



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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- New Membership structure for the O'Malley Clan Association!

ALL ROADS LEAD TO NEWPORT!

We can't wait to meet you all at the 66th O'Malley Clan Gathering in Newport and Westport in a couple of weeks time. It's going to be a fabulous weekend. Lets pray for fine weather! Safe Travelling on your journeys.



2022

**O'MALLEY CLAN GATHERING
24TH TO 26TH JUNE
NEWPORT • IRELAND**

Mark it in your diary, we look forward to meeting up



**O'MALLEY
Ó MÁILLE**

**The Event Booking
Link is on the clan
website and LIVE,
www.omalleyclan.ie
It's time to plan that
trip to Mayo at the
end of June**

The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2022

Friday 24th June

Venue for all Friday events: Town Hall Theatre, Westport, Co Mayo F28 R240



2:30 p.m. Welcome from Chieftain Tom O'Malley and Guardian Chieftain Ellen O'Malley Dunlop

2:35 p.m. Clare Island Grace O'Malley Castle restoration project – Ellen O'Malley Dunlop

2:45 p.m. Finding Grace DNA project – Dr Maurice Gleeson

3:15 p.m. The new 'Grace O'Malley' sail training tall ship – Leslie O'Hora of Atlantic Youth Trust

3:30 p.m. Film: The Peacemaker, an award-winning documentary directed by James Demo about Irish peacemaker and author Pádraig O'Malley who had a prominent role in the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

5:00 p.m. Short Break

5:15 p.m. Chieftain Tom O'Malley formal launch of the 66th O'Malley Clan Gathering

5:25 p.m. Pádraig O'Malley, the Peacemaker, in conversation with Enda Kenny, former Taoiseach of Ireland. (Projected Finish– 6:30-7pm)



The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2022



Above: Grace O'Malley's Castle on Clare Island, We'll get an update on the restoration project from Ellen O'Malley Dunlop on Friday afternoon, and below: The new Sail Training Vessel, "Grace O'Malley" We'll get an update on her voyage from Leslie O'Hora of the Atlantic Youth Trust



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Saturday 25th June

10:00 a.m. Bus Tour to Ballintubber Abbey and National Museum of Country Life, Turlough, Castlebar

The bus will depart from the Town Hall Theatre Westport at 10:00 am and from Hotel Newport in Newport at 10:30 am. Drop off at both locations at the end of the tour.

Ballintubber Abbey is an important sacred Irish historical site founded in 1216. Then we move on to the National Museum of Country Life, near Castlebar. Covering Archaeology, Decorative Arts, Folk & Country Life, & Natural History. See how your ancestors lived.

4:00 p.m. Family Tree Sharing Event at Hotel Newport. Bring along your own O'Malley family tree and view others. A number of computers will be available to show on-line trees. See what new connections you can make!

5:00 p.m. Chieftain's Reception at Hotel Newport, followed by dinner and entertainment by renowned singer Sean Keane with musicians Stephen Doherty and the Doocey brothers,



Above Left : National Museum of Country Life, and Above Right: Ballintubber Abbey, and below: internationally renowned singer Sean Keane, along with friends the Doocey Brothers will entertain us on Saturday evening at Hotel Newport



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Sunday 26th June

10:30 a.m. Annual General Meeting of the O'Malley Clan Association at Hotel Newport. Formal session for O'Malley Clan Association Members. The agenda will include: Reports from the Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer, the Chieftain's report, Election of the new Tánaiste, adoption of the new constitution and contributions from the floor.

11:30 a.m. Group Photo at Burrishoole Abbey. Bring Wet weather gear if the forecast is bad! Directions from Hotel Newport: Go West on the N59 for 2 km in the direction of Mallaranny. Look out for the road sign pointing left on the L1402 for Burrishoole Abbey. Abbey is 600 metres at the end of the road.

12:15 p.m. Traditional Clan Mass. Outdoor mass at Burrishoole Abbey. The Chieftain, Guardian Chieftain, Tánaiste and former Chieftains will be piped in.

