

## 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*

**This month the memories come from 1919 when the country was trying to get over the horrors of war, Holt, Grimley, Martley and Witley decided to withdraw from the magazine due to the increase in costs.**

### **SHRAWLEY January 1919 PARISH LIBRARY.**

A most acceptable gift is being made to the village by Mrs. Belaribi, for which we must thank her very much. It takes the form of a number of books from the library of the late Mr. F. M. Belaribi, and is to form the nucleus of a Public Lending Library to be known as the "Peace Library" and shortly to be opened. The Library will be housed at the Parish Room.

### **GOVERNMENT HOUSING SCHEME.**

The Parish Council and Shrawley Land Owners were invited to meet and report upon the number of new houses they considered the Parish required under this scheme. It was stated that a rate not exceeding 1d. was to be made to meet the Treasury Grant offered by the Government. It was decided to ask for four pair of cottages, and various sites were suggested.

### **SHRAWLEY March 1919 THE SCHOOL.**

Miss M. Powick has sent in her resignation as teacher, but is kindly continuing until a successor is found.

**THE CHURCH.** We are again without an Organist, Mr. H. Neems having gone to Edinboro' on Government work. His playing was much appreciated.

**PERSONAL.** Two members of old Shrawley families have passed away this month. James Bunce, who was found dead from exposure and who for some time had had no fixed abode, and William Tomkins, who had been living happily and contented at Martley Union for some four or five years. Neither leaves any near relatives in Shrawley.

### **WITLEY April 1919**

the chief event of the month has been the marriage of Lord Ednam to Lady Rosemary Leveson-Gower, on March 8, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Two former Rectors of Witley-Canon Carnegie and Mr. Monroe-took part in the ceremony. On their arrival at the Court the same evening at 9 o'clock, Lord and Lady Ednam had a great welcome by torchlight. If good wishes bring happiness, this should be a very happy life.

Another outbreak of influenza, coupled with the shortage of coal, caused various social functions, which were to have been held before the beginning of Lent to be abandoned.

### **SHRAWLEY May 1919**

**SHRAWLEY PEACE LIBRARY.** The Library is now open for members to receive books, and we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Belaribi for a most valuable gift.

**RELEASE CERTIFICATES.** Notice is to hand that Certificates of Exemption from School are no longer to be issued, and regular attendance is to be strictly enforced.

**NEW RECTOR.** It is now definitely known that the Rev. H.T. Boulbee, M.A., has been appointed. We extend to him our heartiest welcome.

We also wish to record our high appreciation of the services so ably rendered by the Rev. W. J. Ludlow, M.A., who ministered to us during the last month.

**PERSONAL.** We offer Mrs. Hinett and family our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

**BURIAL.** April 7 Alfred George Hinett, aged 77.

### **SHRAWLEY June 1919 WAR MEMORIAL.**

A further Parish Meeting was held on May 6th, Mr. D. H. Thomas presiding. This meeting was held because the Committee felt that there were certain misunderstandings regarding the proposal of a Wayside Cross which should be cleared. However, after much discussion it was resolved to erect the Cross and also to place a Tablet in the Church.

On May 13th, the Committee appointed Messrs. Marks, W. Weavers and W. Gittens to canvass the parish for subscriptions. It is earnestly hoped that all will do their best in giving.

### **WITLEY July 1919 WAR MEMORIAL.**

Ideas about the Memorial to the Fallen seem to be taking shape, viz., that there should be tablets in Great and Little Witley Chapels and a Wayside Cross

at some central site. The Shrine given by Lady Dudley will provide for the tablet at Great Witley, when moved into the Chapel. Lord Dudley has signified his approval of a Wayside Cross as the main Memorial, and designs are being written for. The Rector hopes to be able to call a meeting towards the end of the month to consider designs and estimates, and take the necessary steps. All will agree that whatever we put must be good, and, however good it is, it will be less than worthy of the self-sacrifice we commemorate.

While all will be thankful that Miss Wall's sufferings are over, her death removes one who will be universally missed. Her life was well occupied and useful. Although she elected to remain single, she mothered two generations of nieces, and carried on the post office and shop at Little Witley to the contentment of all. Her disposition was cheerful and she enjoyed the simple gaieties of life. Her religion was sincere and did not fail her in her time of need.

### **WITLEY. December 1919 THE MAGAZINE.**

I much regret that the United Magazine has come to an end. The notice on the first page explains why. It is useful for recording past events and giving notice of future ones. I hope it will soon be revived at what is called an 'economic' price. Meanwhile I propose to try and get out a news sheet every quarter, containing the news which would have been in the Magazine. There has not been time to get an estimate, but it should be possible to do it at 3d. a copy, provided there is sufficient support for it.

I take this opportunity of thanking the magazine distributors who have willingly taken so much trouble in the service of us all, and I hope we may soon have need of them again. Mrs. Myer, Mrs. G. Goodman and Mrs. Wilson have done it ever since the plan was started some 8 or 9 years ago; the others are, or were recently, Mrs. Braid, Miss Douglas, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Parsons (assistant to Mrs. Wilson), Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Warlow.