



## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

### This month's highlights....

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### What a weekend we had in the fabulous County Clare!

It was our first O'Malley Clan Gathering in County Clare, and what a weekend it was! From the very beginning with the fabulous speakers on Friday evening. Dick Cronin, Author Anne Chambers and Dr Maurice Gleeson, keeping us spellbound with tales of history and then DNA and genealogy, to then a mighty night of music courtesy of "Spraoi" with a few guest singers. On Saturday then we had a bus tour around some of the best spots of County Clare followed by another fascinating tale, this time from Author Brian O'Malley, followed by a magnificent gala dinner, with more mighty music into Saturday night. Sunday then and it was time for a beautiful mass with Canon Donough O'Malley, followed by the serious stuff of the AGM, and then yet another sumptuous meal at the Temple Gate Hotel, followed by the inauguration of our new Chieftain, Don O'Malley. An absolutely wonderful weekend was had by all in Ennis. A huge thanks to Chieftain Denise, and all who helped to put the whole weekend together. We have a flavour of the weekend in the pictures inside this issue. Enjoy!



### 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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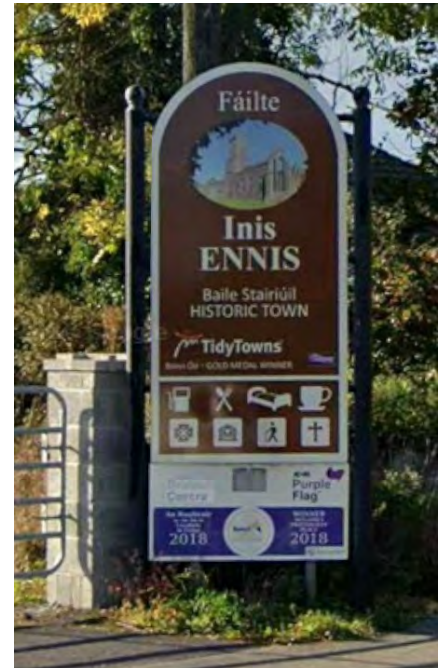
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## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Top left: Chieftain Denise welcomes everyone to Ennis. Left: Historian Dick Cronin filling us in on the fascinating history of County Clare and it's people, down through the centuries. Bottom left: Enjoying some Grace O'Malley Spirits. Bottom Right: Author Anne Chambers enthralling the audience with tales of The Pirate Queen





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: The Great Hall at the Temple Gate Hotel, a fabulous venue! Right: Dr Maurice Gleeson, (our DNA Superstar!), filling us in on our DNA Projects. Below: Jamie O'Malley keeping the Clan merchandise on the move all weekend. Right: Below: Former Chieftain Don O'Malley having a browse.





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: The Straw Boys getting the dancing started on Friday night at the Temple Gate Hotel, with the mighty Spraoi providing the music. Below Left: Chieftain Denise and Tánaiste Don in fine form on the Friday night in Ennis.



Below: The mighty Spraoi keeping the party going long into Friday night





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: There's always time for a Siege of Ennis, in Ennis! Below: Former Guardian Chieftain Ellen O'Malley Dunlop, and current Guardian Chieftain Brendan O'Malley Right: Kay O'Malley reciting her beautiful poem on Friday night in Ennis. There wasn't a dry eye in the house

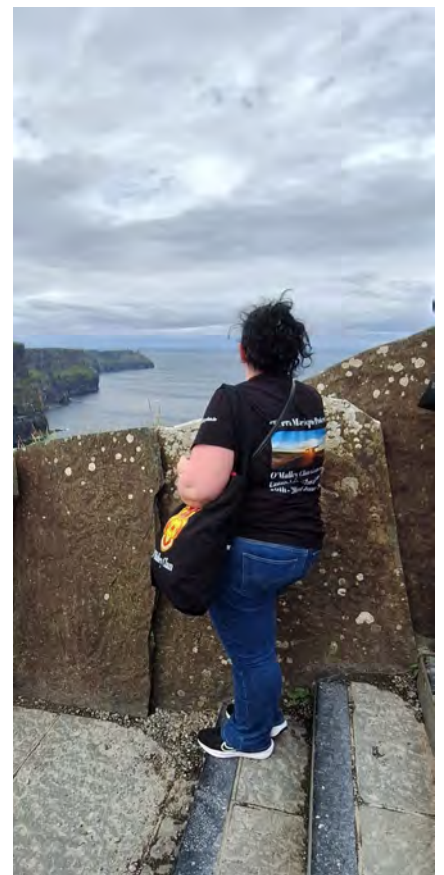




## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: The beautiful Cliffs of Moher on Saturday 27th June 2026. Below: Enjoying a tour of Clare, Josh O'Malley, Yorkshire, Peter O'Máille, Sweden, and Former Chieftain Kevin O'Malley, Yorkshire. Right: Chieftain Denise enjoying the views at The Cliffs of Moher.





