



# ***O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter***

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## A mighty Weekend for The O'Malley Clan in Galway!

What a weekend it was in Galway! From a mighty night in Galway City on Friday, and through the whole weekend of events to the Barbeque on Sunday afternoon We had a blast!!

Huge Congratulations to Sarah, our Chieftain for 2016-2017, on organising a brilliant weekend in Galway.

There would be too many people to thank for their help, sponsorship, etc in putting together the weekends activities along with Sarah, but they all know who they are, so well done to one and all.

Pearce O'Malley from Westport has now been invested as Chieftain for 2017-2018, so congratulations to Pearce!



## 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 Weekend that was....The O'Malley Clan Rally

What a weekend it was!

The Clan gathered in Galway City Museum on Friday night and were entertained by a young local harpist while sipping wine, local craft beer and very tasty canapés.

Councillor Eileen Mannion, newly appointed Cathaoir-leach of Galway Co Council warmly welcomed the Clan to Galway. The first Rally in Galway since 1997, when Ann was Chieftain.

Renowned musician Gerry Hanbury entertained us with the history of Oró sé do Bheatha Bhaile, followed na a rousing rendition of what has become a Clan Anthem.

Special Guest, Gov Martin O'Malley captivated the audience with a potted history of his personal search for his Irish Roots. He wowed the clan with a moving song, Sweet Clonbur, telling the tale of this journey.

Dr Jackie Uí Chionna led a fascinating tour of Galway Waterways, this ended in Monroes Pub, a Galway institution where the evenings events were reviewed!



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On Saturday then there was a Guided Bus Tour where approximately 50 of the Clan took off around Galway to visit some of the historic sites.

Thoor Ballylee the former home of WB Yeats was the highlight for many near Ardrahan Co Galway.

A fabulous day out was enjoyed by all, and then it was back to Claregalway Castle for the Medieval Banquet.

Over 120 Clan members gathered for a beautiful meal in the historic surroundings of Claregalway Castle.

Seated at tables bearing names associated with the Clan, (Rockfleet Castle, Kildavnet Castle, Clare Island, Caislean na Circe, etc), a fabulous feast was presented, and happily devoured by the gathered Clan, with music then afterwards including guest performances by Gov Martin O'Malley, and Guardian Chieftain Ellen O'Malley Dunlop, amongst others!

The celebrations went on long into the night!

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On Sunday, The Annual Clan Mass was a moving event held in the shelter of Claregalway Augustinian Abbey which dates from the 14th century.

The sun shone kindly on the large crowd who gathered in the old cloister. Canon Donogh celebrated mass which was enriched by his personal sermon and the beautiful traditional music performed by Muintir O Cionna, nieces and nephews of Sheila Molloy.

The procession of Chieftains, led by Bagpiper Des, through the ancient Abbey, was very special. Interestingly Thus included 12 Chieftains, 6 men and 6 women.

Eamonn O Donoghue led a short but fascinating tour around the abbey before the Clan continued to Claregalway Castle.

The Clan invaded Claregalway Castle on Sunday for Féile Uí Mháille the OMalley Clan Family Day.

Dr Maurice Gleeson gave a humorous and fascinating talk on DNA, with a summary of his findings to date on the O Malley Clan. This was complemented by a presentation on Family Tree research by Dolores O'Shea.

Young and young at heart took to playing Archery on the Castle Lawn, this was great fun with some inter family competitiveness emerging!

Faces were beautifully painted, a new first novel was launched and extracts read, treasure hunters scoured the castle for treasure, folk chatted and caught up, fun was had, and all that before lunch!

Brendan O Malley, from Limerick, (of the Round House O'Malleys) whose father and grandfather were Chieftains, was elected as Tanaiste to the delight of all.

When the chef opened his huge oven, pulled out an organic mountain lamb, spit roasted, the smell called everyone to lunch.

Brigid Brophy, grand niece of Dr Conor, had organised a feast fit for a Castle.

Featuring local produce and O Malley food producers this was a relaxed and lunch enjoyed in The Bawn, or courtyard, of the Castle to the sounds of traditional Irish music played for us by local teenagers, members of Comhaltas.

Finally our new Chieftain Pearce was Invested for the coming year. Pearce extended a warm welcome to all OMalleys to Westport for the 64th Annual Rally being held 22-24 June 2018.





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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 22nd to 24th June 2018



The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2018 takes place in beautiful **Westport**, County Mayo on the weekend of the **22nd to 24th June 2018**. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. There'll be plenty of music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

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

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, and you'll be able to 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!