

100 YEARS AGO!

Life in Bampton: August 1920

with thanks to Russ Davies

At the Bampton National School a solid silver inkstand was presented to the late parish warden, Mr. J.C. Rockett. The inscription was : "Presented to Mr. J. C. Rockett, by the parishioners of Bampton, in appreciation of his services as people's warden 1880-1920".

The death took place at Well House of Mr. William Henry Burnett while engaged in his work as Collector of Income Tax for Bampton and other parishes.

In brilliant sunshine, in the charming Vicarage grounds, the beautiful flower beds full of bloom making a charming picture, a garden fete was held to provide funds for the restoration of the stonework of the windows in Bampton Parish Church. The Bampton Town Band, under Sergt.-Major Bowden played for a dance held in the evening, which was also a great success. Mr. E. P. Row was the M.C. Amongst those who assisted at the tea were Mrs. E. V. Cox, Mrs. E. P. Row, Mrs. J. Scott, Mrs. A. Scott, Mrs. Frank Staddon (Castle Street), Mrs. F. Frost, Mrs. F. T. Seward, Mrs. R. Vicary, Mrs. G. Watts, Mrs. H. Irish, Miss James, and others.

Frederick Miles, of Bampton, failed in his application at the Tiverton County Court for possession of a cottage at Bampton occupied by Peter Powell, as he wanted it for a man who was only in his casual employment. He said he knew "what the Act said," and he was told by the Judge that he was a clever man.

The funeral took place at Bampton of Miss Sophia Lucy Stocker, daughter of the late Mr. James Stocker of Axminster, and grand-daughter of the late Dr. W. H. Hicks of London. Deceased, who had lived at Bampton with her niece for several years, was an attractive personality, and endeared herself to the townspeople.