



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

This month's highlights....

- We have a new Chieftain Don O'Malley,
- Share your stories with the O'Malley Clan!
- Meet our new Chieftain, Don O'Malley
- Yale Professor Stephanie O'Malley on Alcohol Use Disorder.
- Fiona O'Malley on misogyny as a business!
- Tony (O'Malley) Cascarino is definitely Irish
- The PD's & Des O'Malley—A podcast
- O'Malley Clan US Chapter Update
- The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2027
- The O'Malley Clan crossword,.
- The O'Malley Clan Association Needs You! Join Today!!

www.omalleyclan.ie



find us on

Facebook

www.facebook.com/omalleyclan



[o_malley_clan_association](https://www.instagram.com/o_malley_clan_association)

We have a new Chieftain! Don O'Malley, from Limerick

The final part of our 2026 O'Malley Clan Gathering in Ennis, County Clare, saw the inauguration of Don O'Malley, from Murroe, in County Limerick as he took over the reins from former Chieftain Denise O'Malley for the coming year.

Don, from Murroe, in east Limerick, is the second member of his family to become Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan, with his dad Denis previously having been Chieftain in 2015-16.

Don has been involved with the O'Malley Clan Association for just over a decade and has attended O'Malley Clan Gatherings for many years.

We sat down with Don for a chat, and you can check out that interview inside.



Remember, We're all off to Sneem in County Kerry for the O'Malley Clan Gathering on the weekend of 18th to 20th June 2027, where we'll have a fabulous weekend of music, song, and dance, great food, fine drink, plenty of history, genealogy, and lots to see and do. Plan your trip now, and get those flights and rooms booked. Keep an eye out for details of the various Gathering events over the coming months, and we'll see you in the Kingdom!

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!



Meet the Chieftain, Don O'Malley, from Murroe, County Limerick

Q: Hi Don, so we're looking forward to Sneem, County Kerry in June 2027 already, but Ennis this year was a great Gathering weekend, wasn't it? What were the highlights for you?

The whole weekend was brilliant. The setting, at the Temple Gate Hotel, was fabulous. The music, the food, and particularly meeting a lot of people who were attending their first O'Malley Clan Gathering, that was a real treat. It's always great to have fresh faces coming and enjoying the Clan Gathering weekends. It was a mighty job that our former Chieftain Denise did in organizing the events. A huge thanks is due to Denise and everyone involved in putting the 2026 O'Malley Clan Gathering together.

Q: So how has the first few weeks of being Chieftain been? How does it feel, being the boss? The short answer would be "busy" It was only about 10 days after the inauguration on the Sunday in Ennis that I landed at my first "gig" a visit to the Kennedy Clan Gathering in Nenagh County Tipperary on Friday the 10th July. I'm 50% Kennedy, so with the Kennedy Clan Gathering happening, I decided to head along and meet up with the Kennedy Clan Chieftain Tom Kennedy, and see how the Kennedy Clan are getting on. That was a fun night, meeting visitors from all corners of the world. We've also been getting down to the serious business of planning the events for next year's O'Malley Clan Gathering in Sneem, County Kerry, no rest for the wicked as they say.

Q: Take us back to the start, When did you first hear of The O'Malley Clan Association? I'm sure I'd heard of the O'Malley Clan Association when I was younger, and after the Irish Government's overall umbrella "Gathering 2013" project, I first attended a Gathering in 2014. It seems a lot longer than 12 years ago. I then got properly involved when my Dad became Chieftain in 2015, and have been involved in some form or other ever since. The idea for a newsletter came from Denis, and landed on my desk. His thinking was that we needed to have some regular contact with O'Malleys around the world, and with the internet now being available, an email newsletter would be a good way of keeping in touch, and here we are with this being the 140th monthly newsletter.

Q: Who is the 2026-27 O'Malley Chieftain? Tell us a bit about yourself. I'm actually Denis James O'Malley on my birth certificate. With my dad being Denis also, it was decided at some point that I'd be called Donnacha, (the Irish version of Denis). That didn't last long though and was shortened to "Don" fairly quickly, and stuck. Born and raised in Murroe, County Limerick, about 10 miles east of



Above: Chieftain Don with his wife Norma at the 2026 Gathering in Ennis, County Clare.

Below: Chieftain Don with his Dad, Denis, and Mum, Maureen at the 2025 Gathering in Westport, County Mayo.



Meet the Chieftain, Don O'Malley, from Murroe, County Limerick

Limerick City, I'm the awkward middle child of a family of 6. I went to school locally in Murroe, and Newport, and then studied marketing in LIT, and have since done various courses in computer aided design, business, health and safety, historic building conservation, digital marketing, voluntary body administration, and I've been working in the family business, (Consulting Engineers), for 28 years. Apart from the O'Malley Clan Association, I'm also the PRO of Murroe AFC, the local soccer club, and am a member of the Board of Abington Enterprise Centre. Married to the **fabulous** Norma with our 15th wedding anniversary coming up in September, (I'd better not forget that!)

