



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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Start Planning that trip to Clare!

Remember, we're all off to County Clare for the O'Malley Clan Gathering next June, 26th to 28th. It'll be a great weekend of music, song, dance, good food and drink, and lots of old friends and new friends to be met, or caught up with. We'll have booking links up on the website in the coming weeks, but for starters, get those flights booked and you'll be ready to go! We have a little taster of some of what'll be in store for the weekend inside. Check it out.



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 article that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



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Brian O'Malley reflects on his attempt to summit Everest

Updating a story we've been chronicling since the spring, about longtime East Cobb resident Brian O'Malley's attempt to scale Mt. Everest:

He and his team of expert "sherpas" made the climb in late April, after he made an initial trip with his brother-in-law in February.

O'Malley tied his quest to fundraising for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which provides mortgage-free homes for the families of fallen first

responders, Gold Star families, and catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. (If you'd like to donate, you can do so [by clicking here](#).)

After arriving in Nepal on April 15, O'Malley needed some medication, but it came with a very bad side effect—he lost his appetite and wasn't eating much at all as the journey got underway

As the trek continued, O'Malley lost 20 pounds and "considerable strength." Eventually he had to be rescued by one of his sherpas and hospitalized in Kathmandu before returning to the United States.

Speaking in mid-May, as he was still recovering at his daughter's home in Norfolk, Va., O'Malley's voice was cracking a bit as reflected on what he called "the experience of a lifetime."

His quest to become the third-oldest man to scale the tallest point in the world came up short, but he said that the lessons he drew from the expedition were deeply profound.

"I'm glad I did it and I had the opportunity to do it," O'Malley told *East Cobb News*.

He said he was grateful to be able to keep his promise to his family to survive—although he and his crew passed a sobering graveyard of Everest's climbing victims along the way. "If I had continued one more day, I may not be talking to you. I had no problem with the altitude. I just could not eat without feeling very nauseous." As O'Malley was walking to his rescue helicopter, he fell through an icy crevice on an unmarked trail and had to be pulled out by two of his sherpas. Looking up from 22,000 feet, he could see Mt. Everest (elevation 29,031 feet), but knew that's as far as he would get. "The summit was right there, and I wanted to feel like I could get through it." As O'Malley admitted in the video below, however, when he was taken away, "it didn't feel heroic, it felt hollow. Sometimes the bravest thing you can do is to stop—not because you're weak, but because you know your limits. "Anyone can be a sherpa to anybody at any time, to help people out, and at the same time to not be afraid to ask for help."

O'Malley, who with his wife Shelley raised three children who graduated from Lassiter High School, said he wouldn't say "never" to contemplating Everest again.

But he wants to spread the insights he gained from that experience to others, in speaking engagements and otherwise, "to help people go for their dreams and not let fear drive them.

"God gives us multiple lives and one death. It's up to us in the days of our lives to spend them wisely."



Above: Brian O'Malley (right) and "sherpa" Alex Clark at rest before O'Malley had to be rescued short of completing his Mt. Everest quest

Brian O'Malley reflects on his attempt to summit Everest

Again, if you want to support what was called the “Boomer Veterans and First Responders Mt Everest Summit Expedition 2025” and its continuing fundraising efforts for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, [you can donate here](#).

Brian O'Malley tells more of his story in an excellent video below;

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Above: Brian tells more on his story in a YouTube video, (click on the image to view it)



Scarlett O'Malley and "The Blonde Finds"

Woman quits university to start clothing brand with £400

A WOMAN who quit university just three weeks in to start her own clothes store from her bedroom is up for an award.

Scarlett O'Malley was just 18 when she started her business, The Blonde Finds, with just £400 in her bank account and a dream to make fashion more inclusive.

Three years later, the 21-year-old from Upton lives in her own house with an office and could be crowned Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the UK Small Business Awards.

"I have always been a curvy girl," said Miss O'Malley. "I am a UK 18 and when I go shopping or even go online, it is really hard - even expensive big brands do not have my size. "I was in university for three weeks and had this idea. "I was so frustrated with the toxicity of the fashion industry and decided to start my own business." The Blonde Finds was then born out of Miss O'Malley's bedroom in her parents' house and she used social media to get her name out. The business sells various products from different brands, but this year will focus on selling Miss O'Malley's designs. She admitted she never expected her business to do so well, let alone be up for a national accolade.

