



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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Help the Clan Spread the Word! Share, Share, Share!

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 over 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

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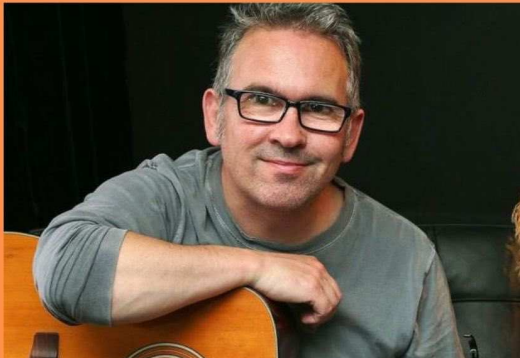
Saturday 24th June on Clare Island, A feast of music!

Hey Folks, Hope you're all enjoying those first rays of sunshine of the coming summer, (if you're in the Northern Hemisphere of course). Only a few weeks to go now, and wow have we got a line up for you on Saturday the 24th June on Clare Island in County Mayo. Legends galore! Leo Moran of the famous, (or infamous), Sawdoctors, World renowned singer and musician Luka Bloom. The latest megastar from County Mayo, (not on a football field), Kieran McCabe, (who's from Clare Island himself!), and We'll have the Chieftain's own O'Malley's March! If that doesn't blow your mind, don't worry, there's more! There'll be ceili music and dancing, and lots more besides, so if you haven't booked your spot at this stage for the Saturday evening on Clare Island, get to it. Time is running out and capacity will be limited!



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The legendary Leo Moran confirmed for Saturday 24th June on Clare Island!



Luka Bloom confirmed for Saturday 24th June on Clare Island!



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Friday night 23rd June in Westport will be amazing!



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Seamus O'Malley & The Tuam Martyrs, 100 Years on

The Tuam Martyrs

Executions at Tuam 1923

Mary Kyne

(Courtesy of Oughterard Heritage)

Execution of Six Brave Men

1923

I grew up in Tuam next to the old workhouse or 'The Home' as it was known to me. I listened to the many stories surrounding this ancient building. I was particularly captivated by one story – the executions of six brave men in 1923. Their executions cast a gloom over the town and everyone felt the greatest sympathy for the families and relatives of the executed men.

Tuam Town Commissioners at their meeting on April 17th 1923 unanimously passed a resolution recording, 'disapproval and sorrow at the executions.' The resolution 'equally condemned attacks on the National forces and reprisals by whomsoever committed' and asked Dr. Gilmartin archbishop of Tuam and through him other Bishops of Ireland to use their influence with the Free State Government to have such executions stopped.

Executions at Tuam

The six men were Seamus Ó Máille Oughterard, Martin Moylan, Farmerstown, Annaghdown, John Newell, Winefort, Headford, John Mc Guire, Cross, Cong, Michael Monaghan, Clooneen, Headford, and Frank Cunnane Kilcoona, Headford were brought from Galway Jail where they were detained following their capture to Tuam Workhouse. All were charged with having possession of a rifle and ammunition at Cluid, Headford on February 19th 1923 without proper authority. All six persons were found guilty. The findings confirmed in each case and the prisoners were sentenced to death. On Monday morning the Bishop of Galway, Dr. O'Dea died and so followed a period of mourning that lasted until his funeral on Thursday, April 12th. The six men were taken aside in Galway Jail and told that they would be executed at 8a.m. the next day not in Galway but in Tuam Workhouse.

The Connacht Tribune of the following Saturday, April 14th describes the event: "The condemned men, it is stated, went to their doom firmly and with brave hearts. They wrote their final letters. They had been attended during the night by two of the town priests and in the morning heard mass, at which two of them served. The priests were with them to the last.

Two volleys were fired

At about 8a.m. two volleys were fired and it is stated that the condemned men were taken out in parties of three each, lined up by the Oratory wall, blindfolded and their hands joined as in prayer. They had prayed fervently during the night before and in the morning and were fully consoled to meet their Creator. The six



Comdt. Frank Cunnane
Headford



Vol. Seamus O'Maille
Oughterard



Lt. & Q.M. Sean Newell
Headford



Vol. Martin Moylan
Annaghdown



Lt. Sean McGuire
Cong



Vol. Michael Monaghan
Headford

Seamus O'Malley & The Tuam Martyrs, 100 Years on



bodies enclosed in six coffins were interred in consecrated ground within the Workhouse.

