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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 29th March.

March Birthdays:

Mike O'Connor on the 7th; John Patrick O'Sullivan on the 8th; Nakita Rigger on the 9th; Mike Joe Murphy and Kerry Adams on the 10th; Denis O'Brien and Maura O'Brien on the 11th; Tony Mulcahy on the 12th; Clara Murphy on the 13th; Patrick Dennehy Snr on the 14th; Margaret Hussey and David Durant on the 17th; Rosie Crouch on the 18th; Amylee O'Regan and Tom Allison on the 19th; Yvonne O'Brien and Catherine O'Sullivan (Rossdohan) on the 21st; Marian Tade O'Sullivan on the 23rd; Martin O'Regan and Jack (Rich) O'Sullivan on the 24th; Michael John Murphy, Mary Hawkes and Ian Morley on the 26th; Peggie O'Brien, Eden Hickman and Eileen O'Shea on the 27th; Donal Galvin and Asta Digimaite on the 28th; Stephen O'Brien and Richard Burns on the 29th; Katheleen Galvin on the 30th; Jimmy O'Brien, Stephanie Cahill and Lorna Cooper on the 31st

April Birthdays

Aisling O'Leary on the 1st; David Hickman on the 2nd; Sarah Bradshaw on the 3rd; Angela O'Regan and Fionn O'Leary on the 4th.

Special Birthday -

Eoin O'Dwyer 21 on the 10th March.

Dominic Joseph O'Sullivan 27 on the 21st March (picture sent in by his brother Luke)



Deepest Sympathies

To Deborah Callis and family and friends on the death of Steve Willer recently.

Deepest Sympathies

To the family and friends of Eugene O'Sullivan (Coomnahorna, Caherdaniel).

Deepest Sympathies

To Mike, Caroline, Daniel and Michael O'Reardon Seaview on the death of Mike's Mum, Jane (Jenny) O'Reardon (née Cuthbert) Killorglin.

Deepest Sympathies

To Teresa Preziosi and friends on the recent death of Patti Santos (Letterfinish).

Community News

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 passionate, 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 ALONE on 081 8222024.

Daffodil Day

Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 8th March in Riney's Bar from 11am to 1pm. All help gratefully received, especially cakes.

Bridge Collection takes place on Friday 22nd March. We need more volunteers if you can spare an hour or two put your name on the rota which will go up in the Post Office soon. Please fill in the blanks. Thank you. For further information, please contact Deborah at 086 1255340.

Congratulations



To Nick Bradshaw (pictured with his wife Valerie) who picked up two awards at this year's AIB Press Photographer Of The Year awards held in Dublin recently. Nick won first place in the Nature And Environment category for his Preening Cormorant and 2nd place in the Arts and Entertainment Category for capturing Hozier at the 3Arena during this three-night run in December.

Congratulations

To Ellen Cahalane, Seaview and Noel O'Brien, Cork, who were married in St Michael's Church Sneem on Saturday 3rd February. Their reception was held in the Brehon Hotel in Killarney. The couple live in Cork with their son Sean.



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

Spring has arrived but sadly the poor weather is still very much with us. There certainly is no shortage of rain. A few visitors are paying us a visit which is lovely to see. Some weddings from other counties are booked for both Churches so we look forward to all who will be paying us a visit during the year.

Sadly we have had a few deaths in the Parish and deepest sympathies to all families and friends who laid a loved one to rest. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Preparation is ongoing for our First Holy Communion in May. We have 4 pupils receiving the Sacrament this year, 3 from Sneem School and one from Tahilla School. The Priests of the area are covering our five Parishes, two of which have no Priest. A meeting in all Parishes is presently taking place discussing the Bishops letter "Moving forward in Hope". Sincere thanks to all who are helping in both Churches and your commitment is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to many visitors over the next number of months and we were delighted to hear that a stage of the Rás Tailteann Cycle will finish in Sneem. Well done to all involved bringing the event to our Parish.

In the meantime, look after yourself, may you be blessed with the best of health—May life treat you kind and may we all look out for each other and may the weather improve.

God Bless, Fr. Liam.

Saturday 16th March 2024 @8.30 pm

ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND
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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 – 6pm for conversation and chat as Gaeilge.

Bingo

Bingo takes place in the Resource Centre on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. There is a bright outside light and ramp for anyone having difficulty with steps.

