

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 again from 1920's, cost was still an important consideration, the magazine went up to 1s 6d pa. The activities and events of the village were all reported by the Rector who clearly had more influence in those days.

MAY 1925

As there seems to be a considerable amount of ignorance about the position of Church Schools, such as ours, it may be as well to state the case very briefly.

In 1870 what is known as the Dual System was set up by Act of Parliament. Up to that time education was voluntary, and provided principally by the beneficence of Church people who built the then existing "National Schools." Under the Act education became compulsory, Board (Council, or Provided) Schools were built out of public funds and became a charge on the rates. In such schools no definite religious teaching may be given.

In the Voluntary (or Non-provided) Schools there is freedom in respect of religious teaching; but the Managers have to defray the cost of the school buildings, their upkeep and repair, and of all alterations and improvements required by the Local Education Authority.

Instead of having to pay for the upkeep of our School by means of the Rates the Managers are able to do this with the small income at their disposal, and a very occasional appeal for local support.

JUNE 1925

Congratulations to the G.F.S. and Girls' Club. They have carried off more certificates than ever in the competitions at Worcester and Malvern, and are now the proud possessors of the most coveted of the Cups at Malvern, namely, that for needlework. Everyone spoke most highly of the work of the only Village Club competing. The members will all, I feel sure, agree that our success is largely due to Miss Norah Lucas.

SEPTEMBER 1925

The Sunday School will re-open on Sept. 20th." It meets in the Parish Room on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 o'clock. On the 2nd Sunday there is a service at 9-45 and on the 4th Sunday at 10-0. The attendance is not at all what it ought to be, and there are a large number of children in the Parish who do nothing on a Sunday except run about and do as they please. This is

not exactly to the credit of their parents, on whom the full responsibility rests. It would be a good thing if they would read through the Baptismal Service and see what it was they promised to do for their children when they brought them to be baptised.

MAY 1926

LORD EDNAM CUP COMPETITION, 1925-1926.

The Air-gun Competition was won this year by Witley, Shrawley being third, with Astley second.

The following is the average score per man for the matches :-

C. Powick (winner of Silver Medal on the shoot off), 20.3; D. Jones, 20.3; G. Lucas, 20.3; J. Westwood, 20.3; D. H. Thomas, 20.2; W. Lucas, 20.1; G. Clark, 20.1; A. Cope, 20.1; D. Powick, 19.6; F. Smith, 19.

(Highest possible 25).

14 matches, 9 won, 1 drawn, 4 lost.

JUNE 1926

It is with deep regret that we have to record this month the death of Mrs. Millichip lived so long at Eastgrove that is seemed natural that she should be coming back to live among us again. But only a week before the move to Bo Pitt Farm, to which she and her friends were looking forward so eagerly, she was called Home. She told me the last time we met, in her vigorous way, how she looked forward to taking her part once again in the Parish to which she was so attached. Always kindly and hospitable, she will be greatly missed.

OCTOBER 1926

As the most important meeting of the Vernon Charity is always held at the beginning of October it might be as well to say a few words about the Charity and its doings.

There are fifteen Trustees, and I should like to impress this fact upon the minds of those who have an idea that the apportioning of the Charity is in the hands of just two or three. Two of the Trustees are "Foundation" members, namely, Sir George Vernon and the Rector. Two are appointed by the Head of the Vernon family, and they are Mrs. Allan and Mr. D. A. Neems. The following

are "co-opted," that is to say elected by the other Trustees, Mr. R. Colwill, Mr. R. Crane, Mr. J. Marks, Mr. W. J. Dorrell, Mr. H. O. S. Pilkington, Miss Everett. And then there are the Parish Council representatives, who are at the present time Mr. E. Powick, Mr. S. Powick, Mr. D. H. Thomas, Mr. W. Bunce and Mr. Anderson.

What the effect of the Coal Strike will be upon our grants of coal it is impossible at present to forecast, but probably it will be very serious, especially if the rationing is still in force. But Mr. Lord, our clerk, will certainly do his best to help us to do whatever is allowed.

There are at the present time eleven recipients of weekly pensions, and this number is probably as many as we can afford to give. The Rector has some printed forms which he will be glad to give to anyone who wishes to apply for a pension, on which the applicant states his or her income and reasons for applying. These forms are issued by the authority of the Trustees and new pensions are not granted without application in this way. We have not been able to grant any new pensions for two year's unfortunately.

The new scheme, passed by the Charity Commissioners in 1921, whereby the Trustees can grant a sum of money to the Coal and Clothing Club is working well. But there must be others in the Parish who could save a shilling or so a week with the certainty of a good bonus at the end of the year, and thus help themselves without relying entirely upon the Charity. As an encouragement to save, with a substantial reward for doing so, it is difficult, to imagine a better scheme. Miss Cashel is always ready to enrol new members.

The subscriptions to the various Hospitals are of great value, for they produce Hospital Notes, which are unfortunately always needed.

This, in very brief outline, gives the main features of the Charity. The names, quite rightly, are not published, but the Trustees, acting together, try to apply the principles of justice and make every effort to administer the Trust to the best advantage of those who from age, infirmity, ill-health or accident are unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions.