

## **Edward Taylor Edmunds**

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### **NEWPORT**

#### **MR. EDWARD EDMUNDS - FORMER SKIPPER**

The death occurred on Tuesday week of Mr. Edward Taylor Edmunds, aged 80, of 52 Fairlee Road. Mr. Edmunds joined Messrs. Crouchers, Ltd., as a ship's boy on the early trading vessels. During the 1914-18 war he became skipper of the Blue Circle Line's Cement Mills barge Clipper and later he was proud of the appointment to be master of the ketch-rigged cargo vessel Bee. Built in 1901, she was operated by Messrs. Shepard Bros. and once held the distinction of being the oldest British trading vessel afloat. When she was replaced in 1925, Mr. Edmunds took over as skipper of the Arrow, which on one occasion was used to carry special articles of furniture from the Island for the then Royal Governor, Princess Beatrice, when she returned to London.

The Rev. W Boardman officiated at the funeral service at St. Paul's, Barton, on Friday week. The mourners included Mr. T. Edmunds (son), Mr. and Mrs. R. Edmunds (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Green (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. V. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. T. Dore (nephews and nieces). Also represented were former colleagues from British Road Services. Messrs. O.C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements.

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