

# 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, from the registers, Golden wedding congratulations, two obituaries and news of a new Rector.**

## APRIL 1965

Looking Back .

### Baptism

7th March. Stephen Robert, son of Mr. & Mrs. R.S. George.

### Death

We regret to record the sudden death of Mrs. Weaver, Brant Farm, whose funeral took place in Great Witley, and extend our sympathy to her relatives.

**Mothering Sunday** - A special service was held on Sunday afternoon, but the attendance was most disappointing. Mr. Wilcox, New Inn, very kindly allowed the children to pick flowers there, while Caroline Austin, Christine Oakes and Diana Dorrell arranged them very tastefully in a basket and brought them to the Church for distribution to the Mothers.



## MAY, 1965.

### Rector's Letter

My dear Parishioners,  
I am sure you would like me to record a small tribute to a former Principal of our School whose death was announced recently.

Mr. D.H. Thomas was headmaster of our school for 32 years until his retirement in 1950. He was a prominent member of the National Union of Teachers. Mrs. Thomas was also a teacher, and in 1918 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas were appointed as headmaster and assistant mistress of Shrawley School.

Mr. Thomas took an active part in Village life. He brought about the supply of electricity to Shrawley and was largely responsible for raising the £1,000 that was then required before a supply

could be provided. He was Secretary of Shrawley Parish Council, Secretary of the Parochial Church Council, and a Churchwarden. He was also a lay-reader.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas are remembered by many in Shrawley Village.

## MAY 1966.

### Rectors Letter

My dear Parishioners,  
I am sure you would like me to express our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Allen, of Rectory Lane, who celebrated their golden wedding on 24th April. Mr & Mrs. Allen were married at Christ Church, Sparkbrook, Birmingham by the Rev. G.N.A. Trednic, on Easter Monday, April 24th 1916. They have five children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Mr. & Mrs. Allen have been resident in Shrawley for 22 years. Fifty years of married life is a long span of happy days and not everybody can celebrate their golden wedding. I myself can only look back on 25 years. My wife and I celebrated our silver wedding on 30th October 1965. So we all join in wishing you, Mr. & Mrs. Allen, many more happy days together.

With every good wish,  
*R. Cecil Armstrong*

## APRIL 1967 OBITUARY

The Rev. Robert Cecil Armstrong, M.A. The Rector of Shrawley died suddenly at his home on Monday 27th February. The funeral service on March 2nd was attended by the Assistant Bishop of Worcester, and the service conducted by the Rev. Francis, the Rural Dean, supported by other clergy in the Deanery. The large congregation-family, relatives, friends and parishioners filled the Church. The organist, Mr. W. Barker provided the music accompanied by St. Mary's Church Choir.

Born in Dublin, Mr. Armstrong obtained his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Trinity College. He was ordained in 1936 and became curate of Longford where he started a Youth Club. In 1938 he became Curate of the Mariners Church, Dun Laoghaire, where he re-designed the interior of the Church - a great improvement.

In 1940 he was appointed to his first incumbency, Narraghmore and Fontstown, and in the same year married Dorothy Oswald, an Irish International hockey player. From 1945-50, he was Rural Dean of Omurthy. He moved to Thurley in 1950, and in 1957 to Swanlinbar, encharged with 3 Churches.

In 1962, Mr. Armstrong came to England with his family and was inducted into St. Mary's, Shrawley. His interest in the Church led to a number of improvements - new robes for the choir, and a choir robing room.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; daughters, Elizabeth, Sylvia and Rosaleen; and son, Richard.

Amongst the many wreaths was one from the Churchwardens and P.C.C on behalf of the Parishioners.



## NOVEMBER 1967.

### Church News, Induction of New Rector.

The Induction and Institution of the Reverend J.G. Barnish will take place on Saturday 11th November at 6 pm. It is hoped as many as possible will attend. Afterwards all will be welcome at the Parish room to meet the new Rector and Mrs. Barnish. Refreshments will be provided.