Q: Is there anything in particular that you'd like the O'Malley Clan Association to focus on during your tenure? Any ideas for events during the year leading up to Sneem 2027? As with every year, the O'Malley Clan Annual Gathering in June will be the main focus in terms of events, and will take up much of the planning bandwidth over the coming months. There will be other smaller events too though I'm sure. We have over recent years always ran at least one table quiz in the Limerick area as a fun night out for O'Malleys and their friends from near and far. There will be some commemorative events in relation to former Education Minister Donogh O'Malley too that'll be coming up. He's famous throughout Ireland as the man that brought free secondary education to all. It'll be nice to get along to some of those events too. Another recent initiative that I'm really enthused by is the setting up of local Chapters of The O'Malley Clan Association overseas. The first overseas chapter being the US Chapter. We had a great zoom call with many O'Malleys, including former Chieftains, and a former US Ambassador to Ireland recently and the next US Chapter zoom meeting is scheduled for the 1st September. The US Chapter is just the first overseas chapter too though, and we'll be looking into getting more set up in the coming months. A great way for O'Malleys to keep in touch and interact.

Q: Sneem June 18th to 20th 2027. It's going to be a great weekend! Any little hints of what you're thinking in terms of events over the Gathering weekend in 2027? Well the formula that I've seen over the past decade of attending Gatherings seems to be a winning formula, so I don't see any radical changes to the format of the weekend. We'll have lots of good music, great food, and lots of new and old friends to catch up with and enjoy the beautiful setting of Sneem, County Kerry. I suppose one thing that there will be a focus on, with the Gathering being held in South Kerry, will be transatlantic communication, and cooperation. The 19th century internet, (transatlantic telephone cables) started in South Kerry, and we've been communicating across the atlantic at faster and faster speeds ever since! There'll be history, genealogy, and lots more too.

Q: If someone out there was wondering what the O'Malley Clan Association was all about, and was thinking about joining up, what would you say to them ?

The O'Malley Clan Association is all about connection. Connections across oceans, across generations. It's about O'Malleys worldwide knowing that there's a place where they belong, and also knowing that they don't have to physically be in Ireland to feel that they belong to something. Whether it's tracing an O'Malley ancestor, or just wanting to come to a Gathering as a fun few days as part of a vacation. There's an old saying that "You can choose your friends but you can't choose your family" I disagree! In my own opinion the most important word in the title "O'Malley Clan Association" is not the O'Malley bit, it's the word "Association" Every year, for over 70 years, we choose to associate. We choose to come together, linked by that O'Malley family name, and enjoy a weekend of music, song, dance, history, culture, genealogy, and more. We now also choose to come together via zoom calls with O'Malleys across the globe. Come on board and choose your O'Malley family, Be part of the association! Join today!

Meet the Chieftain, Don O'Malley, from Murroe, County Limerick

Q: The O'Malley Clan Association has been going strong for over 70 years, with modern communication making things easier in some respects, how do you see the next 70 going? Modern communications are great. We can sit down now and have video calls with any O'Malley pretty much anywhere in the world. Even when I attended my first Gathering in 2014 that would have been impossible. Progress with technology is great. We have a website now, (recently updated), that has vast amounts of historical information on the O'Malley Clan Association, and much much more. We even have a discussion forum ready for O'Malleys to talk, with us, and amongst themselves, about what matters to them. Modern technology can only provide the medium for people to use though. We still need people to engage, to interact, to get involved, and to enjoy the opportunities that modern technology allows. To answer the question, where do I see the O'Malley Clan Association in 70 years time? That'll be up to all O'Malleys, myself included. If we get out there and get involved and bring others with us, then the O'Malley Clan Association can only go one way, and thats bigger and better!

**Click on the image to
check out our
membership options
And join today!**



**Support
the Clan,
Be a part
of it**

**The O'Malley Clan
Association Needs You!**

Join Today.....www.omalleyclan.ie



Left: Former Chieftain Denise O'Malley-Kelly and Chieftain Don in fine form at the Gathering in Ennis in 2026.

Right: Chieftain Don and Guardian Chieftain Brendan O'Malley at the O'Malley Clan Gathering in Westport, County Mayo in 2025.



Yale Professor Stephanie O'Malley on Alcohol Use Disorder

A more personalized approach to alcohol treatment

In a Q&A, Yale addiction expert Stephanie O'Malley explains why care for alcohol use disorder has become increasingly individualized — and why this may end up bringing more people into treatment.



For people diagnosed with alcohol use disorder (AUD), the traditional therapeutic goal has long been total abstinence. It's a time-tested approach that, for many people, continues to be the best solution.

It is, however, no longer the *only* solution. Increasingly, research is showing that substantially reducing alcohol consumption short of abstinence can yield meaningful improvements in health and functioning, and abstinence may not be necessary for all individuals, according to Yale addiction specialist Stephanie O'Malley.