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Top: A happy group on the Bus Tour of some of Clare's finest spots.

Above: Selfie time with two Chieftains, Denise and Shane O'Dea of the O'Dea Clan

Right: Guardian Chieftain Brendan O'Malley, Cllr Tom Guilfoyle, Mayor of Ennis., and Chieftain Denise O'Malley-Kelly





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: Chieftain Denise O'Malley-Kelly and husband John Kelly.

Right: Tánaiste Don O'Malley and his wife Norma.



Below: Maureen Carroll, John Kelly, Chieftain Denise, Geraldine Troy, and Liz O'Sullivan





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: Author Brian O'Malley fills us in on the story of the famous, (or infamous), "King" O'Malley from Australia.

Right: Chieftain Denise with her Mum, Kay O'Malley

Below: Chieftain Denise with Mayor of County Clare, Cllr Joe Killeen, and Guardian Chieftain Brendan O'Malley





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: Time to get organised for Mass. Above left: The O'Malleys in the Cathedral in Ennis. Left: The O'Malleys know how to make an entrance! Below Left: The O'Malleys taking over the streets of Ennis. Below: A happy group of Chieftain, Tánaiste, and many former Chieftains, with celebrant Canon Donogh O'Malley, and our flag bearers, Jamie and Shane O'Malley, after mass in Ennis.





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: Murroe and Cappamore O'Malleys after mass.

Above Right: Chieftain Denise with former Chieftain, and former Governor of Maryland, Martin O'Malley.



Below: All smiles at the AGM, with Secretary Grace O'Malley, Treasurer Margaret Davern, Guardian Chieftain Brendan O'Malley, Chieftain Denise O'Malley-Kelly, and Tánaiste, Registrar, and Digital Media Officer, Don O'Malley





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above left: Former Chieftains, Secretary Grace and Treasurer Margaret making sure the AGM runs smoothly. Above: Kathi Carr filling us in on the new US Chapter initiative.

Left: New O'Malley Clan Tánaiste Mary Madec greeting the assembled O'Malleys.

Below: Former Chieftain Denis O'Malley gets a birthday surprise. At the Gathering in Ennis





## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2026, Ennis, County Clare



Above: The torch, (Chieftain's Staff), is passed at the inauguration of our new Chieftain on Sunday 28th June 2026.

Below Left: Chieftain Denise presenting the proceeds of the weekend's raffle to Milford Hospice.

Below Right: We have a new Chieftain. Don O'Malley from Murroe, County Limerick.





## A Word in Defence of Lord Sligo!

In last month's newsletter we had an article from Turtle Bunbury, (published in History Ireland Magazine in 2014), on some fairly wild youthful years of the 2nd Marquess of Sligo, Howe Peter Browne, a direct descendent of Granuaile. Lord Sligo's 3x Great Grandfather, John Browne, married Maud Burke, Granuaile's Great Great Granddaughter. As promised, in defence of a man who was at least partly responsible for the emancipation of slaves in the then colonies, we have some words from our good friend, and author of a biography of Lord Sligo, Anne Chambers. We follow Anne's letter to History Ireland Magazine at that time, with an article from the Irish Times in 2017 from Anne, on Lord Sligo.

### 2014 Letter to History Ireland after Turtle Bunbury's article

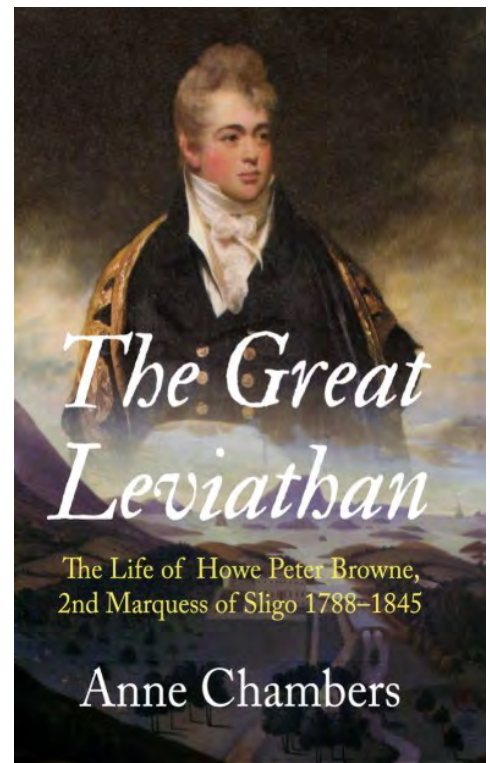
Sir,—Having spent three years researching a biography of Howe Peter Browne, second marquess of Sligo, the sensational and misleading title of Turtle Bunbury's article—'Lord Sligo's plunder of ancient Greece' (HI 22.3, May/June 2014)—not surprisingly caught my eye. On a reading of the article the title sadly reflects the many other inaccuracies within.

