



# Sneem Community Notice Board

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## Sneem Riverbank Clean-up



To celebrate World Water Day on 22nd March, Sneem Tidy Towns organised a riverbank clean with the support of LAWPRO (Local Authority Waters Programme). We were joined by the middle and senior classes of St. Michael's Na-

tional School and they all did great work cleaning up along the river and around the village. The students counted the litter they collected - see page 7 for results.

### Sneem Spring Clean

Join us in our Annual Spring Clean which has been extended until Sunday 14th April. Bags and gloves are available in Hilary's shop. Filled bags should be left behind Sneem Digital Hub by Monday morning 15th April. Pictured right is Maureen Connelly, she and Bob have their road done already!



### Thursday Tidy-Ups

As soon as weather permits, we will be getting back to our weekly activities sprucing up the village. We would welcome new volunteers, keep an eye on Sneem TidyTowns Facebook page.

## 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

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# Community News

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](mailto: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 5th May***

## **April Birthdays**

Caitriona Casey on the 11th; Caoimhe Bergin on the 13th; Tony Drummond, Martina Breen, Rónán O'Connor and Garbhan Kavanagh on the 14th; Ellen Cahalane on the 16th; Catherina Murphy on the 17th; Michael O'Sullivan, Linda Galvin, Sarah O'Sullivan (11) and Brayden Boyken (8) on the 19th; Selina Keogh, Darren Breen, Raymond Teahan, Joey Quinn and Kyle Schots(8) on the 20th; Ethan Allison (14) and Paddy O'Brien (Seaview) on the 21st; Martin Larkin and Thade Coffey on the 22nd; Katie Riney, Leonard Burns and Fiona O'Leary on the 23rd; Mark and David Drummond, Sheila Galvin, Willie O'Sullivan and Eva Schots on the 24th; Isabell O'Brien(16) and Delia Murphy on the 27th; Robbie Hussey on the 29th; Olivia Clifford and Vincent O'Leary on 30th

## **May Birthdays**

Joshua Müller-Tolk on the 1st; Ann Clifford, Ava Galvin (16) and Emma Pádár Sugrue (14) on the 2nd; Mary and Patricia Galvin on the 6th; Sam O'Sullivan (16) and Jeff Prior on the 7th; Cadhla O'Sullivan on the 8th; Finn Wilkinson, Tom Clifford (17), Mary Dennehy and Hedley Jonas on the 9th.

## **Special Birthday -**

Belated special birthday wishes to Eden Hickman who celebrated his 18th birthday on 27th March.

## **Deepest Sympathies**

To Don Keogh and family on the passing of his brother, Frank in Killarney last month.

## **Deepest Sympathies**

To the family and friends of Bridget Sullivan, Direenamacken, Tahilla who passed away recently.

## **Deepest Sympathies**

To the Murphy family on the passing of Tim (Snr), Moularostig, Sneem and Wolverhampton.

## **Congratulations**

To Mike and Kayla Dennehy, Kenmare on the birth of their baby boy Leo, and to proud grandparents Patrick and Mary Dennehy, Bohocogram and Lisa Ragosa, Kenmare.

## Community News

### **Daffodil Day**

This year the grand total raised was €4485.20, a huge amount from a small but very generous village. Very special thanks to the hurricane that is Monica O'Shea, she swooped in and organised me. I couldn't have managed this without her.

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers at our Coffee Morning, to Tahilla School for their Coffee Morning, and to all the brave souls who stood on the bridge and rattled buckets: Hazel Mulqueen, Catherine O'Sullivan, Kathleen Riney, Gretta Drummond, Eva Letanneur, Ellen Flanagan, Noreen Larkin, Tess Fitzgerald, Breda O'Neill, Helen Foley, Una O'Neill, Catsy Looney, Clare Smith, Rosemary Crouch, Mary Hawkes, Flick Golding, Una O'Sullivan, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Brid Riney, Julie Edwards, Eileen Burns, Felicity Johnson, Carol Kemp, Marie O'Sullivan, Diana Muller, John O'Shea, Jeff Prior and Betty White.

Special thanks to Mary Hawkes, who at 91, never fails to do her time on the bridge.

Thank you everyone, and thank you Sneem.

Deborah Callis.

### **Sneem Gaa: St. Patrick's day Bull Calf Raffle:**

Half the net proceeds - €1000 - will be donated to The Gaza Relief Fund for Children (UNICEF) supporting children in Gaza.

1st prize: Bull Calf : winner: Kevin Larkin, Golden Heights, Sneem.