Word spread by mouth throughout that fateful day in Headford and Caherlistrane. At nightfall, John Francis Rattigan ventured from the dugout only to return with the saddest of news. They did not know, but more bad news was on the way. The night before, April 10th, General Liam Lynch Chief of Staff lay mortally wounded on the slopes of Knockmealdown in Tipperary, another blow to the defence of the Republic.

Later in 1923 when the Free State vacated the Workhouse they exhumed the bodies and brought them to Athlone. Towards the end of April the order to down arms was given and during the next year all prisoners were released.

Release of Bodies 28th October 1924

1924 the six men executed at Tuam with 18 other executed republicans from Tralee, Dundalk, Ennis, Kilkenny, Limerick, Cork, Athlone, Curragh, Wexford, Waterford and Carlow were handed over at a ceremony in Athlone at intervals of 10 minutes each. The military chaplain officiated and Major General Mc Keown of the Western Command and a number of staff officers were present. Each coffin passed out by the West Gate of the barracks, into the public square, military honours were rendered by the guard

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a drenching downpour continuing from early morning, a large crowd had collected in the square, or market place, opposite the West gate of Custume Barracks. Many of the spectators were women and girls. Shortly after 11 o'clock, about 20 motor vehicles and a motor hearse arrived and were lined up from the Market Square, along the bridge to Custume Place. A few minutes before 12 o'clock a guard of honour of the I.R.A. arrived and was formed up in double line facing the entrance gate to the barracks.

Seamus O'Malley & The Tuam Martyrs, 100 Years on

The bodies in addition to the coffins they were originally buried in were encased in large over sized oak coffins, stained yellow. Friends travelled from North and South the previous day and stayed over night in Athlone. Seamus Ó Máille Oughterard was the first of the executed six in Tuam on 11th April 1923 to be handed over followed by John Newell, Headford, Martin Moylan, Annaghdown, John Maguire, Cross, Co. Mayo, Francis Cunnane, Kilcoona, Headford, and Michael Monaghan, Headford.

The coffins were draped in the Republican Tri-colour, and bore a breastplate provided by the relatives on which was inscribed in Irish, the name, date of death and age of the deceased. The spectacle presented after the coffins had been removed from the Barracks, was a never-to-be-forgotten one a grim reminder of the unfortunate division between comrade Irishmen which was the result of Mr De Valera's refusal to accept the Treaty. Others would maintain that it was the acceptance of the Treaty of Surrender and the armed overthrow of the All-Ireland Republic caused 'the unfortunate division between comrade Irishmen.

