



## THE BUTLER SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

April 2015 - No. 40



Hello Members,

We are pleased to send all members of the Butler Society our April 2015 Newsletter. Included in this issue are details of the forthcoming **Butler Rally in August 2015** and we hope that many of you will be able to visit us in Kilkenny for the occasion.

### **New Members Protocol to Access Website**

Members should note the revised protocol to access the Members' Area of the website. The old user name (aboo) and password (hudibras) will be discontinued in April 2015.

Members must create an account on the website using the "Login Form" found on right column of the website. Once subscription payment has been confirmed by the Treasurer, the account will be registered by Web Administration, granting access to the Members' Area using the user name and password chosen when creating the account.

New members registering through the new "Subscription Portal" will be automatically registered with their chosen user name and password.

Anyone creating an account will be sent the Newsletter, but will not be able to access the website without paying the annual subscription.

Subscription payments made via Subscription Portal will be taken on an annual rolling basis, rather than calendar year basis.

**Please see: <http://www.butler-soc.org/index.php/members#joining>**

### **Butler Society Journal**

Journal No. 5 Vols. 2 & 3 was distributed in February/March, 2015. The next Volume 5.4 will cover 2015-16 and will appear in early 2017. The editor, Dr. David Butler, continues to welcome material for the next Journal, but would be delighted to receive additional material, reflective of the history of our Society which will then be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. It should be sent to him at: [journal@butler-soc.org](mailto:journal@butler-soc.org)

### **Triennial Rally 2015**

As mentioned earlier, the next Rally is set for August 2015. The programme is still being finalised, but it will commence on the evening of Tuesday 18 August at Kilkenny Castle. A draft programme is set out below and will be more or less on familiar lines.

The 2015 Rally is the 17th Butler Rally since 1967 and promises to be another great gathering of the Butlers. As usual, the central focus for this rally is Kilkenny Castle, where the Mayor of Kilkenny will greet you and where you will have an opportunity to see the 'city' and get advice on tracing family histories.

This year's Rally will involve visits to places of Butler interest, such as Lisnavagh and Borris House in Carlow; Clonmel and Kilcash in County Tipperary, along with other venues of interest. The reception and gala dinner will be held in Kilkenny Castle, usually the high point of the Rally.

Should you wish to make your travel and accommodation arrangements, the draft programme is outlined on the following pages.

**BUTLER RALLY PROGRAMME  
KILKENNY 18-23 AUGUST 2015**

**Tuesday 18 August**

- 7.00-9.00 pm** Registration of attendees in the Tower of Kilkenny Castle followed by Official opening of the Butler Rally and a wine reception
- 9.00 pm** Butler Society Triennial General Meeting

**Wednesday 19 August**

- 10.00 am** Visit to Carlow Museum/Carlow Gallery
- 1.00 pm** Lunch at Lisnavagh, Rathvilly, Co Carlow
- 7.30 pm** Lord Dunboyne Memorial Evening in the Picture Gallery of Kilkenny Castle followed by drinks

**Thursday 20 August**

- 9.30 am** Buses depart from The Parade for Borris House, County Carlow, home of the MacMurrough Kavanagh family
- 10.20 am** Coffee and biscuits on arrival
- 11.00 am** Talk by Edmund Joyce on the Regency Outfitting of Borris House by Walter & Thomas Butler
- 1.00-2.30 pm** Lunch at Borris House followed by a talk on the Butler Portraits and the Ladies of Llangollen
- 4.00 pm** Visit to Old Leighlin Cathedral, Carlow followed by a visit to Maidenhall, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Crampton, and home of Hubert Butler, founding member of the Butler Society for drinks and canapés

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### Friday 21 August

- 9.30 am A Coach trip to Clonmel, County Tipperary including Butler Trail Talk and a visit to Bulmer's Cider Factory
- 2.30 - 4.30 pm Lunch at Kilcash Community Centre
- 4.45 pm Back on coach for return journey to Kilkenny

### Saturday 22 August

- 10.00 am Hubert Butler Memorial Lecture by genealogist, Craig Foster, who is visiting from Salt Lake City, who will give a talk on the Dunboyne Papers project
- 1.00 pm Lunch in Zuni's Restaurant, Kilkenny
- 4.00 pm Option of tours of the Castle
- 7.00 pm Pre-dinner drinks and talk by Sir Charles Ponsonby Bart on his grandfather Arthur, 6<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Ormonde
- 8.00 pm Reception and Dinner in Great Hall of Kilkenny Castle  
**(Black Tie optional)**

### Sunday 23 August

- 11.30 am Service in St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny
- 1.15 pm Farewell lunch in the Tower of Kilkenny Castle

**The Seventeenth International Butler Rally In Kilkenny  
August 18-23, 2015 Kilkenny**

**CHARGES FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUTLER RALLY 2015**

The following are charges in euro for the Rally in addition to the Registration Fee (non-returnable) of €50.

