

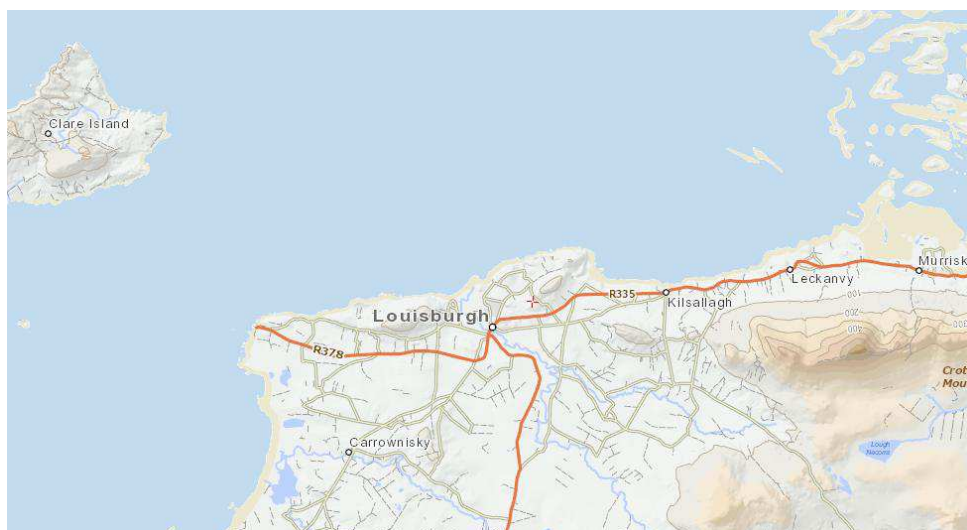


## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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### Time to gather for the big Clan Rally in Louisburgh!!



Just 2 weeks to go to the Annual O'Malley Clan Rally in Louisburgh. We're looking forward to welcoming O'Malleys from all over the globe to Mayo for a wonderful weekend. Hope you can all make it!!

Full details of the events planned are on page 2, and if you have any queries at all get in touch with us at [omalleyclanireland@gmail.com](mailto:omalleyclanireland@gmail.com) and We'll be happy to help!



### Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O'Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an arti-

cle that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



# **The Annual Clan Rally 2015, 26th to 28th June**

## **Programme of Events**

### **Friday 26th June 2015:**

- **7:30pm Registration at The Granuaile Centre, Louisburgh  
Meeting of Former Chieftains**
- **8pm**                      **Talks by:  
Chieftain Brigid O'Malley  
Former Chieftain Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop  
John O'Malley McNamara**

### **Saturday 27th June 2015:**

- **Coach Tour of some of O'Malley country, leaving Westport along the coast road to Louisburgh, then South through the spectacular scenery of the Doolough Valley into Leenane, and then to Kilmilkin where We will stop to take a look at the O'Malley stained glass window by Evie Hone.**

**Onwards then to Cong village where people can explore the village and find the cross of cong, or the monastic settlements, and the Quiet Man Museum, and stop for lunch in one of the lovely restaurants in Cong.**

**After Lunch then its on to Lisloughry for a short cruise of Lough Corrib, with a stop off on Inchagoill Island, returning to the pier We will return by coach to Louisburgh via Joyce Country in time for the evening events.**

**9:30am: Pickup from Westport Coast Hotel**

**9:45pm: Pickup from Murrisk Bus Stop**

**10am: Pickup from The Derrylahan, Louisburgh.**

**8:30pm Annual Clan A.G.M. All Welcome, The Derrylahan, Louisburgh**

**9pm: Chieftains Reception: Join our Chieftain Brigid in celebrating the 61st Anniversary of the first clan rally. Meet old and new friends and enjoy the vast array of clan talent.**

### **Sunday 28th June 2015:**

**11:30am Clan Mass in The Holy Family Church, Killeen, Louisburgh.**

**2pm Annual Clan Luncheon in The Derrylahan, Louisburgh followed by investiture of Denis O'Malley of Limerick as Chieftain for 2015-2016.**

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## The Munitir Eoin (Mounterown) O'Malleys



The family of Michael O'Malley of Mounterown (Muintir Eoin) had connections with the Maam Valley, Co. Galway. Michael was married to Sarah Joyce of Leenane and had eight children. Of these Pádhraig took a prominent place in Irish public life. He was a pioneer in the Gaelic League or Irish Language organisation, and was a member of the first Dáil (Irish Parliament) which met in 1919.

Together with his four brothers he took part in the War of Independence, when they were members of the First Battalion of the West Connemara Brigade of the I.R.A.. Pádhraig Ó Máille's house at Mounterown became the brigade headquarters, and was the scene of an attack by about 25 men of the Royal Irish Constabulary on the night of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1921. An equal number of defenders kept this party at bay, killing one policeman and wounding two others, although they suffered from a severe shortage of arms and ammunition. On the following day the enemy was reinforced by thirteen lorries loaded with military and police. The first party returned to Maam, while the new force attacked the house, making prisoners of two women and two children, who were by then the only occupants, and then burned the house to the ground. The I.R.A. party remained "on the run" in the area, and succeeded eluding the enemy forces until the Truce of July.

Pádhraig Ó Máille later became Deputy Speaker of the Dáil and was seriously wounded on a Dublin street on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1922 during the Civil War. His companion Seán Hales, T.D. (member of Parliament) was shot dead. This incident led to the execution in reprisal by the Free State government of Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellows, Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, who had been prisoners in their custody since the surrender of the Four Courts in the previous June. This was a controversial decision, which although indefensible on strictly legal grounds, was successful in its objective of preventing further attacks on public representatives, but it was to sow the seeds of a bitterness which is still inseparable from Irish politics.

Pádhraig's brother Tomás, who died in 1938 at the early age of 54, was a scholar of international repute in the field of Celtic philology. The renowned French scholar Vendryes wrote that "it was universally felt that the loss of a man like Tomás Ó Máille, so cruel for his relations and friends, was a cause of sorrow to the whole of Ireland". A committee formed to commemorate his memory described him as the champion of learning and the Irish language.

He studied under those pioneers of Celtic Studies, Meyer, Strachan and Thurneysen, in Liverpool, Manchester and Friburg im Breisgau (Germany), respectively, and was later to be professor of Irish language and Literature in what is now University College Galway, from 1909 until his death. Among his numerous publications, two were to be milestones in the study of the Irish language, namely *Urlabhraidheacht* (1927), a work on phonetics, and *An Béal Beo* (1936), which was a repository of the living language of the day. For many years he edited a local Irish language journal *An Stoc*, and devoted himself to fostering a knowledge and love of the language among his students and the general public.





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*The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.*

*We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.*

## Quiet Man Cottage to be protected



White O'Morn cottage, in Maam in Connemara, is expected to be formally granted State protection next month, when a vote is put before members of Galway County Council.

Over the past decades it has fallen into rack and ruin and is now unrecognizable from the John Ford-directed 1952 movie, which starred John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

Actor Liam Neeson recently added his voice to the campaign to get the cottage restored, stating: "It has been lying in ruins for way too many years." But California-based Greg Ebbitt, who has been the registered owner of the property since 1985, said he fears the crumbling cottage will never be

restored to its former glory if it is declared a protected structure. He said: "It's always been my intention to restore it and it still is, but I'd be concerned that I won't legally be able to do anything with it if it's given State protection. My fear is that the ruling will mean it has to remain as a pile of stones."

*(check out the full story on Irish Central)*