

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

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**Happy St Patrick's Day from all of us here at The O'Malley Clan!**



Happy St Patrick's Day to all of our subscribers! Enjoy the parades and have a great weekend!

This means that its only going to be a few short months before We all gather in Westport, County Mayo for the Annual O'Malley Clan Rally.

The programme has been finalised, (see page 2), and online booking is live! so get planning your trip! Any enquiries? Drop us a line by email at [omalleyclanireland@gmail.com](mailto:omalleyclanireland@gmail.com)



## 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!





## PRICING OF EVENTS

## Early Booking is essential. Places are limited!

FRIDAY	WESTPORT WALKING TOUR	Complimentary
FRIDAY	RECEPTION AND TALK	Complimentary
SATURDAY	THE WESTPORT STORY	Complimentary
SATURDAY	CASTLES AND ABBEYS TOUR	€25
SATURDAY	FÉILE CUAN MÓDH	€25
SUNDAY	FAMILY DAY	€35/20 (under 12's)

## LINKS OF INTERESTS

O'MALLEY CLAN	<a href="http://www.omalleyclan.ie">www.omalleyclan.ie</a>
DESTINATION WESTPORT	<a href="http://www.destinationwestport.com">www.destinationwestport.com</a>
THE LOST VALLEY	<a href="http://www.thelostvalley.ie">www.thelostvalley.ie</a>
CLARE ISLAND TOURISM	<a href="http://www.clareisland.ie">www.clareisland.ie</a>
ACHILL ISLAND TOURISM	<a href="http://www.achilltourism.com">www.achilltourism.com</a>
CLEW BAY HERITAGE CENTRE	<a href="http://www.westportheritage.com">www.westportheritage.com</a>
THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY	<a href="http://www.wildatlanticway.com">www.wildatlanticway.com</a>
GRACE O'MALLEY	<a href="http://www.graceomalley.com">www.graceomalley.com</a>

## BOOKING INFORMATION

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CHIEFTAIN PEARCE  
 AND THE O'MALLEY CLAN ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO



**Ó MÁILLE ABÚ**  
**22-24 JUNE 2018**  
**WESTPORT, CO. MAYO**

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

CASTLES AND ABBEYS TOUR - HISTORIC WALKS - CÉOIL - DRÁMAÍOCHT - DAMHSA

## VENUE / TIME WELCOME TO WESTPORT

FRIDAY JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> 2018

4:00PM WESTPORT TOWN HALL	<b>WESTPORT WALKING TOURS</b> A one hour tour of the main streets and alleys of Westport with Stephen Clarke detailing the facts and history of the town.
7:00PM WESTPORT HOUSE	<b>CHIEFTAINS RECEPTION AND HISTORICAL TALK BY ANNE CHAMBERS</b> Join us in Westport House for an evening of music and drinks followed by a talk by Anne Chambers on Grace O'Malley and her family.

## VENUE / TIME DAY TOURS AND ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> 2018

10:30AM WESTPORT TOWN HALL	<b>CASTLES AND ABBEYS TOUR</b> Brónach Joyce of The Clew Bay Heritage Centre invites you to join her on a bus tour to visit Castles and Abbeys in the Clew Bay area.
4:30PM WESTPORT TOWN HALL	<b>THE WESTPORT STORY</b> A dramatic tour of Westport led by two actors who play various historic characters of significance to Westport - Including Grace O'Malley.
8:00PM WESTPORT TOWN HALL	<b>FÉILE CUAN MÓDH</b> An evening of traditional and contemporary Irish Music featuring the best of local musicians, dancers and a short drama from "Matriarchs" by Anne Chambers on the meeting in 1593 of Gráinne Mhaol and Queen Elizabeth I.
10:30PM MILL TIMES HOTEL	<b>CRAIC AGUS CÉOIL</b> Finish the night off with some finger food, craic agus ceoil at the Mill Times Hotel.