In current AUD treatment, many clinicians now tailor treatments that fit individuals and their specific needs, explained O'Malley, the Elizabeth Mears and House Jameson Professor of Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine. The biggest obstacle, however, continues to be getting people to seek help in the first place — something that O'Malley says the shift in treatment goals may help.

"Unfortunately, rates of treatment-seeking are very low, and I think it's partly because many people assume that abstinence is the only goal in treatment," O'Malley said. "Our hope is that if there is greater recognition that reductions in drinking are an acceptable outcome for many people, then more people will access treatment."

O'Malley is on the editorial board of JAMA Psychiatry and is a past member of the Data and Safety Monitoring Board for the Clinical Trials Network of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. A consultant to pharmaceutical companies, O'Malley is also a member of the [American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology's](#) Alcohol Clinical Trial Initiative, a public-private partnership working to improve methods for clinical trials.

Last year, O'Malley co-authored a review of 34 published papers which concluded that reducing alcohol consumption by at least one or two identified World Health Organization (WHO) risk-drinking levels is associated with a cascade of improvements in health and functioning. The WHO risk-drinking levels include very high, high, moderate, low, and no risk (abstinence) alcohol consumption, based on average drinks or grams of alcohol consumed, with different cut-offs specified for men and women.

"While abstinence represents the lowest risk, the finding that a large proportion of individuals with AUD can achieve and maintain clinically meaningful reductions in their drinking short of abstinence is encouraging," O'Malley said.

In a recent interview, O'Malley discussed evolving treatments for alcohol use disorder, the promise of new

Yale Professor Stephanie O'Malley on Alcohol Use Disorder

medications, and why not everyone needs to fully abstain.

This conversation had been edited for length and clarity.

Can you talk about the traditional objective in treating alcohol use disorder?

O'Malley: Abstinence was historically the primary goal of treatment for anyone dealing with problematic alcohol use, and it still is in some programs. Moving toward more differentiated treatments has been a long process. However, increasing evidence suggests that reductions in drinking also benefit a person's wellbeing and health, even when abstinence isn't, or doesn't need to be, the goal.

In addition, researchers are trying to better understand the characteristics of individuals that can predict whether they will respond to one treatment or to another. Research is also ongoing into new and repurposed medications. In 2025, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration qualified a new drinking reduction endpoint for clinical trials of medications to treat AUD, a step that could accelerate the development of new treatments.

What is the present rate of AUD in the United States?

O'Malley: The percentage of people ages 12 and older who met criteria for AUD in the prior year has decreased somewhat, from 10.6% in 2021 to 9.7% in 2024. Thus, the most recent data suggests approximately 29.5 million individuals [in the U.S.] meet the criteria for alcohol use disorder, so it's a large percentage of the population. Within this population, individuals may be diagnosed with mild, moderate, or severe AUD, and they may have differ-



ent treatment needs. Of individuals with AUD, less than 20% meet criteria for severe AUD.

When did the move toward more individualized treatment begin?

O'Malley: In the past, it was very controversial to claim that it was possible for people with AUD to reduce their drinking without being fully abstinent. Over the years, however, research into the effectiveness of treatment has provided evidence that drinking reduction outcomes, short of abstinence, are possible. For example, studies of naltrexone [an FDA-approved prescription medication used to treat AUD] at Yale and the University of Pennsylvania found that naltrexone helped people reduce the amount that they drank when they consumed any alcohol. In our [2025 review](#), we found that reductions in drinking were associated with improvements in how patients feel and function, not only in the immediate term but ongoing, and many more people were able to successfully reduce as opposed to totally abstaining.

What part should primary care physicians play in screening?

O'Malley: Primary care providers play an important frontline role in assessing AUD risk. In some health care systems, they already routinely ask patients about alcohol use. There are now studies showing that if a medical care provider asks a patient about their drinking and determines that it is risky, patients will listen to feedback. As a group, research suggests that patients are responsive to advice to change their drinking and show meas-

Yale Professor Stephanie O'Malley on Alcohol Use Disorder

urable improvements. Often, they have been thinking about their drinking already, so having a medical care provider broach the topic and discuss the benefits of reducing their drinking can be very useful.

What factors indicate the best course of treatment for AUD?

O'Malley: Determining the best course of treatment involves several considerations, such as assessing the level of physical dependence on alcohol, the availability of social support, and other health and psychiatric concerns. Another important factor is understanding what the patient is concerned about. If you know this, you can link specific benefits to their concerns to promote motivation to change. For example, if they're not sleeping well, you can link reductions in drinking to improvements in sleeping that can occur when people reduce their drinking and explain why. Doing an analysis of a person's situation lets you problem solve and tailor treatments.

And there are many treatments available today?