2nd prize: Veterinary hamper sponsored by Sneem Pharmacy.

Winner: Paddy O'Leary, Bohocogram, Sneem.

3rd prize: Animal Feed Stuff sponsored by DJ O'Sullivan.

Winner :Mary Declan O'Neil, Blackwater.

4th Prize : Dinner for Two in Sneem Hotel sponsored by Sneem Hotel.

Winner: Michelle Sullivan Casey, Neidin.

Míle Buíochas to everyone for their generous support.

## Sneem Resource Centre

### **Hospital Bags**

We are pleased to inform you that Sneem Resource Centre has arranged for the provision of overnight hospital bags for those who may require them. These contain pyjamas/nightdress, dressing gown and a towel. Please do not hesitate to visit the Centre if you find yourself or know somebody in need of such assistance.

### **Easter Sunday**

Sneem Resource Centre would like to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to or bought from our Cake Sale on Easter Sunday, the event was a huge success and we are very grateful for your support. We would also like to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Your participation made the event even more enjoyable.

### **Nearly New Shop**

The Nearly New Shop will be reopening in the North Square for the summer on 5th May.

# Coomanassig Social Centre

## **Sneem Welfare Committee**

Held its AGM in March and is very grateful to all who came to the meeting. There was a new committee elected with Betty White replacing the outgoing chairperson Mary O'Regan, whom we would like to thank for her many years of service and commitment. The newly formed committee is determined to restore the Centre to its former glory. They are counting on the support of the community to achieve their goal. The committee is committed to working hard towards realising the full potential of the Centre and making it a vibrant hub of social activity. We are seeking ideas and suggestions for courses or talks that would benefit the community. Please drop any suggestions to the Centre or give them to any committee member.

## **Meals on Wheels**

Services are available 3 times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, some people take two meals, one of them for the next day. Anyone interested, please contact Eilish at least 24 hours prior to requiring meals on 086 3533861. We are also looking for some people who might be able to volunteer some time to do deliveries with meals, any help would be appreciated.

Meals can be delivered or collected. Meals are ready at 12 noon each day, no sooner, this is keeping in line with other centres providing this service. At the moment meals are €5 but due to cost-of-living increases, electricity, food, and wages, we will be looking very shortly to increase the cost in line with other meals on wheels in the Kerry area. We hope that we can get back to having people eating in the Centre again soon and we are looking into having groups from other areas to call down for an afternoon tea on a regular basis.

## **Meeting Room**

Any groups looking for a meeting room, the Centre is available at a small cost, if interested please contact a member of the committee.

## **Sheltered Housing**

There are two units available in Coomanassig and we hope to have them ready for leasing soon. There is a criteria to be met to lease these units, anyone interested please put it in writing to Sneem Welfare.

## **Facebook page**

We have created a Facebook page under Coomanassig Social Centre - we can be messaged there as well.

## **Acknowledgement**

Sneem Welfare would like to express their gratitude to the Teahan family for choosing us as beneficiaries of donations in memory of Johnny Teahan, RIP.

Sneem Development/Sneem TidyTowns would like to acknowledge Kerry County Council for the receipt of funding towards the purchase of solar lights for the walking track in Sneem GAA grounds under the Community Support Fund 2023.

# Community Activities

## Board Games Club

The Board Games Club is looking for new and advanced players. Come join us every Wednesday evening 6.30pm in the Community Centre. For more information, please contact Pál in Pete's Butcher Shop or on 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](mailto:sneemwritersgroup@gmail.com).

## Sneem Men's Shed

Weather permitting, we are meeting for Crazy golf at the GAA field on Mondays and boules in the Wild Garden on Thursdays at 7pm. For information, ring Damien on 087 2563858 or Danny on 087 2064462.

## Comhrá

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

## 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

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.sneembeekkeepers@gmail.com](mailto:sec.sneembeekkeepers@gmail.com)

## Green Blue Yoga

Yoga classes in Sneem Digital Hub will be on Tuesday 16th April at 6.45pm, everyone welcome: beginners and intermediate levels, men, women and keen children accompanied by an adult. Bookings via the website [greenblueyoga.ie](http://greenblueyoga.ie) or enquiries to Julie on 086 2037238.

## Sneem Gardeners - Annual Seed Swap

Come along to the polytunnel in the Garden of the Senses at 12 noon on Sunday 21st April and bring your spare seeds and any seedlings or plants you have to spare. If anyone is new to the village, this is a great opportunity to meet people and get a tour of the garden. Dogs and children welcome.