## VENUE / TIME FAMILY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 2018

12:00PM MURRISK ABBEY	<b>MASS AT THE ABBEY</b> Murrisk Abbey has strong connections to the O'Malley Clan. The mass will be preceded by a procession from the Famine monument led by The Clew Bay Pipers.
2:00PM WESTPORT HOUSE	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> All Clan Members are welcome to attend and share any ideas.
2:30PM GRACY'S WESTPORT HOUSE	<b>FAMILY DAY AND BARBEQUE AT GRACY'S</b> Join us at Gracy's Restaurant on the grounds of Westport House for a barbeque and a special pass to Westport House and Pirate Adventure Park. Afterwards we wrap up the festivities with some live music, the Chieftains Speech and a ceremony based on Clan tradition the investiture of the 2019 Chieftain.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCOMODATION:**  
**SPECIAL RATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ACCOMODATION VIA DESTINATION WESTPORT**



## The Mystery Man—Charles O'Malley

This story came in by email from James Machin, and is taken from the autobiography of Welsh writer Arthur Machen, *"Things Near and Far"* If any of you would know anything of the Charles O'Malley mentioned, or a "Castle O'Malley" in County Galway, feel free to enlighten us all.



*"Mr Charles O'Malley, O'Malley Castle, County Galway, that was the inscription of a card which had just been placed in my hand, as I walked along Southampton Row, on which I found myself stupidly gazing in real old Southampton Row, not the staring blatant street that bears the name now, one fine day in the summer of 1900.*

*Ten minutes or so before I had been taking my morning stroll in the company of my bulldog Juggernaut. I was accosted very politely by a stoutish, youngish, clean shaven gentleman, well dressed, with the mere suspicion of an Irish accent.*

*He had said without preface of any kind: "A fine dog you've got, sir. I should be very glad if you'd come up with me and show it to a lady I know who lives in the flats opposite"*

*I assented at once, feeling thoroughly in the scene, as they say on stage. I followed him and We displayed the dog Juggernaut, certainly a noble specimen of his noble race, to the lady who I may say at once, was a lady, and appeared to be on terms of polite acquaintance with the gentleman. Jug was admired, and the gentleman and I went down to the street again.*

*The lady had not evinced the faintest astonishment at the introduction of a total stranger with a bulldog into her flat. When we were both down on the pavement of Southampton Row, the amateur of bulldogs gave me his card, and told me that I should be welcome if ever I found myself near Castle O'Malley in County Galway. And so he vanished, if he ever were there, as to which I held and still hold, in a fantastic sort of way vague doubts.*

*No the flat was a perfectly quiet and unostentatious one. Nothing to drink was produced: there were no K.O. Drops. The lady did not ask me to look in again some evening for a quiet game of cards with a few congenial friends. Mr O'Malley did not say that He had salvaged a Spanish galleon wrecked beneath the rocks on which Castle O'Malley was built, and that in consequence had more money than he knew what to do with. And I missed nothing from my pocket. That is one of the reasons why I hate rationalism, since, when it is called in, in a little difficulty or perplexity, its advices and explanations are always so stupid, so wide of the mark, so absolutely futile. Finally, from that day to this, I have never seen Mr Charles O'Malley of Castle O'Malley County Galway, nor have I heard of him. I have forgotten to say that He did not so much as ask me my name"*

So there ye have it folks, a strange encounter on a street in London involving a Bulldog, an Irishman and a Welshman, as well as a lady in a flat.

If anyone was able to fill in some blanks as to who this Charles O'Malley was and where this Castle O'Malley County Galway may have been, it would be great.

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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.*

## A Fabulous Exhibition in Coventry, UK

For the time of year that's in it, if you're in the Coventry area, there's a lovely exhibition running at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum 10th March–10th April "Explore the unique role that the Irish community have played and continue to play in Coventry through interviews, images and objects. Focussing upon themes such as sport, music and employment, this exhibition will show how the city has been transformed over the decades"