Bee Keepers

Sneem beekeepers are offering a beginners course.

Venue: Coomanassig Day Centre

Wednesday 13th March- at 7.30pm - Free Club open night.

Tuesday 19th March till Tuesday 9th April course starts. Time 7.30pm.

Saturday 14th April and Saturday 21st April at 10am

Cost €100 including club memberships (€40)

Couples discount available.

Contact Jeff 087 2312993 or email sec.sneembeekeepers@gmail.com



St. Patrick's Day Parade



St Patrick's Weekend is nearly upon us. Don't miss out on all the action of this year's parade on Sunday the 17th March. Floats should assemble at Galvin's Yard at 12pm, the route is the same as last year, finishing at Sneem Hotel. Winners will be announced 30 minutes after parade ends. There is still time to take part in the fun.. walking and motorised floats are both welcome. To register contact Brendan on 085 7845766 or email sneemsummerfestival@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see you there for a weekend of great craic!

Community News

Coffee Morning in Memory of Johnny O'Sullivan

On Saturday 3rd February a Coffee Morning was held in Rineys in aid of Sneem Defibrillators and Irish Heart Foundation in memory of Johnny O'Sullivan.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this Coffee Morning a great success. An impressive €1,800 was raised and this was divided between the Irish Heart Foundation and Sneem Defibrillators.

Congratulations to the raffle winners:

Una Clifford
Tina Davis
Jennifer Downing
Mary Casey
Maurice O'Neill
Margaret Christian
Paul Hewitt
Debbie Jonas
Sheila Clifford
Louis Moriarty
Pearl Dineen
Jack / Katie Riney
Jozef Chanula
Liam O'Shea



Generous Donation



On behalf of Sneem's First Responder's Committee, I wish to acknowledge the most generous donation of €928.30 received from Una OSullivan and her fellow fundraisers Monica O'Shea and Deborah Callis recently. Their generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Tim O Sullivan, Chairman of Sneem First Responder Group.

Whiskey Tasting

Another successful Whiskey Tasting was held in The Loft on 3rd February - some old friends and a few new faces too. Many thanks to Sean O'Sullivan for being such a generous host and to Mary J Casey for her support and enthusiasm.

We hope to be back in The Loft early in May for another session of Craic and Whiskey - watch this space for date/time.

Sláinte

Michele and the two Davids



Little Church

February is a quiet time for the Little Church; visitors have departed for the most part, the weather can be unpredictable, which means the congregation is quite small. But this year there were two events and the results of the Bishop's 'Peringrination', mentioned last November, to raise funds to empower women which raised just under €1,000 from the four local churches to brighten us up. Firstly, it was Lily Christian's very special birthday at the end of January which was celebrated in the Sneem Book Shop, thanks to Úna. Lily is still so lively and interested in everything that she is a true inspiration to us all. The second event was a lunch in the Bridge café for the church members of the four churches to meet up and have a chat and 'catch up'. Thank you to Marjorie Kavanagh for organising this annual event and thanks to the Café for organising a delicious lunch.

Plaque for Sir Francis Christopher Bland 1838 - 2017



A new plaque has been put in place in the church thanks to the dexterity of Matt Neasham. This was a tricky operation due to the condition of the church wall and due to the shape and makeup of the plaque itself. It looks really excellent. The plaque is a tribute to Sir Christopher Bland from his wife Jennie for a life lived to its full capacity in which failure played no part, not just in his public life he was an outstanding, multi-talented chairman of London Weekend Television, the B.B.C, British Telecom, the Royal Shakespeare Company, owner of the Leith Cookery school and latterly also a novelist and playwright but also in his social and family life where the words 'generosity, kindness, vitality, joie de vivre' feature frequently. He is truly worthy of his place on the wall. The Bland family do not need any introduction to residents of Sneem, indeed the village was originally referred to as 'Blandford' and 'Bland's Bridge' still bears the

family name on the Killarney Road. Their roots were established in 1683 with the arrival of The Rev James Bland who was Vicar of Killarney and whose son Nathaniel obtained a grant of land in 1732 in which the big House Belt comprising eight houses was to grow around Sneem, eventually to become known as Derryquin Estate Parknasilla, the Bishop's House, being the first house. After its heyday in 1863 as a self-supporting community, the estate unfortunately fell into demise in the mid 1870s ending their 159 year dynasty with to this day only four of the eight houses now remaining. There is a Bland vault at the far end of the church graveyard in need of repair.

