

Henry William Horan

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YESTERDAY

**Death of Mr. H. W. Horan,
ex-Mayor of Newport**

The Island capital is mourning the passing of one of its oldest and most esteemed residents as the result of the death yesterday (Friday) at his residence, Caerbrooke, Castle-road, Newport, of Mr. Henry William Horan, who was Mayor of the borough in 1928 and 1929, and had reached the good old age of 87.

Mr. Horan was the eldest surviving son of the late Mr. Edmund Horan, a former Deputy Chief Constable of the Hants Constabulary, who was in charge of the Island section of that force. As a youth he was a clerk in the office of the Deputy-Governor of the Island (the late Mr. A. Harbottle Estcourt) and then secured an appointment as relieving officer and registrar of births and deaths in the Newport district, a position he held until 1905, when he retired owing to a breakdown in health. On making a good recovery, he commenced a long period of valued honorary public service for the borough in many ways, and in 1922 was elected to the Town-Council, on which he served until the revision of the districts in 1933, when he did not seek re-election. He continued his keen interest in education, however, as a co-opted member of the Borough Education Committee, and it was only a few months ago that he resigned. The kindly courtesy, geniality, and readiness to help others, which characterised his life, were particularly marked during his mayoralty, the duties of which he performed with outstanding acceptability, with the loyal help of his only daughter (Miss A. Dawson Horan) as Mayoress. During the last war he patriotically returned to the office of relieving officer in an honorary capacity, while his successor (Mr. B. Cooper) was on active service, and his many other self-sacrificing activities in the town included hon. secretarial work in connection with the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria, the coronations of King Edward VII and King George V, and very helpful assistance to the Newport Benevolent Society and the welfare of soldiers during the last war. Mr. Horan was one of the fast-dwindling band who started cycle racing in the Island. He rode the old high bicycles and the hard-tyred "safeties" which followed, and was hon. treasurer of the I.W. Cycling Club. A devout Church-man, Mr. Horan had been a regular worshipper at St. John's Church for over 60 years and had served as church-warden. He was also a prominent and much esteemed Freemason; one of the oldest members, a senior Past Master, and former Secretary of the Albany Lodge, Newport, and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon. In early days he was a member of the Newport Company of the I.W. Volunteers and throughout his life he was a keen patriot and lover of all manly sport. After the illness which led to the relinquishing of his post as relieving officer, he took a new lease of life and retained an upright bearing and alert mental faculties to the last. He had only been seriously ill for a few days. Very sincere sympathy is felt with his daughter, the president of the Newport and Carisbrooke women's section of the British Legion and captain of the St. John's Girl Guides, who had cared for him since the death of his wife many years ago; with his only son, Mr. Harold Horan, of Harrogate; and with his brother, Mr. F. Horan, who resided with him. The funeral will be at St. John's Church, Newport, on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

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