat each and everyone of you real kind.

Happy New Year to one and all at home and away. Be good to yourself and look out for each other.

Fr. Liam.

Pre School and Creche AGM

The Pre-School and Creche held its AGM on 12th December. Victorija Mancevska and Ania Czaplicka have stepped down from their roles as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer and we thank them for their support whilst on the Committee.

The new Committee is as follows

Chairperson - Michelle Walsh

Treasurer - Katie Jonas

Assistant Treasurer - Maja Djimoti

Secretary - Claire Faithorn

Anyone wishing to join the Committee please contact any one of us. You don't need to have children in the service, just a willingness to support our Community Pre-School and Creche.

Community Activities

Board Games Club

The board game club is looking for new and advanced players. Come join us every Wednesday evening 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 $5-6 \mathrm{pm}$ for conversation and chat as Gaeilge.

Bingo

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

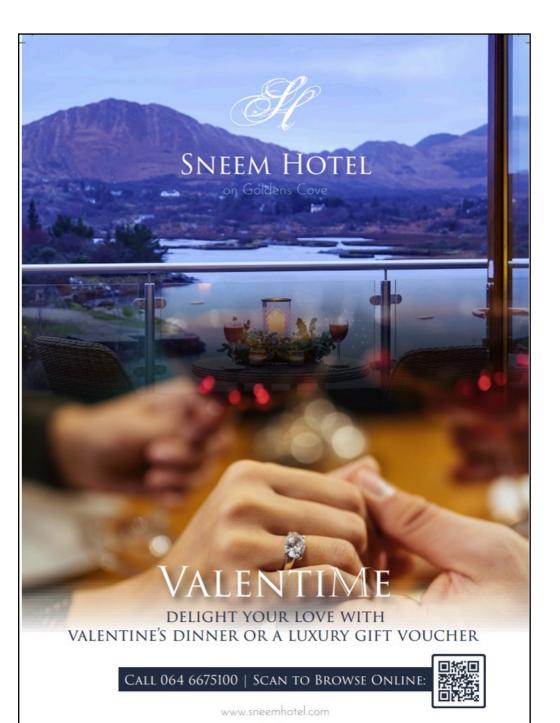
Sneem Gardeners

We have a number of beds available, both in the allotments and in the polytunnel. Perfect time for chitting your potatoes, tidying up your beds and ordering seeds. €15 per annum. Contact Caroline at 087 7007747 or Cara in the Garden of the Senses.

Free Native Trees

Paddy Mangan, a farmer from Co. Meath started this initiative last year by donating almost 9000 native Irish trees for planting in the run-up to Christmas. He has now distributed another batch of 21,000 native Irish trees throughout the country with Sue McMahon from Sneem being our local distributor. Sneem TidyTowns will be receiving 50 trees from Sue for distribution to the local community. Keep an eye on our Facebook page (Sneem TidyTowns) for when they will be available. They will be bareroot Alder, Birch, Oak, Rowan, Scots pine and Bird cherry.

Check out freetrees.ie or Free Trees Ireland on Facebook. They also have set up a gofundme page if anyone wishes to make a donation towards the ongoing purchase of more trees.





Trevor Synman RIP



Trevor was born on 25th May 1947, and passed away at the age of 76, following a stroke in Bantry hospital on 23rd December 2023. He was born and raised in South Africa, where he was an accomplished medal winning athlete, in both swimming and gymnastics. He also worked for many years as a highly sought mining engineer, many miles underground.

But Ireland, and the Kingdom of Kerry had become his home. He lived on his farm just outside of Sneem for the last 35 years. In 2022 he moved to an apartment next to the Commanassig Family Resource Centre with some great support from local Carers and Meals on Wheels.

Trevor was well loved, and widely known, across Sneem, and in latter years he had switched from pedal power to an electric bike, and could regularly be seen flying along the byways of Kerry, and the wider countryside.

He had a veracious appetite for reading, and loved to listen to Radio 4, especially the Archers .

Trevor had a brain like a steel trap, and was a regular champion at pub quizzes, winning many prizes for his triumphant teams.