O'Malley: Many people are only familiar with the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, which supports abstinence. Twelve-step facilitation therapy is one form of formal treatment that supports participation in mutual self-help groups like Alcoholics Anonymous. But there are other treatments like motivational enhancement therapy for people who are on the fence about wanting to change their drinking, cognitive behavioral therapies that teach new coping skills, and therapies that promote mindfulness to avoid relapse, among others. There are a range of programs and medications that can be provided on an outpatient basis.

What medications are currently being used?

O'Malley: The Food and Drug Administration has approved three for AUD: acamprosate, disulfiram, and naltrexone. They all act in different ways. But there are also medications that are being used off-label with success. And there is increasing interest in the GLP-1 receptor agonists, some of which are FDA-approved for weight management. Recent small clinical trials suggest that they may also reduce alcohol consumption among individuals with AUD. Trials are ongoing to determine just how effective GLP-1s may be.

As you've said, the first step is getting people into treatment. What are some of the overlooked signs that someone may have a drinking problem?

O'Malley: It is important that people realize that even if their drinking doesn't meet the standard of a "disorder," drinking at high levels can still be problematic for their health and functioning. Some indications of a problem include when drinking takes up more time to the exclusion of other activities — so, coming home and not going outside and hanging out with your kids, but being more likely to sit in front of the TV and drink. Another is having difficulty controlling the amount you drink. So, you might decide, "Tonight I'm not going to have anything to drink," or "I'm just going to have one or two," and then you find that it's difficult to do. Basically, drinking more than you intended, for longer than you intended, is a warning signal.

Karen Guzman, YaleNews

(If you have any concerns about your relationship with alcohol, reach out to someone, there's help available to deal with it in your area)

Fiona O'Malley on Misogyny as a Business!

When Andrew and Tristan Tate (pictured right) were arrested in the US following an extradition request from the UK, much of the public discussion focused on the criminal allegations they face. Those allegations are serious; they are denied and will rightly be determined in the courts.



But for those of us working to prevent domestic abuse, the significance of this case extends far beyond two individuals. It forces us to confront a more difficult question: what should the law do when misogyny becomes not merely an opinion but a profitable online business model capable of influencing millions of young people? As the CEO of Sonas, Ireland's largest provider of domestic violence services, I see the consequences of violence against women every day. While there is never a single cause of abusive behaviour, we know that abuse does not emerge in a vacuum. It develops within cultures, relationships and belief systems. Increasingly, many of those beliefs are being shaped not in homes or schools, but through algorithms.

For decades, the law has responded primarily after harm has occurred. Assault, coercive control, rape, harassment and stalking are all rightly criminalised. Civil remedies provide further protection through injunctions and family law. Yet our legal framework remains considerably weaker when confronting the ecosystem that normalises attitudes capable of underpinning those offences.

That distinction matters. The law is generally comfortable regulating conduct. It is far less comfortable regulating influence.

This presents an obvious challenge in democratic societies where freedom of expression is a fundamental principle. Not every offensive opinion should be unlawful, and governments should rightly be cautious about becoming arbiters of acceptable speech.

However, freedom of expression has never been absolute. We already recognise legal limits where speech incites violence, constitutes harassment, defames others or promotes terrorism. The digital age raises a legitimate question about whether existing legal frameworks adequately recognise the cumulative harms caused by large-scale online dissemination of misogynistic content.

The issue is not simply that some influencers express deeply objectionable views about women. It is that they have built extraordinarily successful businesses around engagement algorithms that reward outrage, controversy and polarisation. Young users can be exposed repeatedly to messages portraying women as manipulative, inferior or deserving of control. Over time, repeated exposure can normalise ideas that would once have been recognised as extreme. These extreme ideas may seem even more normalised to people experiencing the 'echo chamber' effect.

Fiona O'Malley on Misogyny as a Business!

Research consistently demonstrates that attitudes towards gender are shaped during adolescence and early adulthood. When online personalities redefine dominance, emotional suppression and control as markers of masculinity, those messages do not remain confined to social media. They can influence expectations within schools, workplaces and intimate relationships.

From a legal perspective, this presents an uncomfortable reality. Harm occurs gradually, diffusely and collectively. It is difficult to attribute responsibility to any single post, video or influencer, even where the overall environment contributes to discrimination or abuse.

Our legal system is designed to assess individual acts. Digital misogyny often operates through accumulation. That does not mean the law is powerless.

The UK Online Safety Act is one attempt to place greater responsibilities on technology companies to assess and mitigate risks posed by harmful online content. Similar regulatory developments are emerging across Europe through the Digital Services Act. These frameworks recognise an important truth: platforms are not merely passive publishers. Their recommendation systems actively determine what millions of people encounter each day.



Whether these measures ultimately prove sufficient remains to be seen. Enforcement will be challenging, particularly where content falls below criminal thresholds while remaining socially harmful. Regulators must also navigate difficult questions around proportionality, free speech and technological feasibility. But doing nothing is no longer a credible option. The legal profession also has a broader role beyond advising on regulation.