Lord Sligo's 'plunder of ancient Greece' amounted to a quantity of mainly broken remnants of ancient treasure left in the wake of earlier 'plunderers' such as Elgin. The single item of value and interest with which he returned to Ireland comprised three parts of the columns reputed to have flanked the entrance to the Treasury of Atreus at Mycenae. At the time of Sligo's visit, the tomb had already been raided by Elgin and others and the two columns were no longer in situ but lay in pieces around the entrance. Sligo, in effect, did no excavations at the tomb, merely accepting the Turkish governor Veli Pasha's offer (who initially mistook Sligo for the son of the king of England!) to take what remained. Veli Pasha also presented him with 'six columns of verde antique and some other trifles' and entertained him highly.

There is no indication from Sligo's own correspondence from Tripollizza (to which I have access) that he, in effect, realised the significance of the three fragments (part of which is in the museum in Athens), which were destined to lie forgotten in the basement of Westport House for 90 years. It was his grandson, the sixth marquess, an amateur archaeologist, who journeyed to Mycenae in 1904 with drawings of the broken columns and found them to be analogous with the remains of the bases still in situ at the tomb.

To correct some other inaccuracies in the article, Byron did not travel with Sligo to Delphi. Sligo was accompanied on that journey by Michael Bruce, Lady Hester Stanhope's lover at the time. He had met the couple previously in Gibraltar. He was educated at Eton, not at Harrow as stated in the article. He was a fellow student of Byron at Cambridge. Sligo acquired the Pylades on his way out to Greece, not on the return journey. He inherited two plantations in Jamaica from his Kelly grandmother. He did not 'introduce the linen industry to Westport'. That was his father's achievement. My biography of Lord Sligo is due for publication in 2015.

**ANNE CHAMBERS**



"The Great Leviathan" Anne's biography of Lord Sligo



## A Word in Defence of Lord Sligo!

### (The Gracious Response from Historian Turtle Bunbury)

I bow humbly to Anne Chambers and I apologise for the several flaws she has observed in my tale. My source for the 'plunder' conceit was an 1821 account entitled 'Recollections of a classical tour through various parts of Greece, Turkey, and Italy' by a French classical scholar called Peter Edmund Laurent, who refers to the 'excavations' that took place 'under his [Lord Sligo's] direction'. However, Anne's lengthy study of Lord Sligo and his voluminous correspondence, which I have not seen, certainly outweighs the memories of a passer-by published nearly a decade after the events took place. Lord Sligo's story is a truly remarkable one and I am thrilled that Anne is going to give him the fulsome airing he deserves. I wish her the very best with her book. I shall be at the head of the queue to buy a copy.—Yours etc.,

**TURTLE BUNBURY**

### **The Irish lord who freed Jamaica's slaves** *(Irish Times article)*

**Lord Sligo was a friend of Napoleon, father of 15 children and helped free Jamaica's slaves**

At the age of 21, Lord Sligo, from Westport House, inherited five titles in the peerage, a 200,000-acre estate in the west of Ireland and sugar plantations in Jamaica. His youth conformed to the popular image of a Regency Buck in the notorious world of the Prince Regent at Holland House, Brighton and Newmarket, from the gambling clubs, bawd houses and theatres of London, to the salons of Paris, in the company of such profligates as Thomas de Quincey, Lord Byron, John Cam Hobhouse and Scrope Davies.

A patron of artists, courtesans and bare knuckle fighters, he was a founder member of the Irish Turf Club. He excavated in Greece and located the columns to the Treasury of Atreus, now in the British Museum. He was a spy, sailor, friend of Napoleon and his family, prisoner in London's notorious Newgate gaol, as well as the father of 15 children.

Sobered by his sojourn in gaol and by his marriage in 1816 to Catherine de Burgh, daughter of the Earl of Clanricarde, Sligo settled down to the responsibilities of his estate in the west of Ireland. A passionate advocate of Catholic Emancipation, multi-denominational education and legal reform, he tried to alleviate the desperate circumstances of his tenants, aggravated by a rapidly rising population and the "curse" of subdivision. He established a cotton factory in Westport in order, as he wrote, "to benefit this Country by introducing such manufactures into it as will give employment to the People...unless I do it to show the way nobody will follow." He encouraged the development of kelp harvesting, fishing, trade and mining in the area.