1:30 p.m. Clan lunch at Nevin's Newfield Inn, followed by the inauguration of Governor Martin O'Malley as our new Chieftain.

Directions from Hotel Newport to Nevin's Newfield Inn: Go West on the N59 for 10.6 km in the direction of Mallaranny.

Right: Burrishoole Abbey, Venue for the Group Photoshoot, and the Annual Clan Mass on the Sunday morning.

Below: Nevin's Newfield Inn, venue for the Annual Clan Luncheon and the inauguration of the new Chieftain Governor Martin O'Malley of Baltimore, Maryland



We Hope You All Enjoy A Fabulous Weekend in Mayo!!

Don't forget to tag O'Malley Clan Association in your Social Media posts over the weekend, on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter

A Tragedy from Clare Island's History

A Clare Island Story of the Sarahs and the Drowning of 1883.

The O'Malley name is synonymous with Clare Island, ancestral home and burial place of Granuaile. To distinguish from the various O'Malley families, children were usually given their own Christian name followed by their father's Christian name, for example Oliver (son), Brian(father), Charles(son), Gerry (father) etc. In our island family we are distinguished from other O'Malley families by our great-grandmother's Christian name Sarah. Hence the term the Sarahs.

My father's father, John Anthony O'Malley was born on the 25th March 1877 to Sarah McHale from Emlagh Co. Mayo and Anthony O'Malley of Clare Island. Sarah and Anthony were married in the 1860s and lived in Ballytoughey which was a mostly wild and mountainous village on the North side of Clare Island. After the famine in 1845-1847 the population of the island was decimated. There had been 1600 people living on the island before the famine and it went down to approximately 600 after the famine and continued to decline until the late 1980s when the population began to rise from its low of approximately 130 to 150 inhabitants. The increase was due to the development of the fish farm and tourism which are the main employers on the island.

Sarah's sister Mary married Anthony's brother Michael and they lived in Lecarrow the middle of the island. Sarah and Anthony had four sons and two daughters and they farmed cattle. Mary and Michael had four children. They were tenant farmers as were most of the Irish who farmed at that time and they had to pay rent to the local landlord.

The Irish Land League was founded in 1879 by Michael Davitt, James Daly and Charles Stewart Parnell. Davitt was the son of a Mayo couple who were evicted from their holding when Davitt was four years old and the family had to emigrate to England. The objectives of the Land League were Free Sale, Fixity of Tenure and Fair Rent known as the 3 Fs. There followed The Land War between 1879

and 1882. It was a very disruptive time for Irish tenant farmers and many withheld their rent in protest and in support of the objectives of the Land League. During this period it is believed that Davitt visited Clare Island and spent a short time with the tenant farmers on the island.

In late 1883 just before Christmas, the O'Malleys, who where not paying rent in support of the 'withholding rent campaign' of the Land League, received word that the government's gunboat 'The Wasp', was in Westport Harbour. It had been taken over by the local authorities for law enforcement for evictions on Clare Island and the O'Malley brothers feared that the boat would come to the island and impound their cattle because they were not paying the rent. They decided to bring as many cattle as they could to Sarah and Mary's father's farm in Emlagh on the mainland, as he was paying his rent. They also planned to bring back his branding iron to the island to brand their remaining cattle in the hope that they would avoid their impoundment.

The Seas around Clare Island can be beautiful but in can also be deadly



Just after Christmas, the two brothers and their neighbour John Moran's son John aged 19, set out

A Tragedy from Clare Island's History

from the nearby Cove for the mainland in John father's yawl boat. Also on board was Anthony's daughter Alice who was going to stay for a visit with her mainland grandparents who had promised to buy her a new pair of shoes in nearby Louisburgh.