(Further Reading: Sneem: the Knot in the Ring by T.E Stoakley available in Sneem Book Shop)

Sneem TidyTowns

Salley Garden

At the beginning of February, we travelled to North Cork to help Helena from Boherbue TidyTowns harvest her willow. In return, we brought back 6 varieties of basketry willow to start our own willow garden. We got a lovely day for planting on 15th February, where we cut the willow into 1 foot rods and inserted these into the ground. We then mulched them with cardboard from local shops and bark mulch from local tree surgeons to suppress the weeds. They are beginning to take root and we look forward to harvesting our own willow next spring for our willow weaving classes.



Drone images

Every year the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Ms. Heather Humphreys TD provides some funding to each TidyTowns group. This year we applied for funding to take drone images of Sneem to enhance our 2024 application. We have engaged Mike Dennehy from MD Sky-Shots and he has taken some wonderful shots of Sneem during February. He will be returning in late spring/early summer to take some more images and will be putting together a video for us.



Free Trees Ireland

We were delighted to receive our free trees and these have all now been planted or donated to individuals.

Sneem Walking Club

The year has started pretty well for Sneem Walking Club. Our decision to alternate each week between A and B walk is proving popular, with good member numbers participating. Some of the walks completed include: Bolus Head Loop walk; Gowlanes to Derrycunihy church on the Kerry Way; Templeoe Church to Kenmare on the Kerry Way; Purple Mountain; Sleivenashka and Coomeenatierna.

We also did a great walk on the Kerry Way for St Brigids weekend – this was open to members and non-members. A group of 11 walked from Coad Cemetery in the direction of Bearna Gaoithe (commonly known as Windy Gap) to the Copper Mine, rerouting to visit St Crohans 'Well along the way. A big difference has been noticed since the creation of a new website: sneemwalkingclub.ie. This has helped to increase member numbers to 34 full members and 7 Associate members. It has also proved very effective and popular in attracting visitors to Sneem on to walks and keeping those interested informed. You can sign up to the mailing list to be kept informed through the website. Anyone interested in joining the club or joining a walk on a trial basis can do so by calling Michele Cooper-Fay (Club Secretary) on 085 1708286, by joining the Club through the website or emailing sneemwalkingclub@gmail.com.

It's a great way to keep fit and healthy and enjoy the fantastic views and history of the local area. There are full details on the website of what constitutes our A and B walks, the schedule of upcoming walks and the gear you need. You will also see some great photos of previous walks.

The next walk on Sunday 10th March will see both A and B groups join to visit the Dromtine standing stone. The longer A walk will then continue into the mountains to visit the beautiful Loch Choimini Aitinn. See website for details.



Every day is a school day at the Copper Mine in the mist



Sneem Cycling

Sneem Cycling brings two race finishes to Sneem this Spring.

- Rás Mumhan on Holy Saturday 30th March 2024
- Rás Tailteann on Thursday 23rd May 2024



We warmly welcome the Rás Tailteann finish as a tribute to Paddy O'Sullivan, South Gerah (pictured below) who completed 3 eight day Rásaí. We have five Sneem "Men of the Rás" and Paddy holds the distinction of leading the race through his home village of Sneem. How proud he must have felt on that day back in the sixties!

Both events will take the cyclists through the village twice as they have to do the 16km loop of Gortagown before finishing on Golden's Height.

Please give all the participants a big Sneem welcome, especially local cyclist Ewan Buckley who will be taking part.

Clipping from a newspaper in July 1969 covering the Rás

July 1969

RÁS SNEEM

Grand Prix for Sneem!

The Ras Tailteann didn't evoke as much interest this year as in previous years despite the fact that nearly every county was strongly represented. Are we losing our enthusiasm for athletics, or is it just a momentary pause before a renewed vigorous outburst?

With cracking pace the Tailteann race Passed through the village of Sneem.

And to our joy 'twas a local boy Was leading the whole team. This cycling corps didn't tire or sore As they traversed each hill and dale; With stratagic wiles they conquered the miles Till they finished in Kilsale.