As famine engulfed the west of Ireland in 1831 he imported cargos of grain and potatoes, built a hospital and dispensary to care for the sick and raised money for relief and additional public works. His efforts elicited the praise of Daniel O'Connell in the House of Commons: "I do not think, Sir, the landlords of Ireland ever did their duty towards their tenants. If they did what Lord Sligo is doing now, the country would not be reduced into a vast lazer house."

On his appointment as governor general of Jamaica in 1834, Sligo's improving endeavours were transferred across the Atlantic to take on the brutal system of slavery. In 1833 the British government had passed an Emancipation Act. The Act, however, did not give immediate freedom to the slaves, who merely became "apprenticed" to their masters for a further four years. Described as "slavery under another name" the con-



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controversial “apprenticeship system” which Sligo was appointed to implement was misunderstood by the slaves and resisted by the Jamaican Plantocracy and by powerful vested commercial interests in Britain.

As owner of two plantations on the island, inherited from his grandmother, Elizabeth Kelly, heiress of the chief justice of Jamaica, Denis Kelly from Galway, the planters expected Sligo to be on their side. His objective, however, as he informed them, to establish a social system “absolved forever from the reproach of Slavery” set them on a bitter collision course.



The town of Sligoville, Jamaica, the first free slave village in the world, still bears Lord Sligo's name

Sligo found the slavery personally abhorrent. From the flogging of field workers with cart whips,

branding with hot iron, to whipping of female slaves, “the cruelties are past all idea,” he told the Jamaican assembly. “I call on you to put an end to conduct so repugnant to humanity.”

To counteract the worst excesses he maintained personal contact with 60 special magistrates appointed to oversee the implementation of the apprenticeship system in the 900 plantations throughout the island. Much to the derision of their masters he “gave a patient hearing to the poorest Negro which might carry his grievance to Government House”. He advocated the building of schools for the black population, two of which he built at his own cost on his property. He was the first plantation owner to initiate a wage system for black workers and later, after emancipation, to divide his lands into numerous farms to be leased to the former slaves. The planter-dominated Assembly accused him of “interpreting the laws in favour of the negro” and, as Sligo noted, “set out to make Jamaica too hot to hold me”. They withdrew his salary and commenced a campaign of vilification against him in the Jamaican and British press which resulted in his removal from office in September 1836.

To the Negro population, however, Sligo was their champion and they presented him with a silver candelabrum bearing the inscription:

“In grateful remembrance they entertain of his unremitting efforts to relieve their suffering and to redress their wrongs during his just and enlightened administration of the Government of Jamaica.”

On his return, Sligo became an outspoken campaigner for full and immediate emancipation.

“It is treason in Jamaica to talk of a Negro as a freeman. The black and coloured population are viewed by the white inhabitants as little more than semi-human, for the most part a kind of intermediate race, possessing indeed the form of man, but none of his finer attributes.”

His anti-slavery pamphlet, *Jamaica Under the Apprenticeship System*, influenced the “Great Debate” on emancipation in the British parliament in February 1838. On March 22nd, 1838, being, as he noted, “well aware that



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it would put an end to the [SLAVERY] system,” he publicly announced in the House of Lords that, regardless of the outcome of the Government’s deliberations, he would free all apprentices on his own estates in Jamaica on August 1st, 1838, thereby leaving the government with no alternative but to implement full emancipation on the same date.

Sligo earned an honoured place in the history of Jamaica where he is acknowledged as "Champion of the Slaves", and where the town of Sligoville, the first free slave village in the world, still bears his name.

*The Great Leviathan: the Life of Howe Peter Browne, 2nd Marquess of Sligo* by Anne Chambers is published by New Island.



Anne Chambers with her biography of Lord Sligo in front of his portrait in Westport House

Find more on Anne Chamber’s publications at her website : <https://graceomalley.com/>



## Tom O'Malley in Australia, and his Dung Beetles!

### Dung beetle exchange between South Australia and Tasmania ensures manure is managed all year round

On a brisk June morning, Tom O'Malley headed to his local post office to collect some unusual packages.

Waiting in line, the landcare facilitator said he could "hear it buzzing from five or 10 metres away".

To the surprise of post staff and other mailers, the packages contained thousands of live dung beetles.

The 8,400 Bubas bison tunnelling dung beetles travelled via express post from Reedy Creek in southern South Australia to Burnie in Tasmania's north-west

The packages are part of a yearly agricultural exchange that began five years ago, "a bit by accident".

It all started when South Australian farmer Matthew Robertson read an article Mr O'Malley wrote about *Geotrupes spiniger* "blue bomber" dung beetles for the Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM) newsletter.

Mr Robertson reached out, saying he was looking for some tunnelling dung beetles that were active during summer, and after chatting, the pair quickly realised they may be able to help each other.