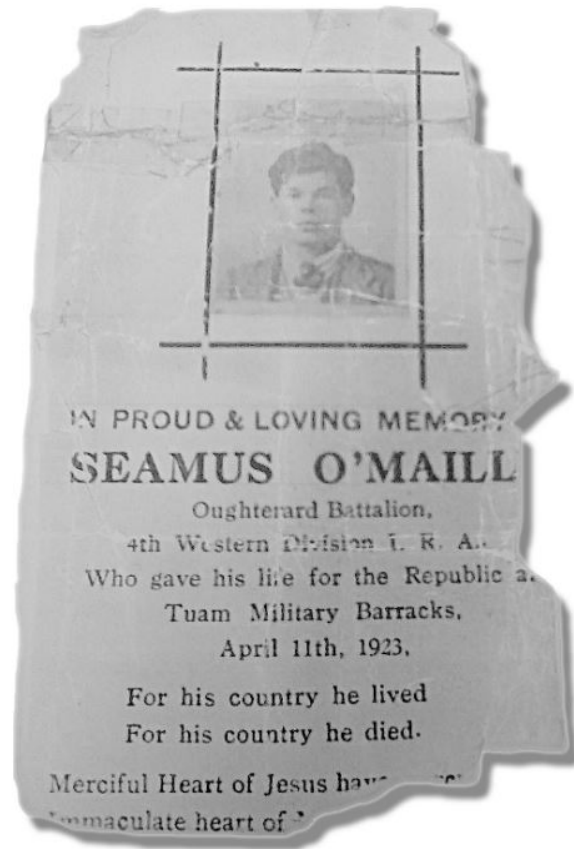
Funeral Route

The funeral cortege made its way from Athlone to Tuam and from there to Headford. In Tuam a large crowd remained on the streets awaiting the arrival of the funeral and although there was a heavy downpour of rain and the remains did not arrive until 11.30p.m., the people stood waiting. As the funeral cars drove slowly through the town, heads were uncovered, and soldiers and Civic guards saluted. Spanning some of the principal streets were streamers with mourning crosses in Republican colours.

There was no delay in Tuam and all the cars proceeded on to Headford where they arrived at 1.30a.m. On passing Belclare the church bell tolled, this lending a solemn sadness to the countryside around, at that late hour of the night. The remains were left overnight in Headford church where the rosary was recited.'

The comrades of the executed six in the North Galway Brigade, I.R.A., stood guard. The following day October 30th 1924 High Mass was offered in Headford and the remains of John Maguire was conveyed to Cross Cong, Seamus Ó Máille to Oughterard where he was laid to rest in the Republican Plot and the others were interred in the Republican plot in Donnaghpatrick Burial Ground. A general day of mourning was held in Tuam and the surrounding towns by having business suspended during the day.

The six brave men gave their lives for their belief in the establishment of an All-Ireland Republic.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anamacha dilis.



Nomination of a new Tánaiste for the Clan in 2023

Each year The O'Malley Clan Association elect a Tánaiste, (a deputy Chieftain), who then serves a 1 year term in this position and then becomes Chieftain after that one year term as Tánaiste.

This years Tánaiste, Nano McMahon will become Chieftain at the Annual Gathering in Clare Island on Sunday 25th June, taking over the reins from Martin O'Malley.

At the Clan AGM, during the weekend of the Annual Clan Gathering, we'll also need to elect a new Tánaiste to fill Nano's current position, and they will then become the new Chieftain of the Clan at the 2024 Annual Clan Gathering in Limerick.

Do you know of an O'Malley who might be interested in becoming Tánaiste, and then Chieftain?

The procedure for electing a new Tánaiste is very straightforward.

Nominations are sent to the Clan Guardian Chieftain a minimum of 2 clear weeks prior to the AGM. (For the 2023 AGM, that 2 clear week minimum would mean that signed nominations would need to be emailed to the Clan Guardian Chieftain on or before Thursday 8th June)

A nomination for the position of Tánaiste must be made by 2 full members, and the person being nominated for the position of Tánaiste must also be a full member, and the person being nominated must have agreed to their name being put forward for nomination.

Time to put the thinking caps on!

The nomination form is available in the members area of the Clan website, and details of where to send the form are on it.

Current Tánaiste Nano
McMahon



“Lord Mayo” The latest from author Anne Chambers

Could a Mayo Bourke be the modern day Lord Mayo?

Could there be a modern day Lord Mayo walking about in our county oblivious to the fact that he bears the title ‘Lord Mayo’?

It’s one of the fascinating subtexts in Anne Chambers’ recently released biography, “Lord Mayo”

Based on hitherto un-researched 16th and 17th century manuscripts, the book tells the remarkable story of Tibbott-ne-Long Bourke, youngest son of the Pirate Queen, Gráinne Uaile, who died in 1629. Chambers explores the fascinating controversy over the title which erupted over 130 years after his death, a controversy which remains unresolved to this very day.

It started on the death of John Bourke, eighth Viscount Mayo, in 1767. As he died without a male heir a battle commenced for his title and property around Castle Bourke in the barony of Carra and in the barony of Murrisk.

It was first claimed by David Bourke, a Catholic freeholder of lands owned by the Viscount Mayo estate in Asgalan, near Louisburgh. He made his claim on the basis of being the next male heir in direct descent from Richard Bourke, the fourth and youngest son of Tibbott-ne-Long.

Anne Chambers uncovered that David Bourke has numerous sworn depositions in his favour, including one from the Chief Herald of Ireland.

