

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 we have a change of rector, Rev. Henry Crennell, a report by Mr Masterman on his excavation of Oliver's Mound in the 1920's, a suggestion that the village hold a fete to help cope with village expenses and two reports of help for needy children. Also a reminder of the forthcoming Jubilee.

NOVEMBER 1929 OLIVER'S MOUND.

Most people are more or less interested in the past history of the place where they live. Through the chequered history of our land, people have had to solve the problem of living, and it is a fascinating speculation to try and picture to oneself what these former generations were like, and just how they set about making their homes and bringing up their children. Even a little village like Shrawley must have some interesting history if only one could trace it.

The memories of the old folk can take us back a long way; but to get still further one must dig either in the scattered records or in the soil itself, that book which is so difficult to read, but contains an account of man's doings from the earliest prehistoric times down to our own.

With a view to trying to throw a little light upon the past, we commenced digging in 1928 upon Oliver's Mound in Shrawley Wood, by the kind permission of Sir George Vernon. Our efforts have been rewarded by the finding of a portion of the ruins of a castle. One carved stone bearing a design similar to that on our parish font gives a clue to the date of the building, somewhere about the end of the 13th century. Traces of iron smelting show that the castle courtyard was used after the building was a ruin, to produce a local iron supply in the 17th century. Pottery, which can be dated by the glaze and markings upon it, and bones were also turned up; showing that people lived and cooked their food upon this spot in the 14th century. One small piece of bronze hints at a still earlier occupation, before even the light of Christianity had shone upon our land.

S.W. Masterman

MAY 1930 FETE.

It has been decided to hold a meeting in the Parish Room on Monday, May 5th, to discuss the advisability of holding a Fete, in aid of the parish funds, some time during the summer. At present our income is not quite sufficient to meet our expenses, and it is necessary that we should try to increase it, in one way or another, by the requisite amount. Will all those who are interested please make a note of the date and time, and try to be present at the meeting. H.F.C.

May 1930 WAIFS AND STRAYS.

The Waifs and Strays Society is arranging for a Carnival at Eastnor Castle on Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun week. Collecting purses are being issued in connection with this, and it is hoped that they may be handed in at the opening of the carnival. I shall be glad to obtain purses for all who may be willing to have and use them.

APRIL 1931 DEDICATION OF G.F.S. BANNER.

This little service was held on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the death of Mrs. Bellaribi, who presented it to Shrawley, G.F.S. A melody of her composition was played, and we all thought of her who had the G.F.S. and Shrawley so much at heart. The banner was carried up by Miss Jauncey who has had a membership of eighteen years. Our ranks have been so depleted by marriage and going away, that we only mustered seven members, but we hope soon to regain some of our former strength from our flourishing little band of candidates who also attended the service.

JANUARY 1935 DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

Our grateful thanks are due to all those who so kindly supported the little ones in their willing efforts on behalf of the above most worthy cause. The six collectors were Kathleen Cope, Fred Harris, Kenneth Powick, William Walton, Rosie Downes, and Joe Hinett. The total collection amounted to £2 8s. 6d.

JANUARY 1935 JUBILEE.

Next is May 6th, the date of the King's Silver Jubilee. There will be a service in Church at 10.30 a.m., when the special form of service drawn up for that day will be used. Later in the day come arrangements made by the civil parish for its due observance.

JANUARY 1935 THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

has been arranged for Wednesday January 31st, at 7.30 p.m., in the Parish Room, and it is most desirable that all parochial electors should try to be present at the meeting. This is the one regular opportunity for all Church people to meet and discuss the work of the Church in their Parish, to appoint their representatives, and to elect the Parochial Church Council which will take charge of their work during the year. All those whose names are on the Electoral Roll are entitled to be present, and any matter of concern to the Church can be discussed. The Electoral Roll will be in Church for inspection before this number of the Magazine is published, and forms for the necessary declaration to enable names to be added will also be found there. The forms when completed can be given to the Rector or one of the Churchwardens and names can be added to the Roll until a fortnight before the date of the Parochial Church Meeting.

H.F.C.