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### Happy St Patrick's Day from The O'Malley Clan!

We hope you have a wonderful St Patrick's weekend wherever you are around the globe. Remember, **tag the O'Malley Clan Association on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram** if you're putting up some nice pictures on your social media from parades where you are, or if your gang are getting dressed up and having a party!



**Bookings for the O'Malley Clan Gathering 2023 are live!**  
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## DNA Testing unlocking the history of O'Malleys

### “Finding Grace” in Ireland. Why DNA in America?

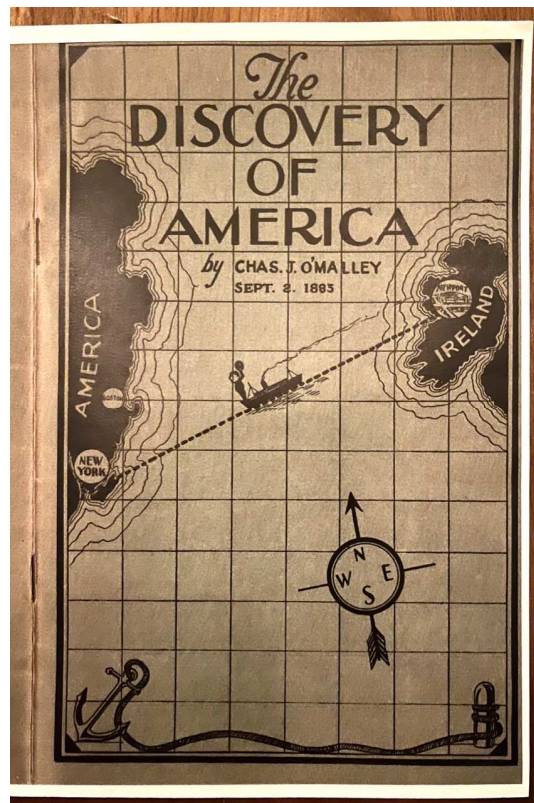
Genetic testing cannot change recorded history, but it can help set the record straight. More important it can connect us in the present. That connection can further what often began as a personal, even lonely, quest. The Finding Grace project has done just that. In looking back to the Pirate Queen and what we know of her male relatives, Finding Grace is helping connect O'Malleys in America.

Interest in ancestry invariably begins with something: an old family Bible, a hand-me-down artifact, a remembrance of a conversation long ago not pursued, a scent or sound of vivid recall. Mine was a book. A small, green-bound volume that sat in the same spot on a shelf in our living room, the spine faded by the afternoon sun. It was never taken down. It was like many things Irish from the past. Shelved.

One hundred and forty years ago my grandfather, Charles J. O'Malley, left Newport, Co Mayo, and discovered America. He was just 16, the youngest of 17, 34 years younger than the first born, and schooled. For seventy years he embraced America as newspaperman turned advertising executive, married well into a Missouri family from the Alsace, raised a Catholic family of five in Boston, travelled the world and wrote of what he witnessed. His book, *It Was News To Me*, was published in 1939. Prior to publication, he printed a brochure, *The Discovery of America*.

My mother, Lucille Fusz O'Malley, was the third of his five children. Marie Celestè, the youngest of the five, died in 2022 at the age of 104. Gramps' life and his memories may look back over seven centuries but his book was dismissed by his immediate family as something of an embarrassment: disjointed, anecdotal, riddled with inaccuracies, and self-aggrandizing. Irish. He could write, however, with first-hand authority: *“My own grandfather was born in 1745, my father in 1800 {He was buried in the ancient abbey of Burrishoole, near the ancestral home of his family, in a grave hallowed by the ashes of twelve generations which had preceded him}, and I in 1867.”* I knew him as a child. He died in 1955.

Gramps was not the first O'Malley from Newport to discover America. Charles M. O'Malley, his first cousin once removed, was. As if preordained, Charles, born in 1807 in Newport, entered the Seminary at Maynooth.



Above: “The Discovery of America”, pamphlet by Charles J O'Malley



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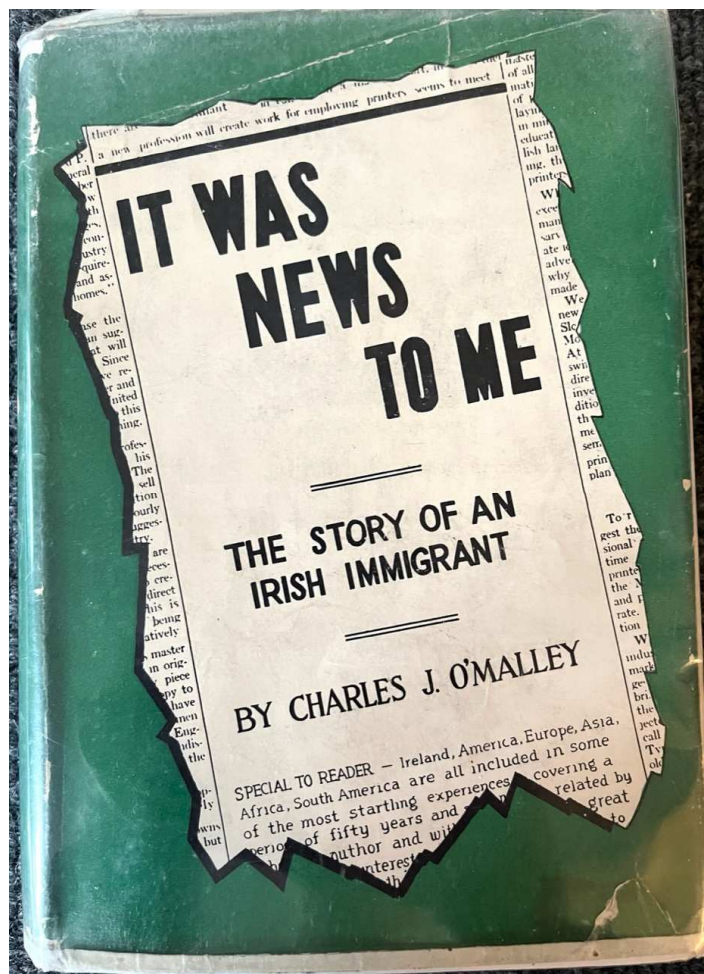
Bridling at allegiance to the Queen of England and support for the Established Church, he soon transferred to Laval Seminary in Montreal. A cholera epidemic closed Laval and CM heard another calling. He journeyed to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and by 1833 was ably employed in John Jacob Astor's fur trade on Mackinac Island. He prospered. He first brought over his brother Tully. Again Gramps: *"Later on about fifty families, most of whom were relatives of mine, settled in Mackinac and in St. Ignace, across the Straits. One of them, Michael Murray, purchased the land in which the great Father Marquette was buried."* More O'Malleys would follow...in large numbers.