Mr Robertson had an established Bubas bison population on his property that was active during winter and spring, while Mr O'Malley had an abundance of blue bombers that were active during summer and autumn. The idea of a dung beetle exchange was born.

"Hopefully Matthew can benefit from a species we have a lot of here ... when he doesn't have a lot of activity," Mr O'Malley said.

"And conversely, we can hopefully benefit ... from a species that he has an absolute abundance of over there."

#### The dung beetles' role

Dairy farmer Matthew Gunningham had a thousand of the Bubas bison dung beetles released at his property in Montumana in north-west Tasmania as part of the exchange.

"As organic farmers, we have sort of very limited inputs that we can use, so we're always looking for



Tom O'Malley facilitates the exchange of dung beetles between Tasmania and South Australia.

*Having dung beetle varieties that cycle through different times of the year ensures livestock manure is buried continuously*



## Tom O'Malley in Australia, and his Dung Beetles!

ways to harness nature to make our farm more productive and more resilient," Mr Gunningham said.

**"Dung beetles just really do an enormous amount of good."**

The beetles take the livestock dung and mix it with the soil, which Mr Gunningham said is "great for aeration and drainage".

"Mixing the dung much more quickly with the soil and dragging it down further into the soil profile increases the amount of fertility that's available to the plants in the paddock," he said.

This is the third year Mr Gunningham has had Bubas bison beetles released at his property and he said he could see the population starting to establish.

Mr O'Malley plans to keep releasing the species onto Tasmanian farms until the species has fully established.

"We want to keep releasing them year after year to ensure that we can successfully establish Bubas bison in livestock dense districts in north-western Tasmania where we don't have them," Mr O'Malley said.

**"The idea of this is to increase the calendar coverage of tunnelling dung beetle activity, and winter and spring are the big gaps that we have here."**

### Getting the post ready

The yearly exchange is no easy process.

In Tasmania, Mr O'Malley begins the trapping process of blue bombers in early February.

"That involves getting half a dozen traps out, getting a couple of big buckets of cow dung and putting a layer of it on top of the trap and putting it out just before dusk," he said.

**"Then the beetles will fly into that ... they'll think it's a great big cow pad in a paddock and they'll tunnel through it."**

"They'll go through the mesh and into a plastic container and then I go out in the morning, collect them and put them in a tub and then hold them until we wash and send them."

After counting and examining each beetle, Mr O'Malley begins the "meticulous" washing and packing process.

"For six consecutive Sundays, I spend 12-15 hours cleaning and packing dung beetles," he said.

**"They get rinsed in three to four consecutive buckets of water to wash absolutely everything off them."**

Once they are squeaky clean, the packing begins.

"We have to put them in a plastic box with air holes, cable tie the box shut, put that box inside a post pack and label the box very well to show what's in there," Mr O'Malley said.

Mr O'Malley said he drops the little critters at the post office first thing Monday morning so they arrive in South Australia before the weekend.

From there, the dung beetles are "at the mercy of the Australian postal service".

**"We send it and keep our fingers crossed that it doesn't get lost or damaged," he said.**



*The dung beetles are washed individually before being shipped in their thousands.*

*From ABC News Australia*



## The O'Malley Clan Association's New US Chapter!

### The Newly Formed United States Chapter

*By Kathleen Carr*

The gathering in Ennis was an incredibly successful event due to the many hours that our former Chieftain Denise O'Malley spent preparing and planning. For 73 years our Clan has promoted friendship between its members, increased the knowledge of our strong history and encouraged loyalty to our traditions. This has only been possible due to the continued leadership and guidance of our former Chieftains.

The United States of America is currently celebrating our 250<sup>th</sup> year of Independence. Although that pales in comparison to the rich history of Ireland, we do think it is something to be acknowledged. With that acknowledgement comes the very real possibility that our independence would have never been achieved without the assistance of Irish citizens. We literally owe our nation's existence to some of your countrymen.

In recognition of the strong ties between our countries, a United States Chapter of the O'Malley Clan Association has been established. Cormac O'Malley, Sean O'Malley and myself are working diligently to raise awareness about the Clan in the United States. With that awareness we hope to open lines of communication between O'Malley family members. Quarterly meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. During these meetings we will be honoring former Chieftains, hearing from featured speakers, highlighting regional events that promote Irish culture and offering resources for those that are researching their family history. Please join us. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

It is through the vision of Former Chieftain Governor Martin O'Malley that this chapter was established. Please know that our chapter will strive to carry out the objectives outlined in our Clan's Constitution. We will strive to increase the knowledge of the clan's strong history, promote attendance at the gatherings, increase readership of the educational newsletter and encourage trips to those monuments that are associated with our clan.