Miss O'Malley added: "When I started, I did not think of it as a professional business because I just wanted to solve my own problem but then I went on TikTok and there was this big jump.

"I remember thinking, wow, this is now a business and we have built up a community."

The Blonde Finds is a one-woman show, and Miss O'Malley can be seen in front of the camera, behind the screen and on the phone running customer services.

The Small Business Awards has yet to reveal the 2025 winners.

A spokesperson for The Small Business Awards said: "The UK Small Business Awards celebrate and



Above: Scarlett O'Malley, Founder of "The Blonde Finds"



Above: Scarlett and a friend modelling some of her stock

Scarlett O'Malley and "The Blonde Finds"

support small businesses across the UK. "Exposing candidates to new opportunities via social media, no matter their financial and social status.



"The UK Small Business Awards is breaking down barriers, helping contestants build followings and recognition - even if they don't win. "That is why they are celebrating the entire process of the competition and all the amazing talent that has entered."

Check out Scarletts website for "The Blonde Finds" by clicking on the logo below



Isabella O'Malley with a Heatwave Warning!



Above Emissions head skywards from a plant in Kansas City, Missouri, with the setting sun as the backdrop

Study links more frequent and severe heat waves to pollution from major fossil fuel producers

Fifty-five heat waves over the past quarter-century would not have happened without human-caused climate change, according to a study published Wednesday.

Planet-warming emissions from 180 major cement, oil and gas producers contributed significantly to all of the heat events considered in the study, which was published in the journal *Nature* and examined a set of 213 heat waves from 2000 to 2023. The polluters examined in the study include publicly traded and state-owned companies, as well several countries where fossil fuel production data was available at the national level.

Collectively, these producers are responsible for 57% of all the carbon dioxide that was emitted from 1850 to 2023, the study found.

"It just shows that it's not that many actors ... who are responsible for a very strong fraction of all emissions," said Sonia Seneviratne, a climate professor at the Swiss university ETH Zurich who was one of the study's contributors.

The set of heat waves in the study came from the EM-DAT [International Disaster Database](#), which the

Isabella O'Malley with a Heatwave Warning!

researchers described as the most widely used global disaster repository. The Nature study examined all of the heat waves in the database from 2000 to 2023 except for a few that weren't suitable for their analysis. Global warming made all 213 of the heat waves examined more likely, the study found. Out of those, 55 were 10,000 times more likely to have happened than they would have been before industrialization began accelerating in the 1800s. The calculation is equivalent to saying those 55 heat waves "would have been virtually impossible" without human-caused climate change, the authors wrote.

"Many of these heat waves had very strong consequences," said Seneviratne. She said the series of heat waves that struck Europe in 2022 that was linked to tens of thousands of deaths sticks out in her mind as one of the events with particularly grave consequences.

Scientists calculate how carbon emitters influence heat waves

Climate scientists can use complex computer programs and historic weather data to calculate the connection between extreme weather events and the planet-warming pollutants humans emit. Climate change attribution studies often focus on how climate change influenced a specific weather event, but the scientists say this new Nature study is unique because it focused on the extent to which cement and fossil fuel producers have contributed to heat waves.

"They are drawing on a pretty well-established field of attribution science now, which has existed for about 20 years," said Chris Callahan, a climate scientist at Indiana University who was not involved in the study. Callahan has used similar attribution methodologies in his research and said the new study is appropriate and high-quality.

Scientists say the new study could be taken into consideration in legal cases. Globally, dozens of lawsuits have been filed against fossil fuel companies by climate activists, American state governments and others seeking to hold the companies accountable for their role in climate change.

For example, Vermont and New York have passed laws that aim to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for their emissions and the damage caused.

"For a while, it was argued that any individual contributor to climate change was making too small or too diffuse a contribution to ever be linked to any particular impact. And this emerging science, both this paper and others, is showing that that's not true," said Callahan.

Justin Mankin, a Dartmouth College climate scientist who wasn't involved in the study, said the findings provide insight into the origins of the heat waves and how potential hazards from them could be minimized in the future.

"As we contend with these losses, the assessment of who or what's responsible is going to become really important," Mankin said. "I think there are some really appropriate questions, like who pays to recoup our losses, given that we're all being damaged by it."

Isabella O'Malley

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An O'Malley Stronghold, Apsley Cottage, closes its doors

"Thank you for the laughter and the good times": Family who ran Manchester pub for three decades say goodbye

A family who ran a Manchester pub for more than three decades has said a heartfelt farewell. The O'Malley family have been licensees of the Apsley Cottage in Ardwick Green, next to the Apollo Theatre.