You could ask Trevor any question, on any topic, and he would have the answer for you, and his Astronomy and Mathematical abilities were second to none. He even solved the toughest mysteries of PI!

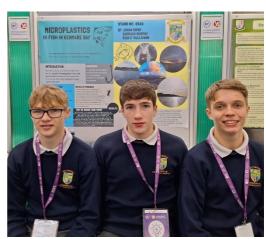
As with several hugely popular Sneem personalities who have passed away in recent years, Trevor will be sorely missed, and his like will not be seen again. Trevor is survived by his sister Sandra and brother-in-law Michael in Australia, brother Chris in New Zealand and nephew Darryl in Taiwan.

God Bless Trevor, until we all meet again on God's Golden Shore.

From all your friends and family in Sneem and across the world.

BT Young Scientist Competition

Congratulations to Darragh Murphy (pictured on the left) who took part in the recent BT Young Scientist Competition.



Sneem TidyTowns

Community Sustainability Fair

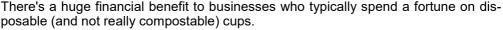
Some of our group travelled to Fossa on Sunday to attend the Fossa Climate Action's first Community Sustainability Fair.

Coffee Cup Project

We met Ciara Treacy and Louise Byrne from the Killarney Coffee Cup Project, asking how did Killarney go disposable coffee cup free, saving over a million disposable cups from going into landfill or litter each year?

Cups are hired for €2 and you can either keep your cup or return it and get your deposit back. So simple, so effective.

Benefits are:



The environmental impact is inspirational and has a cumulative effect as people want to do more.

It's a fantastic way to connect communities, if the scheme was operating all around the Ring. Caherciveen have been using these cups for a while.

Killarney uses cups from 2gocup.ie, but there is also an opportunity for businesses to sell their own branded cups as well. We will be exploring opportunities for funding and will be following up with our local businesses.



We also met with Killarney Meitheal who work on clearing rhododendron from Killarney National Park. They explained that the root of the rhododendron can be as large or larger than what we see above ground and the only way to effectively kill it is by injecting a specific dilution of glyphosate into the stems. While we are against the indiscriminate and unnecessary application of weedkiller which is decimating our pollinators and native plants, there is a case to be made for its use to get rid of invasive damaging species such as rhododendron ponticum. We plan on inviting a representative from the Killarney Meitheal with the view to discussing how to start our own Meitheal in Sneem to tackle this problem and would appreciate hearing from people interested in getting involved.

We would like to congratulate Fossa Climate Action on this great initiative, they are a newly formed group and the event was a huge success.

Pictured, Cara Allison, Jane O'Sullivan and Caroline Lea at the Transition Kerry stall.

Climate Action Programme

Kerry Community Climate Action programme is currently open for applications with 100% funding available. We would like to submit an application from Sneem if anyone has any ideas they are willing to investigate and get quotations for. Deadline is the beginning of March. Information can be found on https://www.kerrycoco.ie/communityclimateactionprogramme/

Sneem Walking Club

Sneem Walking Club recommenced their walks on Sunday 7thJanuary 2024 with an A group walk on Ballinskelligs. Beautiful weather afforded them great views as they completed an extended version of the Bolus Head Loop starting from Cill Rialaigh (artists retreat on Ballinskelligs).



Up at the old barracks



The spectacular view from the top of Cnoc Bholais 410m

14th January 2024 was also a glorious day for a walk and the B group completed the Kerry Way section from Goulanes Cross Kenmare to Derrycunnihey Church and back. Blessed again with stunning views.

Both groups thoroughly enjoyed their outings and it was great to welcome new members on the walks.

