

Philip Welch

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Sudden Death of Wing-Commander. P. H. Welch.- Although he had only lived in the Island since 1955, a wide circle of friends will learn with regret of the sudden death at the age of 48 of Wing-Commander Philip Hugh Welch, who latterly had been living at Whitcombe Manor, Carisbrooke, with Mr. D. F. F. Colledge, T.C., and Mrs. Colledge. Born at Warwick and educated at Warwick School, he joined the Royal Air Force in 1924 at the age of 15, and served continuously until 1948, when he was invalided from the service with the rank of wing-commander. During the war he was with Coastal Command and flew Catalinas on anti-submarine patrols, after being with the expeditionary force in 1940. During his service he was also in Aden, Egypt, India, and Burma. After leaving the service, he was for a time with Messrs. Rolls-Royce at Derby, and Skyways, Ltd., Stanstead, Essex, but because of ill-health entered the King Edward VII Convalescent Home for Officers at Osborne in 1955. On leaving, he joined the staff of Messrs. Simmonds and Co., turf accountants, and was with them when he was taken ill on Thursday week. He died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde, on Monday. A requiem Mass was said at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury on Thursday before the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery, which was conducted by Father P. O'Mahony, when the mourners included Mr. and Mrs. D. F. F. Colledge and Mrs. C. Fenton, representing the staff of Messrs. Simmonds. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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