The boat arrived safely on the mainland and Alice stayed with her grandparents and the cattle were delivered to the McHale farm for safe keeping. Sadly on the return trip with the branding iron, the men neglected to re-fill the bottom of the yawl with stone ballast, which had been removed when they loaded the cattle. As a result the boat was unstable and when a squall of wind blew up, the boat overturned and all on board were tragically drowned on the 28th December 1883.

Sean O'Grady an island farmer, told me the following story recently, which he heard from his uncle Michael (RIP): *'at the time of the drowning Anthony's wife Sarah was milking when she heard her husband walking up the road. She heard the water splashing in his boots and she said to him "You're drowned" (a colloquial saying for 'your very wet') and his response was "... for air". '*

This was a terrible disaster for the two O'Malley families, for the Moran family and for the island. My great grandfather Anthony's, was the only body recovered. There was further disaster to happen when Mary and her family were evicted from Lecarrow. The practice at the time was to evict the family, if there was not a man in the house to do the farm work to earn the income to keep the rent paid. The same was about to happen to Sarah but the two sisters decided to come together in the Ballytoughey house and their brother James McHale joined the two families and although he had a polio-related limp, was to be the visible income earner for the house and the farm. So in the Ballytoughey house at that time was, Sarah's family, Austin, Anthony, Pat, John, Alice and Mary Ann and Mary's family Pat, John J, Mary and Alice and James McHale and this was to be their situation for about 10 years or more!



Some Yawl Boats of a similar size to the one which met its tragic end in Clew Bay in December 1883

In 1895 the congested districts board (CDB) purchased Clare Island from the landlord with the ambition that it would be the model for distributing lands to other families, purchased from other landlords on the mainland. The CDB offered land to the two women 'up the country' but they were not for moving and they agreed to give up the fertile part of their land and in return, the remaining mountainous area was divided into two farms, one for each sister. The CDB built a house for Mary on her farm which is now part of Macalla Farm and Yoga Centre on the island. Sarah stayed in her own house which has been recently restored by Dr. Ethna Phelan as an Artist's retreat. Ethna is the granddaughter of Sarah's son Austin who inherited the farm from his mother.

My grandfather John A left the island in the late 1800s and went to America. He came back to Ireland with a franchise for Singer Sewing Machines and with his brother Pat sold singer sewing machines up and down the country travelling on horseback. Both men fell in love with midland women, my grandfather with Ellen Whelan from Rathdowney where he had a pub, a garage and a farm. He is credited with bringing the first car to the town. The family story is that his only interest in bringing cars to the town was to afford himself the use of a car to return to Clare Island which he did a couple of times a year. The story goes that when he returned from Clare Island each year it took at least two weeks for his midland family to understand him such was his strong Clare Island accent after his visits. His brother Pat married Margaret Ryan from Callan Co. Kilkenny. John and Ellen had 13 children my father Donal was their 10th child. Pat and Margaret had 4 children. Their son Tony O'Malley, is one of Ireland's best known visual artists of the 20th century.

Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop, Clare Island & Dublin

Kevin O'Malley on the St Lawrence Seaway- Helping to Feed the World

North American Grain is helping to ease the shortages in Europe and elsewhere

The St. Lawrence Seaway connects the Atlantic and the Great Lakes passing Montreal, Ogdensburg, and Massena on the way to Lake Ontario. One reason for the jump is the war in Ukraine.

The war has stopped that country's export of grains like soybeans and corn.

Kevin O'Malley says it's having a big impact on the international grain markets. He works for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation which operates the U.S. side of the Seaway.

"Their markets principally in North Africa and Europe, are now being served by other markets, including the St. Lawrence Seaway," O'Malley said.

The Seaway opened in March after the ice melted. By the end of April, the port of Oswego alone moved 18 thousand tons of soybeans to Europe. To put that in perspective, O'Malley explained that the average seaway ship can move up to 30 thousand tons of cargo.



Things are getting busy in The St Lawrence Seaway, bringing much needed grain exports out to the Atlantic Ocean

"The cargo on board that ship is equivalent to over 300 rail cars or nearly 1000 trucks on the road," he said.

