



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally 2016 A great weekend in Limerick

After all the waiting the final weekend in June eventually arrived. Everybody gathered in Cappamore and Murroe in Limerick and had a great time. From Cormac O'Malley's talk on the Friday night, all the way through to the Clan Luncheon on the Sunday it was fabulous! There's more on the 2016 Clan Rally inside, and now it's on to Galway for the 2017 Annual O'Malley Clan Rally.

We hope to see ye all again next year!



2016 Chieftain Denis O'Malley with 2017 Chieftain Sarah McCabe



Welcome to the new O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter
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The New US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley
 The O'Malley Clan Association has been pleased to welcome the new US Ambassador to Ireland Mr Kevin F O'Malley to the US Embassy in Dublin. Mr O'Malley has been a member of the O'Malley Clan Association for many years and we are delighted to have him as our new US Ambassador to Ireland.

Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an arti-

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



The O'Malley Clan Rally 2016



The 62nd O'Malley Clan Rally was held in Murroe and Cappamore on the weekend of the 24th to 26th June.

O'Malley Clan members gathered from the four corners of the world to celebrate at this annual event.

Cormac O'Malley (son of Freedom fighter and author Ernie O'Malley), along with his daughter Bergin, Son in law David and his 2 grandchildren came from Connecticut. Cormac began the rally on the Friday night by giving a talk on the life of his famous father.

In the audience were people from New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, various parts of the UK and the US, the Netherlands, and from all corners of Ireland.

On Saturday morning O'Malley Coaches Newport provided the bus for the traditional historic tour.

First stop was a visit to The O'Malley Art Exhibition at Plassey House in the University of Limerick. The collection is mainly the work of Helen Hooker O'Malley, (Cormac O'Malley's mother). The art exhibition is open to the public Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.

The tour then proceeded on via the N24 to Tipperary town, and onwards to Cashel. All of the visitors enjoyed a tour of The Rock of Cashel, and it was on then to Donohill to start re-tracing the steps of the O'Sullivan Beara retreat. Many O'Malleys took part in that horrendous trek.

Retired school principal and local historian Kevin O'Reilly was the tour guide in Donohill. He showed us Dan Breen's grave in the little graveyard across the road from the motte where the O'Sullivan Beara troops drove out the O'Dwyer's from the fortified enclosure on the motte and took over the food stores there.

At Hollyford we visited the old R.I.C. barracks, now a private residence. The barrack was the scene of the attack in which Ernie O'Malley took part.

From Hollyford the bus tour moved on to Sean Treacy's GAA grounds at Kilcommon. Near the GAA grounds is a field called Pairc an Urr, (the field of the slaughter), where a battle took place in January 1603. A group of 60 O'Sullivan Beara soldiers led by Daniel O'Malley on a food foraging mission were ambushed by local people and Daniel O'Malley and 20 of his men were killed.

The remaining 40 scattered and are believed to be the ancestors of The O'Malley's in East Limerick, as well as the O'Toole's Berkery's Carey's and Quigley's.

They were known as Ultachs or Ulstermen because they came with O'Neill from Tyrone to the Battle of Kinsale, and many spoke with Northern accents.

Leaving Kilcommon the bus proceeded to Rearcross, the scene of another Ernie O'Malley action at the R.I.C. barracks, (now the Rising Sun Bar).

During Saturday afternoon a childrens party was also held in Cappamore at the local sports centre. A bouncy castle, playground and sportsfield activities were enjoyed by the visiting children as well as treats and drinks and various games.

On Saturday night the chieftain's reception took place in Hayes' function room in Cappamore, and the crowd was fabulously entertained by Pauline Hynan's 25 young dancers. Their display of dancing talent and singing amazed visitors from near and far. Sean Hogg and Paddy O'Connor provided music then afterwards and were accompanied by several O'Malley's and others during the night, the highlight being a haka performed by Tom Michael and a few more from Dunedin, New Zealand.

On Sunday morning a group of genealogists ran a genealogy workshop to help those trying to trace their roots. Gerard O'Malley, Aideen O'Malley, John Hassett, and Marie Taylor explained all the sources of information available in Ireland, with contact details.

The Clan mass was held at 1pm in The Church of The Holy Rosary, Murroe, with ceremonial parades, piper and flag bearers into and out of the church.

The annual Clan Lunch then followed at Hayes' in Cappamore, and finished with the investiture of the new chieftain for the coming year, Sarah McCabe Kelly from Galway, who takes over the reins from Denis O'Malley of Murroe.

The O'Malley Clan Rally 2016



**Cormac O'Malley (above)
Family Transport! (below)**





**A big turnout for Cormac O'Malley's talk (above)
And for The Annual Clan Luncheon (below)**



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**Maureen O'Malley, Marie & Rosemary Hayes (above)
The O'Malleys invade the Rock of Cashel, (below)**





**A visit to the grave of Dan Breen a comrade of Ernie O'Malley (above)
Brush dancing to start the Chieftains reception on Saturday night (below)**



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**The Kiwis get in on the act with a haka! (above)
Some set dancing (below)**





**Trying a drop of Bunratty Mead (above)
The Clan Mass, Murroe (below)**



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**The Ladies at the Clan Mass (above)
Enjoying the Clan Luncheon (below)**





**Another group enjoying the Clan Luncheon (above)
Joe and Tom having lunch (below)**



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**Chris, Jean, Katherine, and the Kiwis having Lunch (above)
A Tipperary & Cork table, (and Denis) at the Luncheon (below)**





**Another group enjoying the Clan Luncheon (above)
Denis' Children, Nephews, and Nieces (below)**





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The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.

The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.

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

The O'Malley Clan Rally 23rd to 25th June 2017

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2017 takes place in beautiful Claregalway, County Galway on the weekend of the 23rd to 25th June 2017. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. Highlights will include Medieval Banquet, Castle Experience, Abbey Visits, Talks and Tours, music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only 11 months to go!!!.

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, We hope to see you all there.

If you need any help with planning your trip, Or with further information on the Annual Rally, drop us a line by email (the address is at the top of this page), and We'll get back to you right away!