One of the many stream crossings on this route



Sneem Walking Club



Spectacular views at Windy Gap



The old ruin of Derrycunnihey Church

St Brigid's Day Walk Monday 5th February at 10am

Sneem Walking Club are running an extra walk on the Bank Holiday Monday 5th February (St Brigid's Day) for all to join; you do not have to be a member to do this walk. The walk will be from Coad Cemetery to the Copper Mine on the Kerry Way. Approximately 3 - 3.5 hours. Good walking gear required and ensure you dress for weather conditions (which can change quickly in the mountains). A good level of fitness is required as the outbound section is all uphill. Open to SWC members and non members

Keep an eye out on the website: sneemwalkingclub.ie for upcoming walks and feel free to contact us if you would like to join a walk on a trial basis or become a member: sneemwalkingclub@gmail.com or call Michele Cooper-Fay / Secretary on 085 1708286.

New Year's Eve Raffle Results

In support of Sneem Community Centre.

- 1.Monster Hamper sponsored by Hilary O' Sullivan's, Dan Murphy's, The Green Chair, The Window Box and Sneem P.O. Winner Brenda Galvin, The Black Shop.
- 2. Dinner for 2 at Parknasilla . ----- Philip O' Dea, Dublin.
- 3. €100 voucher for Christian's Mace Foodstore.---- Kieran Murphy, Slievenaeaska.
- 4. €100 voucher for Quill's Woollen Market.----- Sheila Walsh, Coomyanna.
- 5. Dinner for 2 at Sneem Hotel.----Shane O' Neill, Driminamore.
- 6. €50 voucher for Peter O Sullivan Butcher-----Aileen Minihane, Castletownbere.
- 7. €50 voucher for Sneem Pharmacy-----Samantha Galvin, Blackwater.
- 8. Dinner for 2 at D O Shea's.----Seán O' Leary, Green Shop, Castlecove.
- 9. €50 voucher for Burns' Butchers.-----Mark Drummond, Sneem.
- 10. Selection of drinks sponsored by Riney's, --George Drummond, Sneem.
- 11. €50 voucher for The Village Kitchen----Mike Connor, Blackwater.
- 12. €50 voucher for Dan Galvin's---Sheila Walsh, Coomyanna.
- 13. Dinner for 2 at The Bridge Café and Bistro----Kathleen Galvin, Black Shop.
- 14. €50 voucher sponsored by McCarthy Motors----Katja Mischerikow.
- 15. €50 voucher sponsored by the Hungry Knight.----Liam McCarthy, Kerry.
- 16. A trailer of timber sponsored by Brian Foley, Tahilla----Kevin Larkin, Sneem.
- 17. 'Wild Derrynane 'sponsored by Sneem Bookshop.---John O' Neill, Blackwater/Rathmore.

The management of Sneem Community Centre wishes to acknowledge the fantastic support it has received from all businesses in Sneem Community. It acknowledges in particular the invaluable help we got from so many to sell cards. We also wish to acknowledge the great support we got from Blackwater Tavern, The Black Shop, The Blind Piper Bar, Castlecove P.O. and O'Leary's Castlecove . On the Raffle night we wish to acknowledge the great help provided by Katja, Ania , Mary O' Sullivan and Kevin Larkin. A special word of thanks to Kate Jonas who printed and laminated all posters and cards, almost certainly below cost. Special mention is also merited by the very efficient and artistic Cadhla O' Sullivan of Hilary's for her arrangement and presentation of the magnificent hamper.

The raffle raised over €2,200 which will greatly help with the Insurance and Maintenance of Sneem Community Centre, for which we are most grateful to all our supporters. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2024. Sincerely,

Tim O Sullivan, on behalf of our Management Committee.

Sneem Resource Centre West End, Sneem 06 6645545

Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday - 10.30am to 3pm Friday 10.30am to 2.30pm

Whiskey Tasting



Holiday Weekend Event – Whiskey Tasting

Come and join us in the "Loft at Dan Murphy's" for the third in our series of Whiskey tastings - this time including a gently peated whiskey from Connemara and local whiskeys from Dingle and Valentia Island

The tasting will give you a chance to try another three excellent whiskeys – with lots of background information about how the Irish Whiskey industry has changed, introductions to the three distilleries we are featuring, and tasting notes for each of the samples.

Tickets €25 – available from Dan Murphy's (or on the door if there is any room left) - includes three full measures of whiskey and a selection of nibbles to freshen the palate between each whiskey.