At the start of any new venture, it may be just as important to clarify what it isn't than what it is. Please know that the establishment of the United State Chapter of the O'Malley Clan is NOT the yanks going rogue. It is however, a group of dedicated individuals, standing up and giving back to a Clan, a community, a culture and a country to which they owe everything.

#### *A word from Chieftain Don O'Malley*

*A huge well done to Kathi, Sean, and Former Chieftain Cormac on this new initiative. The setting up of a "local" Chapter of the O'Malley Clan Association in the US, particularly in this historic year for the country, is a hugely welcome development. Granted, having a "local" Chapter that covers several time zones will mean that not everyone will be able to make in-person meetups all of the time, but with zoom meetings now being so accessible, it'll be great for our US O'Malleys to keep in touch, swap ideas, have chats about O'Malley history, and hear featured speakers too. Of course there'll be meetups too, like at the Milwaukee Irish Fest, and those face to face meetings will be great.*

*A lot of work has gone into getting the new US Chapter of the O'Malley Clan Association up and running, and so we all owe a huge thanks to Kathi, Sean, and Cormac for their efforts.*

*Oh and keep an eye on your monthly newsletter! There could be another local Chapter of the O'Malley Clan Association popping up near you in places like the UK, Mainland Europe, Australasia, and more!*

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## The O'Malley Clan Association's New US Chapter!

Many thanks to all that participated in the Inaugural O'Malley Clan USA Chapter virtual meeting held on July 6th . Your participation is greatly appreciated. We know that your time is important and hope that you found value in it. The recording of the meeting will be available through the Clan's Youtube Channel. You may access the recording by clicking this link. [O'Malley Clan Youtube Channel](#). A copy of the Power Point Presentation that was used during the meeting will also be made available through the Clan's website.

Please be sure to join us on **Tuesday, September 1st at 7pm Eastern Standard Time**

**USA (Midnight Irish Time)** for our next quarterly meeting via Zoom. The featured speaker will be Paul McLoughlin. Paul lives in Boulder CO. He is a long-term member of the Clan Association and a frequent contributor to the monthly newsletter ([see May 2025 edition](#)). He will briefly discuss his 20-year ancestral pursuit (his grandfather, Charles J. O'Malley, was born in Newport, CO Mayo in 1867) and highlight why now is a particularly good time to be researching one's past. Click the [link](#) to the Zoom meeting or scan the QR code.

We need your help. Please take 1 minute and fill out a Survey about this new initiative. Your input will help shape our future. Click this [link](#) to answer the survey.

Please also mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 1 st at 6pm Eastern Standard Time USA** for our last meeting of 2026. Please note the earlier time.

As our chapter grows, we ask that you consider forwarding this newsletter to an O'Malley family member or friend. They may appreciate your thoughtfulness and we will definitely appreciate your kindness. Questions or suggestions? Please email us at [usa@omalleyclan.ie](mailto:usa@omalleyclan.ie) We want to hear from you!



Two O'Malley families from the USA accidentally bumped into each other while touring Grace O'Malley's castle on Clare Island. The families of John Bouse and John Selmarten enjoyed a tour given by Carl O'Grady of Clare Island Whiskey after they attended the Gathering in Ennis.



## The O'Malley Clan Association's New US Chapter!



**Milwaukee Irish Fest, Sunday, August 16, Milwaukee Wisconsin** All are invited to meet between 11-11:30am in front of the Irish Community Services Chicago Booth. Our first event is watching the Glencastle Irish Dancers perform on the Miller Lite Stage. Please join Kathleen Carr and other Clan members as we enjoy a day at the largest Irish Festival in the world. Questions? Email us at [usa@omalleyclan.ie](mailto:usa@omalleyclan.ie)

## **The O'Malley Clan Association's New US Chapter!**

Check out Irish America 250 for more on Irish American Celebrations of the 250th Birthday of the USA



Click on the image below to enjoy the poem “Irish America”

By Micheal O'Siadhail





## Two Chieftains meet up in County Tipperary!



O'Malley Clan Chieftain Don O'Malley and Kennedy Clan Chieftain Tom Kennedy



## The Chieftains of The O'Malley Clan and Kennedy Clan meet in Tipperary

Just a short couple of weeks after being inaugurated, Chieftain Don O'Malley, (who has 50% Kennedy DNA), paid a visit to the Annual Kennedy Clan Gathering in Nenagh, County Tipperary on Friday 10th July.

Now down through the centuries there are varying accounts of O'Malleys and Kennedys facing off in a few skirmishes here and there, most notable of these being stories of clashes during the trip north after the Battle of Kinsale. None of this is confirmed in the records though, and to be honest, it'd be hard to believe that the O'Malleys and Kennedys would ever raise a hand against each other after the welcome that Chieftain Don received at the Kennedy Clan Gathering.

