

George Frederick William Pullinger

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Former Athlete and Gymnast. - The death occurred at St. Mary's Hospital on Sunday, after a long illness, of Mr. George Frederick William Pullinger, aged 67, of 6 Portland Street. In his earlier days, as a member of the St. John's Athletic Club, he was a successful sprinter at local sports meetings and a keen and able gymnast. For some years he gave much valued service to the St. John's club and the St. Paul's Athletic Club as gymnastic instructor. Mr. Pullinger was one of the oldest members of the St. John's Men's Bible Class. He had been a member of the committee and sick visitor for many years. He was also a sidesman at St. John's Church. A French polisher by trade he was apprenticed to Messrs. Wadham & Sons, Ltd., and remained in their employ for 22 years until he started in business on his own account. During the last war he worked at the Folly factory of Saro Laminated Wood Products Ltd. Mr. Pullinger was held in high esteem and his many friends sympathise with his wife and daughter in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Wednesday. The service at St. John's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Cooper), who paid tribute to Mr. Pullinger's admirable qualities as a churchman, craftsman, and sportsman. The organist (Miss D. Welby-Pryer, L.R.A.M.), accompanied the hymns, "The Lord's My Shepherd," "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," and "Abide with me," The chief mourners were Mrs. Pullinger, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Drudge (son-in-law and daughter), Messrs. H. and A. Pullinger (brothers), Mrs. Booth (sister), Mesdames P. L. and A. Pullinger (sisters-in-law), Mr. P. Cooper, (great nephew, representing Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, nephew and niece), and Mrs. E. A. Francis, (niece). and Mr Francis, Mesdames W. H. Steward and F. W. Small, Mr. and Mrs. J. Steward, Mr and Mrs. W. Denness, and Capt. H. A. Drudge. Others attending included former colleagues at Messrs. Wadham & Sons, and representatives of St. John's Church, St. John's Men's Bible Class and Athletic Club, St. Thomas's Bible Class, the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Odd-fellows, and the former St. Paul's Brotherhood Athletic Club. The interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery and there were 40 floral tributes, including those from the Vicar, churchwardens, and sidesmen of St. John's, St. John's Men's Bible Class, old friends at Wadham & Sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayles and staff, and neighbours and friends in Portland Street. Messrs O. C. Hamilton & Son made the arrangements.

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