Saturday 3rd February at 8pm – lasting about an hour for the tasting, then the Whiskey Bar will be open for more craic and exploration.

Michele Cooper Fay - David Durant - David Fay

Kenmare Family Resource Centre

Do you want to see new courses/workshops/programs coming to your area. We are currently doing research on what Sneem residents and the surrounding area would like to see happen in your locality... any suggestions greatly welcome! Please contact our Community Development Worker Mary O'Callaghan on 0872998443 or email comdev@kenmarefrc.ie. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Art Workshop in Sneem

Calling all Art Enthusiasts!! Come along to Coomanassig Centre, Seaview for a morning workshop. Thursday February 15th 10am to 1pm. Workshop will cover a 2D/3D Collage workshop, basic materials will be provided but participants are asked to bring along an image to work from like a photo or magazine for example or something that can be glued onto cardboard.

€10 per person. To book your place please contact Mary at Kenmare Family Resource Centre on 087 2998443 or email comdev@kenmarefrc.ie.

Kenmare and District Garden Club

The Club is pleased to announce that we held our first meeting and AGM of 2024: on Thursday1st February. Meetings are held 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. Contact Stephen Austen: 087 9112876 for further information if you are interested in becoming a member.



The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



Sneem Scout Group held their AGM on Thursday January 25th.

A successful year in scouting was concluded with huge progress noted with kayak training.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures/Rovers continue to meet weekly...

Officers for the coming year are as follows

Group Leader; Alan Davies Chairperson: Paul Fairbarn Secretary: Vincent O'Leary Treasurer: Fiona O'Leary Quartermaster: Sylvana Jadir

If you wish to get involved as a youth member or leader please get in touch via 0866016375 or via email 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 Vision 2030 Plan Update

On Friday 26th January, Eileen Burns and David Bossonet met with Kerry County Councillors in Kenmare at the KCC Kenmare Municipal District Elected Members Meeting. They presented the Sneem Vision 2030 plan to the councillors which resulted in the Plan being adopted and supported by KCC who will now progress the scheme and apply to a variety of sources to secure funding.

It will take years to complete the plan - but this meeting is a big milestone step forward.

For anyone who hasn't seen it, there is a hard copy of the plan available in Sneem Resource Centre.

Sneem GAA

Sneem GAA AGM

is now on Saturday the 10th of February. Sneem Hotel at 8pm. All are welcome.

Sympathies



Sneem GAA wish to extend our sympathies on the sad passing of Johnny Teahan late of Ouriegh, Sneem. Johnny was a gentleman, a truly honest man of great integrity and decency with time for everyone.

Johnny was a legendary Sneem man, family man, farmer and GAA man. Johnny played with Sneem all his life, regarded as a very skillful, fair and teak tough footballer on the field and a great reader of the game off it. Johnny held every officer position in the Club and was one of the core group that developed Sneem GAA field and its facilities leaving a fantastic legacy for generations to come. Johnny was hugely respected on and off the field. Johnny's football knowledge was recognised outside the club as Johnny was a selector with South Kerry for many

years being part of the management team that won the County Championship three years in a row in 2004, 2005 and 2006. In recent years Johnny was cotreasurer of the John Egan Memorial Fund and was part of this hugely successful project to commemorate another great Sneem legend. Johnny brought his great experience and expertise to the fundraising for the John Egan Memorial and was rightfully proud of what was achieved, which will also be there for generations to come. Our sympathies to Mary, Gerard, Màire, Suzanne, Karina, John and Brendan and the wider Teahan and Galvin families.

Ar deis Dè go raibh a Anam dilis.

Sneem GAA Club would like to extend their sympathies to the Galvin family on the sad passing of Kathleen Galvin, Castlecove. To her son Donal, daughter in law Dinah. Daughters Ann Marie, Kathy, Linda and Eileen, her adored grandchildren Aoibheann, Sean, Niamh, Ciara, Katie, Daniel and Billy, sons in law Derek, Peter and Gene, brothers Dan Joe and Michéal, sisters in law, brother in law, nieces, relatives and her many friends. May Kathleen Rest in Peace.