Solicitors and barristers encounter the consequences of misogyny across family law, criminal practice, employment disputes, education law and civil litigation. Coercive control, technology-facilitated abuse, image-based sexual abuse and online harassment increasingly feature in legal practices. Understanding how online misogynistic narratives influence these behaviours is becoming an essential part of understanding clients' lived experiences.

There is also scope for continued legal reform. Many jurisdictions are considering whether misogyny should be recognised explicitly within hate crime legislation. Others are reviewing how coercive control laws apply to technology-enabled abuse or whether platform accountability should extend further. These are complex debates without simple answers, but they are debates the legal profession should actively shape rather than merely observe.

Fiona O'Malley on Misogyny as a Business!

Importantly, law alone will never solve this problem. The overwhelming majority of boys and young men do not aspire to abuse women. They want healthy relationships, mutual respect and positive role models. The law can establish boundaries, impose sanctions and create accountability, but it cannot teach empathy. That responsibility belongs equally to families, schools, youth organisations, community leaders and the technology companies that profit from the attention economy.

Effective prevention requires all of these systems to work together. As lawyers, we often think about justice in terms of what happens after harm occurs. Domestic abuse services remind us that prevention deserves equal attention.

Every family that arrives at a refuge represents a point at which multiple systems have already failed. The criminal justice system may still have an important role to play, but by then the damage has already been done.

The challenge for lawmakers is therefore larger than determining whether certain conduct crosses a criminal threshold. We need to question if our legal framework is evolving quickly enough to address a digital environment that can amplify misogyny at unprecedented speed and scale.

The Tate case will be decided by the courts. The wider questions it raises about online misogyny, regulation and the law's role in preventing violence against women will remain long after that process concludes.

I would encourage a second look at the regulation of harmful content online. It was once believed in traditional advertising agencies that nothing sold better than sex. The social media giants discovered the one thing that does sell better than sex: outrage.

Sensationalised content whipping up outrage is the biggest revenue generator for social media companies.

This means harmful content, if sensational, can be rapidly disseminated. It is insufficient for social media companies to simply shadow ban or delete accounts from harmful sources because the content can be clipped and shared across other platforms and other accounts. In fact, despite the Tate brothers being banned from many social media platforms, a client of Sonas, who was a victim of domestic abuse, was horrified to see a pattern of misogyny in her own son. She subsequently discovered he was seeing content of the Tate brothers and other 'manosphere' influencers on his Instagram for Teens account, despite the brothers being banned from Instagram, Facebook and TikTok.

If social media companies can use AI to detect editing in images shared online, surely it can be used to identify harmful content and assist in the regulation and mitigation of harmful misogynistic content?

Fiona O'Malley is CEO of Sonas, Ireland's largest provider of domestic violence services



Tony (O'Malley) Cascarino, is definitely Irish

"If my name had been O'Malley, no-one would have questioned me playing for Ireland" Tony Cascarino hits back at tabloid scandal that became pub folklore

Tony Cascarino earned 88 caps for the Republic of Ireland, with his eligibility coming under ridiculous scrutiny after he left the international scene

It's one of the most oft-repeated pub claims: that Tony Cascarino was 'not really Irish', despite having made 88 appearances for the country over a 14-year international career. Amusing though that nugget may be, it is based on a rather peculiar set of bygone attitudes. The former Celtic, Gillingham, Millwall and Marseille striker appeared at three major tournaments for the Republic of Ireland: Euro 88, plus the 1990 and 1994 World Cups.

At the time there was a lot of nonsense peddled by English fans and media about 'plastic' Irish players who had grown up in Britain but qualified through their ancestry, and an extra wrinkle in London-born Cascarino's route to the international scene made the reaction to a 'revelation' in his autobiography that much harsher in 2000.

Newspapers had a field day at Cascarino revealing that his mother had been adopted by Irish parents, as if that makes any material difference to anything whatsoever.

More to the point, Cascarino himself didn't even know his mother was adopted until 1996, eight years in to his international career; and she had been registered in Ireland some years before his debut, too.

Nonetheless, the fact she was not Irish by blood led Cascarino to briefly question his identity, saying his initial reaction was: "I didn't qualify for Ireland. I was a fraud. A fake Irishman."

The FAI subsequently confirmed Cascarino's eligibility still would have stood because yeah, obviously it would. Cascarino now feels rather less mixed about the matter, though, as he revealed to *FourFourTwo*.

He said: "My name's Cascarino, so everybody always assumed I was Italian [in heritage].

"My mum is Teresa O'Malley – her [adopted] family are from Mayo, in Ireland.

"If my name had been O'Malley, not one person on the planet would have questioned me playing for Ireland - but because of my surname, everyone just assumed

.My grandfather was Michael O'Malley. He lived with us, but he never saw me play for Ireland.

"He'd have been really proud because he loved the country. I never had a second thought about it. When I got the chance to play for Ireland, I didn't hesitate. I loved it."

