100 YEARS AGO! Life in Bampton: July 1920

with thanks to Russ Davies

Rev. E. V. Cox (Vicar of Bampton) presided over a well-attended football meeting held at the Castle Hotel, Bampton, supported by Messrs. F. G. Webber, J.P., A. Ross-Butler, A. E. Sewell, W. A. Clark, F. Staddon, S. Durman, B. Kimber, H. Chamberlain, P. Davey, W. Cload, T. Lazarus, J. Lazarus, and others interested in this favourite sport. Mr. J. B. Hulland was re-relected Hon. Secretary. The Chairman presented to Mr. Hulland a framed photograph of the football team, and remarked that it was given him as a token of appreciation.

Comrades of the Great War (Bampton Branch) attended Divine service in Bampton Drill Hall. They fell in near the Market Place under Sergt.-Major Jones and Sergt.-Major Vickery, Rev. H. G. Lowe and the Bampton Council also being present. Headed by the Town Band, under Sergt-Major Bowden, the procession marched through the principal streets, which were lined with spectators, to the Drill Hall. Here Rev. H. Gilbert Lowe, United Methodist Minister, of Bampton, preached an impressive sermon and conducted the service. Hymns were heartily sung, Mr. J. E. Coven presiding at the piano, and Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Down, Messrs. A. Paul, H. Sampson, , and Masters H. Watts and H. Sampson junr., also accompanying on their violins. The collection was devoted to "Save the Children Fund".

The funeral of Mr. Henry Tarr, of Higher Boobier Hill, was largely attended. Twelve brethren of the "Court Huntsham" A.O.F. walked in procession. In the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Harrison(Vicar of Cove) attended.

Miss Hooper, who has been a teacher at the East Anstey Council School, has been appointed an uncertificated assistant mistress at Bampton Infant School.

Mr. F. G. Webber presided at the monthly meeting of Bampton Council when a balance of £323 7s. 5d. was reported. A discussion arose on the water question, and some members thinking the Council should get a move on with the work. The Clerk was instructed to write the water expert asking him to send plans and specifications. The Sanitary Inspector, Mr. E. Rogers, said he had inspected the dairies and slaughter houses, and found them satisfactory.