Only now are we learning how many, thanks in part to DNA testing. They would populate the UP fanning out north and south from Mackinac Island. Others would cross Lake Michigan to northern Wisconsin on Lake Superior settling in an arc from Houghton to Madeline Island to Bayfield to Rhinelander. In "Finding Grace" we are discovering O'Malleys in America.

Let's back up a bit: I am an Irish citizen because of Gramps in the quaintly entitled *Book of Foreign Births*. Equipped with Gramps' book and a newly issued EU passport, I sailed across the Atlantic in 2005 in the Rolex Transatlantic Race. On the return I stopped off in Dublin to research Grace O'Malley in the National Library of Ireland. I found and photocopied enough to pique my interest but became distracted by research into my McLoughlin heritage. For 14 years.

In 2019, I returned to Ireland on a McLoughlin-related Harnett Reunion in Abbeyfeale and drove up to Newport for the first time. There I was introduced to Clan O'Malley. I established my bona fides and learned of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the founding of Newport scheduled for 2020. I ate at The Grainne Uaile. I was an O'Malley in search of my relation to the Pirate Queen.

Then COVID hit. The world went into lockdown. Enter the "Finding Grace" project and Maurice Gleeson and Brendan O'Malley. And DNA.



Above: "It Was News to Me" by Charles J O'Malley

## DNA Testing unlocking the history of O'Malleys

What is DNA? To borrow a title, it was news to me. Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is a molecule that contains the biological instructions that make each species unique. DNA is passed from adult organisms to their offspring during reproduction. X and Y chromosomes determine the biological sex of an individual: females inherit an X chromosome from the father for a XX genotype, while males inherit a Y chromosome from the father for a XY genotype. Upsetting news at the outset: no O'Malley Y in me. My Y is from my McLoughlin father.

"Finding Grace" is something of a misnomer. Grace, of course, didn't have any Y-DNA even though she fought like she did. We're really matching Y-DNA now, O'Malley father to O'Malley son, to get closer to the known historical record back then. That's where books like Gramps' are helpful.

For the "Finding Grace" project I was detailed to locate male, Y-bearing O'Malleys in America. I had to convince my male first cousins, sons of my mother's brothers, to take the test. Through the good offices of his sister, my first cousin, Owen O'Malley, Gramps' first grandson, took the Big Y test the week before he died in 2021. The preliminary Y-DNA 37 test suggests an O'Malley connection. The Big Y defines how close you are to Grace. Good news, we were in the hunt.

Gramps went to Manistee, Michigan shortly after arriving in America to join his oldest brother, JP (1843-1903). He writes early in *IWNTM* that his brother was warned to leave Glasgow and escape to America or he would be shot for 'treason' against England. He was buying arms for rebel efforts against England.

*"My brother occupied a choice spot in the center of a crate. Upon arriving in Dublin he was secretly taken off and transferred to a vessel bound for America. On arrival in New York, he joined the Irish soldiers of the Union Army who made an abortive attempt to capture Canada. He was assigned to a command at Detroit, Michigan, prior to the invasion of Canada. The arms with which they were furnished were supplied with ammunition of a different caliber from the guns. This was a well-conceived plan by the traitor La Caron. When the invasion was stopped by the United States Government, the Irish patriots dispersed, my brother going to Chicago."*

JP subsequently moved on to Manistee on the UP and founded the *Manistee Advocate* where Gramps learned the printing process before turning to journalism. I couldn't find much else about JP until two years ago when I happened upon his great grandchildren, now seniors. JP had had four daughters. Interestingly, one of them, my mother's contemporary, had passed along a dog-eared copy of Gramps' pamphlet to her daughter. Given the difference in age between Gramps and JP, the current generation are my first cousins once removed. Her brother's middle name: O'Malley. They knew virtually nothing of their Irish heritage until our connection.

CM and Tully never married, hence no Y handed down there. They are buried together with a shared tombstone in St Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island. Tully in 1852. CM in 1880. And nothing doing from JP. Dry hole and I stopped digging.



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Then last month, Maurice Gleeson introduced me to two lovely, lively ladies in Oregon, first cousins, who had recently combined forces searching for their O'Malley connections. Their extended research, one is a military historian, encouraged them to have their 80-year-old first cousin, Mealue, to take both tests. BINGO! In DNA-connect, he and they lined up with Owen, me and mine. With a DNA record, what's in a name?

Me and the Oregon ladies ZOOM'd. Searching for a person in common, one asked if I knew of a Charles O'Malley and his brother Tully. Gramps had mentioned them in his book, but I paid them little mind. We agreed to share what we knew. One thing led to another. Mackinac State Historic Parks found some important papers. One an article about Charles O'Malley by Gramps in 1926 in the American Irish Historical Society. (AIHS archives are not fully digitized.) Another, a brief biography of Charles by Edward M. Gill in 2012. Gill, an O'Malley descendant from Mackinac and Clinton, Massachusetts, another hot bed of O'Malleys, was researching tombstones on Mackinac Island. We were on to something. I sent the Oregon ladies my lending copy of *IWN TM*. The book is out of print.

Maurice Gleeson alerted me to another Y-DNA 37 connection in Oregon, Wisconsin. I cold called an O'Malley in Oregon. We talked hesitantly until a connection was made. Seems a close relative seeking her own O'Malley connection had stopped off in Oregon and asked him to take the test. She and I had traded emails two years ago but could find no relation. He sent me a picture of his father. Her name was on the corner of the picture. They were kin. Not only was she now a confirmed O'Malley, but we are probably related. Her great grandfather was likely a brother of CM. To be confirmed by a Big Y test from Oregon O'Malley.

