

## Robert William Bull

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### Death of Mr. R. W. Bull of Newport

Keen regret is felt among his business and other friends at the death in London on Saturday, at the age of 76, of Mr. Robert William Bull, of Glandulas, St. Johns-road, Newport. Mr. Bull was on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. L. Hall, of Buckhurst, London. Familiarly and affectionately known throughout the Island as "Bob Bull," he was a director of the firm of Messrs. Westmore, Ltd., of Newport, which he was largely instrumental in founding in 1912, and which, due in a great measure to his energy and business acumen, developed from a small carrying concern using horse drawn vehicles, to one of the best known Island heavy haulage businesses. During the war the firm's Newport premises became the depot for haulage vehicles controlled by the Ministry of War Transport. He was a very well known figure in the Island capital, and was particularly familiar to members of the agricultural community. Mr. Bull was a very active supporter of the I.W. County Coursing Club and served on the committee for a considerable period. He attended many of the principal coursing events in the country and his dogs won many prizes. He was a popular member of the Newport Conservative Club. Mr. Bull is survived by two sons and one daughter. One son, Mr. A. W. Bull, is well known as a director and the secretary of Westmore, Ltd., and the other, Mr. George Bull, resides in Winchester.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the service in St. John's Church being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. B. Royds). The mourners were Messrs, A. W. and G. Bull (sons), Mrs. J. Hall, (daughter), Mrs. A. W. Bull (daughter-in-law), Mr. T. Motherall (brother-in-law), Mrs. J. Bull. Those also attending included, Messrs. A. O. Purdy, T.C. (chairman of the Conservative Club), G. H. Lambert (hon. secretary and also representing Messrs. H. J. Way and Son), H. Long (steward, representing Ald. J. J. Simmonds, president), H. Wilson (representing Messrs F. and H. Cheek and the Vectis Stone Company), Scott Blake. H. Biles, C. Eldridge, and O. C. Hamilton (members of the Conservative Club), Messrs. A. D. Callaway and W. S. Duke (representing the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows), C. H. Cowdery (hon treasurer, I.W. County Coursing Club), F. E. Witcher, J.P., L. P. Mew, junior (representing W. H. Mew, Langton, and Company), W. Newman (representing Mr. E. A. Walmsey and Fred Trim Ltd), C. J. Linnington (representing Sir. Hanson Rowbotham and Mr. T. R. Foskett) H. Hall (H. Hall and Blann), T. W. Alexander, E. W. Barton, E. W. R. Sherwood, T. R. Duke, E. V. Harvey, J. H. Brown J.P., H. W. Lockhart, A. H. Morris, E. Cave (E. Cave and Son), B. Gubbins (Gubbins and Ball), B. Wood, J. F. Launder, T.C., D. W. Morris, F. A. Barham (representing Mrs. Whitehouse, Sutton carriers), L. H. Shutler, A. A. Westmore, F. Chiverton (Upward and Rich), W. H. Lock, J. Kingswell, H. Howard, R. Turner (Alexander Sharp and Company), C. O. Sprake, A. E. Fry, T. Carwardine (Hedley Simpson Ltd.), F. R. Willis (Lloyds Bank), P. G. Jenkins, T.C. (also representing Mr. G. S. Hibberd), and W. Simmonds, Mesdames Hardy, W. Dove, A. Curtis, A. Jeffery, A. Deacon, and W. Drudge, and the Misses E. Sprake and Dove.

The Interment was at Newport Cemetery and the floral tribute included those from the staff and employees of Westmore. Ltd, workshop staff; directors of Gubbins and Ball; Newport Conservative Club; H. Hall and Blann, J. and W. Moul and Sons. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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Pictures and further information supplied by Martin Hunt, the current (2021) owner of ex-Westmore Sentinel Waggon number 6887 of 1927.

Prior to his involvement with Westmore's, Robert Bull conducted a carriage building business at 149 High Street, Newport:

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