



## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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- Time to gather in Galway for the Annual Clan Rally!!
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- Some memories from the First Clan Rally in 1953!
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### Time to gather in Galway for the Annual Clan Rally!

The waiting is almost over!!

In just a weeks time O'Malleys from all corners of the world will descend upon Galway for a weekend of History, Genealogy, Music, Song, Dance, Good food, Good craic, and most important of all, lifelong friendships will be formed.

There's been a massive demand for some of our events this year from O'Malleys near and far, so there's going to be a big crowd in attendance.

The highlight of the weekend will of course, as always, be the Clan Family Day on Sunday and this is where our new Chieftain will be invested so be sure not to miss it!

Check out the full programme of events on the website.



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- Welcome to the new O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter "O'Maille" from the Clan Chieftain.
- The new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley.
- Don O'Malley's new edition "O'Malley: A Family History" by the author.
- The O'Malley Clan Rally 2017.
- President's Report 2017.
- About the O'Malley Clan Association.
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Welcome to our new newsletter from Clan Chieftain Brigide O'Malley

We hope you will find this newsletter a useful and interesting read. It is a pleasure to hear from you and we hope you will find it a useful and interesting read. It is a pleasure to hear from you and we hope you will find it a useful and interesting read.

**The New US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley**

The O'Malley Clan Association has been proud to welcome the new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley to the O'Malley Clan Association. Mr O'Malley has been a member of the O'Malley Clan Association for many years and has been a very active member. He has been a very active member of the O'Malley Clan Association and has been a very active member of the O'Malley Clan Association.

### 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!



## Some memories from the 1st Clan Rally in 1953

One of our subscribers kindly emailed through some pictures and a newspaper report of the first O'Malley Clan Rally in 1953

Between 400 and 500 members of The O'Malley Clan, nobody knows the exact figure invaded Westport in County Mayo yesterday in two coaches and approximately 100 cars for the first in what is expected to be a series of clan reunions. They came from places as far apart as Leeds and Chicago to see the renowned stronghold of the famous Grace O'Malley "the Sea Queen" at Carrickaholey, opened by Lady Mary O'Malley who lives beside the castle. The welcome was as big and sincere for the humblest of clansmen as it was for the most materially favoured of our clansmen. John J O'Malley the Clans first President welcomed the gathered masses in a speech from the back of a lorry in The Mall in Westport. Mr O'Malley, at 83 years was the eldest of the gathering, with the youngest being Imelda

O'Malley, a 2 year old from Achill Island.

The gathering included Doctors and Professors, Farm Labourers and Fishermen. There were O'Malleys in tweeds, O'Malleys in Sunday suits, O'Malleys in caps and O'Malleys in flowered hats, red-haired O'Malleys, and white haired O'Malleys, they came in Limousines and on Bicycles. All of Westport turned out to watch them. Mass was said for deceased members of the Clan in Westport and in Newport.

At the castle in Carrickaholey, (Rockfleet), The Westport Boys Band, (including at least one youthful O'Malley), led the procession to the castle. The group was then joined by more O'Malleys from Clare Island and other Islands in Clew Bay who arrived by boat at the castle. The lorry was brought into use again A cold wind blew in from Clew Bay but the O'Malley Clan were undeterred. The speakers included Dr C O'Malley of

University College Galway, and Mr Thomas O'Malley, Lecturer in Irish at University College Galway.

Lady Mary O'Malley who welcomed everyone to Carrickaholey on behalf of her husband Sir Owen O'Malley, who had to travel to London to see a sick relative, spoke about the importance of preserving the monuments that previous O'Malleys had left us. She also echoed Dr O'Malley's earlier words that this is only the beginning of O'Malley Clan Rallies which could and should go on for a thousand years.

The castle was then opened and the group crowded in and a few moments later a bandsman was playing his trumpet from the parapet. The group then carried on to Malranney where lunch was served in the local hotel, where 2 sittings were necessary, due to the multitudes that had travelled. A gettogether was held then that lasted long into the night.

Source: Sarah Kelly

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***"It was a great day for the O'Malleys"***



**Some of the Large Crowd of O'Malleys in 1953**

## Some memories from the 1st Clan Rally in 1953

### Some of the Faces from 1953



Included in picture: Back Row: L-R, Conor O'Malley, Harold O'Malley, Andrew O'Malley, Stiofán Ó Máille, Tomás S Ó Máille, Páidric Máille, Sean Máille.

