



# The Fifth Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival 2016

11th - 13th November 2016



[www.sneemstorytellingfestival.com](http://www.sneemstorytellingfestival.com)



## Sneem -

whose Gaelic name means the Knot - is full of colourful houses and has two little squares separated by a bridge.

This village has had many famous visitors including George Bernard Shaw, Grace Kelly and more recently the film stars of "The Lobster" winner of The Jury prize at Cannes released 2015. This was shot at various locations around Sneem. Star Wars was shot at Skellig Michael just an hour down the road from here.

At a turbulent time in his life, Charles de Gaulle escaped to Sneem, where, he said, "I was at peace with myself".

Many people come to Sneem for a holiday and stay forever, it's that type of place.

## How to get to Sneem

Irish Rail runs multiple daily train services to Killarney from Dublin, Limerick, Cork and Galway. Details are on [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie). Taxi services are available at Killarney train station for your onward journey to Sneem. No buses are available.

Sneem can be reached by road from Killarney by taking the N71 and R568 (suggested route from Galway or Limerick), or from Kenmare by taking the N70 (suggested route from Cork).



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9° 54' 0" W (long)



## PROGRAMME SUNDAY 13th November

12 noon **Storytelling for children** with Mark Binder.  
**Sneem Crèche, North Square - Free**

12.30 pm - **Lunchtime Theatre**  
2.30 pm **Faith Healer** by Brian Friel  
produced by DramSoc,  
directed by Patrick Malone.  
**Sneem Community Centre**  
- €5



2.30 pm - **Open House and 'Story Swap'** hosted by Pat  
3.30 pm Speight and Batt Burns Come tell your story!  
**Rineys Bar, South Square - Free**

3.35 pm **Closing the Festival** with a storytelling session  
with all our Tellers.  
**Dan Murphy's, South Square - Free**

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## BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

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**Weekend Ticket: €50.00 per person**

*The Committee would like to thank our sponsors,  
storytellers, helpers and you our audience  
for making our Festival a success.*

*See you next year 10-12 November 2017*

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## Sneem International Storytelling & Folklore Festival 2016

Welcome to the fifth Sneem International Storytelling and Folklore Festival. This year's storytellers include Jim Maher from Kilkenny, Pat Speight and Seán Ó Sé. from Cork, Mark Binder from USA, and our own Batt Burns (founder/Chairman) from Kerry.

We are delighted to announce for our Saturday feature we have *The Matchmaker* by J B Keane directed by Michael Scott, starring Jon Kenny and Mary McEvoy (see below).

Patrons can look forward to adult and children's workshops, a pub trail, a storytelling walk into the countryside, lectures from Alice Taylor and Pádraig Ó Concubhair and concerts.

We think we have something for all ages, for visitors and for locals. We hope you enjoy our Festival and our colourful village.



Photo: Tom Lawler

### PROGRAMME - FRIDAY 11th November

**1.00 pm** **Storytelling Walk** along the Kerry Way with Seanchai, Batt Burns, in the foothills outside of Sneem (weather permitting). Tea and scones in a farmhouse followed by stories and verse in 18th c. barn. Walking shoes & rain gear required. Transport if needed.  
**Meet at Sneem National School - €5.00**



**1.30 pm** **Storytelling Workshop for South Kerry Youngsters** with Pat Speight and Mark Binder.  
**Sneem National School - Free**

**4.30 pm:** **Storytelling session** with Jim Maher, Pat Speight and Mark Binder.  
**The Wrestlers Bar, South Square - Free**

**8.00 pm** **Storytelling Concert** with our featured tellers and renowned Cork tenor Seán Ó Sé.  
**Function Room, Sneem Hotel - €15.00**

**10.15 pm** **Storytelling Pub Trail:** All our storytellers including Ray O'Sullivan (Killarney) will perform in pubs around the village. - **Free**

### PROGRAMME - SATURDAY 12th November

**10.30 am** **Interactive performance for children.**  
**Sneem Crèche, North Square - Free**

**11.00 am** **Storytelling Workshop for Adults** with Pat Speight.  
**Conference Room, Sneem Hotel - Free**

**11.45 am** **Storytelling Performance for Children** with Mark Binder.  
**Sneem Crèche, North Square - Free**

**12 noon** **Lunchtime story swap** with Jim Maher and Killian Burns. Come tell your story!  
**D. O'Shea's Bar, North Square - Free**

### PROGRAMME - SAT. 12th November (cont.)

**1.00 pm** **"From Buck House to The House of Healing"**  
Pádraig Ó Concubhair. The story of Hon. Lucy Albina Broderick a regular visitor to Sneem but whose strongest ties were with Castlecove and the ruins beyond.  
**Conference Room, Sneem Hotel - €5.00**

**2.15 pm** **"A Ramble through Kerry in Story"**  
with Seanachai, Batt Burns.  
**Blue Bull, South Square - €5.00**

**3.00 pm** **Storytelling session**  
with Jim Maher and Mark Binder.  
**Wrestlers Bar, North Square - Free**

**3.30 pm** **Close to the Earth** A fascinating lecture by Alice Taylor, one of Ireland's most prolific authors of best sellers including "To School Through The Fields". which evokes a bygone era in Irish rural life.  
**Conference Room, Sneem Hotel - €5.00**

**4.30 pm:** **"1916 in Music and Verse"**  
The South Kerry Rosen Choir - commemorating the Easter Rising and the Battle of the Somme with Batt Burns.  
**Church of the Transfiguration, North Sq. - €5.00**

**5.30 pm:** **The Young Tellers**  
Seanachaithe in the making. (MC Batt Burns) 12-18 year old tellers spin some yarns.  
**Function Room, Sneem Hotel - €5.00**

**8.00 pm:** **The Matchmaker by J B Keane**  
Directed by Michael Scott and starring Jon Kenny and Mary McEvoy, this hilarious dramatic comedy takes you back to a simpler time, when phones were few and far between and the only web was one left behind by spiders.  
**Function Room, Sneem Hotel - €20.00**