

100 YEARS AGO!

Life in Bampton: April 1920

with thanks to Russ Davies

The Rev. E.V. Cox (Vicar) has unveiled in Bampton Parish Church a tablet erected by Major Moutray Read in memory of his brother, Capt. Anketell Moutray Read. The tablet is of polished alabaster, surmounted by the crest of the family, and bears the following inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Capt. Anketell Moutray Read, V.C., Northamptonshire Regt., and Royal Flying Corps, whose mortal remains lie at Le Rouboire, near Loos, where he gave his life for his country in the battle of the 25th September 1915. His gallantry, when partly gassed, in rallying men under a withering fire gained him the highest military honour. Born October 27th 1884. 'Faithful unto death.'

Mr. F. Townsend, of Bampton, while walking away from the parish church, where he had been to inspect a tablet erected in memory of the late Capt. Anketell Moutray Read, tripped on the pavement and, falling, dislocated his right shoulder. Dr. Bovey immediately attended to the case, and Mr. Townsend is now making satisfactory progress.

At the annual meeting of Bampton Council, Mr. Penwarden retired from the position of Chairman, and was thanked for his services. Mr. Webber was elected to the office.

Bampton Urban Council requested to be allowed to place German rifles and bayonets in the schools of the town as war trophies. Col. Moore-Stevens contended that the Committee should have nothing German in the schools.

Miss Lazenby said surely they did not love war so much that they wanted to have such things in the schools.

Mr. Young (Secretary) pointed out that there were records showing what the Devons had done. The rifles and bayonets would show the children what their relatives had to fight against.

Col. Moore-Stevens characterised the placing those "horrible" German things in the same place as the record of the Devons was absolutely insulting.

It was decided that consent be not given. Mr. Young: "But they are already there". The Chairman: "Then they must be removed".