

Martin John Wavell

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Mr. M. J. Wavell.—The funeral was held at Newport Baptist Church on Wednesday of well-known former local bus operator Mr. Martin John “Jack” Wavell, of Mount Pleasant Road, Newport, who died aged 93. Born in Newport, Mr. Wavell was educated at the Portland Academy, and started work at the town’s Borough Hall Garage. During World War One he served with the army in India, France and Germany. Later he started up Golden Coaches with his father. Mr. Wavell then started the Enterprise Bus Service, running it until the 1950s when it was sold to the Southern Vectis Omnibus Company. He then became owner of Rings Leather Shop, Nodehill, Newport, until retirement. Mr. Wavell, a life member of Newport Conservative Club, had also been a member of the town’s businessmen’s association. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Richard Steel.

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