Sneem/Derrynane GAA Night

Took place on 6th January in Sneem Hotel, pictured right are the South Kerry Junior football team.



Sneem Men's Shed

Looking back and looking forward

2023 was a good year for the shedders, all coming through in top form and in good health, thank God.

We had our usual Monday night golf and Thursday night boules.

We contributed to a successful Family Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade and again a very good car boot sale.

We didn't go on any trips last year, but we intend to put that right this year.

We finished our year with a wonderful Christmas meal at Sneem Hotel, excellent food and service, topped off by a special visit from Santa and his elf. Thanks Una for the lovely gifts from the Book Shop. Fr. Liam also joined us which was a great pleasure.

But it's 2024 and we still don't have a shed building. This year we are hopeful of advancing our cause. With the help and co-operation of the local community it is surely possible. A couple of sites have been identified as being suitable. We would love to have a shed that everyone can be proud of. It is possible and it's very necessary. Having a shed building would be a win, win situation. The men would be happy, it would be good for the community and even the wives and partners would get a couple of hours break twice a week and they'd love that and they surely deserve it. So we are asking everyone to get behind this project and make it happen. Can we do it? To quote Barack Obama "YES WE CAN". Wishing a happy, healthy and safe 2024 to everyone.



Sneem Rowing Club

AGM

Our AGM will be held Friday 9th February at 8pm in the Loft, at Dan Murphy's Bar. We would like members to attend and non members are also very welcome.

St. Patrick's Day

We will hold our annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser again this year. We look forward to meeting you all on the day, it's always a lovely time to meet old and new faces. As usual our first prize will be a Pig and lots of other lovely prizes will be raffled also.



Membership

Membership will be renewed on March 1st. For rates, please contact Caroline in Dan Murphys Bar.

Gym and Club House

Our gym and rowing club are strictly members only. Please adhere to rules. Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8am - 8pm

Wednesday 8am - 12pm

Tahilla Ladies Club



Members of the Tahilla Ladies Club who were recently interviewed by Joe McGill for his Saturday Supplement Show on Radio Kerry. If you missed it you can listen back on Radio Kerry website.

Photo: Lisa O'Shea

St Michael's National School

The Middle Room recently became published authors when they took part in CJ Fallon's classroom publishing programme. They created their own class book, No One Like You. The book consists of individual pieces of writing from each pupil along with their very own portrait. The end product was absolutely beautiful.

Pupils have been encouraged to unlock and open their Maths Eyes by seeing the maths that they use in their everyday lives. They were assigned a project to take a photograph and create mathematical questions based on their photograph. Brilliant images were taken and huge Maths talk was generated as a result!



Weekly Aerobic classes have kick started in the Middle Room with many an exercise being incorporated into the session! Energy levels will be reving up over the next couple of months and red heads will be embraced! Finally the Middle Room are also working on a surprise clay project for special people in their lives. January has absolutely

flown!

The children are keeping busy and entertained during breaktimes with the establishment of our Lego Club. The Club was set up to give pupils an additional play option at lunchtime and is proving very popular during these rainy winter days.







St Michael's National School

Senior Class News

We have had a busy return to school life after the Christmas break in the Senior room. The highlight of the past few weeks has undoubtedly been the visit of Irish historian Dave Swift. He brought the children from 3rd-6th class through the Viking age of Ireland, sharing his knowledge and showcasing different items that were used during this time. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.





The pupils visted the Carnegie Arts Centre in Kenmare on Monday the 29th January where they saw their Art Canvas on display. Well done to all involved!





We have been very busy here in Sneem N.S reviving the tradition of gathering and collecting rushes to make St Brigid's Day crosses.

They are available in the local shops for €3.00. The proceeds will be donated to the Sneem Summer Festival. Always a summer highlight for the children!!