"Finding Grace" provides a genetic link to the past. From the living to as far back as we can accurately trace our history. It's all there to be discovered. Then it writes itself.

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Click on the image above for more details on the "Finding Grace" project, on the O'Malley Clan Association website.

## **“Inyo’s Ring” Some fiction for O’Malleys**

# *Inyo’s Ring*

**A Spanish Armada sailor’s quest for survival turns into an epic battle for love, freedom, and justice in this gripping reimagined legend of the Tudor era.**

The coast of Ireland, 1588: Aboard a lone galleon, part of what once was the mighty Armada, Inyo Fernández has barely survived weeks of starvation and harrowing sea battles, when his ship is far off course, heading straight into a catastrophic storm.

In Ireland, the O’Malley chieftain’s granddaughter, Finley, has only recently discovered how badly her world is broken. And now, she and the entire clan are about to be plunged into a desperate struggle against foreign domination.

So much is already at stake, and hiding someone hunted by the English will endanger everyone’s lives even more. Finley, however, is inexplicably drawn to the stranger and can’t shake the feeling that she knows him. But how?

Amid uncertain days, a spark ignites between Finley and Inyo, a growing flame that outshines the darkness around them. Yet both know that inevitable heartbreak looms because Inyo simply has to flee.

When Finley’s kin are ambushed and captured, facing the gallows, Inyo and Finley unexpectedly find themselves catapulted into untold dangers across the sea.

This book is for anyone interested in Grace O’Malley and her legacy, the Spanish Armada shipwrecks along the Irish coast, and reading fiction that centers non-royalty, unusual perspectives and resilient women.

### **About the author:**

N. H. Schwabacher was born in Germany in 1970. Just like Inyo, her protagonist, she was once aboard a ship out in the Celtic Sea amid a hurricane. Despite this surreal and terrifying experience, the sea still has a hold on her heart.

She has led a nomadic life that has taken her across Asia, Europe and North America. She has been an educator at museums, at various schools and organizations, and has been a hiking guide in the American West.

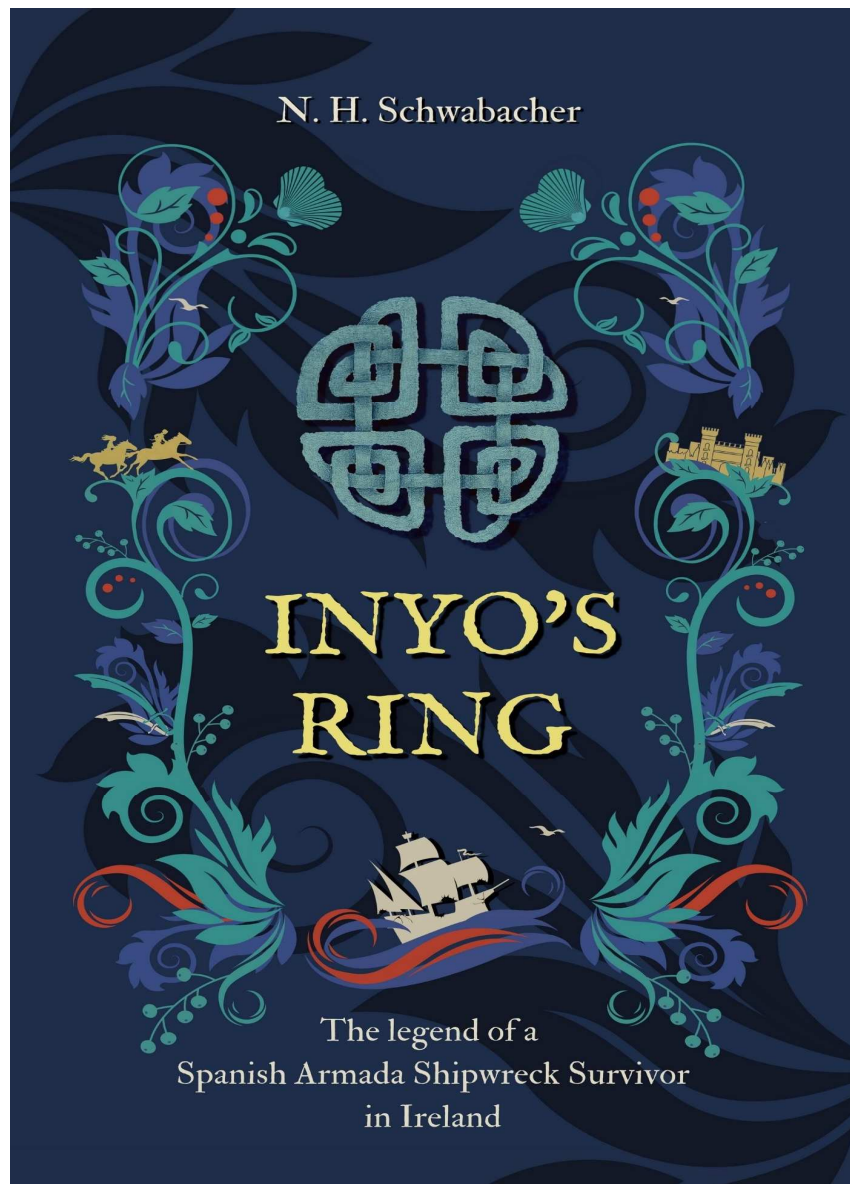
Her favorite pastimes include exploring new cultures, hiking, travel, and learning about archaeology, science, and history. She is looking forward to visiting more of Grace O’Malley’s territory, and to go sailing aboard the San Salvador, a replica of a 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish galleon.

She lives in northern Arizona with her family and three tabby cats. Inyo’s Ring is her first novel.