Patrick J. O'Brien
Sneem, Co. Kerry

Kenmare and District Garden Club

The first meeting of 2024 was held in the Gateway Kenmare. The talk was preceded by the A.G.M. The club bid a very grateful farewell to the chairperson, Therese Hayes, who retired after many years of service – indeed the club was started by her in 2006. Her hard work and dedication will be difficult to replicate. Thank you Therese. Stephen Austen is serving as interim chairperson. A report on the past year was given by the secretary and followed by a brief report by the new treasurer. The new committee was elected. Stephen Austen briefly outlined the forthcoming trip. Matthew, 'Mattie', Clifford, son of well known local organic farmer Billy Clifford, then gave us a highly informative talk entitled 'Managing your soil for growing vegetables and flowers in Kenmare's unusual microclimate'. He based his talk on the Persephone Period, outlined by one Eric Coleman, – the ten hours of daylight which a plant requires to initiate growth, even if the weather is mild. With Kenmare at 52 degrees latitude, the necessary growing period finishes on October 25th and starts again on February 16th. The lack of essential light is amplified by the huge rainfall in Kenmare of 18mm and its subsequent cloud cover due to its position in relation to the mountains. The result is soil erosion, leaching, compaction and disease! Not to mention the 'wicked wind! But take heart! Fortunately Mattie offered solutions for the vegetable patch to what appeared to be a disastrous situation –protection of bare soil from the elements with mulching (leaves, seaweed, grass cuttings, sowing green crops and landscape fabric)', do not plant too early – high risk for a low return and in relation to flowers –perhaps nothing too tall. Best of luck.

Thursday 7th March - Vincent, 'Vinny', Hyland, author of the widely acclaimed recent book 'Wild Derrynane' – a wildlife year explorer guide: stories and memoirs.

4th April our speaker is Rosie Maye, a regular contributor to the Irish Garden Magazine and also known as the Insomniac Gardener through her popular Facebook blog. **Talk: Colour in All Seasons**

Our Meetings are held on the First Thursday of the month, unless otherwise specified at The Gateway V93T9XT (beyond the Centra Garage heading on the Molls Gap/Killarney road, opposite the Brooklane Hotel grounds). Parking is available.

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

Night at the Oscars

Some of the cast of Derry Girls and their supporters from Sneem National School: L-R Caroline Clifford, Geraldine Breen, Tracey Long, Joyce Bam-bury, Eleanor Doyle, Marion O'Sullivan, Mary O'Dwyer and Danny McClure.



Kilimanjaro Climb

Sneem ladies, Julie O'Sullivan and Anne Marie Riney and another friend, Helen Lenihan decided to fundraise for Pieta House which is a very worthy cause and one close to their hearts. Along with a group of 14 other wonderful people and with the most supportive and kindest Kili team of guides and porters, they successfully summited the peak on 17th February. They would like to thank everybody for the amazing support. The kind words of encouragement spurred them on when they had to dig deep to complete the expedition. They have been blown away by the donations they have received to date. The fundraising page is still open if anybody would still like to donate, they would be so grateful,

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/kilimanjaroforpieta>



Pictured left Julie O'Sullivan, Fermoy, and Anne Marie Riney, who recently travelled to Tanzania to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free standing mountain in the world at 5,895 metres.

Congratulations to Julie, Ann Marie and Helen on their amazing trip and fundraising.

Bridge Club

Pictured right is Mary T O'Sullivan, Sneem, Captain of Kenmare Bridge Club presenting her Captain's Prize at The Brooklane Hotel, Kenmare, to the winning pair, Colm and Margaret O Sullivan, Pier Road, Sneem.





The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



We've had a busy year so far, including lots of kayaking, first aid and rescue training. We are planning for multiple spring and summer camps for our own group. In addition, our Scout Section are preparing to compete at a county and then hopefully a national level at the annual county camp at the base of Carrauntoohil in June.

Update from our youngest Beaver Scout Section

Beavers began the term with a night hike and stargazing along the Kerry Way. We have also been practicing Emergency skills with very entertaining first aid scenarios and games. The Beavers are also busy preparing for their first camp of the year and the upcoming St Patrick's day parade.

We are open to new members so please get in touch if you'd like to enquire about our group and starting scouts, please get in touch at sneemscouts@gmail.com. Please note though we have waiting lists for membership for some age groups.