**Inclusive rate €350 (daily rates below)**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Tuesday 18-08-15</b>	<b>Wednesday 19-08-15</b>	<b>Thursday 20-08-15</b>	<b>Friday 21-08-15</b>	<b>Saturday 22-08-15</b>	<b>Sunday 23-08-15</b>
Welcome party	Lisnavagh Lunch etc	Borris Lunch etc	Coach trip etc	Kilkenny and Dinner	Lunch
	<b>€60</b>	<b>€60</b>	<b>€60</b>	<b>€95</b>	<b>€25</b>

Members coming only to the dinner: €95

Participants for one day are not required to pay the registration fee.

We will be offering PayPal facilities to those who wish to use that method to pay for the Rally. Of course, bank drafts (in Euro only please) to the Treasurer are also acceptable! Payment methods are enclosed later in this Newsletter.

Current Schedules for Trains from Heuston Station, Dublin to MacDonagh Station, Kilkenny are listed below (please also see [www.irishrail.ie/timetables/timetable-pdfs](http://www.irishrail.ie/timetables/timetable-pdfs) for up-to-date schedules).

**Tuesday 18th August**

Dep 7:25 am - Arr 9.00 am  
Dep 10.15 am - Arr 11.40 am  
Dep 13.15 pm - Arr 14.41 pm  
Dep 15.10 pm - Arr 16.35 pm  
Dep 16.40 pm - Arr 18.17 pm  
Dep 17.35 pm - Arr 19.05 pm  
Dep 18.35 pm - Arr 20.08 pm

**Returning to Dublin on Sunday 23rd August**

Dep 9:43 am - Arr 11:16 am  
Dep 13:18 pm - Arr 14:50 pm  
Dep 15:49 pm - Arr 17:20 pm  
Dep 18:43 pm - Arr 20:20 pm

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We have listed below some suggestions for accommodation in Kilkenny. However, it is up to you to make arrangements directly with the hotels.

Mention that you are attending the Butler Rally when booking, and be sure it is within easy walking distance of the Castle or look on the Internet for special deals.

**The Ormonde Hotel**, Tel: 00-353-56-7750200; Fax: 00-353-56-7723977  
email: [info@kilkennyormonde.com](mailto:info@kilkennyormonde.com); Website: [www.kilkennyormonde.com](http://www.kilkennyormonde.com)

**Kilkenny Inn** (This is about a ten minute walk from the Castle)  
Tel: 00-353-56-7772828; Fax: 00-353-56-7761902  
email: [info@kilkennyinn.com](mailto:info@kilkennyinn.com); Website: [www.kilkennyinn.com](http://www.kilkennyinn.com)

**Berkeley House**, Tel: 00-353-56-7764848; Fax: 00-353-56-7764829  
email: [info@berkeleyhouse@kilkenny.com](mailto:info@berkeleyhouse@kilkenny.com); Website: [berkeleyhousekilkenny.com](http://berkeleyhousekilkenny.com)

**Kilkenny River Court Hotel**, Tel: 00-353-56-7723388; Fax: 00-353-56-7723389  
email: [reservations@rivercourthotel.com](mailto:reservations@rivercourthotel.com); Website: [www.rivercourthotel.com](http://www.rivercourthotel.com)

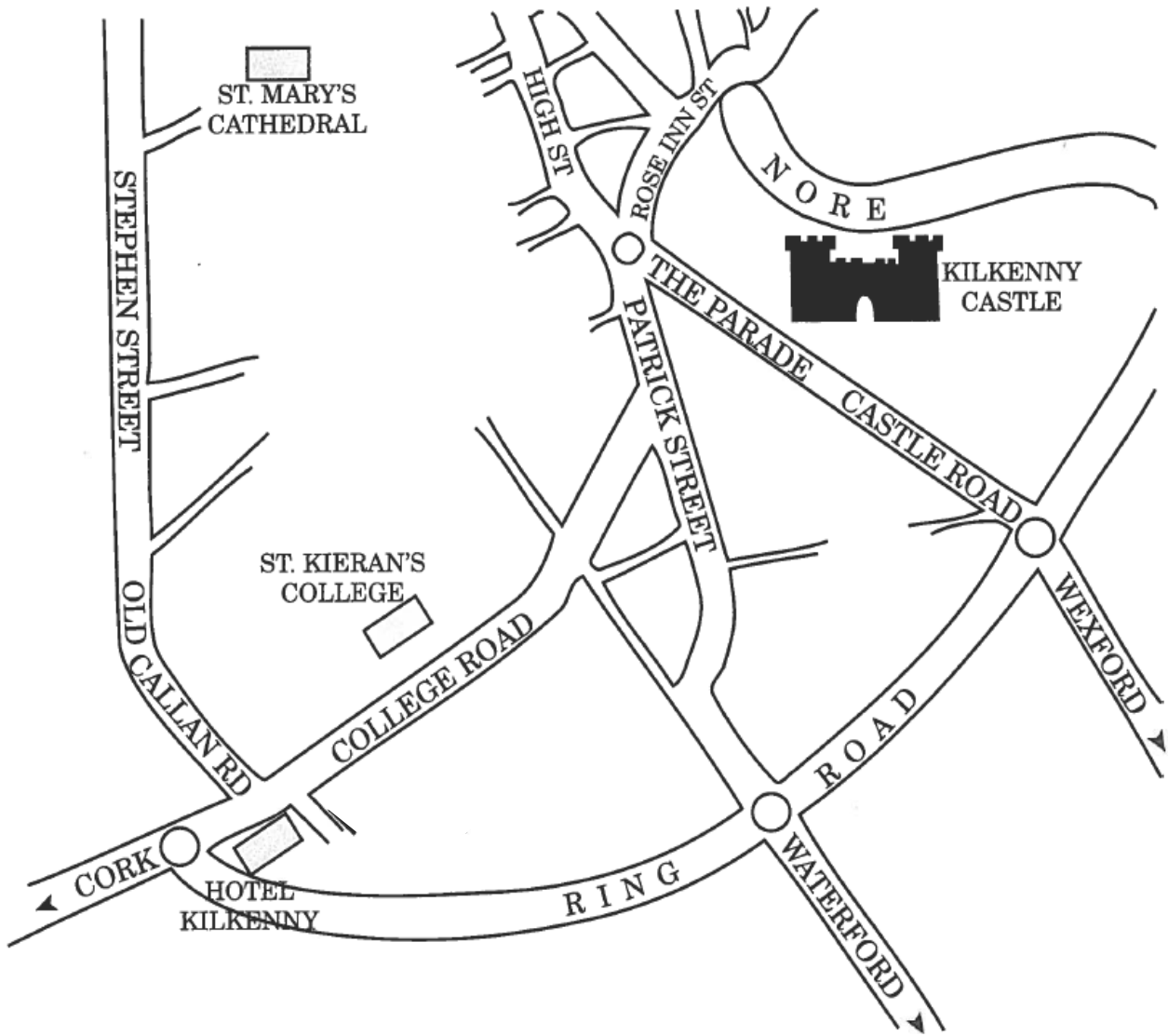
**The Club House**, Tel: 00-353-56-7721 994; Fax: 00-353-56-7771920  
email: [info@clubhousehotel.com](mailto:info@clubhousehotel.com); Website: [www.clubhousehotel.com](http://www.clubhousehotel.com)