As revealed in the Manchester Evening News the popular pub now has an uncertain future. The owners, Admiral Taverns, have confirmed selling the site was a possibility. The company says it has come to a mutual agreement with the landlord to "part ways" after 32 years.



Above: The Apsley Cottage Inn in Manchester

The Apsley has been a bolthole for many stars performing at the Apollo and its walls are covered with photographs of those who dropped in for a post-concert drink. But the O'Malleys say its true strength and purpose was as a community asset. A petition has been launched by a member of staff to save it.

In a message to customers the family says: "After 32 wonderful years, the O'Malley family has given notice that it will no longer be running the pub, The Apsley Cottage in Ardwick Green, Manchester.

"While we had hoped it would continue to serve the community, the owners, Admiral Taverns, have chosen to take things in a different direction.

"This transition is simply the next chapter and we are moving forward with gratitude and pride for everything that's gone before. From the bottom of our hearts, we - Jack, Maria, Corrairie, Jacqueline, Stephen, Lisa and in loving memory of the late great Kathleen - would like to thank all our loyal customers, our incredible staff, and our great neighbours at Manchester Apollo who have supported us over the past decades. You've been the heart and soul of the Apsley and the reason it thrived for so long.

"We also want to extend our thanks and gratitude to our suppliers, many of whom have been with us since day one. Your support and partnership have meant the world.

Jack O'Malley was landlord of the pub and first ran it with his late wife, Kathleen, who was much loved and respected by customers. Jack's grandson, Will Watts, said: "As much as we appreciate the stars that went in the pub, that was never what the pub was about, the pub wasn't a place for stars to drink. It was a home, a hub for locals, family to enjoy themselves and for years it has kept my grandad alive."

A spokesperson for Admiral Taverns said: "We are strong believers in the importance of community pubs and our focus is always on helping our licensees run sustainable pub businesses. We have come to a mutual agreement to part ways with our current licensee and we would like to thank him

An O'Malley Stronghold, Apsley Cottage, closes its doors

for his tremendous work over the last 30-years. We are currently exploring all options for the future of the site which could include a sale."

The possible closure of the pub has dismayed customers. Winnie Burke called in while visiting from Scotland. She later posted on the We Grew Up in Manchester Facebook site: "Visiting Ardwick today from Scotland to reminisce. Cannot believe the historic pub Apsley Cottage is set to close? Amazing place, full of pictures, stories and friendliness. Very very sad."

John Maguire, who was assistant stage manager at the Apollo, said: "I am Manchester born and bred but live in Oxford now. I worked at the Apollo in the 70s. The Apsley Cottage was always part of my time being there. "The Gallaghers went in there, the Stone Roses, and the big man himself, Billy Connolly. There is a collage of pictures of the bands who went in. Rock stars frequented it but the feel of the place was that it was a home for everyone.

"The building is about 200 years old but it is not listed, which I find strange. It has low beams and is a proper old pub. No one knew the pub was going to be sold. The current tenancy still had five years left

"My understanding is that the pub is being sold for demolition. I feel very passionate about this. It was part of my life when I worked in Manchester."

Ruth McAllister, who until the pub closed last week was its manager, has launched a petition to save the pub. It has been signed via chang.org by 780 people.

Ruth says in support of the petition: "The Apsley Cottage Pub has been more than just a place to work for me—it's been a community, a gathering place for friends and neighbors, and a living artifact of Ardwick's rich heritage. Having worked here for four years, I was on the brink of taking over this beloved establishment, ensuring it continued to thrive as a welcoming venue for all."But now, our beloved Apsley Cottage is under threat. After 200 years of history, the brewery has made the sudden decision to sell this iconic landmark to developers. It's not just a pub; it's a part of our area's identity. Over the years, it has hosted numerous bands and events, cementing its place in the cultural landscape of Ardwick. There are interested parties willing to buy and preserve the pub's legacy for future generations. Yet the brewery, in its haste, dismisses these offers, opting for profit over preserving a community landmark."

Right: The walls of the Apsley Cottage pub are covered with a montage of photographs of stars who have nipped for a drink after performing at The Apollo next door



Ambassador Kevin F O'Malley honored at UCD

University College Dublin has awarded an Honorary Doctorate to former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, Kevin F. O'Malley, celebrating his remarkable career as a diplomat, lawyer, and advocate for transatlantic partnership.

