

**100 YEARS AGO!**

**Life in Bampton: May 1921**

*with thanks to Russ Davies*

At the Baptist Chapel, Bampton, the recognition services of the Rev. F. W. Hurford were held. A public tea was held in the Schoolroom, where a large number sat down. In the evening a public meeting was held in the chapel. Messrs. S. Gibbings and E. Venner (deacons of the church) delivered brief addresses on the work of the church, and warmly welcomed the new Pastor, Mr. Hurford.

Bampton, Morebath and Petton Church choirs took part in a festival held at St. Peter's Church, Tiverton. The singing by the choirs was nicely balanced, the expression being particularly good, showing clearly they had received careful training by the organist of St. Peter's Church (Mr. R. Bareham F.R.C.O.). Rev. E. V. Cox is the Hon. Secretary of the Tiverton and District Choral Association for Church Choirs.

At the monthly meeting of the Bampton Council, the Surveyor, Mr. H. Monson, reported that there were two steam rollers at work on the various roads, and progress was being made with the completion of houses at Shillingford. A start had also been made with the Bampton houses.

The Southsea Band (about 40 instruments) favoured Bampton residents with a delightful programme of music, and the Male Voice Choir rendered, with charming expression, choice glees. Their programme was listened to with rapt attention by a large crowd.

Wanted: 3 to 5 acres rough grass land, for poultry, with water. No house. – "L", 15 Brook Street, Bampton.