

## **Arthur Douglas Hayles**

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### **Obituaries**

#### **Mr. Doug Hayles**

A life-long Islander, who was well known for entertaining people, has died, aged 87.

Doug Hayles, of Shide Road, Newport, was born in Ryde on November 15, 1921.

He worked for Way Riddett auctioneers and Wadhams furnishers before serving in the RAF in Burma and Ceylon during the Second World War.

Mr. Hayles returned to the Island to work for the Prudential and was based at the Newport branch for 40 years, before he retired in 1989.

He had a love for entertaining and used to perform as a comedian. He also founded the Elmwood School of Dance, with his daughter, Shirley, in 1972.

He used to organise shows at Ryde Pavilion and Ventnor Winter Gardens, as well as arranging concerts for the elderly in care homes.

Mr. Hayles was secretary of the Vectis Charities Committee and used to visit the hospital at Christmas to entertain the children and present gifts.

He was also chairman of the Newport Carnival Committee, which he was heavily involved in with his late wife, Kay.

He leaves his daughter, Shirley, son in law, Colin, grandchildren Jason and Laura and great grandchild, Owen.

A funeral will be held on Tuesday at St. John's Church, Newport, followed by a wake at the Riverside Centre.

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