FourFourTwo



Tony Cascarino during one of his 88 appearances for the Republic of Ireland soccer team.

A podcast on the PD's and Des O'Malley

In a three-part series of The Irish Times “Inside Politics” podcast, host Hugh Linehan and political editor Pat Leahy embark on a historical analysis of a political party that, despite its small size, had an enormous and lasting impact on Ireland.

Born of the dire economic and political realities of 1980s Ireland, the Progressive Democrats (PDs) spent half of their 23-year existence in power despite never having more than a handful of TDs.

In the **first episode**, Leahy traces the birth of the party to the misery of mid-1980s

Ireland, and the enmity between Fianna Fáil leader Charles Haughey and prickly, clever Des O'Malley, a natural leader and a Fianna Fáil TD for Limerick.

It began with a controversy emblematic of 1980s Ireland: O'Malley was expelled from Fianna Fáil over the issue of contraception, ridding Haughey of a problem – or so he thought. But what followed was the emergence of a new political force that would threaten the State's sclerotic 2½ party system.

In the **second of three episodes** on the rise and fall of the Progressive Democrats, Hugh and Pat pick up the story on the eve of the 1987 general election with the PDs riding a wave of energy and Fianna Fáil's Charles Haughey chasing the overall majority that always eluded him.

The party's first outing at the polls is a triumph: 12 per cent of the vote, 14 seats and third place ahead of Labour, much at the expense of a collapsing Fine Gael. Haughey falls two seats short. Without O'Malley's new party, would he finally have had his majority?

Instead, a minority Fianna Fáil government, propped up by Fine Gael's “Tallaght Strategy”, embarks on savage spending cuts and commits to tax cuts, policies the PDs had demanded.

The PDs' successes bring a problem: when your opponents adopt your programme, what are you for? By 1989 the party is squeezed from both sides and in the next election it slumps to six seats. But again, no party wins a majority. This time the solution brings the PDs to power, forcing old foes into an alliance that changed Irish politics forever.

In the **third episode** Hugh Linehan and Pat Leahy close their series on the PDs. In 1997 the party runs a disastrous campaign, falling from 10 seats to four, yet still enters government with Fianna Fáil, Mary Harney the sole cabinet minister. Their real influence comes through Charlie McCreevy, effectively a PD inside Fianna Fáil, whose close friendship with Harney drives a tax-cutting agenda during the boom years.

Facing wipeout in 2002, Michael McDowell rescues them with a Ranelagh lamppost stunt and an ingenious slogan. But the next term in government is less successful.

McDowell takes the leadership in 2006 just as the Mahon Tribunal investigates Bertie Ahern. Why does he choose to stay in coalition rather than pull the plug?



[Click on the image at the top to listen to all 3 episodes for free!](#)

The O'Malley Clan Association—US Chapter, Latest News!



USA Chapter In Person Events

Do you live in the United States? Please join us at these fun events:

August 19th and September 16th at Gracie O'Malley's at Portage Park. Beginning at 6:30 PM as we participate in their always fun Trivia Night event. Gracie O'Malley Portage Park is located at 4058 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60641

November 13th -15th Join us at the Irish Festival in Maryland. Mark your calendar now with more information to come. [Irish Festival Website](#)

USA Chapter Virtual Events

Tuesday, September 1st, 7pm EST (Midnight Irish time)

Please join us as we celebrate the County Mayo win, review the plans for the Granuaile Celebration in 2030 and discuss a breakthrough new feature from Family Search. Former Chieftain Middleton O'Malley-Keyes will join us as we honor him for his service to our Clan and its members. We will also listen to an excellent presentation by Paul McLoughlin. It promises to be a great evening. Your participation is very much appreciated.

[Please click here to join via Zoom](#) or scan the QR code

Tuesday, December 1st, 6pm EST(11pm Irish time)

Former Ambassador Kevin O'Malley will be discussing the position of U. S. Ambassador to Ireland as well as current Irish government issues. We will be honoring Former Chieftain Governor Martin O'Malley on this evening as he debuts a new musical piece titled 'On an Island'. Please join us as we listen, learn and laugh. Your participation is very much appreciated. Mark your calendars now. The Zoom link for the meeting will be in the October and November issues of the Clan Newsletters.



The O'Malley Clan Association—US Chapter, Latest News!



Keep Up to Date-

As our chapter evolves, it is important to watch for the latest updates, developments and projects.

Make sure to -

- Click on and read this monthly newsletter
- Look for and read our biweekly chapter emails
- Follow and like Clan's Facebook posts
- Check out the Clan's website and in particular our webpage
- Email us! We want to hear from you usa@omalleyclan.ie

New USA Chapter Webpage

Please check out the new USA Chapter Webpage.

Many thanks to Chieftain Don O'Malley for developing a new webpage specifically for those that are interested in the USA Chapter of the O'Malley Clan. It will be a welcome addition as we continue to work towards connecting the branches of our family tree to its roots. [Click here](#) to access the USA Chapter Webpage.