*If anyone finds a biscuit tin containing seeds, can they leave it in the polytunnel please?*

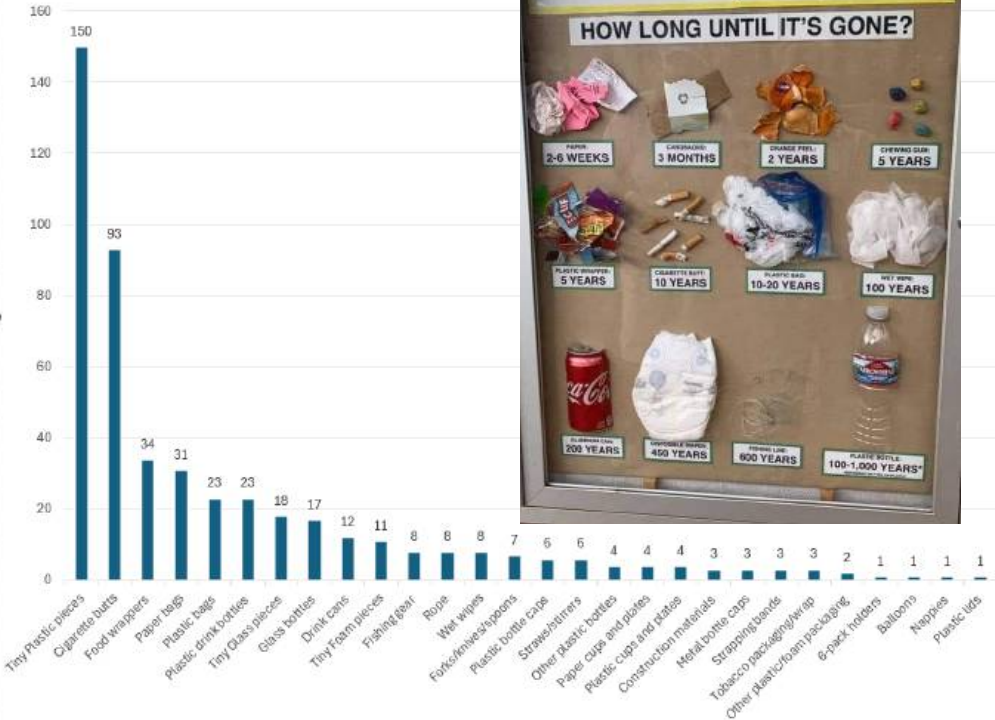




# Sneem River Clean-up on World Waters Day

The following litter was collected and analysed by students at St. Michael's NS:

Sneem River Clean-up on World Waters Day  
22nd March 2024  
Litter collected by St. Michael's NS



Some of the adult volunteers below, some hardy souls also took to the river in a canoe and collected some debris from the islands and the shore. There's lots more out there so get picking between the showers!



# Rás Mumhan



Pictured left is local man Ewan Buckley who cycles with Killarney Cycle Club as he took the corner at Mace shop to head to the finish line at the Rás Mumhan on Holy Saturday 30th March 2024

Pictured right is Ewan's mother and father Raymond and Catherine Buckley with Maureen Connelly, Siobhan Looney and Oran O'Connor



Noelie O'Sullivan who was on traffic duty, Thanks to Maureen Connelly for the photos.



# Sneem Festival

## Sneem Summer Festival

We are currently in the midst of planning this year's Sneem Summer Festival which is taking place from the 17th to 21st of July. If you would like to sponsor an event, buy an ad or run an event during the festival please contact us on [sneemsummerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:sneemsummerfestival@gmail.com) or you can get in contact with any member of the committee before 25th April . We will be holding a Table Quiz on May Bank Holiday and a Cake Sale on the June Bank Holiday as additional fundraisers.

## Musical Night in Sneem Hotel

We would like to thank all the musicians: - St. Crohan's Gospel Choir, Aoife and Jason, Kevin and Martin, and Stephanie Burns; Sneem Hotel and all that participated in the fundraiser in Sneem Hotel which took place on Saturday night 6th April. All funds will be used for this year's Sneem Summer Festival. Special thanks too to DJ O'Sullivan's and The Blue Bull for their raffle prizes!



# St. Patrick's Day

We would like to thank everyone who helped make St. Patrick's Day such a success, including our Grand Marshal John Egan and his family (pictured right), everyone who participated in the parade, the musicians, the traders and everyone who came out on the day!



