

Frank Chiverton

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Death at 73 of Mr. Frank Chiverton

A WELL-KNOWN local figure, and honorary Freeman of the Borough of Newport, Mr. Frank Chiverton, of 12 Whitepit Lane, Newport, died on Thursday aged 73.

Mr. Chiverton had returned the previous evening from Torquay, where he had been attending a conference of the National Food and Drink Federation.

The son of the late Mr. F. Chiverton, who kept a cooper and oil merchant business in Nodehill, Mr. Chiverton had lived in Newport all his life.

He was educated at Nodehill Boys' School, and at the age of 15 joined the staff of Upward and Rich as a clerk.

His friendliness and obliging nature made him popular and he quickly rose through the firm. In 1925, when it became a limited company, he was elected to the board of directors and was later appointed secretary.

In 1967 he retired as secretary, but remained on a part-time basis as a director.

In March this year Mr. Chiverton retired as secretary of the IW Grocers' Association after 40 years service during which he organised outings and meetings for grocers and their friends, including continental tours.

He also watched the interests of the traders as a member of the council of the National Federation of Grocers.

A member of the Church of England since he was a boy, Mr. Chiverton worked for St. Thomas' Parish Church.

In 1930 he founded the St. Thomas' Bible Class, retiring as leader of that, and superintendent of the Sunday school, in 1957.

He was an active diocesan lay reader and was always ready to help out at other churches in case of emergency or need.

Mr. Chiverton was active in many Island clubs and societies, and ran the Newport branch of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.

He was a former chairman of the Newport Aid to Lepers Society, secretary of the Island branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and a former Noble Grand of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Chiverton was made an honorary freeman of the borough in 1973 as one of Newport's leading citizens.

The same year, he travelled to Israel with Mrs. Earley, his housekeeper, for a ten-day holiday, but was caught up in the beginning of the Arab-Israeli war, and at one time there were fears for their safety.

Mr. Chiverton is survived by a brother Mr. Sidney Chiverton, who lives in London. Arrangements are being made by Hamilton and Marshall, of Newport, and the funeral will be next week.

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