Sneem Beavers out in the dark and rain doing a litter pick on 29th February



	Ages	Meeting times
Beaver Scouts	6-8 years	Thurs 6pm to 7pm
Cub Scouts	9-11 years	Mon 6.30pm to 8pm
Scouts	12-14 years	Thurs 7.30pm to 9pm
Venture and Rover Scouts	15-17 years 18-25 years	Tues or 7.30pm to 9pm Thurs

Poetry Book Launch



I am very grateful for the huge attendance - Sneem you did me proud. People were so supportive of my launch. It was great to see so many old and new friends, some who travelled a considerable distance to get there. Thanks to Marjorie and Michael Cavanagh and others for the use of the Little Church in its capacity as Sneem Story House. The launch took on a festive atmosphere as the weather decided to behave itself for tea and cookies in the marquee outside. I'm sure people who are familiar with Sneem and its surroundings will recognise places in some of the poems. I look forward to doing another reading during the summer.

Pam Muller's debut poetry collection, 'New Soil', was joyously unveiled by Revival Press in Sneem, Co. Kerry, on Saturday, March 2nd. The event, hosted at The Little Church (Sneem Story House), saw a packed house, akin to a congregation, come together for this momentous occasion. MCed by Etienne, Pam's husband, the launch commenced with Tommy Collins, Revival Press's Poetry Editor, highlighting the ethos of Revival as a Community Press. He underscored the significance of poetry deeply rooted in the clay and soil of our communities, a principle perfectly exemplified by Pam's work and the Sneem community.

Renowned poet John W. Sexton formally introduced the book, offering profound insights into Pam's artistry and her unwavering support for fellow poets and writers. The launch culminated in an emotionally charged reading by Pam from 'New Soil'. The book is now available for purchase directly from Pam (email pam@sneem.com to order a copy), or come into Brushwood Studios Gallery, or online at www.limerickwriterscentre.com



Billy Collins, Poetry Editor, Dominic Taylor, Editor, Pam Muller, John W Sexton



Etienne Muller Compere extraordinaire

Sneem Rowing Club

AGM

On Friday 9th February we held our AGM. Thanks to those who attended. We would like to welcome Fiona O Leary and Damien Fitzgerald to the team.

We would like to give special thanks to Caroline Clifford and Delia Murphy for time dedicated to the club. Both these ladies have served many years in different positions in the committee. They both have busy lives and volunteered many hours to the club and training crews as well as rowing themselves. Caroline will be continuing with the rowing and training so we are very grateful for that. We wish them both the very best and maybe we will see them back on the committee again in the future.

The new committee is: Chairperson: Sean Murphy; Vice Chairperson: Patrick Casey; Secretary: Siobhan Looney; Vice Secretary: Fiona O'Leary; Treasurer: Caroline Casey; Vice Treasurer: Damien Fitzgerald.

Membership

Renewing of membership or new membership are now due on March 1st.

The price is remaining the same as last year and very competitive. Please see Caroline in Dan Murphy's Bar for rates and payments. We will also have a night or two in the gym where membership can also be made. All rowers please pay membership before taking to the water.

50/50 Draw

We will be restarting our 50/50 draw for 6 months. First draw will be Friday 3rd May. Anyone who would like to get tickets for 6 months can do so from committee members or Caroline in Murphys.

6 months tickets €30 (3 tickets each month) or 6 months " Double " tickets (6 tickets each draw) €50. Tickets available in pubs and shops. 3 for €5

St. Patrick's Day

We will be selling lines this St. Patrick's Day outside Murphys Bar. Great prizes as always, Pig, Hotel Vouchers and Gym membership.

Lines 3 for €5; Half card €10; Full Card €20

South/Mid Kerry Regattas

23rd June Caherciveen

30th June Sneem

6th July Cromane

14th July Ballinskelligs

21st July Callinafercy

3rd August Sive

5th August Valentia

11st August Portmagee

Kerry Coastal Rowing Championship

7th July Valentia

18th August Flesk Valley

Templenoie to be arranged

All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships

23rd, 24th, 25th August - Dingle, Co. Kerry

Gym Opening Hours

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

8am - 12pm Wednesday

St Michael's National School

Family Welcome Day

We would like to thank all our parents, neighbours and friends who joined us on the 14th of February last for a very enjoyable Welcome Day in our school.