His claim was opposed by John Bourke’s son-in-law, Edmund Lambert, who claimed that Tibbott-ne-Long had only three sons. However, Anne Chambers’ research discounts this.

“But because of David Bourke’s perceived unsuitability by the government of the day, by virtue of his background, education and religion and despite the extensive evidence supporting his claim, in 1780 the Viscount Mayo title was deemed extinct in the male line by the authorities. David Bourke died without a male heir in Dublin in 1790 while pursuing his claim to the title through the courts,” she said.

The cause was reactivated by his descendants, living in Lavalaroo, near Ballyhaunis, in the early part of the 19th century, while other descendants were also living in Aughagower, near Westport.

“I feel that local knowledge, kept alive over the succeeding decades through the medium of folklore, may well succeed where official records have failed in tracing a modern-day claimant to the famous title,” said Chambers.

Anne Chambers describes Tibbott-ne-Long Bourke as one of the forgotten figures in Irish history.

Born on board his mother’s galley into the Gaelic ruling class, this Gaelic chieftain turned Anglo-Irish knight lived through and had to compete for his very survival and that of his extended family, clan and followers, in one of the most traumatic, divided and misunderstood periods of Irish history.

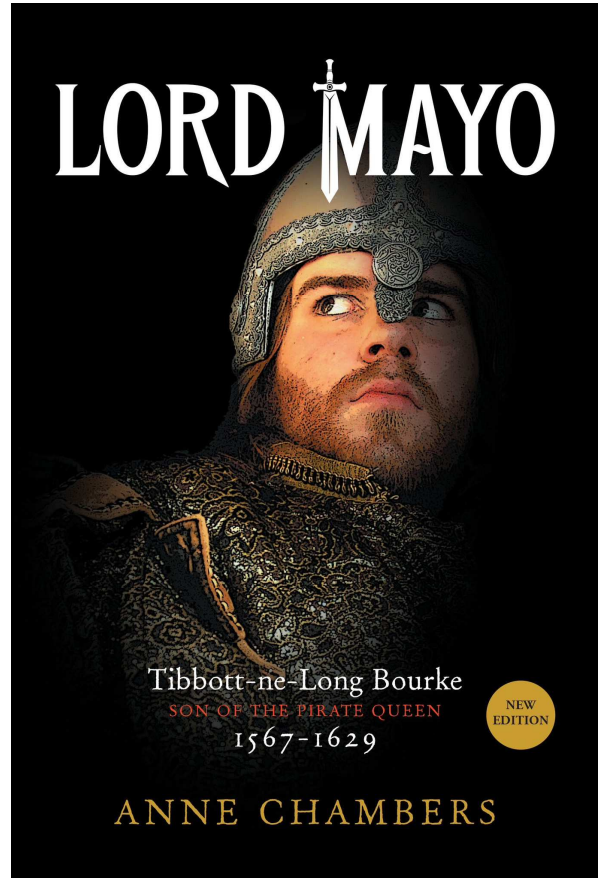
“Tibbott was bold, ambitious and pragmatic with a Machiavellian mind that outwitted his opponents, both Irish and English.

“There is a raw honesty about him. He is a product of his time and his life must be examined within that context,” said Chambers.

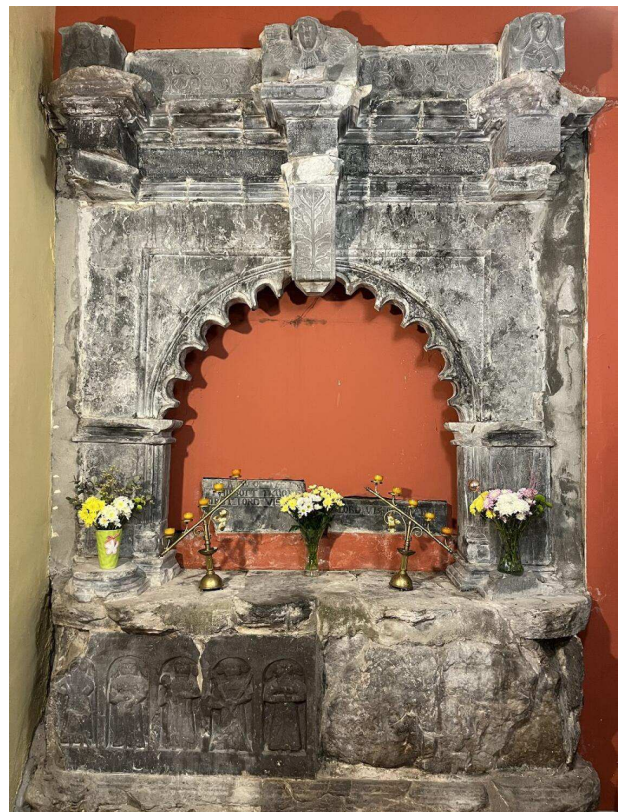
Her biography also throws new light on the history of county Mayo during these turbulent times.