Commemorating Donogh O'Malley—6th September 2026

The Sixmilebridge Historical Society in association with Engineers Ireland are hosting a ceremony to commemorate Donogh O'Malley, former Minister for Education to mark his 1966 decision to introduce free post-primary education in Ireland contributing to the modern, vibrant inclusive society we enjoy today.

Guests of Honour will be Hildegard Naughton TD, Minister for Education and Engineers Ireland President Dave Murphy.

This event brings together the O'Malley family, Engineers Ireland representatives, local community and education representatives, Clare County Council and the Sixmilebridge school community.



Starting at 11.00a.m. the event schedule will include:

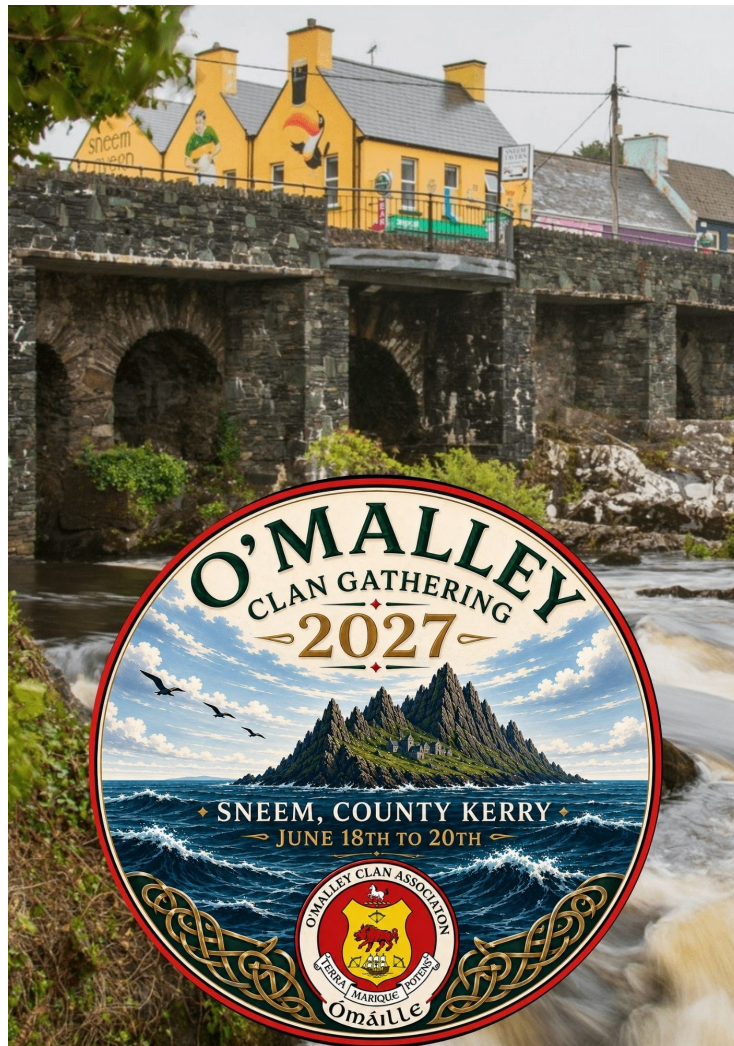
11a.m. - Opening ceremony and tribute reading

Musical and commemorative addresses with contributions from Josh Lyons O'Neill, Engineers Ireland President Dave Murphy, Joe Killeen (Clare County Council), Daragh O'Malley (reading from Donogh O'Malley's speech) and an address by Minister Naughton.

After the ministerial address the event will proceed to the venue for the unveiling of the plaque in the church grounds which is in close proximity to the centre of the village. The ceremony should take about 1 hour and all are welcome



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



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



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

TIME TO START PLANNING YOUR TRIP, AND GET THOSE FLIGHTS BOOKED!



Test your brain with a crossword on Cars!