We would especially like to thank Fr Liam O'Brien and Deacon Jean Yves Letanneur for visiting our school on the day and distributing ashes to mark the occasion of Ash Wednesday and finishing their visit with a very special blessing of our school. More pictures can be accessed online https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jRPDH5_Tsm3qkZYzW3zQqcusRFN4vf4ShYujutpTUho/edit?usp=sharing



A great day was had by all!

Forest School

The Junior Room have been enjoying and benefiting from Forest School sessions this month. We are delighted to be back with Mara and Yvonne again! With four sessions complete we learned how to make St. Brigid's crosses, learned how to play some new group games, and even experimented eating new foods heated by an open fire.



St. Brigid's Day

On the 1st of February we marked St. Brigid's Day by taking part in the tradition of making crosses out of rushes. First, we learned about the stories and legends of St. Brigid in history lessons. Then, the Senior Room studied the procedure of making the crosses. Finally, the Senior Room children were paired up with children in the Junior Room. The children worked together to make the beautiful traditional crosses. Maith sibh!

Múinteoir Alina's Last Day

For the past four months, we have been lucky enough to have a student teacher from Germany in our school on work experience. Múinteoir Alina has been a fantastic addition to our staff. She was especially valued while we were busy preparing for our Christmas Play and needed all hands-on deck!

On her last day, she made some delicious gluten-free, sugar-free treats for the pupils and staff alike to enjoy. *Go raibh míle maith agat agus go n-éirí an bóthar leat. Thank you and best of luck in the future!*



Grow Local

Laurence Vanpouille attended the Transition Kerry Programme for Biodiversity and Climate Change through 2022, which was aimed at spreading information through the community to tackle the climate and biodiversity crises. Following up from the course, she is interviewing a number of people who grow food in our area to find out what makes them tick, how their gardens work and what inspired them to their lifestyle.

Paul Fairbairn truly embodies the concept of “eating from the garden” and was keen to share his amazing experience. In this first instalment, we will read his story, and in next month’s instalment, share some of his tips and know-how. Deep in the countryside, following a track leading down the valley, surrounded by meadows and groves, Laurence discovered Paul’s oasis, in the middle of the Gortagowan - a place name which translates to ‘Field of the Goat’.



Paul is a busy man, cultivating his land but also working with his community. He is the Chairperson of Sneem Scout troop. He was recently involved in a project with the community at Tahilla National School - following renovation works, leftover windows were recycled into a greenhouse. It was a perfect chance to turn waste materials into valuable outdoor learning spaces ‘for the use of the pupils’. In Sneem school Paul also worked for several years with the children across the season to grow vegetables in outdoor beds.

Funding for such projects is hard to come by these days, but Paul is committed to the idea that children should have strong relations with the earth and on how their food is grown.

Why are you growing food Paul?

To eat! Since I became vegan 30 years ago, the next logical step was growing food, and that was the reason I moved to Ireland. Here, I can live on the land and from the land. We have a little bit of food year round here, and the food on our table is what we picked on the day.

In what way has growing food changed your life?

My entire lifestyle changed - my life is now built around growing food. For example, in the past I worked full-time, but I wanted to find part-time work to be able to do spend more time growing. For me it is driving the school buses.

Are you proud of your place?

Yes, I am. I moved on to a field with nothing, but now there is a house, a garden, veg beds, and a tunnel. My neighbours are also involved as they own the land we live on. A lot of things in our community are shared, such as basic water filtering and seeds, as everybody here is growing food. We are all off-grid and have minimal energy consumption. Growing food is a family project, but we work independently as well - myself, Mary, and our daughter, who is 15 years old. She mainly does harvesting produce and picking berries, Mary focuses on sowing seeds and taking care of the polytunnel, while I do the rest.

In your opinion what is your climate impact?

Not as bad as it could be, but not as good as it could be either. I still drive a car, and I have a family in England that I plan to visit. On the whole, my impact is probably positive.



A Night at the Oscars

Thank you everyone who supported us in raising funds for Caherdaniel and Sneem N.S, Chernobyl Children's International and Sneem Festival Fund. It was a huge event with amazing days from laughing on the beach in Derrynane to having the tea in Joan and John Egan's house in Blackwater. It couldn't have happened without our fantastic actors, cameramen and our sponsors Killarney Credit Union and SCC Broadband. Thank you to everyone who helped on the night, Catriona, Una and Pat at the door and the Sneem Festivals committee who ran the raffle. Thank you Sneem Hotel for being so accommodating.