Tahilla CNS

Tea/Coffee Morning

On 21st December our very own 6th class pupils were tasked with setting up and being in charge of our Coffee Morning. It was a lovely day filled with music, song, and well wishes for the new year. Thank you to all parents and community members who attended and helped make our day so enjoyable. Well done to 6th class who did a great job managing the teas and coffees!





Green Schools

Many thanks to Dave Brooks from An Taisce who visited our school in December. He gave a fantastic presentation to our senior classroom all about how to act as a responsible climate ambassador both at home and at school. The whole school finished the day by planting acorns which will hopefully sprout into oak trees.

Looking after local birds in Winter

The senior room have been learning about Irish Birds in science. It is important to look after birds during the winter months as there is less food available for them to eat. We got a chance to put some theory into practice when we customized our own bird feeders!



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Community
NATIONAL SCHOOLS

Féilte na Snadhma

Jimmy O' Brien handing a cheque of €1550 to Critical Care Air Ambulance from the festival from money raised in the Tennis Ball Race. Thank you to the prize sponsors and all who bought a line/ lines.

Thank you to Jimmy O'Brien of Seaview for organising the soccer competition for the festival on St Stephens day.

Thank you too to everyone who participated and contributed to the soccer competition and 12 pubs.







D. O'Shea's Bar

Now taking bookings for Valentine's Night

2 or 3 course menu available



Love potion cocktails and flowers for the ladies!

For Bookings, call 064 6645515

Blackwater News

Blackwater Women's Group; Next meeting Tuesday 13th February 8pm in Blackwater Tavern followed by a Guest Speaker. Membership €5. New Members Welcome.

Rambling House Started in Blackwater Tavern in January. It was well attended with Music, Singing, Recitations and Storytelling. Next Rambling House Thursday 22^{nd} of February at 8pm. All Welcome.

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

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

Text Alert and Cairde App. Application Forms for the Text Alert are available in Blackwater Tavern. €10 to register with the Text Alert and you can download the Cairde App which is a very valuable asset to have.

Defibrillators Blackwater/Templenoe: There are **5 open access Defibrillators in the area, all on (NAS) National Ambulance Service's database;** Templenoe Church, Templenoe GAA Pitch, Dromore GAA Pitch, Blackwater Tavern and John Sheehan's Direen.



The Kenmare Mart Social was held on Friday 26th January, in the Kenmare Bay Hotel. It was a great night of music and dancing to the singing Jarvey

Minister Norma Foley T.D. with the Committee at the Kenmare Mart Social 2024 Back Row; L-R; Patrick Doyle Treasurer, Kevin O'Leary Secretary, George O'Neill and Denis McCarthy Vice Chair. Front Row; L-R; Councillor Dan McCarthy Manager, Minister Norma Foley T.D. Guest Speaker, Christy Hussey and Michael O'Sullivan Chairman. Photo by Mary D O'Neill

Blackwater News

The recent Crime Prevention meeting in Blackwater Tavern was very well attended including several from surrounding parishes. Diarmuid Cronin of Muintir na Tire and Garda Caroline Hennessy of Kenmare Garda Station said an Active Community Alert is key to local safety and spoke about Crime Prevention, Text Alert System and the Cairde App.

Diarmuid Cronin also brought a machine to help identify and recover stolen property. Using laser technology, it will etch your driver licence number onto items of value. All property with an existing serial number should be recorded onto either property log within the "Cairde" app or the Garda Property log or any other systematic method of recording details. The laser machine will be used on items without an existing serial number.

If stolen property is recovered by the Gardaí it can't be returned to the rightful owner unless they have the serial numbers recorded. Anyone on the Text Alert group can download the Cairde App to their mobile phone and record their property in the property log. In cases of emergency the Cairde App can also alert neighbours and emergency services; Ambulance, Fire Brigade or Gardai, by pressing the red button. You have to be on the Text Alert to avail of the Cairde App. Text Alert application forms are available in O'Neill's Shop Blackwater. Membership is €10.