The book is available from Mayo Books here: <https://www.mayobooks.ie/Lord-Mayo-Anne-Chambers>

“Lord Mayo” The latest from author Anne Chambers



Above: Anne Chambers with her new edition of “Lord Mayo” Above Right: The front cover of “Lord Mayo” and Below Right: The resting place of the first Lord Mayo, Tibbott-ne-Long Bourke, at Ballintubber Abbey.



Dr. Michelle O'Malley– Hoping to power the world on botanicals!

Scientists Find New Way To Turn Plant Waste Into Biofuels

Scientists have found a way to break down the tough lignin in plant material using anaerobic fungi.

This breakthrough provides a new path for accessing valuable plant fibers that can be used to produce biofuels and chemicals.

The discovery could greatly benefit the biofuels industry and provide an alternative source of energy.

University of California – Santa Barbara researchers have proven that tough, woody lignin can be broken down in an anaerobic environment.

It's a tough material, lignin is the structural biopolymer that gives stems, bark and branches their signature woodiness. It's one of the most abundant terrestrial polymers on Earth, lignin surrounds valuable plant fibers and other molecules that could be converted into biofuels and other commodity chemicals – if we could only get past that rigid lignin plant cell wall.

In a paper published in the journal *Nature Microbiology*, researchers in UC Santa Barbara chemical engineering and biological engineering professor Michelle O'Malley's lab proved that a group of anaerobic fungi – *Neocallimastigomycetes* – are up to the task.

Fortunately, the rather laborious process already occurs in the guts of large herbivores through the actions of anaerobic microbes that cows, goats and sheep rely on to release the nutrients trapped behind the biopolymer. They conducted this work in collaboration with colleagues at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Joint Genome Institute, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Joint BioEnergy Institute and Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center.

O'Malley, whose research focuses on finding and accessing alternate sources of energy and chemicals from what would otherwise be considered plant waste explained, "You can think of lignin as kind of a skeletal system for plants. Lignin is really important – it provides that hardiness and structure, but it's equally difficult to break down for the exact same reason."

Additionally, she said, lignin has properties that make the plant resistant to physical degradation by enzymes and pathogens.

For decades it was thought that lignin could be degraded only in the presence of oxygen. "It takes time, and depends on certain chemical species – such as free radicals – that to the best of everyone's knowledge could only be made with the help of oxygen," O'Malley noted.

However, there have been hints all along that nature has more than one way of stripping away the lignin. In the industrial biomass world, to access the cellulose and hemicellulose behind the lignin, plant biomass typically has to undergo pre-treatment. But in the O'Malley Lab's work with anaerobic microbes, pre-treatment has never been necessary.

"We've never had to extract the lignin out of there because the fungi we work with are just as happy to extract the cellulose and hemicellulose on their own," she said. "So the fact that these fungi could grow on non-pretreated plant biomass was always a feature that was unique and unusual, and we hypothesized that they must have a way of moving the lignin around."

To find out for sure, the O'Malley Lab conducted experiments with members of the *Neocallimastigomycetes* group. Tom Lankiewicz, the study's lead author, cultivated some of these fungi on poplar, sorghum and switchgrass in an oxygen-free environment. These three types of biomass were chosen for the various ways

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lignin presents itself in nature, from the flexible stems and leaves of the grasses to the more rigid wood of poplar. In addition, these plants are being eyed by the DOE as potential feedstocks for biofuels and bio-based products.