Across

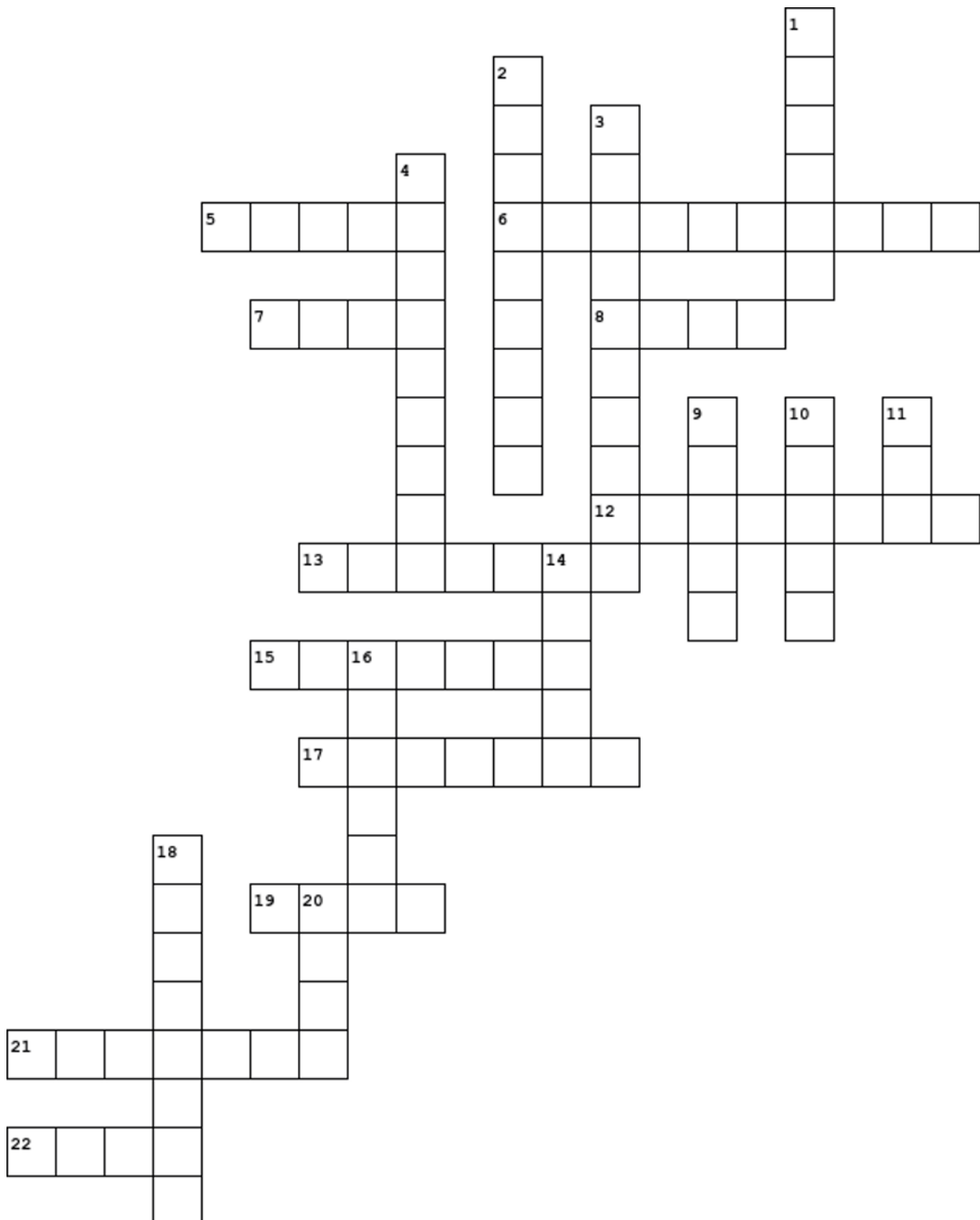
5. Which Czech car brand makes the Octavia?
6. Which German car brand made the famous beetle?
7. Which US car brand makes the Mustang?
8. Spanish car maker that produces the Ibiza?
12. US car maker that produces the Escalade?
13. German maker of the 911?
15. French car maker that makes the C3 ?
17. South Korean car maker that produces the Tuscon?
19. Swedish car maker that also makes jets?
21. Italian Car maker with a prancing horse logo?
22. Italian car brand that produces the 500?

Down

1. British car brand that makes the F Type?
2. US car maker that makes the Corvette?
3. British maker of the Phantom?
4. The "Defender" is made by this british car maker?
9. US car maker that produces the Challenger?
10. Swedish car maker, famous for safety?
11. South Korean car maker that produces the Sportage? ...
14. Japanese car maker that produces the Civic?
16. Japanese car maker that produces the Corolla?
18. Italian luxury cars with a trident logo?
20. German car brand with 4 rings in its logo?

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: **ACROSS**, 3 MOSQUITO, 5 HOTDOG, 8 RAINBOW 9 SUNGLASSES, 11 SANDALS 12 MOTH, 14 SUMMER 15 PICNIC 17 GATHERING 18 BEACH. 20 SURFING 21 VACATION **DOWN**, 1 ICECREAM, 2 SWIMMING 4 SANDCASTLE 6 KITE 7 BBQ, 10 LEMONADE 11. SUNSCREEN 13 LIFEGUARD 16 BIKINI, 19 HUMIDITY.

Test your brain with a crossword on Cars!





The O'Malley Clan
Association
Unit 11, Abington Enterprise Centre
Murroe
Co Limerick
Ireland V94 XFD3

Email: omalleyclanireland@gmail.com

Website: www.omalleyclan.ie



find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/omalleyclan



@clanomalley



o_malley_clan_association

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 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.

O'Malleys ! We need you! Join Today!



**Support
the Clan,
Be a part
of it**

**The O'Malley Clan
Association Needs You!**

Join Today.....www.omalleyclan.ie