Diarmuid Cronin of Muintir Na Tire is willing to talk to any community group on Crime Prevention the Cairde App etc. 086-856770



Diarmuid Cronin Muintir Na Tire and Garda Caroline Hennessy of Kenmare Garda Station at the Crime Prevention Meeting in Blackwater Tavern in November. Photo by Mary D O'Neill



Presentation to Minister Norma Foley T.D. Guest Speaker at Kenmare Co-Op Mart Social. L-R; Councillor Dan McCarthy Manager Kenmare Mart, Patrick Doyle Sec, Minister Norma Foley T.D. Guest Speaker Michael O'Sullivan Chair. Photo by Mary D O'Neill

Carnegie Arts Kenmare

February 9th at 8pm / Comedy "Reggie for President"

Reggie from the Blackrock Road is the richest man in Cork by a huge margin, He is the outgoing President of COCI (The Captains of Cork Industry), elite guys dedicated to maintaining the highest standards on Leeside while paying zero tax and cheating on their wives. Broadcasting from his €6.4 million mansion on the Blackrock Road, he has over 80,000 followers on social media attracted by his videos mocking Liz Truss, Northsiders, Kerry people and Dunmanway. Reggie has also played to sell-out audiences with two shows in The Everyman Theatre

This popular comedy show is guaranteed to make you laugh. Tickets €24

Upcoming Films:

February 8th at 8pm "Driving Madeline": French. 2022. 1hr 31mins. Cert-15.

Director: Christian Carion: Starring Line Renaud. Danny Boon.

A seemingly simple taxi ride across Paris evolves into a profound meditation on the realities of the driver, whose personal life is in shambles.

February 15th at 8pm "Typist Artist Pirate King": UK. 2022. 1hr 48mins. Cert-12A. Director: Carol Morley: Starring: Monica Dolan, Kelly Macdonald, Gina McKee Typist Artist Pirate King who, in a last-ditch mission to get some recognition for her talent, manages to persuade her psychiatric nurse to take her on a road trip back to Sunderland, where her story began.

February 17th at 8pm Iride Project

A night of Arts, Magic and Humour. Monica Miuccio and Massimo Daví as Iride Project have been entertaining the audiences, locally and abroad, since 2009 with live and acousmatic shows and through radio broadcasts including RTÉ Lyric FM. The duo presents the screening of a selection of Méliès' silent films -comprising "A Trip to the Moon"- that are accompanied on stage by an extravagant live electroacoustic soundtrack true to Méliès' idea of illusionism, phantasmagoric special effects and humour. Expect the Impossible!

February 22nd at 8pm Film: "The Miracle Club"

Irish. 2023. 1hr 30mins. Cert-12A. Director: Thaddeus O'Sullivan

Cast: Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Laura Linney, Stephen Rae, Brenda Fricker.

Ballygar, Ireland, 1967. A hard-knocks community in outer Dublin marches to its own beat, rooted in traditions of loyalty, faith and togetherness. There's just one tantalising dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom and escape the gauntlet of domestic life: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. And with a little benevolent interference from their cheeky and rebellious priest, close friends Lily, Eileen, Dolly and Sheila are the 'lucky' few to win this ticket of a lifetime at their riotous local raffle night.

February 29th at 8pm Film "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry"

2023. 1hr 42mins. Cert-12A. Director: Hettie Macdonald

Cast: Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton.

A seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties named Harold one day learns that his old friend Queenie is dying. He goes to mail a letter, only to keep walking for over 700km until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife...

For further information or to book Tickets go to www.carnegieartskenmare.ie or call 0646648701

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Saturday 17th February 2024 at 1 pm

ROUTE: Caherdaniel Village to Sneem and back

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Registration on the day at Caherdaniel Village

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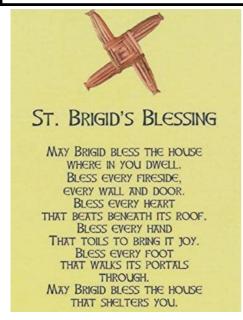
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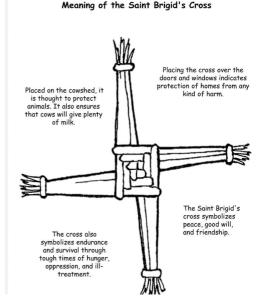
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Bus Timetable - Route 281 Stops outside /across from The Green Chair

