

MEMORY LANE

The above panel will appear each month as a tribute to Sheila Corbett who produced this magazine for over 30 years.
It is intended to publish interesting snippets taken from old magazines going back as far as 1912

As we had reached 1986 in Memory Lane I felt we were getting too close to the present so I have gone back to the magazines beginnings in 1911, where I will endeavour to find interesting items that reflect life in the villages of that period.

SHRAWLEY September 1911

It is unfortunate that isolated cases of scarlet fever broke out last month in four different houses and in view of the reluctance of parents to send their children to school the medical officer has ordered the closing of the school until September 11th. It is particularly unfortunate as the school was closed for so long a period last year and again this summer for alterations. We must hope however that we have heard the last of the scarlet fever and that when the school reopens on September 11th, parents will do their best to send their children regularly. They will have much leeway to make up, but with regular attendance we may be sure that they will not be allowed to suffer more than necessary for their enforced long holidays. ***The school did not reopen because of further outbreaks, editor.***

THE SCHOOL January 1912.

This has now been disinfected, and a number of books and materials are to be burned to make everything safe for the reopening on January 8th. Parents please note the date! We hope for record attendance after these long holidays.

THOMAS VERNON SHRAWLEY

CHARITY - At a meeting held in the school on January 8th, the usual doles of coal, clothing etc., were voted to a long list of poor and aged in the parish, who must think with sincere gratitude of the founder of this charity.

GREAT WITLEY November 1911

BOY SCOUTS - It is proposed to start patrols of Boy Scouts in Witley. Those wishing to join should give their names to Mr Wall at Great Witley, or Mr John Hammond at Little Witley. A general meeting, to which parents,

boys and all interested in the movement are cordially invited, will be held on November 6th, at 8 o'clock in the school. General Davies, the head of the Scouts in Worcestershire, has promised to speak.

GREAT WITLEY October 1911 CRICKET CLUB 'SUPPER.

A pleasant windup to a very successful season was enjoyed by the Cricket Club on September 20th, Lord Dudley entertaining the members at the Institute. The Secretary gave a summary of the seasons doings: 18 matches played - 11 won, 4 drawn, and only 3 lost. No less than 8 batsmen had double figure averages, viz., C.C.G. Wright (5 innings), 42, J. Proctor (6) 27, the Rector (15) 24, Canon Buckle (8) 24, V. Fryer, (15) 11, W. H. Wall (15) 10, H. Hemus (8) 10 and W. Lawrence (18) 10. The average score of the side was 121. In bowling V. Fryer took 60 wickets (at an average of 7 runs), the Rector, 43 ; W Lawrence, 20; and C.C.G. Wright, 10. Lord Dudley, in welcoming his guests said, how glad he was to be at home again, and amongst his own people, and hoped that he would be regarded and treated not merely as a landlord but also as a friend. Amongst other matters he spoke of the duty which lies upon the young men of the country of fitting themselves for its defence; and supporting the Territorial scheme, and expressed the hope that when Lord Ednam joins the Yeomanry there would be a good contingent from this neighbourhood serving with him. On behalf of the Club the Rector thanked Lord Dudley for his hospitality, and for the use of so excellent and beautiful a ground, and said how glad they had been to have Lord Ednam as a member of the Witley team, and hoped that next year they might have Lord Dudley's help also. Lord Ednam said that he.

had enjoyed his cricket very much, and proceeded to thank. Mr. Wall for his untiring services as Secretary, Mr. Young for his care of the ground, and Mr. Hemus for his kindness in bringing teams. There was general regret that the. Captain (Mr. Blackwell) the Treasurer (Mr. Bartlett) and Mr. C. Bartlett were unable to be present. Songs were given by Messrs. Braid, Leach, Oakes, Proctor, Treadwell and Wall, and the whole company joined heartily in "musical honours" when Lord Dudley and Lord Ednam rose to go.

LITTLE WITLEY December 1911 TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT

On Monday, January 22nd, a tea and entertainment was held at Little Witley.

A snowy evening is not inviting to turn out on, but those that were there were quite repaid by the enjoyment that they got - first from the excellent tea, and afterwards from the entertainment, which consisted of songs and part-songs by Mrs. Dykes, Mrs. Leonard, Miss Gibbons; Tableaux by Masters R. and C. and Miss G. Wilson, and a Duologue, "The Backward Child," by Miss Hempson and Mrs. Wilson. The Three "Young" Maids of Lee fairly brought down the house by their rapid change to sour, cross, "old" maids. Our very best thanks are due to Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. R. Colbatch, Mrs. T. Colbatch, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. G. Hill, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Pressdee, Miss Stokes, Miss Wall, and Mrs. White, all of whom so kindly helped in various ways to make the evening a success.

GREAT WITLEY INSTITUTE.

We have to record a Dance on January 23rd, and a Smoking Concert on February 19th. Both were as usual admirably arranged and gave great pleasure to all present.