

## **Frank Chiverton**

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### **WELL-KNOWN ISLAND ARCHITECT**

#### **DEATH OF MR. F. CHIVERTON OF NEWPORT**

The death occurred on Tuesday, after a long illness, of Mr, Frank Chiverton, of Winterdyne, Carisbrooke Road, Newport, who had rendered notable service to the borough as a town councillor and deputy mayor, in his profession as an architect, and in other directions. Mr. Chiverton, who was 58, was the elder son of the late Mr. George Chiverton, an estate agent, of West End Terrace, Newport. He was educated at Newport Grammar School, where he was a King's prize winner. Later he took part in the formation of the Old Boys' Association, of which he was one of the early presidents, and for a time was chairman of the School trustees.

On leaving school he was articled to the late Mr. S. E. Tompkins, architect of Millbrook House, Carisbrooke Road and after qualifying in 1915 he married Miss Annie Smiles, of Newport, and was employed for several years by the late Mr. S. E. Saunders, O.B.E., in designing extensions to his motorboat and aircraft building works at East Cowes. He then commenced in practise at Lower St, James's Street, Newport, and monuments to his professional skill and enterprise include the Southern Vectis Omnibus Co,'s head offices and central garage in Nelson road (at the time of its erection the garage was the largest roof area unsupported by pillars in the South of England), the Vectis Shipping Co,'s offices and stores on the Town Quay, Messrs, Wray & Son's business premises in Carisbrooke Road, and the Inland Revenue Offices in Upper St. James Street, all at Newport. He also designed many other business premises and private houses at Newport and in other parts of the Island.

#### **FORMER DEPUTY MAYOR**

His professional knowledge made him a valuable member of the Town Council from 1933, when he was elected for the Central Ward, until his retirement for health reasons in 1946, particularly as chairman of the Housing Committee from 1940 to 1946. Previously he had done good work as chairman of the Recreation Grounds Committee, and he was also an able deputy to the late Capt. J. S. Brown during his mayoralties of 1940 and 1941. He and his wife were very active in their support of Capt. and Mrs Brown during that period, and had he been blessed with better health Mr. Chiverton would doubtless have received the highest civic honour. As a councillor he was sound and constructive in debate, zealous in preserving the traditions of the ancient borough, and an earnest advocate of what he considered to be in the best interests of the inhabitants generally.

He was for some years chairman of Newport Charity Trustees and a member of Albany Lodge of Freemasons. Just before the war he left Newport to reside at Sheat Manor Farm, Gatcombe, of which his only son, Mr. Howard Chiverton, is the tenant, and while there Mr. and Mrs. Chiverton took a helpful part in local affairs. Following a serious breakdown in health about three years ago he returned to live at Newport and resumed his former associations with St John's Church and the St. John's Men's bible Class.

In his younger days Mr. Chiverton was a popular tenor singing at local concerts.

In addition to his wife and son he leaves a daughter, Miss Margaret Chiverton, who after service during the war as a V.D.A. naval nurse in this country and in Australia, is now a member of the

administrative staff of St, Mary's Hospital and the officer of the B.R.C.S. cadets at Newport. Much sympathy is felt with the members of the family in their great loss.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Cooper) officiated at the service at St. John's Church, Newport and at the interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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