You can connect with her via her author website: [www.nh-schwabacher.com](http://www.nh-schwabacher.com)

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*Above: The cover of “Inyo’s Ring”  
and Right: Author Nicole Schwabacher*





## Anne Chambers, Guardian Chieftain Ellen. and “Daughters of The Pirate Queen” International Women’s Day 2023

### International Women's Day: The sheer magnetism of Grace O'Malley

"She shines as an inspirational beacon to women everywhere as an example of what can be achieved, even in the most demanding and difficult environments"

*Biographer Anne Chambers writes about her journey in the company of iconic 16th century feminist Grace O'Malley, a trailblazer from the west of Ireland.*

*The endurance and popularity of her biography reflects the sheer magnetism of its subject. Grace O'Malley (Granuaile) continues to enthrall, inspire and capture the imagination of new generations of devotees worldwide as she undoubtedly first captured mine.*

To take on the life story of Grace O'Malley in one's early 20's, as I had the temerity to do, looking back on it now, was a daunting task, attempting to understand, analyse and empathise with such an iconic, experienced, pioneering woman who had filled so many diverse roles in her long life.

The passage of time, however, and the knowledge and experience that life endows, gives me hope that in the latest (11th) edition of the biography that I may finally have 'got Grace'! For many centuries Grace O'Malley was a victim of the mainly male orientation of historical record. While she had more than created her own legend, she nonetheless never appeared in the pages of my school history books, which left me to wonder, no doubt like many others, if she had ever existed.

Despite the fact, as I subsequently discovered, her life is well documented in the Elizabethan State Papers and other contemporary collections, and her name, unique for a woman, enshrined in the famous 1599 Boazio map of Ireland (the only female leader ever so listed), it was her absence from Irish historical record that initially motivated my own interest.

Imprisoned within the swirls and flourishes of these faded, brittle Elizabethan parchment relics, the story of Grace O'Malley sprang to life. When analysed within the historical context of the traumatic epoch in which she lived, as well as being a wife, mother, divorcee, lover, widow, grandmother and great-grandmother, she emerges as a fearless leader, by land and by sea, a shrewd political tactician, an intrepid seafarer, successful independent business woman, ruthless plunderer, mercenary, rebel, the protective matriarch of her family and her tribe.

Above all else she was a woman who broke the mould and refused to allow the barriers placed in her path, either by society or by nature, to deter her from her quest.

Grace O'Malley's place and contribution to political, social and maritime history is now acknowledged and celebrated. Her factual story has been documented for radio and television worldwide and she has inspired a new generation of artists, sculptors, fiction writers, poets, musicians and composers. To judge by the messages and requests I receive from students from all over the world, she is now also part of schools' curricula.



Above: Anne Chambers on stage with Eimear Noone at the National Concert Hall on 8th March 2023, International Women's Day

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Over the last 40 years my own journey in her company has lead me to many places around the world to tell her story; from the old pirate city of Port Royal in Jamaica to the hallowed halls of Harvard University, from Greenwich to Galway, and many places in between. She has introduced me to many people whose own lives and careers have been inspired and shaped by this extraordinary woman.

From the ‘Krewe of Grace O’Malley’, a women’s self-help group in Florida, the annual international ‘Wander Woman Pirate Queen Tour’ of her territory on the west coast, festivals in her home county of Mayo, the annual O’Malley Clan Rally, to recently featuring on Forbes Magazine, her story continues to make an impact and in so many ways.

### RESONATE

International focus on gender equality, the Me-Too movement and other feminist campaigns, makes the life of Grace O’Malley, albeit lived over 400 years ago, resonate even more today.

She shines as an inspirational beacon to women everywhere as an example of what can be achieved, even in the most demanding and difficult environments.

For Grace O’Malley it was to survive, against the odds, the political and social chaos and destruction perpetrated against herself, her family and followers during the military conquest of her country in the 16th century, as well as to survive the dangers and awesome power of the formidable Atlantic Ocean.

As ageism in society, particularly attitudes to older women, comes under greater scrutiny today, that she retained her status as a woman of power and influence and remained actively involved, by land and sea to the end of her long life, makes Grace O’Malley a symbol of positive ageing.

And through her example comes the realisation for women everywhere that age need not be a terminus – merely another port of call.

My own voyage in the company of this pioneering woman seems destined to continue as her story, a testimony to female ability and endurance, is even more relevant today to counteract the widespread discrimination, inequality and negativity that continues to exist in politics, society, business and religion, preventing women from achieving and developing their potential and thereby depriving society of a reservoir of intuition, talent, knowledge and experience.

As former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, writes in her forward to the biography: “Grace O’Malley’s story...can in the end make us smile, knowing that for women – and for civilisation – the best is yet to come if we follow her star.”

**Anne Chambers**



*Above President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, and his wife Sabina, with the performers from “Daughters of The Pirate Queen” at The National Concert Hall, Dublin, March 8th, 2023*

## Anne Chambers, Guardian Chieftain Ellen. and “Daughters of The Pirate Queen” International Women’s Day 2023

### O’Malley Clan Guardian Chieftain addresses International Women’s Day event in County Laois

The theme of International Women’s Day this year was ‘Embrace Equity’. With that in mind, the event aimed to both celebrate women contributing to public life and highlight the need for gender balance and diversity across the public, community and political spectrums.



*Above: O’Malley Clan Guardian Chieftain, Ellen O’Malley Dunlop*

Women from a variety of community groups across Co. Laois were in attendance. The keynote speaker was **Clan Guardian Chieftain Ellen O’ Malley – Dunlop**, a native of Rathdowney, County Laois.

Ellen previously served as CEO for the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre for 10 years. She is a highly respected advocate for the rights of victims of sexual violence. Ellen was also elected as chair of the board of the National Women’s Council of Ireland in 2017.

She served as a member of the Board of Gaisce, The President’s Award, for 5 years, and is now serving as a member of The Legal Aid Board. She is currently Member of the Council of Europe GREVIO Committee.

The event was hosted by Chairperson of Laois County Council, Cllr Thomasina Connell.

“We were keen to facilitate a discussion on these important issues and would ask that attendees consider sharing their own experiences of overcoming challenges and how they have ‘embraced equity’ we loved hearing from everyone,” said Cllr Connell.

‘She had strongholds on her headlands And  
brave galleys on the sea And no warlike chief  
or Viking E’er had bolder heart than she.’