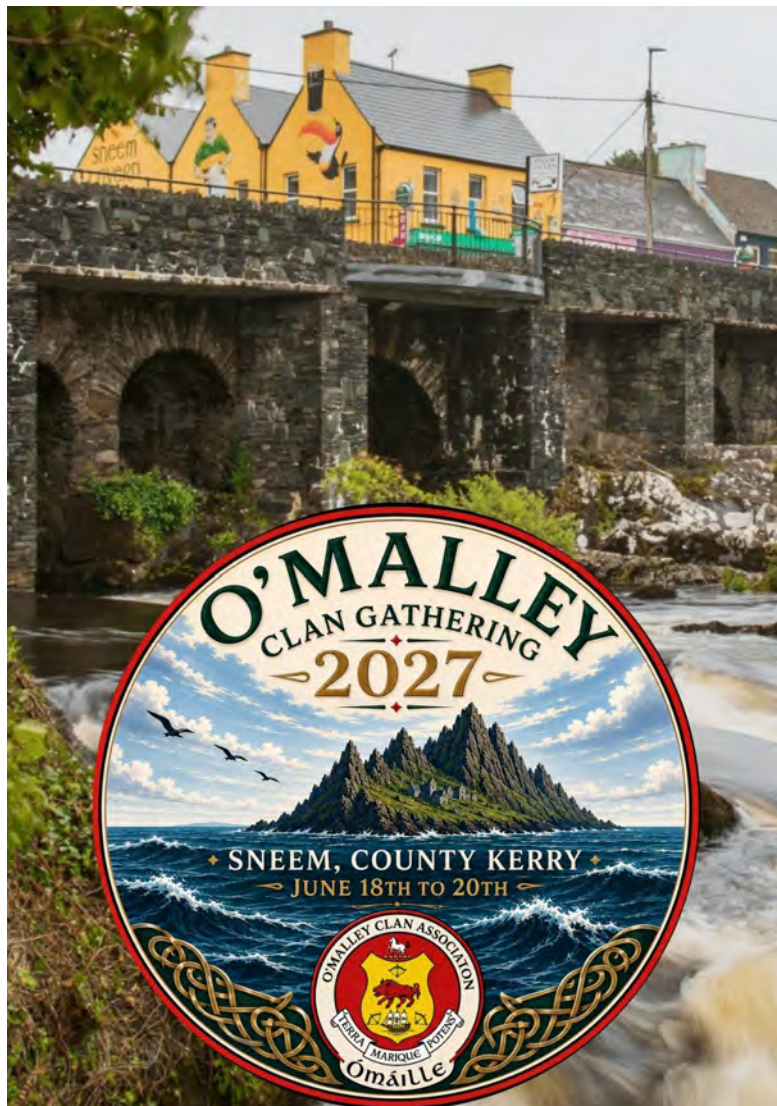
Similar to the O'Malley Clan Gathering, there were Kennedys there from all around the world, all parts of the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and more.

There was a visit to the Kennedy Heritage display at Nenagh Museum, and then back at the Abbey Court Hotel there were fabulous presentations from Prof Mark Kennedy on DNA and Family Roots, along with Paddy Waldron too, (we met Paddy at the O'Malley Gathering in Ennis), There was also a presentation from Terry O'Malley, son of Author Brian Patrick Kennedy. Lots of chats and introductions and a mighty night was had by all.

There was a bus tour then on Saturday 11th July with visits to Dunganstown, (the family homestead of JFK), and the Dunbrody Famine Ship, both in Wexford.

A great visit to another Clan's Gathering, and great to have a handshake between two former (possibly) warring Clans!

## The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2027, 18th to 20th June



Above: Sneem, in the Kingdom of Kerry, our location for The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2027. Check out details by clicking on the image.

Below: Sneem Hotel, our base of operations for June 18-20, 2027, click on the image to check it out





