

THE KILVERT SOCIETY

Wyeacroft,
23 Broomy Hill,
HEREFORD

(Phone 2094)

April 17th, 1961.

ANNUAL MEETING and SOCIAL EVENING

Dear Member,

The Annual General Meeting and Social Evening will be, as usual in EIGNBROOK CHURCH HALL, HEREFORD on

FRIDAY, the 28th April, at 7.15 p.m. prompt.

It is hoped that as many members and friends as possible will come and join in with what is looked upon by so many as a very enjoyable evening.

After the business meeting there will be a Social Evening, during which we shall be once again invited to partake of light refreshments so generously provided by our President (Mrs. Wright).

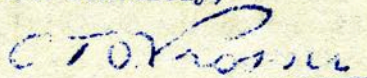
It is several years since the KILVERT FILM was shown at this meeting, and it has therefore been decided to show it this time and to include the recent additions.

I am pleased to be able to state that the Dean of Hereford (The Very Rev. Hedley Burrows) has intimated that he intends to be with us, and we shall therefore hope to hear him speak and also to hear other old friends who will no doubt be present, such as the Rev. Lane Griffiths and Mr. F. W. Stokoe.

For the convenience of those who cannot attend, I append a copy of the ANNUAL REPORT and BALANCE SHEET.

It is requested that Members with suggestions for any Summer event, or on any subject that will be of interest to the Society, will make them known at the meeting on April 28th.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Sec. THE KILVERT SOCIETY

ANNUAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE - This year we go to BRYNGWYN (Radnorshire) by kind invitation of the Rev. Roswell M. Davies, the Rector, who will conduct the service. THIS WILL BE ON SUNDAY, the 25th JUNE, at 3.30 p.m. MEMBERS WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THE SPECIAL PREACHER IS TO BE THE DEAN OF HEREFORD (The Very Rev. Hedley Burrows, M.A.). ALL WHO WERE PRESENT WILL REMEMBER HIS FINE ADDRESSES ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS

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OCCASIONS AND WE ALL FEEL PLEASED THAT HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO PREACH AT BRYNGWYN THIS YEAR AND BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM HEREFORD IN THE AUTUMN.

Bryngwyn church is beautifully situated high up on Bryngwyn hill, with grand views from the churchyard. Kilvert often went that way in his walks over from Clyro.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1960

The Annual Meeting was held in Eignbrook Church Hall on May 3rd. There was a very good attendance, many coming considerable distances to be present. Members were there from the counties of Brecon, Radnor, Shropshire, Gloucester and Somerset, in addition to the many from Hereford.

The President (Mrs. Wright) welcomed the members and Mr. H. W. Butcher then took the Chair. The re-election of Mrs. Wright as President was proposed by the Dean of Hereford (The Very Rev. Hedley Burrows) and seconded by Mr. E. W. R. Newman of Bishops Castle and warmly received by the company present and Mrs. Wright was unanimously re-elected. Vice-Presidents and officials were all re-elected. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. J. D. Worsey) commented on how well subscriptions had come in and the balance sheet and annual report was adopted.

Our President (Mrs. Wright) had again very generously provided refreshments and these were then enjoyed.

We then sat back and enjoyed a talk from the Dean of Hereford (The Very Rev. Hedley Burrows) and this was followed by the Rev. Meredith of Eye (Leominster) telling us of his visits to his old parishioner, Mrs. Lewis, who died last year at the age of 96. He then introduced Mrs. Probert (niece of the old lady) and we heard from both of them some interesting recollections of Mrs. Lewis' youthful days at Bredwardine, when she often went to hear Kilvert preach, and of how Miss Kilvert (Dora) made her confirmation dress.

A few words from the Chairman (Mr. H. W. Butcher) and from our Hay committeeman, Mr. F. W. Stokoe, followed. Mr. Godfrey Davies made a tape recording of all the speakers. The evening was brought to a close with several well known songs beautifully sung by our committee-member, Mrs. Morfa Spinks, and the end came with thanks to Mrs. Wright and to the Society's officials and others contributing to the welfare of the Society.