O'Malley said the grain is coming from the Midwest, particularly Ohio. But, he said it's not just grain exports that are driving the surge in port traffic. Renewable energy equipment is on the rise, too.

"Its fastest-growing commodity has been equipment related to wind energy, moving in both directions both import and export," he said.

According to O'Malley, the Oswego and Ogdensburg ports have already received shipments of wind turbine parts. He said that's a sign that New York is becoming a major importer of renewable energy materials.

Overall, O'Malley said St. Lawrence Seaway exports almost doubled compared to this time last year. He said there's more to come because the busiest time for grain exports is near the end of the year.

Kevin O'Malley on the St Lawrence Seaway- Helping to Feed the World



Kevin O'Malley

Badly needed grain being harvested in Canada

A Map of the St Lawrence Seaway



“Pathways to Home” wins gold medal at Bloom

First-time garden designers strike gold at Bloom

First-time show garden designers have struck gold on the opening day of garden festival Bloom today.

They clinched the gold medals for outstanding garden displays at the popular flower, family and food festival in the Phoenix Park in Dublin.

The designers, who are new to Bord Bia Bloom, are Niall Deacon for his Eureka Garden sponsored by Solus Light Bulbs; Sean Russell, for his National Dairy Council Sustainable Dairy Farm Garden; and **Seán O'Malley and Oisín Griffin for the Peter McVerry Trust “Pathways to Home” Garden.**

Seasoned show garden designers Andrew Christopher Dunne and Alan Rudden took the coveted best-in-category awards for large and medium gardens, bringing their tally of gold medals at Bord Bia Bloom to four and seven respectively.

The overall large show garden award was presented to Andrew Christopher Dunne for Hit Pause, The Caragh Nurseries Garden and the best in category medium show garden was awarded to Alan Rudden for the Savills Urban Oasis Garden.

Mike Neary, director of horticulture, Bord Bia said: “As Bord Bia Bloom returns as an in-person event for the first time in three years, we are hugely encouraged by the calibre of new horticultural talent emerging alongside some of our incredibly creative and experienced show garden designers.

The judges were impressed by the attention to detail, quality of planting and sense of atmosphere created in the displays.

“For many, more time spent at home over the last two years has resulted in a newfound appreciation for our outdoor spaces as we realised the benefits of gardening for our mental and physical wellbeing. This year’s gardens embrace this trend and celebrate the role of the garden as a place for relaxing and connecting with nature, while also providing an engaging outdoor room to entertain friends and connect with family.”

The judging panels for Bord Bia Bloom 2022 included 15 Irish and international horticultural experts, who today announced 78 awards for show garden designers, nurseries, floral artists, botanical art and amateur garden designers including 22 gold, 17 silver gilt, 17 silver, 13 bronze and 9 certificates of commendation.

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“Pathways to Home” wins gold medal at Bloom



Above a view of “Pathways to Home”

Below: Oisín Griffin Left and Sean O'Malley Right being presented with their gold medals





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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.

O'Malley Clan Association HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE!

How can I help spread the message of the O'Malley Clan Association to everyone else with connections to this famous historic Irish Clan I hear you ask?

The Clan Association is very active on Social Media, and if you see a post, like it, share it, comment on it, share your feedback in comments, retweet if you're on Twitter, share our stories on Instagram and posts on Facebook.

EVERY BIT HELPS! ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE ATTENDING THE GATHERING IN MAYO

TAG THE O'MALLEY CLAN ASSOCIATION IN YOUR PHOTOS DURING THE WEEKEND

There are O'Malleys, Malleys, Melias, Maleys, out there that still don't know about the Clan Association and its efforts to connect O'Malleys all around the world, so lets try and spread the word

All interactions, (Likes/Shares/Retweets etc), get us onto more peoples feeds on their phones, laptops, and tablets, so get clicking!

Thanks for the Help

O'Malley Clan Association