Steph, Brendan and Anne

Watch all the films and ads in the comfort of your own home. Send them to your friends and family who couldn't be there on the night. We are releasing the films and ads on a memory stick. €25 each. Please message Stephanie on 087 6756131 to pre order. A selection of the audience at The night of the Oscars.



Organizers Brendan Galvin, Stephanie Cahill and Anne Browne.

Photos By Tom Naiman



The winners of the Night at the Oscars Film "The Commitments". Elma Shine - Sponsor Killarney Credit Union; Siobhan Casey Burns, Dylan Sugrue, Traoloch Sweeney - Sponsor SCC Broadband, Darren Casey, Judges Demi Isaac Oviawe, Joe Conlon and Adrian Tierney; John Rayel, Catherine O'Carroll, Stefani and Brad Dicks, Mary O'Brien, Don Keogh, Martin Larkin, David Murphy.

A Night at the Oscars



Cast of "The Field" filmed in Blackwater.
Kieran O'Neill, Jimmy O'Sullivan, Davy Breen, George O'Neill, and Joan Egan



Cast of "Waking Ned" filmed in Caherdaniel
Chris Cullen, Seamus Galvin, Eddie Donoghue, John Fitzgerald - Best Supporting Actor, Eleanor Turner, Ann Boland and MC Ollie Turner.

A Night at the Oscars



Derry Girls: MC Ollie Turner interviewing some of the cast from Sneem NS - Christina Murphy, Ava Haines, Colm Van Assen, Eleanor Doyle who won Best Actress, Shirley O'Sullivan and Ruairí Burns.



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Some of the cast of "Sister Act": Kevin O'Sullivan, Paul O'Sullivan, Patrick O'Donoghue, Jacinta O'Shea and Trish Donnelly.

A Night at the Oscars



Best Male Actor and Best Supporting actress George O'Neill and Joan Egan were Oscar Winners from "The Field".

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L-R: Eileen and Willie Reilly, Mike and Claire O'Shea, Ed and Bridie McCarthy and Denise Reilly in front at Sneem Oscars

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Winners of the Best Advert was An Post Mark Drummond and Kevin Larkin receiving their Oskar from Elma Shine - Sponsor from Killarney Credit Union and Judges Joe Conlon and Demi Isaac Oviawe.

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Friday 8th March at 8pm

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Tuesday 2nd - Sunday 7th April, inclusive, 8pm

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Friday 26th April 8pm

Comedy: Chris Kent "Back at It" "Chris is effortlessly hilarious, an incredible storyteller. Tickets €20

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



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Kenmare Family Resource Centre invite you to an information session for Family Carers.

Marie from Family Carers Ireland will be hosting the session and will be sharing advice and information with a view to setting up a monthly support group.

Family Carers Ireland are the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family and young carers across the country who care for loved ones such as children or adults with additional needs, physical or intellectual disabilities, frail older people, those with palliative care needs or those living with chronic illnesses, mental health challenges or addiction.

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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 9th March - Dancing with Declan Nerney, Sneem Hotel

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

Friday 22nd March - Daffodil Day

Holy Saturday 30th March - Rás Mumhan

Sunday 31st March - Sneem Resource Centre Easter Egg Hunt

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

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

Thursday 23rd May - Rás Tailteann

Saturday 25th May - Ring of Beara Cycle

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

Saturday 6th July - Ring of Kerry Cycle

17th - 21st July 2024 Sneem Summer Festival

Sunday 27th October - Sneem Rowing Club -Table Quiz, Riney's Bar .

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

8th - 10th November 2024 - Sneem Storytelling Festival

Sunday 5th December - Sneem Rowing Club 5k Fun Run

Music



Dan Murphy's Bar

Music on St. Patrick's Day from 7pm



Riney's Bar

St. Patrick's Day - Music at 6pm

Sunday 31st March. - Live music

D O'Shea's Bar

Saturday 16th March - Robin Turner

Sunday 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) - Trad Session 8.30pm

Sunday 31st March - Trad Session 8.30pm

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08th:	15.00	
09th:	15.48	
10th:	16.32	
11th:	17.15	
12th:	17.56	
13th:	06.19,	18.38
14th:	07.01,	19.21
15th:	07.44,	20.06
16th:	08.31,	20.57
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