



# The Butler Society

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## NEWSLETTER 1992.

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Dear Member,

Since the despatch of the societies first newsletter last Spring, we have had a very successful triennial rally in Kilkenny in September. Over 150 people attended, coming from countries as widespread as Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, New Zealand, U.S.A. and of course a very healthy contingent from the home country. A full report of the rally will appear in the next journal. Amongst the business dealt with, was the formal installation of the International Committee, under the chairmanship of the Hon. John Butler. We wish him and his fellow officers every success.

The rally had just ended when we learned of the death of Mrs. Catherine Lanigan, one of the societies earliest members. Kitty, as she was familiarly known, was a very good friend of the society, a zealous attender at committee meetings, where her practical viewpoint, was always welcome. She will be greatly missed. Deep sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Southern Cross Region.

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Noel Butler, informs us that Sarah Connors, is now working with him as secretary. Sarah's address is given in the Butler Society Membership List, which we sent out last year.

New Zealand.

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John Denniston, the chairman of this region has moved residence in Invercargill. Please note his new address on the attached list. John, led a party of eleven New Zealander's at the recent rally, some of whom were able to inform me that I in no way resembled my famous rugby playing namesake, from that part of the world.

North American Region.

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Carolyn A. Murphy, the secretary of this branch, has also moved house. Her new address is P.O. Box 1095, East Douglas, 01516 MA.

Spain.

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David Butler has very kindly organised a rally to take place in Madrid in June 1993. The itinerary (enclosed) looks very interesting. David seems to be promising us much in the way of good food, which I'M sure will do justice to the Spanish cusine. It is to be hoped that as many as possible

will be able to attend, thus ensuring that the rally will be a success.

Ireland.

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A Summer outing has been organised for the 13th. June next. Members will meet at the Nenagh Heritage Centre at 11.30 a.m. bringing a packed lunch. It is planned to visit amongst other places Glenstal Abbey. Full details maybe had from Melo ~~now~~ ~~the date~~. On the 26th. September next, a one day rally has been organised to take place in Kilkenny. A leaflet is enclosed giving full details. If there is sufficient interest a society dinner will be arranged. This is part of the 'Homecoming Festival' which is being organised countrywide for that month. On the 12th.- 15th. of the same month The Kilkenny Archaeological Society, has organised a genealogical conference entitled 'Old World Antecedents'. Many experts in this field have been engaged to speak. Full details maybe had from that society at Rothe House, Parliament St., Kilkenny. A number of clan rallies are also scheduled for that month. Detailed particulars maybe had by writing to The Irish Homecoming Festival, 18-19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

Kilkenny Castle.

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Restoration of the castle has been at a stand still of late but I understand from Ms. Paddy Friel, that it will soon recommence. A group of archaeologists will shortly move in. One of their objectives is to investigate that area of the castle where there was much rebuilding in Tudor times. When this phase of the restoration is completed, it is expected that we will have a permanent headquarters in one of the towers, which will have to be outfitted at the societies cost.

Butler Shop.

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As well as our usual stock of publications etc., we have a limited number of the following publications (hardback) for sale. Books will be despatched by myself upon receipt of order with a bank draft made out in favour of the society. Prices are in Irish Pounds and include post and packaging.

Poems On The Butlers. (ed) James Carney. 1st. edition (1945) £16.00

The Houses of Ireland by Brian De Breffny and Rosemary Ffolliott £17.00

On that commercial note I must end. With every good wish.

J. Kirwan.

John Kirwan, on behalf of The Butler Society Committee.