“Granuaile” James Hardiman  
Irish Minstrelsy, vol II



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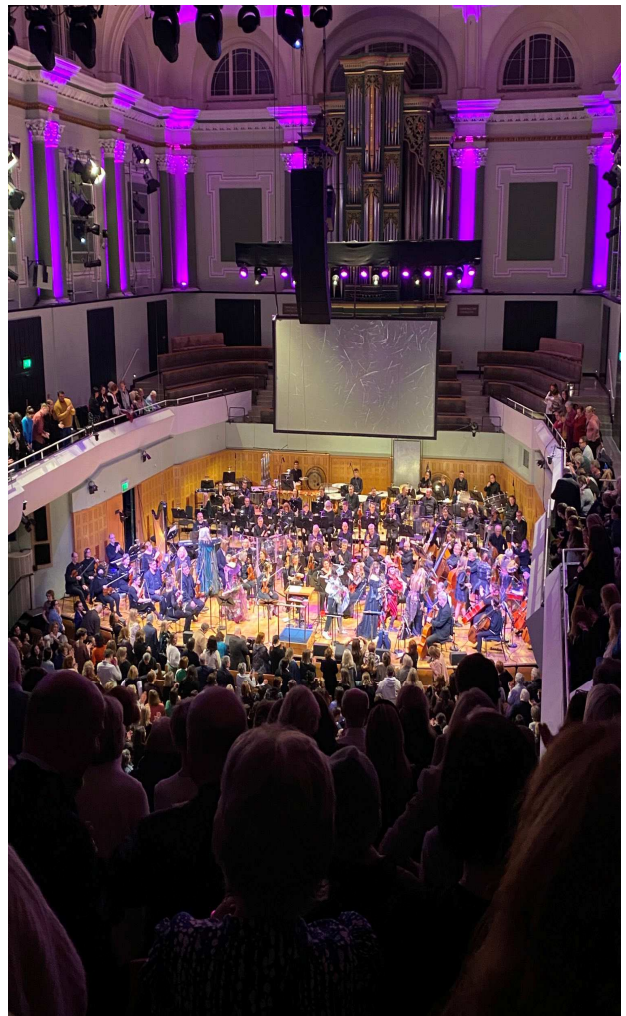
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*Above Some of the performers at “Daughters of The Pirate Queen” at the NCH,*

*Below right, the NCH on Weds 8th March 2023.*

*Below: Author Anne Chambers with Don O’Malley of The O’Malley Clan Association in Askeaton, Limerick at Anne’s presentation on Grace O’Malley’s links to Limerick on Sat 11th March*





## Leanne O'Malley on the “Forestcore Look” and how its taking over

### Forestcore is the nature-inspired aesthetic taking over TikTok – here's why

*Forestcore is about creating a feeling of being outside and in nature through interiors and the furnishings in your home. Stylist speaks to an expert about how best to achieve the look.*



Filling your home with plants is really one of life's simple pleasures.

There's nothing like kicking back in a biophilic-inspired space to help give your bedroom or living room a natural lift while elevating your decor and also providing numerous mental health benefits (a recent study found just being in the presence of indoor plants can improve mental and physical health). One trend inspiring us to make our homes even more plant-friendly is forestcore, a new decor trend taking over TikTok as people continue to seek to bring the outside in.

"Forestcore is about creating a feeling of being outside and in nature through interiors and the furnishings in your home," says Leanne O'Malley of online retailer Studio.

"This may be through dark colours, wood, stone, plants and natural textures, which all help create this theme."

The home decor aesthetic has amassed more than 160 million views on TikTok, with people sharing how they've transformed their spaces into a woodland paradise with muted colours, plush fabrics and plants.

While there are elements of forestcore that are reminiscent of other aesthetics like cottagecore,

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there is a greater focus on subtly threading nature throughout your home and creating a woodland feel inside your space, while cottagecore is filled with lighter colours, tons of florals and vintage-inspired furniture. In other words, cottagecore is a little bit more like spring while forestcore gives off the vibe of autumn.

“The calming effects of being surrounded by countryside are a contributing factor to why people are embracing nature and bringing in elements of the outside,” says O'Malley.

“In fact, interior design that connects us to nature is thought to contribute to a stronger sense of wellbeing and boost creativity and productivity. Google searches for ‘blue floral wallpaper’ and ‘wild flower wallpaper’ have both increased by 48% year on year, as people look for a way to incorporate a decor style that combines traditional elements, such as florals, with more modern motifs.”

O'Malley adds that bringing nature into the home through the forestcore trend is a great way to experiment with textures.

“In the living room, pair fleecy throw blankets with leather upholstery. In the bedroom, add a velvet headboard to a wooden bedframe,” she suggests.

So now that we all know a bit about forestcore, how exactly can we incorporate the look into our homes? Well, we've got you covered with a few simple steps to get your forestcore decor going.

### Plants, plants and more plants

“One simple way to achieve the forestcore look is to add a variety of plants and greenery to your space. If you don't have green fingers, there are a vast array of artificial plants and ferns to choose from.”

*Right: A little  
“botanical desk  
buddy plant  
gang”*





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### Wooden accessories

Feel like you're in the woods with a range of earthy home accessories and ornaments made from wood and stone – like this Fishe & Lilly Scandi oak bedside table with two drawers.



*Above: A beautiful oak bedside table*

### Think green

Adding greens and dark, earthy colours to your decor is a good way to create a biophilic feel in your home – and there's one particular shade worth trying.

“Sage green is by no means a new colour trend for 2023,” says O'Malley. “This mid-tone bluey green was particularly popular for Victorian living rooms, kitchens and bathrooms, and now the modern age has taken note.

O'Malley says green's new-found popularity is no doubt due to its impressive versatility, and the

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beautiful colour can be found in a variety of scatter cushions, quilt covers, curtains, throw blankets and more.

“This soothing colour can effortlessly coordinate with any design style, including boho, minimalist and cosy luxury.”

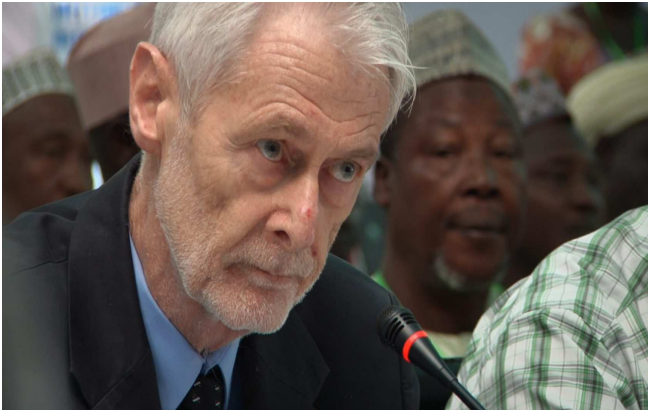


Leanne O'Malley works with UK based online retailer “Studio.

