James William Kybert Leal

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Death of Mr. J. W. K. Leal.---Mr. James William Kybert Leal, of 18 Clifford Street, died on Monday at the age of 74. Trained in the choir at St. Thomas's Church, Mr. Leal was well known for his solo singing, and as a boy was frequently chosen to sing at the Sunday morning services attended by Queen Victoria at Osborne. After serving an apprenticeship with Messrs. Yelf Bros., Mr. Leal went to London at the age of 21 and served as a printer in a Government department. He retained his interest in singing, and while living at Harrow was deputy-conductor at the Methodist Church. He remained in London during the blitz and returned to the Island in 1946 to live with his sister, Miss Ethel Leal, in the house where he was born. The funeral took place on Thursday at Carisbrooke, when the service in the Cemetery Chapel was conducted by the Rev. C. Cardy. The family mourners were Miss Ethel Leal and Mrs. M. Butchers (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. J. Cocker (brother-in-law and sister), and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Butchers (nephew and niece). Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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