

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 familiar problem, repairs to the Church, problems with grass cutting, new gas lighting and the looming threat of war.

May 1936

THE CRUNCH - For some time we have been anxious about the condition of the Church roof, and recently the Church Council has had it examined by Mr, C. Andrew!! On the whole, his report is moderately reassuring. There is some evidence in the nave of damage by the death watch beetle. but none, apparently, of recent date, and there is no particular reason to suspect that the beetle is active there now. We are advised to treat or support one of the principal rafters, but this would not be as serious as the renewal of much of the old timber. H.F.C.

November 1936

CHURCHYARD.- Many of us are anxious to see our churchyard kept more tidily if this is possible and one of the chief difficulties is the labour involved in cutting the grass on the grave mounds. An obvious step would be the levelling of the ground in the old part of the churchyard, so that mowing could be less expensive and perhaps more frequent. Where a known grave marked by a mound, and it is desired that this should remain, it would, of course, not be disturbed; but most of the mounds have probably long ceased to have any associations, and their removal would partly simplify the proper care of the churchyard. I would add that this is a personal suggestion only, and that the Parochial Church Council has not yet had an opportunity of discussing it. I hope, however, that it will be discussed at the December meeting, and I put it forward here, so that we may, in the meantime, hear of any suggestions or criticisms from those who are concerned for the state of the churchyard.
H. F. C.

April 1937

Churchyard - The suggestion that the old part of the Churchyard should be levelled has produced nothing but approval, and the work will possibly begin as soon as the weather is favourable. We have received only one or two requests that mounds should remain, and if there are any others which should not be disturbed, we should know these without delay. We hope that when the work has been done, the problem of keeping our church-yard in order will be greatly simplified. H. F. C.

June 1938

CHURCH ARMY CRUSADERS. I am very glad that it has been possible for us to provide accommodation for the Church Army crusaders, who will visit this Parish on Monday, July 4th. Each summer, groups of Church Army Officers travel through the country, moving moving each day to a different parish on foot, drawing their own luggage and having whatever shelter may be found, however rough rough it may be. In each parish they visit and hold services, so the crusade is very far from being a pleasant touring holiday, and would only be undertaken by those who are very much in earnest in their endeavour to bear witness to their faith. In our own parish there will probably be a service for women in the afternoon, and one for children in the early evening, and possibly a general service later. I hope the services will be very well attended, because this visit provides a great opportunity of getting fresh ideas, and a new point of view in our outlook on religion, from those whose experience must be very different from our own.
H.F.C.

March 1939

CHURCH LIGHTING.- The installation of calor gas, made necessary by the failure of our lighting plant, has

now been completed, and the result appears to be satisfactory in every way. The work has been done very neatly, and the light is much better than it has been in the past. Altogether the change should be a great improvement, and the only drawback is that paying for it will absorb most of our balance, and will again put off the time we can continue the necessary repairs to the fabric of the Church itself. H.F.C.

October 1939

THE WAR - Most of the things which would ordinarily be included in this number of the magazine seem now like ancient history, as our outlook has been completely changed by the outbreak of war. For Christians the war provides a call to prayer, both private and corporate, which we cannot afford to ignore. That great demands will be made on us seems certain, and we need all the help we can have if they are to be met. Those who must take a definite part in the conduct of war, whether as leaders of the nation, as members of the fighting forces, or as sufferers from it, have a claim to that help and support which may be theirs from united prayers of the Church.
H.F.C.

December 1939

Christmas - Owing to the lighting restrictions it will be necessary to make some alteration in the services for Christmas Day, The sun does not rise until after eight o'clock, so that it will not be possible to have light in the Church in time for our usual service at 7.30am. There will therefore only be one early Celebration, which will be at 8.00 o'clock, and I hope this will not cause inconvenience or prevent anyone from being present. There will also be Mattins and Holy Communion at 11.00am as usual. The collections will be for the Church Army.
H.F.C.