Congratulations to the Parade's prize winners: Sneem Scouts (Best Walking Float), Sneem Beekeepers (Best Motorised Float) and Sneem Men's Shed (Best Overall Float).

Photos by Mary D O'Neill



# St. Patrick's Day



Congratulations to Stephanie Cahill who won Person of the Year, pictured with John Egan  
Parade organisers Brendan Galvin and Brian Foley  
Photos by Mary D O'Neill

# Sneem Rowing Club

## **Our 50/50 draw**

will be starting up again first week in May.

Monthly tickets are available in local shops and pubs.

We are offering 6 Monthly tickets also.

€30 - 3 tickets per draw per month.

€50 - 6 tickets per draw per month.

Anyone who would like to avail of using Revolut to buy tickets please do so.

@siobha9m00.

## **St. Patrick's Day**

Thank you everyone who supported us on St. Patrick's Day.

It was such a wonderful day in Sneem.

Results of our draw:

Pig - Kerrie O Shea

Parknasilla voucher - Ryan Casey

Sneem Hotel Voucher - Michelle O'Sullivan

Gym Membership - Kieran Murphy

D J O'Sullivan voucher - David Fay

Congratulations to all. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out on the day.

## **Membership**

Gym and Rowing Memberships are now due since 1st March.

Please do not use gym or boats unless you have paid your membership for 2024.

We will hold a membership day in the gym in a week or more.

## **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

Templenoë 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

## Hibernia Boat Race

Newport Daily News photo - 1903



### **HIBERNIA BOAT CREW.** **CHAMPION TWELVE OARED CREW OF THE WORLD.**

Coxswain: MARTIN SHEA

STARBOARD: Christopher Burns, Jas. Burns, David Fitzgerald, Patrick Sullivan, Jeremiah O'Neill, Jas. Sullivan.  
PORT: Michael Brennan, Jas. Malvey, Thomas Brennan, Daniel Sullivan, Michael Casey, Jeremiah O'Neill.

In August 1905, 12 strong sailors from the USS Kearsarge, the champion cutter racing crew of the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Squadron, challenged the team from the recently established Hibernia Racing Club of Newport to a four-mile rowing race in Newport Harbor. Beginning in 1895, cutter races on the harbour attracted thousands of Newport's citizens, Navy sailors, tourists, workers and gamblers to watch these 12-man boats compete for money and prizes. The race was won by the Hibernia crew by several lengths. Six of the crew were from Sneem: Michael Casey was father of the famous Steve "Crusher" Casey and grandfather of Noel Casey. He was born in 1877 in a little parish called Loughane about 8 miles from Sneem village, he was the 3rd in a family of nine, five girls and four boys. He was very lucky in his young age in that he refused to go on a fishing trip to haul some nets where 8 men were lost. In those days there was no employment in Ireland and thousands were forced to emigrate. Thomas and Michael Brennan were from Sneem or the area around it.

Christie Burns, James Malvey and Martin Shea were also from Sneem and David Fitzgerald came from Caherdaniel.

Noel Casey would be interested if anyone knows of any of the descendants of these men. There was a lecture given in The Museum of Newport Irish History on 20th March entitled "*The Great Cutter Race of 1905: An Irish Tale of Newport's Gilded Age*"



# The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



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

	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Meeting times</b>
<b>Beaver Scouts</b>	6-8 years	Thursday 6pm to 7pm
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	9-11 years	Monday 6.30pm to 8pm
<b>Scouts</b>	12-14 years	Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm
<b>Venture and Rover Scouts</b>	15-17 years 18-25 years	Tuesday 7.30pm to 9pm

The Cubs went camping at Muckross Venture Centre in Killarney recently.





# The 15th Kerry Sneem Scout Group



Cub scouts had a great weekend away to Killarney Muckross Venture Centre in March. A trip to the High Cross, hide and seek in the Abbey, cooking over open fires and Masterchef competition. Well done to all the cubs for taking part and thank you to all the leaders for giving their time for a fun weekend



## Camino Walk

Pictured are Olivia Moriarty and Marie Moriarty O'Leary who walked a stage of the Camino. After one day of sun they had torrential rain, hailstones and even snow. They walked 115 km.



## Sneem Walking Club

**Exciting news** - Sneem Walking Club plans to hold a walking weekend from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October 2024. We will be working with local businesses to ensure it is all inclusive event. Watch this space for further details, plus keep an eye out on Facebook and on the link below on the website for further details:

<https://sneemwalkingclub.ie/04-06-october-2024/>

# Sneem TidyTowns

## April - Let Dandelions Bee

This month will see the biggest bloom of Dandelions. These native wildflowers are vital sources of nectar and pollen. Records sent to the National Biodiversity Data Centre in 2023 showed that Dandelions were the most popular food source for wild bees. Help feed hungry pollinators this month and #LetDandelionsBee.

