

## 100 YEARS AGO!

### Life in Bampton: November 1920

with thanks to Russ Davies

A meeting was held at the National Schoolroom, Bampton, for the purpose of forming a pack of Wolf Cubs. Rev. E.V. Cox said he would give the movement his hearty support. Major Moutray Reed spoke of the benefits which the movement offered to boys in the building up of physical strength and character. Mr. C.A. Morris (District Club Commissioner) appealed for the first batch of recruits, and within a few minutes 15 were enrolled. A pack committee was then elected under the chairmanship of Capt. Kennard, with Major Moutray Read as vice-chairman.

At Tiverton County Sessions two Bampton boys were summoned for stealing a ferret, valued at 25s., the property of Wm. Henry Hutchings, labourer of Bampton. Defendants were bound over to be of good behaviour for six months, the mother being surety in the sum of £5.

At Tiverton Police Court, Robert Turner, grocer of Bampton for selling raisins and salmon at an excessive price, and for exposing salmon at an excessive price, was fined £1 19s 10d inclusive on each of the three charges.

Girl, age 18, seeks situation as NURSE in small family; can do a little plain sewing - Mrs. Neithercott, 7 Mill Head, Bampton.

A successful sale of work was held in Bampton Drill Hall in aid of the Parochial Fund and the restoration of the Parish Church windows. Mrs. Weston Sparkes kindly opened the sale. There were nicely decorated stalls of plain and fancy work, cakes, decorated dolls, and various competitions which were well patronised. Little Miss Read (Castle Grove) was selling lavender. The stall-holders were Mrs. Cox, Mrs. W.H. White (Coombehead), Mesdames F.T. Seward, F. Frost. S. Denman, A. Scott, J. Scott, W. Kerslake, E. King, E. Gooding, and the Misses K. King, M. Davey, A. Langdon, A. Gooding, Nurse Carter assisted by many willing helpers.

At the monthly meeting of Bampton Council an application for a licence to keep gunpowder was granted. Councillor G. Davey gave a detailed report on the Fire Brigade appliances, which he said were in a deplorable state. It was decided to purchase 60 feet of new hose at once.