Middle Row: L-R: Cissie Ó Máille, Brian O'Malley, Peter Ó Máille,

Front Row: L-R: Ann O'Malley, Eithne O'Malley, Lil O'Malley, Brigid Ó Máille, Sally O'Malley

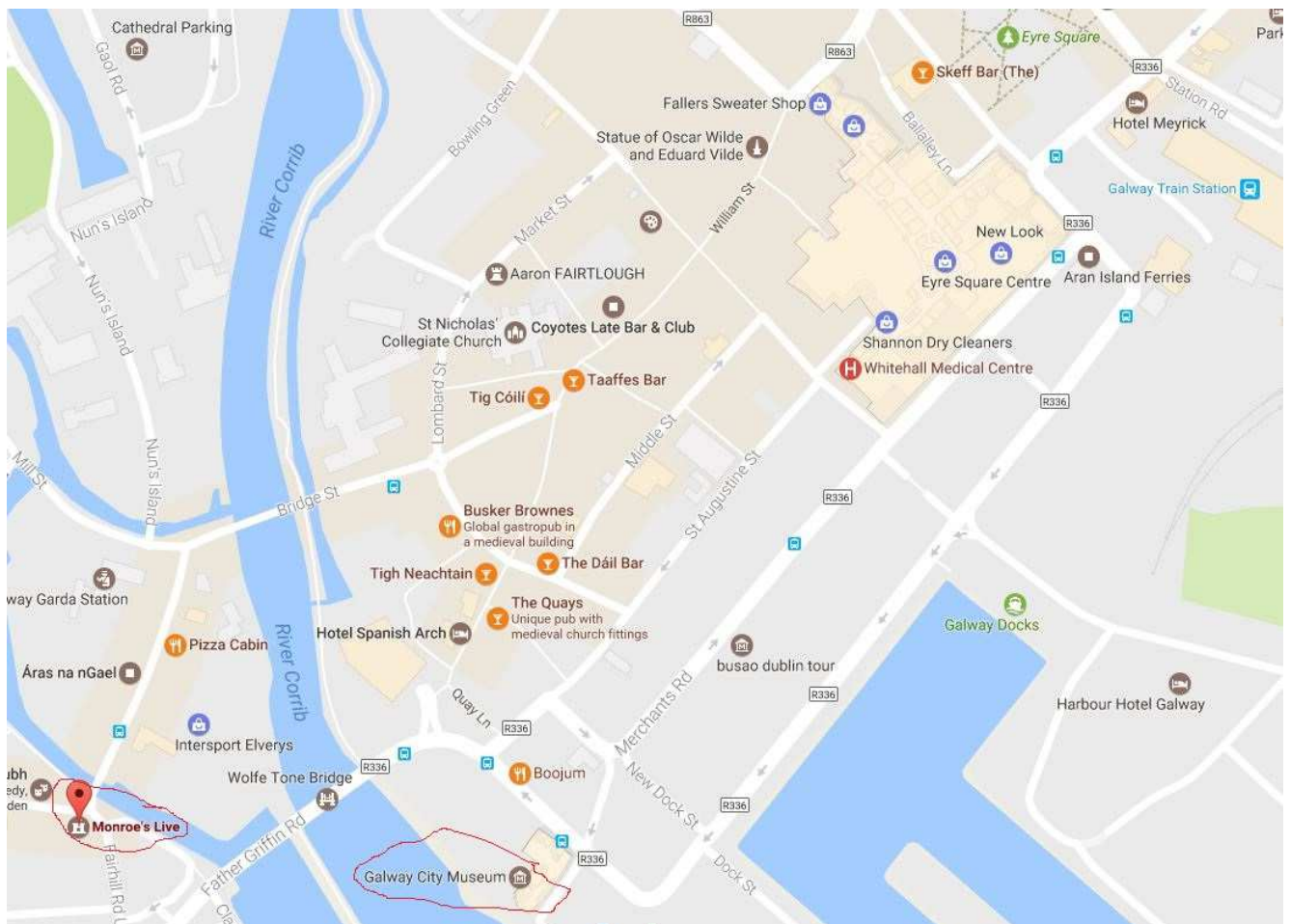
**Rockfleet Castle at  
Carrickaholey, Near Newport  
County Mayo. Former home  
of Grace O'Malley, and  
visited by the Clan members  
at the first rally in 1953**