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

Sneem Events Calendar

Saturday 3rd February - Coffee Morning, Riney's Bar

Saturday 3rd February - Whiskey Tasting, The Loft

Sunday 4th February - Table Quiz, Riney's Bar

Saturday 10thFebruary - Sneem GAA AGM, Sneem Hotel

Saturday 24th February- Night at the Oscars, Sneem Hotel

Saturday 9th March - Dancing with Declan Nerney, Sneem Hotel

Sunday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day Fair Day

Friday 22nd March - Daffodil Day

Sunday 31st March - Sneem Resource Centre Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 11th May - 1st Holy Communion, 11a.m, St Michael's Church, Sneem

Saturday 11th May - Cliona O'Hagan, Sneem Hotel

Saturday 25th May - Ring of Beara Cycle

Saturday 22st June Pat Shortt & Faye Shortt "Knuckle Down" Sneem Hotel

Saturday 6th July - Ring of Kerry Cycle

17th - 21st July 2024 Sneem Summer Festival

30th October - 8th November - Scarecrows on the Green

9th - 11th November 2024 - Sneem Storytelling Festival



Music

Dan Murphy's Bar Sunday 11th February - Live Music



Sunday 4th February - Table Quiz, Riney's Bar

D O'Shea's Bar

Valentines night Dinner and Cocktails

Sneem Hotel

Saturday 3rd February - Martin Larkin
Saturday 17th February - Martin Larkin
Saturday 9th March - Dancing with Declan Nerney
Sunday 17th March - Robin Turner
Saturday 30th March - Pat Waters.





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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.

Risen Light Garden

The days are getting longer, the temperatures are getting a bit more agreeable and the seeds are pushing through the soil.

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- Office Administrator for Sneem Digital Hub, Cleaning Person also required.
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Here are the high tides for the period 01st to the 28th Feb 2024.

01st:	08.17,	20.35
02nd:	08.57,	21.19
03rd:	09.46,	22.14
04th:	10.48,	23.24
05th:	12.03	
06th:	13.20	
07th:	14.24	
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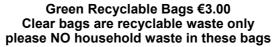






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Sunday 10th December: Numbers Drawn: 9,12,14,16: No Winner. €40 consolation went to: Francis Donnelly, Rossdohan; Pat Breen, Sea View ,Sneem; Ann Browne, Ardshillane; Steven Burns, North Sq ,Sneem.

Sunday 17th December: Numbers Drawn: 5,15, 20, 28: No Winner. €40 consolation went to:Eilish McCarthy, Seaview, Sneem; Noel Sugrue, Seaview, Sneem; John O'Mahoney ,Bridge Café, Sneem; Noreen Moriarty, Castlecove.

Sunday 7th January: Numbers Drawn: 5, 8, 12, 30; No Winner. €40 consolation went to: Sarah O'Neill, Seaview,, Sneem; Róisín Murphy, West End, Sneem; Claudine and Alan Davies, Pier road, Sneem; Molly O'Shea, Ovens, Corcaigh.

Sunday 14th January 2024: Numbers Drawn: 10,14,18, 25; No Winner. €40 consolation went to: Liz Murphy, Parc Ardshillane, Sneem; Ryan Casey, Moularostig, Sneem; Jerry O'Brien, Seaview, Sneem.

Sunday 21st January: Numbers Drawn: 10, 15, 23, 26; No Winner. €40 consolation went to: Shane O'Sullivan, Sacre Couer ,Sneem; Ann Browne, Ardshillane, Sneem; Eugene Maginnis, Tahilla; Kathleen Kelliher, Kilgobnet, Beaufort.

Sunday 28th January: Numbers Drawn: 6, 22, 27, 29; No Winner. €40 consolation went to: Seán O'Sullivan, Convent House; Selina Keogh, South Square, Sneem; Aileen O'Donoghue, Castlecove; Sandra White, Seaview, Sneem

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