

## 100 YEARS AGO!

### Life in Bampton: May 1920

with thanks to Russ Davies

One of the most successful dances ever held in Bampton took place in the Bampton Drill Hall. The event, in aid of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, was splendidly organised by an energetic Committee of the Comrades of the Great War, consisting of Messrs. V. Burrow, J. Yeo (who acted as M.C.), R. H. James, J. Salisbury, F. Staddon, B. Kimber, H. Chamberlain, J. Herniman, H. Jones (Hon. Secretary), and T. Lazarus. Dr. T. A. Fisher was the Chairman of the Committee. Misses Escotts supplied the refreshments, and the Comrades' Band provided the music. There was a large attendance, the neighbouring parishes being well represented. It is hoped to send about ten guineas to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital as a result of the dance.

At Tiverton County Sessions Clifford Henson, farmer, Bampton; Frederick Hill, farmer, Clayhanger; William John Roberts, labourer, of Cove, were each fined 7s. 6d. for riding cycles without lights. At Tiverton Borough Police-Court, Victor Cottrell, 4, Silver Street, Bampton, was fined 7s. 6d. for riding without a rear light at 11.50 p.m., on the 17th. April at Bolham.

LOST, a big grey dog hound; named "Bertram" - Apply, Tiverton Staghounds, Duvale, Bampton.

It was with much regret that inhabitants of Bampton heard that Mr. Francis Gibbings had passed away at his residence in Castle Street. Deceased was a native of the town, and had figured as a prominent butcher and dealer for many years past. About six weeks ago he underwent an operation at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. Mr. Gibbings was one of the oldest members of "Court Huntsham" (A.O.F.). He was an enthusiastic politician, one of the pillars of the Conservative cause at Bampton, and for many years a Director of the Conservative and Unionist Club. Deceased was fond of outdoor sport, and his delight was to follow the hounds, especially when stag hunting. Deceased was 63 years of age, and leaves a widow, five sons, and two married daughters.