Ambassador O'Malley, who served as U.S. Ambassador to Ireland from 2014 to 2017, is fondly remembered as a bridge-builder between nations, generations, and cultures. His tenure was marked not just by diplomacy, but by empathy and innovation, ensuring the bonds between Ireland and the United States grew deeper, more dynamic, and more forward-looking.

One of his most enduring contributions was the Creative Minds Series, an initiative that brought together young Irish and American leaders in business, technology, the arts, and culture. By providing a platform for emerging voices, the programme highlighted his belief that the future of diplomacy lies in creativity, collaboration, and the energy of youth. Since leaving his ambassadorship, Ambassador O'Malley has continued to champion Ireland through his role on the UCD College of Business North America Advisory Board, where he mentors graduates, supports alumni, and strengthens connections between UCD and U.S. business and civic leaders. His unique insight into government, education, and public service has been instrumental in opening doors for the next generation of UCD students and graduates.

At the Honorary Doctorate Ceremony, Professor Tony Brabazon, Dean of the UCD College of Business, said: "Kevin O'Malley has always understood that true diplomacy is about people. He built bridges not just between governments, but between communities, cultures, and generations. His leadership has inspired young people to think globally and act with purpose. We are honoured to recognise his extraordinary contributions with this degree." Born in St. Louis, Missouri to Irish parents, Kevin O'Malley studied law at Saint Louis University before embarking on a career that spanned public service, law, and international diplomacy. As a lawyer, he rose to national prominence, recognised among the top 1% of attorneys in the United States as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2014, he was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Ireland — a role in which he left a lasting legacy of partnership and progress. "The reputation of UCD in the United States is unsurpassed and to receive this honour from the University is both humbling and greatly appreciated," said Ambassador O'Malley. "These graduates have been very well prepared to handle the unique challenges which all of us are counting on them to master in the years ahead." With this Honorary Doctorate, UCD celebrates Kevin O'Malley as a statesman, innovator, and friend whose vision and leadership continue to shape Ireland's relationship with the wider world.



Above: are UCD President, Professor Orla Feely; Former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Kevin O'Malley and Dean of UCD College of Business, Professor Anthony Brabazon.

“A Footnote to a Wet Summer”

A Footnote to a Wet Summer

Rag clouds, murky as dirty floor mops
Overhead, squeeze down thick angry drops
That explode off my overcoat and hat,
Transferring their soggianness onto my back:
Rain all year round – our burden. Calves,
Sheltering beneath a dripping hedge, seek
Warmth, herd-comfort, their combed hair
Rivering drops that drip from their flanks
In grey globules of wet. Their grass is
Over thick, a kneedeep of green lushness,
Their fields-indulgent fat mothers. Potato
Stalks too, are over-rich, with green sap
Arrogantly dark. Even the crow on the pole
Is drenched from his long sky-passage:
His feathers wet as a furled umbrella,
He shivers himself, vigorously claws the
Water from his ears and then towels dry
His crown with each black wing in turn.

Tom O'Malley

Plan your trip to Ennis! 26th to 28th June 2025

Time to get those flights and hotel booked. Organise the time off from work. Make sure you have someone to feed the cat, and plan your trip to Ennis, County Clare in June 2025!



*Its time to plan that trip to County Clare in June 2025
The Cliffs of Moher, (above), Poul nabrone Dolmen (below)*



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*Top: Dysert O'Dea Castle,
Middle, the uniquely
captivating landscape of
the Burren, and bottom,
The Temple Gate Hotel,
(click on the hotel image
to visit their site and book
your room)*



Test your brain with a crossword on Capital Cities!