## Test your brain with a crossword on Summer!

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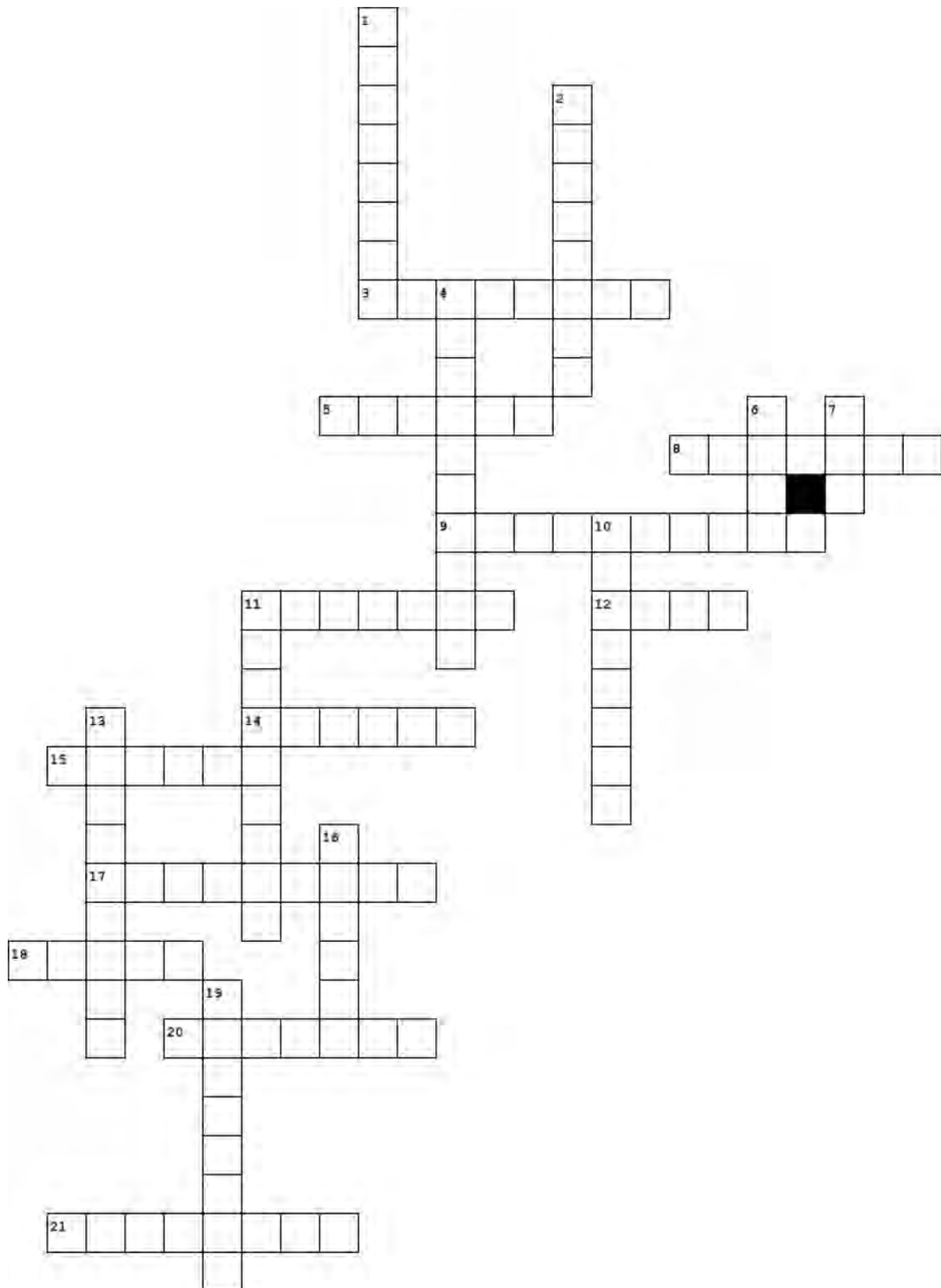
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5. Grilled sausage in a bun .....
8. Colourful display in the sky after a summer shower .....
9. Protective eyewear for summer .....
11. Footwear for the beach .....
12. Night insect attracted to light ....
14. Hottest season of the year .....
15. Outdoor meal, maybe in the park .....
17. Held every June by the O'Malley Clan .....
18. Sandy place visited in summertime .....
20. Riding the waves .....
21. American term for holiday .....

### Down

1. Chilly treat enjoyed during the summer .....
2. Activity in the ocean to cool off .....
4. Constructed on the beach .....
6. Toy that can be flown at the beach ....
7. Food cooked in the garden ...
10. Drink made from lemons .....
11. Lotion to protect from the sun .....
13. Rescue worker at the beach .....
16. Two piece swimsuit .....
19. Moisture in the air on a warm day .....

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: **ACROSS**, 1 TUBA, 2 SITAR, 4 DRUM 6 TAMBOURINE, 9 FLUTE 11 BAGPIPES, 13 HARMONICA 14 PIANO 15 UKELELE 16 CELLO. 18 ORGAN 20 FRENCHHORN **DOWN**, 1 TROMBONE, 3 TRUMPET 5 GUITAR 7 BUGLE 8 XYLOPHONE, 10 DIDGERIDOO 11. BANJO 12 VIOLIN 17 BODHRAN, 19 HARP.

## Test your brain with a crossword on Summer!







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