



Butler Society Newsletter

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Forthcoming Events

An evening reception will take place at **Killruddery, near Bray, Dublin**, the home of Lord and Lady Meath on **17 April 2002 at 6 - 8 pm**. Drinks with hot and cold finger food will be served in the Library. Killruddery is a Elizabethan-Revival Irish house, overlooking a late seventeenth century formal garden, one of the very few surviving layouts of this type in this country. It is advisable to book as soon as possible. **Melo Lenox-Conyngham, Lavistown, Kilkenny 056-21545 Charge, 25 Euro per person.**

David Butler writes from Madrid that this year's annual lunch will be held on **Saturday 16th, November 2002**. This event continues to attract an ever-growing number of people in Spain and elsewhere. Anyone interested in attending should advise David in September or October. **David Butler, Orense 46-5J, 28020 Madrid, Spain.**

Reports from Regional Members

America - On a recent trip to the USA, Sir Richard Butler spoke with representatives of the American Butler Society, including Bill Butler and Sydney Butler. We look forward to forging closer links to our friends in North America.

New Zealand - John Denniston has written to say that they held their AGM on 17 February last which has resulted in some changes: the Rev. Noel Butler is now chairman while Eric Collinson is secretary/treasurer. While compiling his report John was enjoying 25 degrees C., while I write this on a cold and wet St Patrick's Day!

Australia - Hinton Lowe, 41 Cottrell St, Werribee, Victoria 3030, had three or four small gatherings last year in Melbourne.

Thelma Gillott our roving reporter from West Sussex attended the 2001 buffet luncheon in Spain with her daughter Hilary.

She writes : 'Not only does David host this pleasant gathering in in the grounds of St George's, the British Embassy church, but brings together all the culinary skills and help of Spanish Butlers, Marchessi Butlers, his friends Caesar Rolemberg (from Brazil) and local member Chon Seco, as she is happy to be called - her actual name as she herself admits being somewhat lengthy. Thelma noted the presence there of the Hon. Mrs. Valerie Wellesley and Richard Butler the son of our web-master. Other English speaking guests included David's friends from the U.S. Embassy. In all 36 guests whiled away the afternoon observing and chatting.'

The Butler Society web-page - www.butler-soc.org

The Butler Society's web site is being well used by both our members and the wider public. The webmaster is away on business frequently so please forgive the occasional slow reply. The "Desperately Seeking" page has been a notable success. All members are strongly encouraged to keep a weather eye on this page and on

the Members' Notice Board "NoBo" in the hopes that they spot an enquiry to which they can provide an answer. The series of Butler extracts from arrival lists at various American ports contributed by Mary Sandler is proving valuable to American Butlers searching for their immigrant ancestors. We would welcome other scholarly contributions to the web site.

The newsletter will be available on the website. and when our Hon. Sec has mastered the new computer, we would like to send the Newsletter by e-mail to our members who are on the internet. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter (or notification of its publication on the website) by e-mail, please send an e-mail to melosina@hotmail.com. (This will help preserve the society's resources and reduce paper consumption.)

Publications of Butler interest

We have received a number of enquiries about Dr. Jane Fenlon's book *The Ormonde Collection* which was published recently by Gandon Publications for Duchas. This is available from Kilkenny Castle, telephone (0) 56 - 21450 and costs 19.05 Euro plus postage (p/b). Payment by credit card rather than cheque is desired. When ordering do say that you read about this publication in our newsletter.

Dr. Fenlon is scheduled to lecture on this same topic to The Kilkenny Archaeological Society at Rothe House on Friday 22 March at 8.00 pm.

Our Society has agreed to subscribe to *Heralds In Ireland - A History of Ulsters Office, 1552 - 1943*, by Frances-Jane French, M.A., M. Litt., F.I.G.R.S., which is due to be published later this year. This will have illustrations of arms and text, some of which relate to various Butlers. Further information may be had from the author at 78 Upper Leeson St., Dublin 4.

Some archive (1890 - 1906) photographs of Ballin Temple, the birthplace of Pierce Butler, signer of the US Constitution and advocate of the Electoral College system of representation in US presidential elections, are on-line at www.ballintemple.com in the history section.

We have received a number of items from members for possible inclusion in the newsletter. To-date we have not decided if it is possible to include them. We are replacing the ancient computer and obtaining new software which will make the production of the newsletter easier, so we are hopeful that the online newsletter may be more flexible and inclusive. An interesting summary of her working career has been received from Elizabeth Ann Butler-Deakin of Stafford, a new member, whose working life commenced in one of the first cut-price self-service shops in her home town. Thereafter she enlisted in the Women's Royal Army Corps. Recently she has founded the WRAC National Register which boasts of members worldwide. The Butler Society will have to look out!

The Butler Journal

Eleanor Burgess our journal editor awaits articles for the next edition of The Butler Journal. Her address is: Mulberries, Boreham, Nr Chelmsford, Essex ENGLAND

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