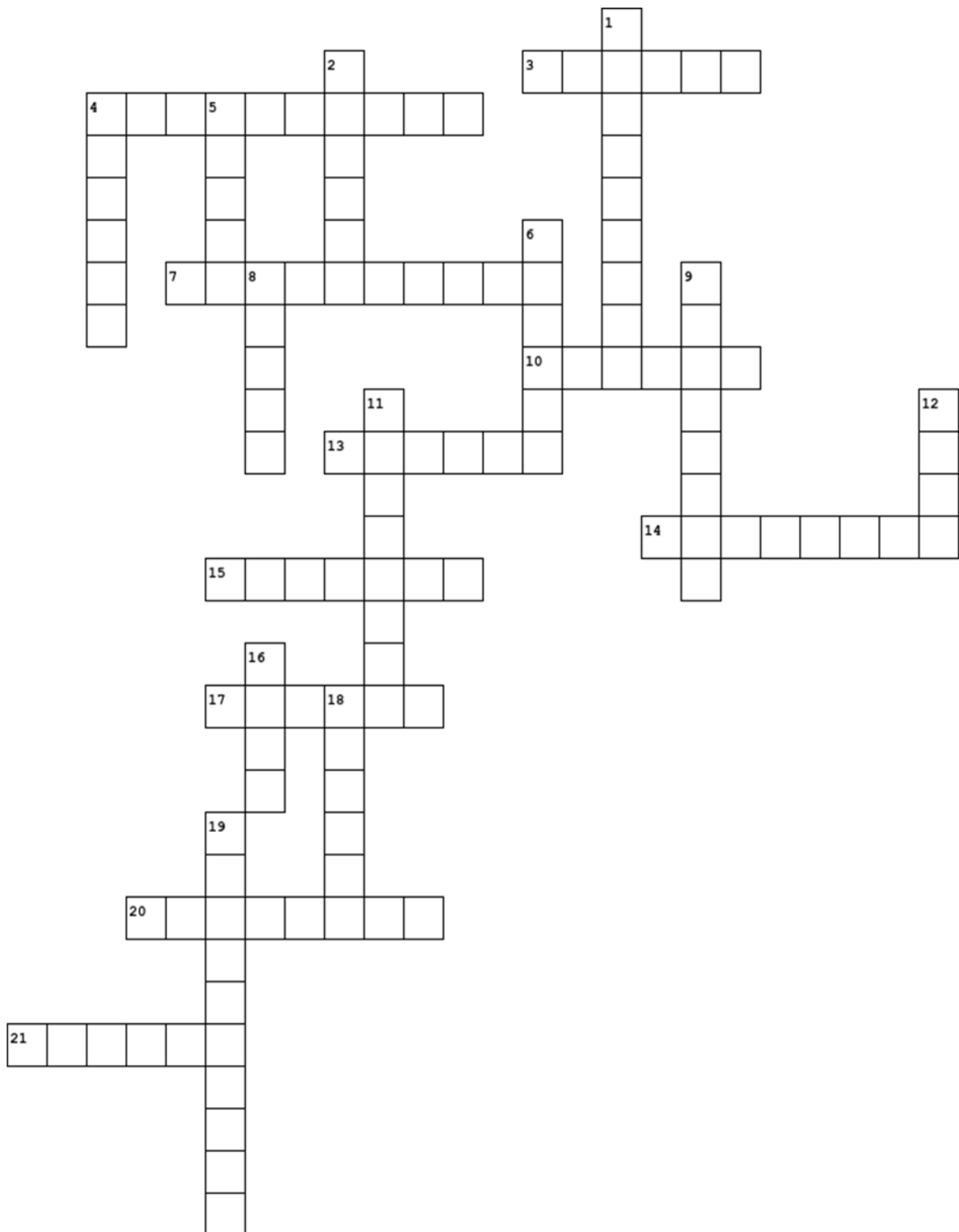
Across

- 3. Capital City of Spain
- 4. Capital City of Uruguay
- 7. Capital City of Denmark
- 10. Capital City of Greece
- 13. Capital City of The Philippines
- 14. Capital City of South Africa
- 15. Capital City of Wales
- 17. England's Capital City
- 20. Finland's Capital City
- 21. Germany's Capital City

Down

- 1. Scotland's Capital City
- 2. Portugal's Capital City
- 4. Capital City of Russia
- 5. Capital City of Japan
- 6. Turkish Capital City
- 8. The capital city with the Eiffel Tower
- 9. Capital City of Australia
- 11. Capital City of Chile
- 12. Capital City of Fiji
- 16. The colosseum is located in this capital
- 18. Ireland's Capital City
- 19. Capital City of New Zealand

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: **ACROSS**, 2 DUBLIN, 4 WICKLOW, 6 DOWN 7 WEXFORD, 10 ANTRIM, 13 KILKENNY, 16 ARMAGH, 17 WESTMEATH 18 CARLOW, 20 DERRY, 21. CORK 22 LOUTH **DOWN**, 1 KINGDOM, 3 BANNER, 5 OFFALY, 8 DONEGAL, 9 MEATH, 11 TIPPERARY 12 GALWAY 14 LIMERICK, 15 MAYO, 19 WATERFORD.

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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 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.

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