**The Hibernian Hotel**, Tel: 00-353-56-7771888; Fax: 00-353-56-7771877  
Email: [info@kilkennyhibernianhotel.com](mailto:info@kilkennyhibernianhotel.com); Website: [www.kilkennyhibernianhotel.com](http://www.kilkennyhibernianhotel.com)

**Butler House**, Tel: 00-353-56-7722828; Fax: 00-353-56-7765626  
Email: [res@butler.ie](mailto:res@butler.ie); Website: [www.butler.ie](http://www.butler.ie)

There are lots of B&Bs around also, or call the **Kilkenny Tourist Office**,  
Tel: 00-353 -56-7751500  
Fax: 00-353-56-7763955; Email: [kilkenny@failteireland.ie](mailto:kilkenny@failteireland.ie); [www.visitkilkenny.ie](http://www.visitkilkenny.ie)

Map of Kilkenny



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**PLEASE REGISTER NOW FOR THE AUGUST 2015 BUTLER RALLY**

For convenience please use the Paypal links on the 2015 Rally page of the website.

If paying by Paypal, it should be addressed to "treasurer@butler-soc.org"

If paying by Bank Draft, please detach and return the form below with a Draft made payable to the Butler Society for the relevant amount to:

Mark Reade  
Hon. Treasurer  
THE BUTLER SOCIETY  
Ballyvolan  
Newcastle  
Greystones  
County Wicklow  
IRELAND  
Email: treasurer@butler-soc.org

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Name .....

Address .....

Functions at which I/we will attend	A: Welcome Party	_____
	B: Lisnavagh Lunch €60	_____
	C: Borris Lunch €60	_____
	D: Coach Trip €60	_____
	E: Kilkenny & Dinner €95	_____
	F: Farewell Lunch €25	_____
	Dinner Only €95	_____

Amount enclosed (Draft in euro) .....

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If you have not already paid your Annual Subscription (January to December 2015), it is now due please.

**€15 / STG£10 / US\$20 to "The Butler Society"**

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

EMAIL: .....

### **Options for payment are:**

1. Paypal is our preferred method of payment, as bank charges have become excessive. You do not have to be registered with Paypal to use the credit/debit card payment processing.

Paypal is accessible via the members page here:

<http://www.butler-soc.org/index.php/members#joining>

**or**

by sending a payment to [treasurer@butler-soc.org](mailto:treasurer@butler-soc.org)

Please identify who is making the payment in the message line of the optional email (see "enter personal message for the recipient") so we can allocate the payment to the correct member and confirm receipt;

2. Cheques in any of the three currencies specified only - please do not send subscriptions in any other currency, as we are unable to cash them at our bank. Cheques should be made payable to "The Butler Society";
3. Please ensure that Euro cheques are drawn on an Irish bank, as the charges against Euro cheques drawn on non-Irish banks are prohibitive.

Cheques should be sent to:

**Mark Reade, Hon. Treasurer**

**THE BUTLER SOCIETY**

**c/o Ballyvolan**

**Newcastle**

**Greystones**

**Co Wicklow**

**Ireland**