Click [here](#) to check out their stuff

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## “The Peacemaker” Padraig O’Malley’s new book on a United Ireland



# Perils & Prospects of a United Ireland

*Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland* by Padraig O’Malley

Padraig O’Malley’s *Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland* presents a wide-ranging and unique study of the questions around the future of Northern Irish politics, including the idea of reunification.

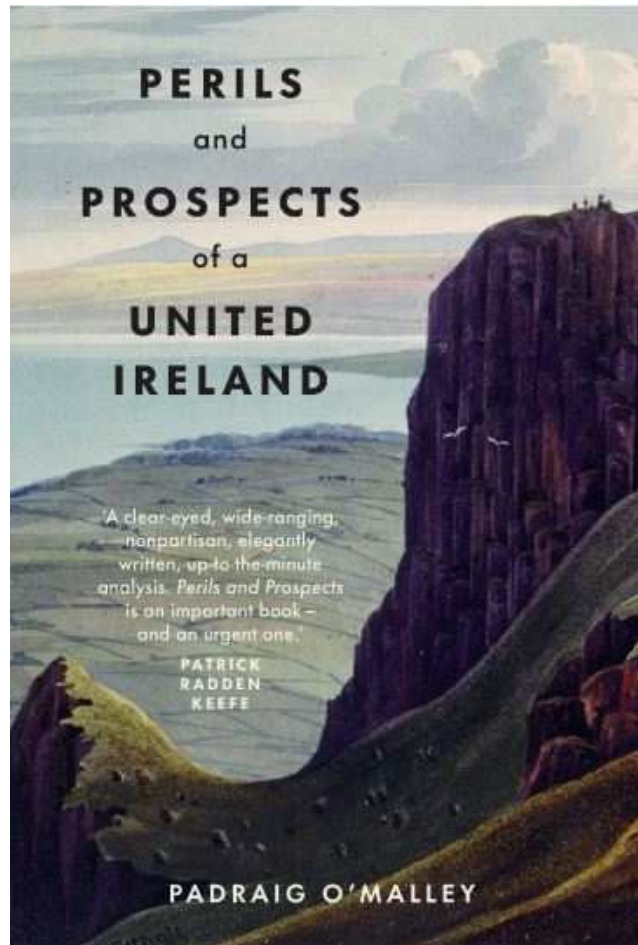
O’Malley has forged relationships across the political divide for over half a century and here he attempts to ascertain whether, after decades of interaction – but especially since the B/GFA – the protagonists are any closer to working co-operatively.

In this book, O’Malley explores the factors that might lead to the Northern Ireland Secretary of State calling a border referendum and the challenges both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland would face. How might that majority for unity, a simple 50 per cent + 1, emerge? What criteria might a Secretary of State draw on to make their judgment call?

Including interviews from ninety-seven political players, academics, political influencers, a cross-section of the political grandees who negotiated the B/GFA and faith leaders between February 2020 and June 2021, O’Malley takes a temperature check of opinions from Northern Ireland with a sampling of opinion in the South.

Interviewees included party leaders Jeffrey Donaldson (Democratic Unionist Party, DUP), Doug Beattie (Ulster Unionist Party, UUP), Naomi Long (Alliance), Colum Eastwood (Social Democratic and Labour Party, SDLP) and Billy Hutchinson (Progressive Unionist Party, PUP), and members of the Ard Comhairle, Matt Carty TD and Chris Hazzard MP.

Focusing on the topics of the Northern Ireland Protocol, the Good Friday Agreement, Brexit, Unionism, Nationalism, the economics of potential reunification or continued partition, and the broad range of Northern Irish identities, this work encompasses the most up-to-date and considered review of political actions so far. A must-read for those interested in the future of Northern Ireland.



Above Left: *The Peacemaker*, Padraig O’Malley, and Above: The cover of “*Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland*”



## “The Peacemaker” Padraig O’Malley’s new book on a United Ireland

*Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland* will be published ahead of a major international conference to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement being hosted by Queen’s University Belfast on April 17th and 18th 2023.

### PRAISE FOR *PERILS AND PROSPECTS OF A UNITED IRELAND*

‘Few subjects are as vexing and uncertain as the long-term consequences of Brexit and the possibility of a united Ireland, yet Padraig O’Malley has drawn on his decades studying divided societies to produce a clear-eyed, wide-ranging, nonpartisan, elegantly written, up-to-the-minute analysis. *Perils and Prospects* is an important book and an urgent one.’ **Patrick Radden Keefe, author of *Say Nothing*.**

‘Padraig O’Malley’s new book is a profoundly important exploration of the complexities and conundrums of untying the Gordian knot of Irish partition. I have not seen this depth of non-partisan understanding and explanation from any other analyst or advocate. That is why anyone who wants – or needs – to understand the possible endgame of Irish partition has to get this well-written book and read it carefully.’ **Professor, the Lord Alderdice: First Speaker, Northern Ireland Assembly (1998-2004); Executive Chairman, The Changing Character of War Centre, Pembroke College; Senior Research Fellow, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford**

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Padraig O’Malley is an Irish international peacemaker, author, and professor. O’Malley specializes in the problems of divided societies, such as South Africa, Northern Ireland and the Middle East. He has written extensively on these subjects and has been actively involved in promoting dialogue among representatives of differing factions. In 1997 he arranged for the Good Friday negotiators to meet with President Nelson Mandela and the team that negotiated the end of apartheid in South Africa. He’s currently the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the University of Massachusetts Boston. O’Malley is the author of *The Uncivil Wars: Ireland Today* (Beacon Press, 1983, 1990, 1997), which won the Christopher Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize and *Biting at the Grave: The Irish Hunger Strikes and the Politics of Despair* (Beacon Press, 1990), among other publications.

