

### 100 YEARS AGO!

### Life in Bampton: October 1920

with thanks to Russ Davies

Bampton Comrades of the Great War held a dance in Bampton Drill Hall to provide funds for their club. The music was supplied by the Comrades' Quadrille Band. Mrs. H. Jones and Mrs. F. Staddon (Bank) supplied the refreshments. Comrade H. Chamberlain is the hon. Secretary of the club, and Comrade J. Salisbury the hon. Treasurer.

The death occurred suddenly at Dulverton of Mr. Robert Staddon, at the age of 84 years. Deceased was in his customary health on Sunday, but on the following day he was seized with a heart attack which proved fatal. He was well known in the district, where he had for many years carried on the business of auctioneer, estate agent and valuer, having offices at Bampton.

Bampton Fair was held in glorious weather, and the attendance was the largest for many years. The entries were not quite up to the average, but a splendid sale ensued, no difficulty being experienced in disposing of the animals. Early in the morning the little Exmoor Ponies were driven through the streets in large numbers, and the antics of some of the animals, most of whom came within the bounds of civilisation for the first time, was most amusing. During the day the streets were thronged with people. Numerous ladies sold flags on behalf of the St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, which fund should be considerably augmented as a result.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at Bampton Parish Church between Mr. J. R. Slater of Aberavon and Miss Eliza Yeo (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Yeo of South Molton Road, Bampton). Miss B. Yeo (sister of the bride) was the only bridesmaid. Mr. C. Collard acted as "best man".

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, formed only a year ago, took place at Bampton, and was attended by over 50 ringers from Bampton, Bickleigh, Calverleigh, Chipstable, Clayhanger, Dulverton, Holcombe Rogus, Tiverton, Thorverton, and Washfield. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A short service was held in the parish church. Miss Vicary presided at the organ. The tea at the Vicarage was prepared by Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Broomfield, Mrs. C. Hancock, and Mrs. J. Wood. The Rev. E.J. Barton (Rector of Holcombe Rogus) and the Rev. E.V. Cox (Bampton) were re-elected Chairman and Hon. secretary, and Treasurer respectively.

At the monthly meeting of Bampton Council Mr. Yeandle's tender, £4 4s., for purchase of street sweepings, was accepted - Mr. Butler's tender for supplying new street lamps and frames was also accepted - Mr. H. Jones, Collector of Rates, was granted an increase of salary - Mr. Monson, Surveyor, was appointed Captain of the Fire Brigade.