Pictures taken by Ann O'Malley & submitted by Sarah Kelly





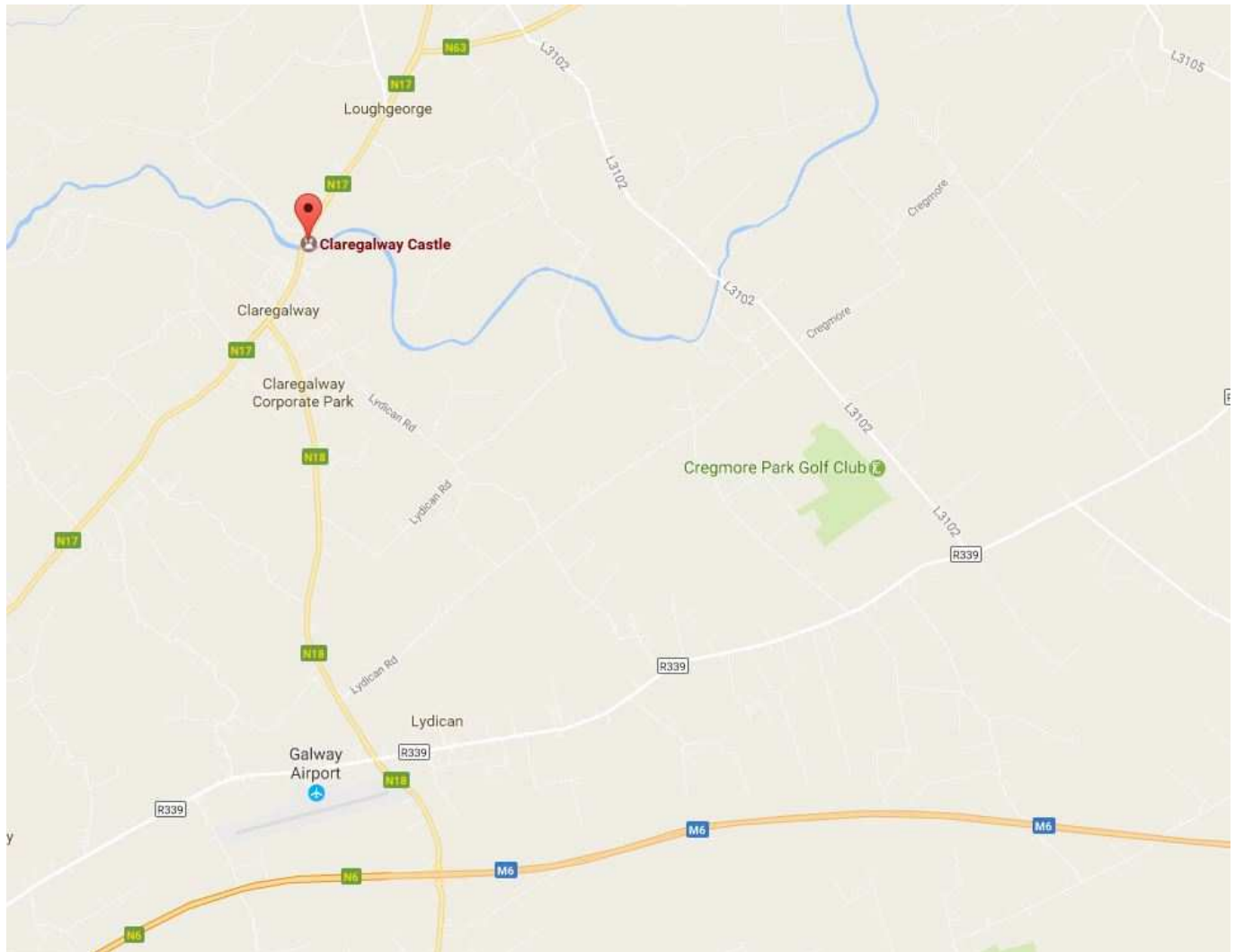
## Time for a weekend to remember in Galway!



### Friday Evening: Galway City Museum & Monroe's Tavern



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### Saturday Evening & Sunday: Claregalway







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*The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.*

*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.*

## The O'Malley Clan Rally 23rd to 25th June 2017

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2017 takes place in beautiful **Claregalway**, County Galway on the weekend of the **23rd to 25th June 2017**. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. Highlights will include Medieval Banquet, Castle Experience, Abbey Visits, Talks and Tours, music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only just a week to go!!!.

The full programme of events is up on the website and you can book online there too!, We hope to see you all there.

If you need any help with planning your trip, Or with further information on the Annual Rally, drop us a line by email (the address is at the top of this page), and We'll get back to you right away!