On Sunday, June 26th, the Annual Service was held at LLOWES (Rads.) by kind invitation of the Rev. D. J. Lane Griffiths (the Vicar) who conducted the service. The Lessons were read by Mr. J. D. Worsey, our Treasurer and by Ald. Tudor Watkins, M.P. The large church was packed to capacity and after an Act of Remembrance by the Rev. Lane Griffiths we heard a very fine sermon from the Rev. A. J. Goss of St. Peter's Church, Hereford, who again showed his knowledge of the Diary and of the Radnorshire countryside. After the service tea was provided in the Llowes manner (and only those who were there will fully know what this means)

in the nearby schoolroom and the ladies of Llowes were thanked for this by Mrs. Wright and by Ald. Tudor Watkins, Mr. Feisenberger of London and Mr. Peirson of Coventry. We then returned to the church to hear the tape-recording made at the A.G.M. and also to hear a recording of a talk given in June (on T.V.) by Mr. Ted Jones of London, following his visit to the Clyro, Llanigon and Bredwardine areas earlier in the year. There were many from long distances present at Llowes this year, London and Coventry, Bristol and Swansea, and in the 2 coaches from Hereford were other members from Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire etc. The return journey was made via Glasbury and Hay to Bredwardine, where a long halt was made for members to visit the church, Kilvert's grave, and the Kilvert seat in the churchyard. Once again we had a fine, warm day, with excellent visibility - particularly welcomed by those members who had not visited the Clyro area previously.

Summer activities were curtailed by the periods of wet weather, and the final result was that only one ramble in the Kilvert Country was possible; this was in mid-September and a misty morning turned into a grand day greatly enjoyed by a large party that met at Painscastle; visited Llanbedr Painscastle church and the tomb of the "Solitary", walked towards the site of the Solitary's "cabin", drove past Llanbychllyn lake up to the moors above, and after a picnic lunch walked to above Aberedw, back to picnic tea, and ended the day with a splendid drive back over the Begyns to Llowes, Hay and Hereford. New members from Birmingham and from Bristol saw a big corner of Kilvert's country on a day that stands out for its brightness and warmth after a dreary week, and met the more local members who more often enjoy such a day out.

The Balance Sheet shows that donations have been given to restoration funds for Bettws Clyro church and for Hay Castle (both places very dear to Kilvert) and to Llowes church, where he often preached. Reports in local papers of the kind words of the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon when he re-opened Bettws church indicate how well it looks now, a credit to a scattered district.

Other matters that will interest members are the fact that the Diary has now been re-issued in the full three volumes, splendidly bound. Our member Mr. John Grant of Hay-on-Wye has kindly given a set to the Society for the use of members not possessing same and copies of "Kilvert's Dagbog" (selections translated into Danish) have been sent to the Hon. Sec. by Miss Friis of Copenhagen and by Mrs. Essex Hope one has been kept and the other presented to Hereford Public Library. Kilvert's photograph has been sent to the "New York Times" to illustrate an excellent article which appeared in that paper in the Autumn.

There are a number of new members during the year, and the Society grows, despite several deaths; among these must be mentioned, with great regret, that of Lord Cilcennon - a Vice-President from the foundation of the Society.

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Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1960

<u>Receipts</u>				<u>Expenses</u>			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance brought forward	29	6	4	Donation for use of room for A.G.M.	2	4	0
Subscriptions	40	13	0	Hire of 2 Coaches to Llowes	11	10	0
Collection at A.G.M.	2	4	0	Preacher's Travelling Expenses to Llowes	2	2	0
Coach Fares to Llowes	12	15	0	Donation to Bettws Clyro Church Restoration Fund	5	5	0
				Donation towards new altar at Llowes Church	4	0	0
				Donation to Hay Castle Restoration Fund	3	3	0
				Printing and Advertising	12	8	9
				Duplicating	4	4	0
				Postages, Phone Calls and Sundries	5	9	0
				Balance in Hand	34	12	7
	£ 84	18	4		£ 84	18	4

Audited and found correct.

H. Butcher

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John D. Worsey
Hon. Treasurer
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