## Getting ready for No Mow May - Reduced mowing tips

Reducing mowing even to once a month can help feed our hungry pollinators. By mowing less, you are giving native wildflowers a chance to pop up naturally. Over time this will result in pockets of species-rich grassland: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for pollinators. **If you're taking part in No Mow May this year and you're worried about grass growth, cut your lawn before the end of April.** This will ensure the height is manageable when it's time to mow again. Make sure you remove grass clippings to help wildflowers grow.

## Create a short-flowering meadow

By mowing just once a month, you can give native wildflowers and insect friendly grasses a chance to pop up naturally and help feed hungry wild bees. No seeds needed!



### April:

#### #Let Dandelions Bee



When you mow, make sure you remove grass clippings so wildflowers can grow.

### May:

#### #No Mow May



### June:

#### #Let it Bloom June



Be creative when you mow! Cut pathways, spirals, and shapes.



### July:

#### #Help Them Fly July



### August:



If your grass gets too tall at any stage, trim it with blades raised high to save the wildflowers. Leave some corners to grow long.



Want to do more? Create a long-flowering meadow by cutting once a year in September.

Find out more at [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie)

Photos: Steven Falk

## Fit Counts

If you have 10 minutes, why not watch a patch of flowers to count how many insects land on them. Visit <https://biodiversityireland.ie/surveys/fit-counts/>

## Summer Visitors

Nesting season is upon us and we are excited awaiting the return of swifts, swallows and house martins to our village. Our two new swift boxes are located on Sneem Community Centre and Sneem Creche and we will be watching them closely to see if any swifts take up residence this summer.



# Sneem Tidy Towns

House martins typically nest under the eaves on the sides of buildings and swallows inside (in barns and outhouses). House martins are having difficulty as their nests are built of mud and can fall off plastic soffits which are common these days. If anyone would like to make some house martin nests, we have plans, email janeosullivan11@gmail.com.

## Community Circular Economy Action Plan

We have been awarded funding from the Community Foundation of Ireland towards the development of a Community Circular Economy Action Plan. We will be assigned a mentor shortly to help us develop this plan. If anyone has ideas for projects or would like to get involved, please let us know.

## Community Water Development Fund

We have also been successful in our application to LAWPRO (Local Authority Waters Programme) for funding for a Sneem River Safari and Recommendations Map which will be carried out by Feidhlim Harty from FH Wetland Systems. Feidhlim will be making his initial visit to Sneem on Thursday 25th April to explore the river and identify what's flowing into it. If anyone would like to get involved in this exciting project, get in touch.

## Ecological Corridors for Pollinators

We were delighted to see Sneem used in this new publication by the National Biodiversity Data Centre showing our mapping of Actions for Pollinators. If you are carrying out actions in your garden such as letting native plants grow and avoiding pesticides, let us know so we can fill in the gaps. There's lots of useful information to be found on the [pollinators.ie](http://pollinators.ie) website.

### Ecological Corridors for Pollinators

What are ecological corridors?  
Ecological corridors connect habitats, linking areas and supporting biodiversity. They can include hedgerows and roadside verges, watercourses, and greenways. They can also include built-up areas, such as parks and greenways, and can be used to connect habitats.

Why are they important for pollinators?  
Pollinators are essential for food production and biodiversity. They are also important for the environment. They can help to control pests and diseases, and can be used to improve the quality of the environment.

How can you create ecological corridors?  
You can create ecological corridors by planting native plants and trees, and by creating green spaces. You can also create corridors by using hedgerows and watercourses.

The benefits of creating ecological corridors for pollinators include:  
- Increased biodiversity  
- Improved food production  
- Improved water quality  
- Improved air quality  
- Improved soil quality  
- Improved habitat for other species



### Creating ecological corridors

- 1. Identify the corridors that you want to create. This could be a hedgerow, a watercourse, or a greenway.
- 2. Plan the corridors. This could involve mapping the area and identifying the key features.
- 3. Create the corridors. This could involve planting native plants and trees, or creating green spaces.
- 4. Maintain the corridors. This could involve regular weeding and watering.



## Bat Mural

Our lovely bat mural also popped up on social media this week advertising The Bat Conservation Ireland Award and is featured in Issue 24 of Biodiversity Ireland magazine.



