PERCY JOHN FANCY

June 1884 – August 1915

In Nov. 1871 Samuel Fancy (aged 22) married Emma Phillips (aged 21) at Lytchett Minster, where both their fathers were farmers. They had two sons Arthur Henry b.1877 and Percy John b.1884. At the time of his marriage Samuel was a Market Gardener but by 1883 he had become landlord of The Rose and Crown.

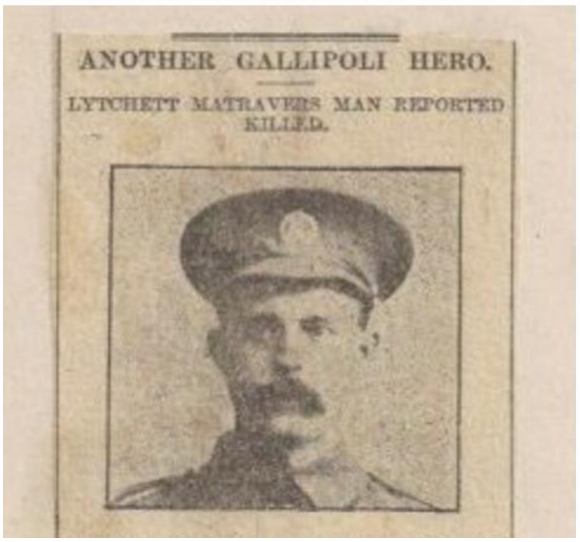
When Samuel Fancy died in 1889, aged 40, the license to the Inn passed to Emma.

On the 27th December, 1897, Emma married Walter Cobb. Her two sons were then aged 20 and 13 years of age and together with Emma's father Elijah Phillips, they all lived with Walter Cobb at Lions Farm in Wimborne Road (it was situated where the British Legion and Lion Hall once stood and where Poppy Place has now been built).

The boys Arthur and Percy worked with their step father on the farm.

Unfortunately it was not to be a "happy ever after" story.

Percy Fancy lost his life in WW1.



ANOTHER GALLIPOLI HERO.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS MAN REPORTED KILLED.



Percy Fancy

BIRTH	Jun 1884
DEATH	10 Aug 1915 (aged 31) Dorset, England
MEMORIAL SITE*	Helles Memorial Gallipoli, Çanakkale, Turkey

Emma Cobb died, aged 70, in September, 1921. Her son Arthur did not marry but continued to live and work at Lion Farm with Walter, who lived to be 90. The farm was sold in 1941, following the death of Arthur Fancy, who died aged 65.

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