



## THE BUTLER SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

In this issue we are pleased to give you an outline of the draft programme for the Triennial Butler Rally to be held in Kilkenny in 2015. Also discussed are plans to update the Butler Society website and news relating to the Dunboyne papers (compiled by the late Paddy Dunboyne) soon to be uploaded for members to view, the Ormonde Charters and the Butler Society papers lodged with Kilkenny Archives. As always, the committee do try to keep members up to date with items of interest, although there may occasionally be delays in responding to queries due to other commitments.

### *The Butler Society website*

As mentioned in an earlier Newsletter, we have had a website early since 1997 thanks to the late John Dunboyne who had a passion for modern technology. His aim was to avail of this tool without losing the historic personal relationship that the Butler Society had with its members. Our current website is a way of letting members know what we do, as well as features like the

gallery of photos and videos. There is also an electronic pdf version of our Journals in the members' section as well as an on-line shop offering merchandise with our crest, e.g.. this shot glass.



The use of the website by the Butler Society helps to keep administrative costs down. This is particularly so in the use of the Paypal payment facility both for Rallies and membership subscriptions. The Newsletter will also now be distributed by email, unless a hard copy is necessary. We frequently review the website with a view to update it where necessary in order to suit the intended use. If you have any queries about using the website, emails etc please get in touch with the committee.

### *George Butler*

We are sad to announce the passing of George Butler, late of 21 Monkstown Avenue, County Dublin on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2014. On behalf of the Butler Society, we extend our deepest sympathies to George's family and especially his children Dermot, Finuala, Darragh and Siobhán. George, as many of you will remember, was a founder member of the Butler Society and will be sadly missed by us all. He and his late wife Nancy were enthusiastic supporters of the Society throughout the years.

### *Dunboyne Papers*

As mentioned above the scanned Dunboyne papers (compiled by the late Paddy Dunboyne) are soon to be uploaded for members to view?

### *The Ormonde Charters*

The Ormonde Charters are soon to be on display at Kilkenny Castle. In the meantime, the Heritage Council of Ireland has put the Charters display at its Kilkenny headquarters, in place for "Heritage Week" at the end of August 2014 .

### *Journal of The Butler Society*

Journal editor David Butler is working on No. 2 of volume 5 with publication expected in February 2015 and a launch being mooted for either Kilkenny Castle or Ormonde Castle in Carrick-on-Suir. Further details will be issued later. David continues to welcome articles for the next edition, although we are limited to one contribution per member. In due course an invitation will be issued to members for this event.

### *Triennial Rally 2015*

The next rally has been set for August of 2015. While the detailed agenda is still being worked out, it will commence on the evening of Tuesday 18th August at Kilkenny Castle and run until Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and it will include a memorial tribute for the late John Dunboyne and George Butler. A full programme will be sent later this year. Below please see our draft programme:

**DRAFT RALLY PROGRAMME**  
**Tuesday 18 August to Sunday 23 August 2015**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18 August</b>	
	7.00 pm –9.00 pm	Registration of Rally attendees in the in the Tower of Kilkenny Castle, followed by drinks.
	9.00 pm	Butler Society TGM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19 August</b>	
	10.00 am	Visit to Carlow Museum/ Carlow Gallery.
	1.00 pm	Lunch at Lisnavagh
	4.30 pm	Visit to Ballintemple for refreshments
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20 August</b>	
	10.00 am	Visit to Borris House, Carlow
	4.00 pm	Visit to Old Leighlin Cathedral, Carlow
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21 August</b>	
	10.00	A visit to Clonmel, County Tipperary, including Butler Trail talk and visit to Bulmers Cider Brewery.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22 August</b>	
	10.00 am	Talk by Craig Foster on Dunboyne Papers project
		Talk about Butler DNA by Trinity College.
	1:00 pm	Lunch in Zuni's, Kilkenny.
	7.00 pm	Pre-dinner drinks
	8.00 pm	Dinner in the Tower (Long Gallery if possible)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23 August</b>	
	10.00/11.00	Church Service in St Canice's Cathedral.
	1.00 pm	Farewell Lunch in Tower

### ***Butler Society Papers***

Since the last Rally, the care of the Society's papers has been vested in Kilkenny Archives Ltd. In St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. This material has now been catalogued for The Butler Society and arrangements can be made for members to view them.

### ***Common Sense***

Members may be interested to know that committee member Tom Butler has published a book called *Common Sense* - a book about people, planet and profit by a venture capitalist. An extract is expected to be included in the forthcoming Journal.

### ***Subscriptions***

If you have not already paid your Annual Subscription (January to December 2015), it is now due. The subscription rates for 2015 are:

**Euro €15**  
**Stg £10**  
**Aus \$25**  
**Can \$25**  
**US\$ 20**

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.

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

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The Committee wishes to thank all members for your interest in the Butler Society.

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