

100 YEARS AGO!

Life in Bampton: November 1921

with thanks to Russ Davies

Various entertainments and collections have recently been made in the Bampton district with a view to helping the funds of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital and other institutions, the result being that the treasurer of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital has received a cheque value £12.

A Church of England Temperance meeting was held at the National Schoolroom, Bampton, when a splendid address was given by Mr. J. Scammell, followed by a well arranged programme of vocal and instrumental music. Miss Hilda Nott, of Mill Head Bampton (who possesses a rich tone voice), sang two songs entitled "Mate o' Mine," and "I Passed by Your Window", for which she was encored. Mr. William Carnell, a blind soldier, who has become a great favourite, also sang in fine style two songs, for which he was encored. A string band, under Mrs. Watts, rendered pleasing selections. Miss Bond gave a capital recitation. Mrs. Cox and Miss Langdon ably accompanied the various items.

An interesting and exciting football match between Bampton and Milverton was played on the Bampton ground, the visitors securing victory. The Bampton Brass Band, under ex-Sergt.-Major Bowden, enlivened the proceedings with pleasing selections. A large number of spectators witnessed the match.

It is to be regretted there remains a debt of about £50 in connection with the public war memorial at Bampton. A cemented platform and iron railings were not included in the original cost, but they were found desirable. The memorial is the town's tribute to those over whose graves "the poppies grow in Flanders fields", and the town will be false to its traditions if it allows a burden that should be born by all to rest heavily on the shoulders of any individual..

At the monthly meeting of the Urban Council, the Chairman (Mr. F. G. Webber) said there was great dissatisfaction because although agricultural labourers had consented to a drop of 8s per week in wages, employees of the Council had, up to the present, been lowered by only 1s. The agricultural labourer was now receiving 38s, whereas men employed by the Council working less time daily were getting 46s weekly.