### LAUNCH EVENTS:

[BELFAST: Linen Hall Library & Online 23rd March \(click for info\)](#)

[DUBLIN: Hodges Figgis Book Shop 30th March \(click for info\)](#)

[WESTPORT: Tertulia Bookshop, The Quay, Westport](#)

[8th April \(click for info\)](#)

*Above:* The details of the various book launch events, (click for details), and *Below:* Padraig with former Taoiseach Enda Kenny at the 2022 O’Malley Clan Gathering



## **Prof Mark O'Malley helping to de-carbonise the grid**

### **Professor Mark O'Malley has joined Imperial College London as the Leverhulme International Professor of Power Systems.**

*Professor O'Malley joins the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering to lead a research team of 13 working to decarbonise the electricity grid, supported by £4million in funding from The Leverhulme Trust.*

The grant will focus on developing technologies to run the power grid – the network that delivers electricity from producers to consumers, also known as the electricity grid – using 100 per cent renewable energy like wind and solar.



Professor O'Malley said: "Climate change is the biggest challenge of our generation. A powerful way to tackle this will be transitioning to a fully decarbonised electricity grid, and one way of doing this is by going towards 100 % renewable electricity.

"No one organisation, no matter how large or well-resourced, can solve this challenge alone. Therefore, a global collaborative approach is required, working across the research, industry, and end-use communities to solve the challenges at the pace and scale that is needed."

The research will be done in collaboration with the Global Power System Transformation Consortium (G-PST), which Professor O'Malley co-founded prior to joining Imperial when he was at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in the USA as Chief Scientist of Energy System Integration.

Mr Fintan Slye, the Director of National Grid Electricity System Operator and Chair of the CEO group of the G-PST, said: "This project will contribute substantially to the goals of the G-PST and will further enhance the UK's strong reputation in transitioning to Net Zero, which is of vital national and international importance. It provides an enormous opportunity for the UK, Imperial, and the research team to make a real lasting global impact on climate change."

Recognised as a world authority on integrating the electricity grid with renewable energy sources as part of the transition to a Net Zero economy - a key strategic priority for the College. Professor O'Malley said: "My new professorship will enable us to set a bold new direction for pursuing zero-carbon energy systems." Also joining Imperial as part of Professor O'Malley's team is Dr Elina Spyrou, who has developed and applied engineering-economic models to identify cost-effective, reliable, and equitable solutions for future power systems in the developing and developed world.

## Prof Mark O'Malley helping to de-carbonise the grid

Dr Spyrou said: "I am thrilled to join the team at this point of the energy transition, when our research community can help accelerate the decarbonisation of electricity systems and lay the groundwork to combat climate change."

Professor Eric Yeatman, Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, said: "The addition of Professor O'Malley and Dr Spyrou to Imperial's academic staff is a welcome boost to our already strong reputation in decarbonisation of electricity grids, and to Imperial's Transition to Zero Pollution initiative."



Above: Prof O'Malley in the Digital Energy Demonstrator with Darren Jones, technology manager from Hitachi.

## Decarbonising the grid

Energy from fossil fuels is a major driver of the greenhouse gas emissions that are warming our climate. Transitioning from a fossil fuel reliant society to one that embraces renewable sources like wind and solar power will play a major part in limiting the climate crisis.

While grid-integrated renewables are not the only solution to climate change, they are a major part of decarbonising the energy system. The challenge lies in integrating energy from renewable sources into the grid with a view to enabling the grid to operate with 100 per cent renewable-powered generation.

However, increasing the input from renewable energy resources brings challenges: for example, wind and solar generation, unlike fossil fuelled generation, connects to the grid with inverter-based resources which will alter the fundamental characteristics of the electricity grid, requiring new operational and planning techniques and technologies.

Professor O'Malley's team is working to develop technologies that enables a decarbonised grid to reliably maintain supply-demand balance, at all points in time, at all locations, equitably, at the least cost, with minimum impact on the environment. The Leverhulme International Professorships grant aims to help universities attract a globally leading scholar to take up a permanent professorial post in the UK.

Niall FitzGerald, Chairman of the Leverhulme Trust Board, said: "Through the Leverhulme International Professorship scheme, the Trust aims to maintain the UK's international standing as a world-renowned research destination; open to outstanding talent and ideas from around the globe."



## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 23-25 June 2023



The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual



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CLAN GATHERING

CLARE ISLAND

Co Mayo, Ireland  
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# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 23-25 June 2023

NOTE: Details of events below are the best information available at time of publication (14th March 2023) and are subject to change. In the unlikely event of bad weather preventing ferry sailings, alternative venues will be organised.

Chieftain Martin O'Malley and the O'Malley Clan Association invite you to join us for the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Clan Gathering in Co Mayo from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

Note: All event bookings should be made at <https://www.ireland101.com/booking/book/omalley> only. Please do not contact the venues looking for tickets as they do not have them.



### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**5:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Clan at the Castle-court Hotel, Castlebar Road, Westport.**

Guardian Chieftain Ellen O'Malley Dunlop will chair the AGM.

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Chieftain's Reception at the Castlecourt Hotel**

Welcome to the 67<sup>th</sup> annual O'Malley Gathering from Chieftain Martin O'Malley. Special guest Anne Chambers, biographer of Grace O'Malley.



**8:00 p.m. Gala Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Westport**

Shaun Davey, Rita Connolly Donal Lunny, David Brophy and Cora Venus Lunny will perform extracts from Shaun Davy's renowned Granuaile suite, portraying episodes in the life of Grace O'Malley, Ireland's Pirate Queen, and other works.

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### Saturday 24th June

#### **10:00 a.m. Update on Clan Projects.**

Among other updates, Dr Maurice Gleeson will update us on the exciting Finding Grace's DNA project. We're trying to track down her genetic signature, so that O'Malleys everywhere can check and see how closely they may be related to the famous Pirate Queen.