## Kerry Biodiversity Week 17th - 26th May

We are making plans to hold some events during this year's Biodiversity Week. So far, we are planning a Bat Walk and a Bioblitz in the Wild Garden. Details will be in next month's newsletter.

# Tahilla CNS

## St. Patrick's Day in Sneem

This year we were delighted to take part in St. Patrick's Day in Sneem. We took part by performing music on the stage to entertain the crowd that was gathering before the Parade.

Well done to all our pupils and their parents who took part and helped us put on a great performance. A special thank you to our Priomhoide Máire

and our music teacher Aoife Desmond who put in a lot of work and time preparing the children in the weeks prior. Maith sibh go léir!



## Forest School

The Junior Room (Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> class) had their final session in Forest School just before the Easter holidays. They have been attending Forest School every Tuesday. The children survived all types of weather - from frost, to rain, to a little bit of sunshine as well!

The pupils have learned lots of new skills, such as; whittling sticks, lighting fires, fire safety, how to hunt and catch insects, making bracelets and making dolls out of rushes. We learnt some new songs and completed a number of art and crafts projects such as making bark art. We already can't wait to go back next year!



## Arts & Crafts Fun



SUNDAY 28TH APRIL | 4PM TO 7PM



**RAMBLING HOUSE**  
MUSICAL EVENING

JOIN US AT TAHILLA SCHOOL



**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

LIVE MUSIC WITH SPECIAL GUESTS!

TASTY DISHES TO SHARE FROM OUR DIVERSE  
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HELPING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL'S FUTURE!

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## Sneem Story House



Work continues on the Story House project in the Little Church. We have now formed a company "Sneem Little Church Story House CLG". Our Bank account is now open in AIB Kenmare and we would welcome any contributions towards the costs of renovating the church and getting this ambitious project off the ground.

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All contributions hugely appreciated.

Following on from the Feasibility Study which was carried out by CHL Consultants, we have engaged the services of Conservation Architect Karol O'Mahony to carry out an extensive survey of the church building.

The plan is to get the church open daily before the end of April. There will be a cleaning session on Tuesday morning (16th April) at 10am in the Little Church if anyone would like to come along and help get the church ready for reopening for the season.

We are out recording people's stories to camera, so if you have story to tell, get in touch with Fergal Harrington on 085 1422677.



 **CLIONA  
HAGAN**

at the **Sneem Hotel**

Saturday 11th of May 2024

Tickets **€25**



Doors Open at 7pm

**A night not to be missed**

# We're Hiring!

Would you like to join the team  
at Avoca Moll's Gap?

We are currently hiring:

RETAIL & FOOD ASSISTANTS

KITCHEN PORTER

EXPERIENCED KITCHEN STAFF

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## 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.

Last month we heard Paul's growing story, now let's hear some of his tips and amazing knowledge. When Laurence met Paul it was early September and he had just finished harvesting the potatoes and the young shoots of green manure were emerging from the beds, preparing the garden for the winter. Paul's favourite production is potatoes. *"They are easy to grow, keep all the year, and feed the family. We always grow three maincrops: Cara , Maris Piper, and this year I tried Sarpo Mira. Of course, we have early potatoes as well."*

### **What is the difference between main crop and early potatoes?**

Maincrop potatoes are varieties that take longer to mature (usually 100-160 days, or 14-23 weeks), they are generally larger than early potatoes, and they keep better in storage. Cara tubers are round with white skin and pink eyes. This variety has a good taste and is suitable for all types of preparation: mashing, chips, roasting and baking. They are the one Paul grows each year and would mostly strongly recommend to others. Maris Pipers originated in Ireland, from grower John Clarke in 1963, have a golden skin and creamy white flesh with a fluffy texture. It is a versatile all-rounder, but tend to fall apart when boiled.

Paul emphasises the importance of a good soil. *"We cultivate everything that thrives on this land easily and happily. Everything is grown following permaculture principals. We put food on the table according to what we have in the garden, which means you have to grow efficiently. Most vegetable production uses manure from farmed animals, but we don't as we are vegan. We rely on green manure and compost to keep the soil productive."*

Paul Fairbairn in his garden



## Grow Local

Green manures are plants which cover and protect the soil for the winter. “Our mix contains clover or vetch, which are nitrogen fixers, and the seeds are sown in autumn after harvesting. To keep the soil covered we also use seaweed, our own compost, and we mulch with grass clippings and cardboard. A good compost and deep, raised beds are really important when you rely on green manure.”