The team then tracked the progress of the fungi as they went to work on the tough fibers and found that indeed, *Neocallimastix californiae* did break down the plants' rigid cell walls. Using advanced imaging techniques such as nuclear magnetic resonance, they could identify specific lignin bond breakages in the absence of oxygen.

"This is really a paradigm shift in terms of how people think about the fate of lignin in the absence of oxygen," O'Malley said. "You could extend this to understand what happens to lignin in a compost pile, in an anaerobic digester, or in very deep environments where no oxygen is available. It pushes our understanding of what happens to biomass in these environments and alters our perception of what's possible and the chemistry of what's happening there."

While this research proves that lignin can be broken down by fungi in oxygen-free environments, the next challenge for the researchers is to find out exactly how. Are there enzymes mediating this process? Is this a feature of anaerobes in general? Like with any intriguing research, each answer leads to more questions – questions that invite more research and fruitful collaborations.

"This, of course, is not just a single lab effort," O'Malley said. "It was made possible only because we've had so many collaborators that bring to the table their different kinds of expertise."

Lignin has been in the way of many ideas for making fuels from biomass. That makes this work quite significant. Seeding a big vat of biomass and treating it with the right fungi might very well be called a breakthrough.

For experienced reasons the good professor has acknowledged there are a lot of important questions to come, even before a process idea is made to try a full on lab trial or a prototype.

But the nut, er, lignin looks cracked now. The next tasks look to be underway, suggesting that more biofuels should be available sometime in the future.

By Brian Westenhaus via New Energy and Fuel



The Peacemaker's Book is launched in Westport

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Brid Conroy on Pádraig O'Malley's new book, 'Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland', just launched in Westport

Last Easter weekend marked the 25th anniversary of the Belfast Good Friday Agreement. At Tertulia, we were very lucky to host Pádraig O'Malley in a west of Ireland launch of his new book, 'Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland', just published by Lilliput Press.

O'Malley was interviewed by Enda Kenny as part of the O'Malley Clan gathering in 2022, and it was great to welcome him back to Westport. His parents, originally from Co Mayo, moved to Dublin, which is where he himself grew up. He is currently the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the University of Massachusetts, specialising in the promotion of dialogue amongst divided societies particularly in South Africa, Ireland and the Middle East. In 1997, he arranged for the Good Friday negotiators to meet President Nelson Mandela and the team that negotiated the end of apartheid in South Africa.

In this his latest book, O'Malley maps out the 'perils and prospects' that surround the prospect of a united Ireland. The book couldn't be more urgent or more significant, given the current lack of a functioning executive in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

O'Malley draws on his experience and the relationships built up over 50 years across the political divide. He set himself the mammoth task of conducting 97 interviews with all the relevant political players. He also looks at democratic shifts, surveys and stats to present us with the realities of what a united Ireland might look like and what the journey to that place might entail.

In the Republic, for example, have we as citizens really thought about what a United Ireland would be like on a cultural, economical, spiritual, identity level; questions like would we need a new flag, how would religion in schools work, what are the real costs of integration, what kind of health care and social systems could work? In the North, "approximately 40 percent of the electorate now define themselves as neither orange (unionist/loyalist) nor green (nationalist/republican)" calling into question how the power sharing structures of the Belfast Good Friday Agreement represent this substantial cohort.

In the 2022 elections, 20 of the 90 seats (22.2 percent) were won by neither Nationalists nor Unionists, compared to just 8 of a total of 108 in 1998 (7.4 percent). O'Malley's interviewees all feel that devolved power sharing is dysfunctional.

And what about the prospect of a Border Poll? The Belfast Good Friday Agreement states that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland could announce a border poll 'if at any time it appears likely to him that a majority of those voting would express a wish that Northern Ireland should cease to be part of the United Kingdom and form part of a united Ireland'.

