

100 YEARS AGO!

Life in Bampton: March 1920

with thanks to Russ Davies

Mr. H. Weston Sparkes, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sparkes, was present at the annual meeting of the Unionist and Coalition Association at the Conservative Club. A special circular, signed by Colonel Gilbert Acland Troyte, J. P. (Huntsham Court) and Major Moutray Read, resulted in a large attendance, which included the Rev. E. V. Cox (Vicar) and Mrs. Cox, Mr. W. M. Pile (Exeter), Mr. F. Townsend (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Bampton Conservative Club Company), Mr. A. Ross Butler (Hon. Secretary Conservative Club). Major Moutray Read was elected Chairman, Mrs. G. Acland Troyte and Mrs. Moutray Read, Vice-Chairmen; Messrs. W. G. Clark and A. E. Sewell, Joint Hon. Secretaries; delegates, Messrs. E. King, F. C. Davey, F. Townsend, A. Ross Butler, Mrs Row, Mrs. Bovey, Mrs. Clark, and Miss L. Davey.

Children's Maid wanted: 3 little girls; needlewoman, light housework; country. - Mrs. Hudson, Huntsham Rectory, Bampton.

Mr. H. T. Terry was granted a cinematograph license for the Drill Hall, Bampton.

Herbert Aubrey Butler., Bampton, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a front light. P.C. Huxtable stated that when he stopped defendant he said "A drink will square this, I suppose?" Supt. Joslin pointed out that the constable was young, and such a remark was very offensive. Fined 10s.

There was a large company at "Grant's" when Messrs. Blackford and Son, for Captain W. H. Baker, disposed of his surplus effects, the whole of which were quickly sold. Among the prices realised were:- Wheelbarrow, £2 7s.; cart harness, £15; plough, £21; spring harrows, £8 10s.; butt, £19; waggon, £15 5s.; long carts, £12 10s.; poultry, 7s. to 13s. each; poultry house, £4 7s 6d.; seven slip pigs, £44; six-year-old mare, 90 guineas; eight-year-old mare, 54 guineas; Exmoor ponies, £6 5s.

A successful jumble sale was held at the United Methodist Schoolroom, Bampton, splendidly organised by a willing band of ladies actively interested in the chapel.