



# THE BUTLER SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## THE DINNER IN SPAIN

It will take place at 9 p.m. on 8th May 2010 at the Centro Riojano de Madrid, c/Serrano 25, Madrid 28001. The dress code is, as is usual in Madrid, jacket and ties for gentlemen.

**The price is €40 per person payable at the dinner itself.**

The Irish Ambassador at Madrid, Mr Justin Harman, will be at the dinner with the idea of getting to know the Spanish Butler family as it has played a significant rôle in the history of Spain since its members arrived three centuries ago.

**Please let David Butler in Madrid know as soon as you can** if you are coming to the dinner and how many of you there will be either by e-mail to < butler\_d\_j@yahoo.es> or by telephoning ++34 91 555 1336

**The last possible date by which David needs to know is the 5th May.**

The day after the dinner, Sunday 9th May, there will be an excursion to San Ildefonso, the town centred round La Granja Palace built by Philip V in the seventeenth hundreds and there we will visit the glass factory founded then to supply the royal palaces (and still in production) and after a restaurant lunch we will be able to visit the Palace but even more important is the sight of the hundreds of spectacular fountains in the mountainside parkland.

On the way back to Madrid we will pass through Segovia for, at least, a “photostop” to take in the Roman aqueduct there.

**The excursion will start from the Plaza de España in central Madrid at 11.00 hours and the cost per person including transport by chartered bus, the lunch and admissions to the places we visit will be about 65 euros (payable when we meet together at the dinner).**

**David Butler needs to know who is coming on the excursion by 28th April at the very latest and can be informed by e-mail or by telephone (details as above for the dinner). ~ THE SOONER THE BETTER.**

There is a probability of adding an extra event to the weekend programme and David will be able to tell you about that when you get in touch with him to confirm your attendance at one or other of the events mentioned above.

It is always very positive to have a number of international members among us for the events set up for the Spanish Butlers: it lends depth and special interest to the occasion.

If you need any information on any specific hotel (for its location, style, etc ), David may be prepared to check for you, if asked, and inform you, though he would **not** offer to make any reservation for you.

Hotels in Madrid are constantly making special offers, either in conjunction with flights- or independently.

Two well-trying hotels are:-

Hotel Cason del Tormes, C/del Rio 7, 28013 Madrid.....tel:00 34 9 1541 9746  
info@hotelcasondeltormes.com

Hotel Palacio San Martin, Plaza de San Martin 5, 28013 Madrid.....tel 00 34 91 701 5000  
pencabo@intur.com

Prices are around 110 euros per double room per night, added value tax included but breakfast extra.

## THE BUTLER JOURNAL

The editor of the journal, Dr David Butler is bringing out the next journal at the end of 2010. Though there has been an encouraging response to the call for articles, he would welcome articles from members and non-members. The contributions can be on history, geography, anthropology,

archaeology etc. besides genealogy/family history. The one criterion is that they should add to the existing literature of Butler family interest. They may take the form of articles, notices, book reviews, extracts from historic documents etc. Illustrations would be appreciated. His address is Carrigeen Castle, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, IRELAND. carrigeencastle@yahoo.co.uk

The scanning of the previous 31 newsletters to PDF (portable document format) for the member's only section of our website is completed (and the scanning of the journals is now half-way through the 20 numbers) so we will see the results by Easter.

Our long standing committee member, John Kirwan has edited and published The Memoirs of Marianne-Caroline Hamilton 1777 - 1861. Her mother had inherited Woodstock in Kilkenny and she gives an account of how Lady Eleanor Butler from Kilkenny Castle and Sarah Ponsonby ran away together and went to live in Wales where they became celebrated as the Ladies of Llangollen. The book is beautifully illustrated. The price is €18 plus € postage and it can be got from kerevanjp@googlemail.com.

We are very sad that Alice Crosson has died in Virginia. She came, often with members of her family, to the rallies and was a dear friend of many of us.

She was born in Northern Ireland in 1922 where her father was a solicitor and married Lt Col Crosson of the US army and went to the States. Her brother is Joseph Butler Sloss, one of our Vice-presidents.

There was an Irish television programme which featured the Butlers at the rally in Kilkenny Castle on the Sunday when we were having lunch. The web address is: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c6S8Df\\_S9o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c6S8Df_S9o) and it can be found on YouTube by searching for Butler Rally.

#### Website

The Society's website, [www.butler-soc.org](http://www.butler-soc.org), continues to attract new members and to provide the membership with a valuable forum for their genealogical research. The "Desperately Seeking" page generates a remarkable number of replies from the general public. Your web master is Lord Dunboyne, ([johndunboyne@aol.com](mailto:johndunboyne@aol.com))

To enter the Members Only section of the website, USER NAME = aboo, PASSWORD = hudibras.

**Email: [melosina@hotmail.com](mailto:melosina@hotmail.com)**



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