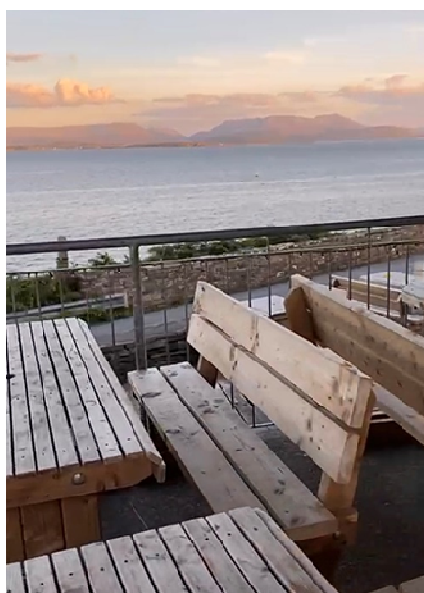


#### **11:15 a.m. Travel to Clare Island**

Buses from the Octagon, Westport outside the Town Hall Theatre will take you to Roonagh, to catch a ferry to Clare Island. If you do not wish to take the bus, and to make your own way to Roonagh, ferry tickets may be booked directly from the ferry companies at <https://www.omalleyferries.com/> and <https://www.clareislandferry.com/>. Ferries may also be available from Kildavnet pier, Achill Island. Check with the ferry companies.

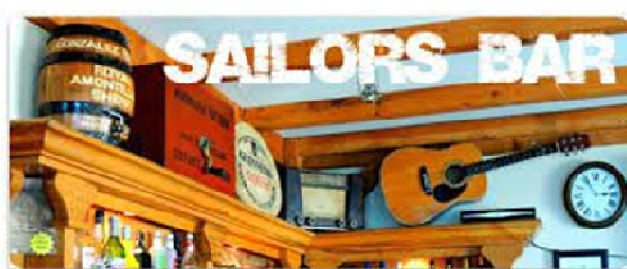
#### **1:00 p.m. Saturday Festivities on Clare Island**

On arrival at Clare Island harbour, overlooked by Grace O'Malley's castle, walk to the Community Centre for a light lunch. Use the early afternoon as you wish - rent a bike to explore the island or go on a guided Famine Walk. You could go for a swim at the beach or just relax with a drink and enjoy the scenery. There will be games and events for our younger visitors.



Then assemble at Sailors Bar for an evening of music and dancing. We'll have some famous and not-so-famous performers, and a chance to join in the Céilí. Eat at the barbecue and drink at the bar (not included in your ticket) as you wish. Weather permitting, we'll sit around a bonfire and sing a song or two before departing to catch the ferry and bus back to Westport.

Choose between the early ferry around 6:30 pm or the late ferry around 10:30 pm.





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### Sunday 25th June

#### **9:15 a.m. Travel to Clare Island**

Buses from the Octagon, Westport outside the Town Hall Theatre will take you to Roonagh, to catch a ferry to Clare Island. As on Saturday, if you wish to make your own way to Roonagh, ferry tickets may be booked directly from the ferry companies at <https://www.omalleyferries.com/> and <https://www.clareislandferry.com/>. Ferries may also be available from Kildavnet pier, Achill Island. Check with the ferry companies.

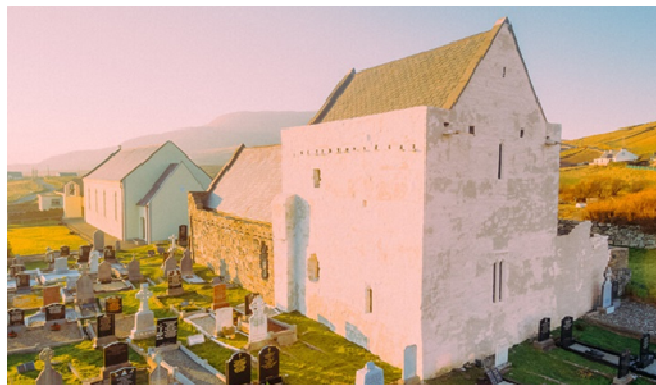


#### **11:00 Arrive on Clare Island**

Walk/cycle/minibus to Clare Island Abbey. It takes about 30 minutes to walk to the abbey from the pier. We will have two minibus taxis available for those who may not be up to the walk. These are not bookable in advance

#### **11:40 Mass at Clare Island Abbey**

Saint Bridget's Cistercian Abbey was founded in the 12th/13th century. It was rebuilt around 1460 and contains numerous O'Malley tombs. Tradition claims it as the site of the baptism, marriages and burial of Grace O'Malley.



#### **1:30 p.m. Clan Lunch at Clare Island Community Centre**

The formal heart of the O'Malley Clan Gathering. After a sit down lunch Chieftain Martin will review his year in office and recognise contributors to the O'Malley Clan.

#### **3:00 p.m. (approx.) Inauguration of new Chieftain Nano O'Malley MacMahon**

After the inauguration and the singing of Óró Sé do Bheatha 'Bhaile, relax and enjoy the company until it's time to say farewell and catch the ferry back to the mainland around 6:00 pm.



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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 almost 70 years now.*

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

## **Please Help Spread the Word about The O'Malley Clan Association**

### **The O'Malley Clan Association needs your help. Yes you!**

Our mission is to foster connections with O'Malleys all around the globe. Our hope is that you, the global O'Malley family can help us spread the word.

With the rapid development of digital technology, the internet, and social media over the past couple of decades, and particularly in the last few years, that mission could be more achievable than ever.

**We can only do it with all of our O'Malleys around the world helping out though.**

Not everybody is on Facebook, but for those of you that are, (We have almost 1,100 followers on there), you can help spread the word of the O'Malley Clan Association's existence, **and its easy!**

When we put up posts on Facebook, (pretty much every day), only a handful of our followers actually see the posts automatically on their feed. **If all of you head over to The O'Malley Clan Association page on Facebook regularly though, and check out our posts, and like them, and share them,** then gradually, over time, all of our posts will appear on all of your timelines, and will spread further and further each time we post. The Facebook app puts things that we interact with regularly on our timelines and so if you interact with the O'Malley Clan Association page, the Clan Association's message will spread all around the world. It's free to do, and only takes a moment, (maybe once a week), when you've got some quiet time, to pop over to the page and check out the latest posts and like and share. More and more O'Malleys are connecting each month, but we want them all involved. Its the same with Instagram and Twitter too. If you can interact with the Clan Association social media then that will really help with the mission. Thanks so much.

*Don O'Malley, Registrar & Digital Media*