

## **John Henry (Jack) Kinchington**

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### **Medina's second freeman dies, 86.**

MEDINA Borough's second freeman, Mr. Jack Kinchington has died, aged 86.

Mr. Kinchington, a former Labour and Independent councillor, was made a freeman in May 1985 for his long and distinguished service to the local community. The first freeman was Lord Mountbatten.

Mr. Kinchington, of Gunville Road, Newport, was a member of the former Newport Borough Council between 1961 and 1974, becoming an alderman in 1966. He also served as a Medina borough councillor from 1974 to 1983 and as a county councillor between 1973-1976 and 1981-1985.

A lifelong trade unionist he received the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' award of merit and silver badge in 1983, marking over 40 years service with the Newport branch. This included 28 years as treasurer and terms as president, secretary and trustee.

He retired in 1969 after working in the building and engineering trades for such firms as J. S. White's, Britten-Norman and the British Hovercraft Corporation.

He was a chairman of the governors at Nine Acres Primary School, Newport, vice-chairman at Barton Primary School, Newport, and a member of the board of governors at West Street CE Primary School, Newport, and Carisbrooke High School.

Only last November he retired as a co-opted member of the county education committee.

He served as a magistrate from 1955 until 1972.

Mr. Kinchington was a former vice-chairman of the IW branch of Age Concern, a former vice-president of the Newport and District Community Association and a life vice-president of the Vecta Billiards and Snooker League.

He was also chairman of the Carisbrooke Men's Club for 12 years before its closure in 1984.

Mr. Kinchington leaves a widow, Queenie, and two daughters.

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### **Tribute paid to a 'man of the people'.**

MEDINA freeman Mr. Jack Kinchington, who died last week, was described as "a man of the people" by the Rev. Canon James Buckett at a funeral service at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Monday.

Canon Buckett, vicar of Newport, said; "He used the whole of his life in the service of so many people and so many causes."

Mr. Kinchington, 85, of Gunville Road, Carisbrooke, was a humble, unassuming and gentle man, added Canon Buckett.

He was always ready to give a very sympathetic and listening ear to those who came to him for help and advice.

Mr. Kinchington was made a freeman of the borough in May 1985 for his long and distinguished service to the local community.

He had served on the former Newport Borough Council, and later as a Medina Borough and county councillor.

Civic leaders and representatives of the many organisations and bodies with which he had links attended the funeral service.

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