However, recent surveys on desire for unity in the North are interesting. In August 2022, a poll by Lucid Talk (Sunday Life) found just 41 percent in favour of unity, 48 against and 11 percent undecided/won't vote. Last December, an Irish Times/Ipsos poll found that in Northern Ireland, 50 percent are in favour of staying in the UK (including 21 percent of Catholics) and 56 percent favour a referendum in the next ten years. In the South, 66 percent were in favour of reunification and 76 percent favoured a referendum in the next five years – however, only 20 percent saw the issue as a priority, while 52 percent said unification is not important to them thought they would like to see it someday.

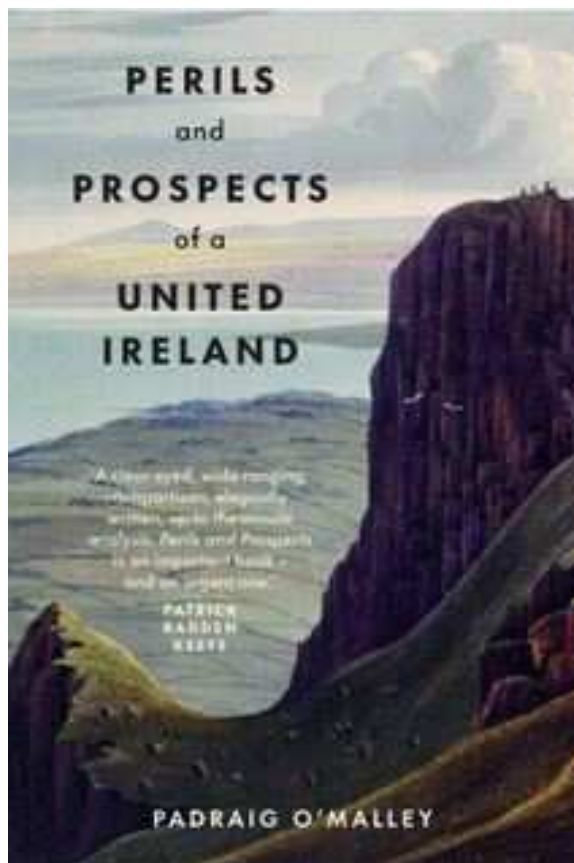
Whatever the future holds for the North, O'Malley's beautifully written and accessible book will certainly be thought provoking for anyone interested in what a united Ireland means to us today on the island of Ireland, and in how it might come about and what shape it might take.

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Above: The owners of Tertulia bookshop, Bríd Conroy and Neil Paul, with author Padraig O'Malley (centre), at the recent launch of his book.

Right: The cover of Padraig's book, "Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland"



The O'Malley Clan Gathering 23-25 June 2023



The 67th Annual



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Co Mayo, Ireland
23 - 25 June 2023



Clare Island

The O'Malley Clan Gathering 23-25 June 2023

NOTE: Details of events below are the best information available at time of publication (15th May 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 67th Annual Clan Gathering in Co Mayo from the 23rd to 25th 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. A small number of tickets for the Gala Concert on Friday 23rd are available at Westport House.



Friday 23rd June

5:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Clan at Westport House

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

5:45 – 7:15 p.m. Chieftain's Reception at Westport House

Welcome to the 67th 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, 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.

The O'Malley Clan Gathering 23-25 June 2023

Saturday 24th June

10:00 a.m. Update on Clan Projects. Venue: Upstairs Meeting room at Town Hall Theatre, Westport.

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

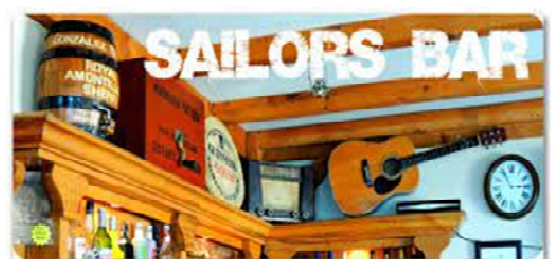
Buses from the Octagon, Westport outside the Town Hall Theatre will take you to Roonagh, to catch a ferry to Clare Island. If you do not wish to take the bus, and to make your own way to Roonagh, ferry tickets may be booked directly from the ferry companies at <https://www.omalleyferries.com/> and <https://www.clareislandferry.com/>. 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 Óro 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 6:30 pm.



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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.

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