Paul’s garden is organised as a succession of “rooms” separated by hedges. *“They are actually edible, but mostly they provide shelter to the productive beds, protecting from the wind and from the passage of animals. Some shrubs bring nutrients to the soil the same way as green manure does - for example, the roots of Eleagnus x Ebbingei are great for nitrogen-fixing. We also have shrubs and plants for the bees, such as Berberis (Darwinii) which has orange flowers and small evergreen leaves. It blooms early which is important for the pollinators.”* We are now in March, look around, they are looking magnificent at the moment.

As we all know, without insects, many of the food that grows in our gardens and farms will not be pollinated, risking the production of all fruits and vegetables.



- \* As a follow up of the Transition Kerry Programme on Biodiversity & Climate Change course Laurence interviews people who grow food in our area. Thanks to Stephanie (Biodiversity Group) for editing these texts.
- \* Some information are taken from the online catalogue of Fruit Hill Farm, Co. Cork. Paul nevertheless keeps his own seeds.

### ALONE

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## Blackwater News

CPR Training took place in Blackwater Tavern last weekend. Twenty eight people trained in CPR and first aid, a great turnout despite Storm Kathleen. Photos by Mary O'Neill and Mary D. O'Neill





## Kenmare and District Garden Club

Our March meeting was held in the Gateway Kenmare. The Club welcomed Vincent, 'Vinny', Hyland, author of the widely acclaimed recent book "**Wild Derrynane – A Wildlife Year Explorer Guide: Stories and Memoirs**", on sale in the bookshops in Kenmare and Sneem. He gave a very informative and inspirational talk entitled '**Magical Trees and Wonderful Woodland**' focusing on Derrynane and the surrounding woodland and countryside. He spoke about our historical relationship with plants, particularly trees, which played a role for ancient people – Valentia island for instance was 86% oak forest 8,000 years ago. His heart is with the Ireland's biodiversity and natural vegetation, with the birds and insects and particularly moths that live in the 'noble oak', in the 'pioneering' trees of willow and birch, in ash, hazel and alder, which, if left alone, provide a rich fertile ecosystem. Finally, Vinny encouraged us to enjoy the serenity of woodland and listen quietly to the wind in the trees. Lovely!

The April meeting was held in the Gateway Kenmare, which again was filled to capacity. The Club welcomed Rosie Maye, a regular contributor to the Irish Garden Magazine, also known as the Insomniac Gardener through her popular Facebook blog. She gave a delightful talk entitled '**Colour in All Seasons**'. Her infectious enthusiasm and inspirational ideas really perked up the members after all the dreary rainy weather which has put a dampener on spring gardening activities. She showed how to under plant and interplant in a relaxed way so that colour is ongoing, how to use plants and trees that have two seasons of interest and how to use cleverly positioned pots to ensure good continuation – and not to forget the use of green to add style. The only problem is that we may all become insomniac gardeners! Hopefully the Club will visit her garden in 2025 and looks forward to a return visit by her in the not too distant future.

Next Meeting is on 2nd May with Des Doyle, working from his home Lavistown House, Kilkenny. Formerly a goldsmith but now his creative talents are concentrated on garden design. Talk: "**Growing Beauty – Re-imagining an Irish Country Garden**" (Book of this title to be published in April). This will be the last talk of the Spring season in the Gateway as June sees the Club going on a 3 day tour to the Abbeyleix area.

**N.B Meetings: First Thursday of the month**, unless otherwise specified.

**Venue: The Gateway** V93T9XT (beyond the Centra Garage heading on the Molls Gap/Killarney road, opposite the Brooklane Hotel grounds). Parking available  
Contact **Stephen Austen: 087 9112876** for further information if you are interested in becoming a member.

## Carnegie Arts Kenmare

**Friday 26th April 8pm** Comedy: Chris Kent "**Back at It**"

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

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

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

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Departs	Stops	Monday - Sunday			
Waterville	<i>Butler Arms Hotel</i>	06:15	09:30	13:20	17:05
Cathair Dónall	<i>Village Cross</i>	06:34	09:49	13:39	17:24
Cuan an Chaisleáin	<i>Church</i>	06:41	09:56	13:46	17:31
Sneem	<i>Square (Opp Green Chair)</i>	07:03	10:18	14:08	17:53
Tahilla	<i>Church</i>	07:14	10:29	14:19	18:04
Templenoë	<i>Church</i>	07:27	10:42	14:32	18:17
Kenmare	<i>Tom Crean Fish &amp; Wine</i>	07:37	10:52	14:42	18:27

