

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 1920's when Shrawley was producing its own magazine. Cost was still an important consideration and the workhouse featured in many lives. Discipline was stricter than the school report states according those who can remember the tales of Mr Thomas.

JANUARY 1921

Now a word about the Magazine. This is quite a new venture, to have one of our own, and we hope that it will succeed. Your distributor will ask for for 1¹/₂d. at least, and if every house takes a copy we can pay our way. Some may like to give more and so help those who cannot afford to pay more than the pre-war price. Unfortunately, we have to learn that the old shilling is now worth about eightpence, and even less, and that in consequence we must pay more according to the old standard.

APRIL 1920

It will interest all of you to know that Mrs. Vernon has handed over to our keeping a beautiful little private Communion set, used by her husband, Rev. William Foley Vernon, while Rector here, for use in the Parish. It has been inscribed and will always be used for such visits in memory of faithful service.

AUGUST 1924

It may be of interest to record the fact that at a Parish Meeting on July 12th, a resolution was passed supporting the Minister for Health (Dr. Addison) in his efforts to alter the conditions of Workhouse Children, although we were asked to do the opposite by the Martley Union Authorities.

No criticism is offered of those who feel that the Workhouse system leaves nothing to be desired. But as it seems probable that we were the only parish to oppose the motion it is as well that our little monthly jottings should hand the fact down to posterity. We rather pride ourselves on being progressive in Shrawley, and even if we do make mistakes sometimes it is better than being content with everything because it is old, and being afraid to venture

on new paths."

Yet another new venture has been entered upon and looks like being success.

JULY 1924

It is not very often that we can record any historical event in the annals of our peaceful village. But the flood of May 31st does seem to be worth recording, as it had such disasterous results. Three different floods swept down on two sides of the parish, fortunately without any loss of life. But the parapets of Glazon Bridge were carried away and the great Sharpley pool at Glasshampton and two lesser pools were destroyed, while on the other boundary one of the Witley pools burst. Considerable damage was done to property. I should like to congratulate Miss Wheeler particularly on her courage and presence of mind in her rescue of the animals at the Bridge Farm.

JUNE 1924

GOVERNMENT REPORT,
SHRAWLEY SCHOOL,
6th June, 1924.

This School continues to be well conducted, and a very good standard of efficiency is maintained. Its chief characteristic is the energy with which the teachers throw themselves into the work. The Head Master's teaching is lucid and un-usually stimulating, and induces the wholehearted co-operation of the children, who take an active part in all lessons. In the top class a considerable amount of independent work is done, though, both here and in the lower classes collective teaching seems to be the method usually adopted, and with much success.

The discipline is, sufficiently firm,

without being repressive, to ensure the formation of sound habits by the children, who are well-behaved and show steady application to their work.

OCTOBER 1924

Susannah Allen aged 95

I am sure that we all regret the death of Widow Allen, as she was generally spoken of and wish to offer our sympathy to the members of her family. Born before Queen Victoria came to throne and living in Shrawley ever since, she was married, and even in the same house she has been for many years our oldest inhabit and as such we were proud of her. But she was much more than that. She was a faithful daughter of the Church, a regular attendant so long as she was able and a frequent Communicant. Long after she was bedridden she was able to take part in the Holy Communion, and to the very last she never forgot her prayers. She took her part too in every Parish festivity and loved a dance and a joke every bit as much as she loved the more serious and sacred things of life. Hard working, industrious and careful, she never seemed to grow old and it is difficult to realise that she has really passed to the higher life beyond.

In offering our sympathy we should also like to express our appreciation of the unfailing care and attention given to her ungrudgingly by her granddaughter, Miss Mabel Farmer.