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

Departs	Stops	Monday - Sunday			
Kenmare	<i>Tom Crean Fish &amp; Wine</i>	08:00	11:45	15:00	18:45
Templenoë	<i>Church</i>	08:10	11:55	15:10	18:55
Tahilla	<i>Church</i>	08:23	12:08	15:23	19:08
Sneem	<i>Square (Opp Green Chair)</i>	08:34	12:19	15:34	19:19
Cuan an Chaisleáin	<i>Church</i>	08:56	12:41	15:56	19:41
Cathair Dónall	<i>Village Cross</i>	09:03	12:48	16:03	19:48
Waterville	<i>Butler Arms Hotel</i>	09:22	13:07	16:22	20:07

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See [www.bit.ly/sneemskills](http://www.bit.ly/sneemskills) for full details.

# Sneem Events Calendar

Sunday 5th May - Table Quiz in Riney's in aid of Sneem Festivals

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

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

17th - 26th May - Kerry Biodiversity Week

Thursday 23rd May - Rás Tailteann

Saturday 25th May - Ring of Beara Cycle

Sunday 2nd June - Cake Sale in aid of Sneem Festivals

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Pat Shortt & Faye Shortt "Knuckle Down" Sneem Hotel

Saturday 6th July - Ring of Kerry Cycle

6th - 28th July - Sneem Site Specific Sculpture Trail

17th - 21st July 2024 Sneem Summer Festival

15th to 19th July - Swim Week White Strand

4th to 6th October - Sneem Walking 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 15th December - Sneem Rowing Club 5k Fun Run

## Music



### Dan Murphy's Bar

Music on May Bank Holiday Weekend  
Check with Bar



### Riney's Bar

Sunday 5th May - Table Quiz  
Check with Bar

### D O'Shea's Bar

Saturday 13th April - Trad Music Session with Local Musicians  
Sunday 21st April - Trad Music Session with Local Musicians



### Sneem Hotel

Saturday 13th April - Pat Waters  
Saturday 27th April - Martin Larkin  
Saturday 4th May - Martin Larkin  
Saturday 11th May - Cliona O'Hagan



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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  
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at 4.45p from Tesco (town) car-  
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For any other routes or information  
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## Risen Light Garden

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**Where: Kenmare Family Resource Centre**

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11th	7.02	19.21
12th	7.44	19.58
13th	8.28	20.44
14th	9.15	21.35
15th	10.19	22.44
16th	11.46	
17th	12.12	13.19
18th	1.40	14.29
19th	2.41	15.54
20th	3.27	15.54
21st	4.05	16.29
22nd	4.36	16.58
23rd	5.07	17.26
24th	5.35	17.52
25th	6.06	18.19
26th	6.35	18.49
27th	7.10	19.23
28th	7.49	20.03
29th	8.36	20.35
30th	9.37	22.00
1st	10.52	23.22
2nd	12.19	
3rd	12.44	13.36
4th	1.58	14.38
5th	2.57	15.31
6th	3.51	16.15
7th	4.36	17.00
8th	5.24	17.42

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**Sunday 21st April - Dan Murphy's Bar**

**Sunday 28th April - D O'Shea's Bar**

**Sunday 5th May - Riney's Bar**

**10pm sharp**

Sunday 10th March 2024. Numbers drawn: 13, 19, 25, 30. No Winner.  
€ 40 consolation went to: Lilly & Flynn Breen, Bohocogram; Paula O'Sullivan, Dirrah, Sneem; Joanne Murphy, Brittas Bay; Paula O'Sullivan, Dirrah, Sneem.

Sunday 17th February 2024. Numbers drawn: 9, 18, 20, 29 No Winner.  
€ 40 consolation went to: Paul Flynn, Bohocogram; Eileen McGillicuddy, Castlecove; John Riney, Drimnabeg; Michelle Smyth, Surrey, UK.

Sunday 24th March 2024. Numbers drawn: 8, 11, 20, 21. No Winner.  
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Sunday 31st March 2024 Numbers drawn: : 4, 6, 24, 30 No Winner.  
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Sunday 7th April 2024. Numbers drawn: 5, 11, 24, 29. No Winner  
€ 40 consolation x 4: Mary Kavanagh, c/o D O'Shea's; Aileen O'Donoghue, Castlecove; Mary O'Shea. Glasnevin BAC; Mary Kavanagh, c/o D O'Shea's

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