

## William Leigh

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### NEWPORT

**DEATH OF CAPT. WILLIAM LEIGH.**- An interesting link with the past history of local shipping is severed by the death on Thursday morning, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne, of a much esteemed resident and native, familiar as Capt. William Leigh, aged 74, of Plemont, Fairlee-road. Mr. Leigh succeeded to the shipping business of his father, and was principally employed till a few years ago in carrying business for W. B. Mew, Langton and Co., Ltd., between the Royal Brewery and their mainland branches, the last vessel of which he had charge being the Swift. He was born at the Royal Oak in Holyrood-street, the licence of which was held by members of the family for some 84 years, and he lived at that well-known hostelry till 12 years ago. Naturally bluff as the typical skipper, he was withal genial, kind-hearted, and true, and he had a wide circle of friends. He was one of the oldest members of the local Court of Foresters. He celebrated his golden wedding four years ago, and much sympathy is felt for the partner of his long and happy married life and his five sons and two daughters in their bereavement. The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, the service being at St. Paul's, Barton, Church, at 2.30, and the interment at Newport Cemetery at 3 o'clock.

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**THE FUNERAL.**- of the late Captain William Leigh, of Fairlee-road, who was well-known and highly respected in local shipping circles, and whose death was recorded last week, took place on Saturday at St. Paul's Church, Barton, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. F. Hill, Hon. C.F., who afterwards officiated at the graveside in Newport Cemetery. The family mourners were Messrs. F. W., G. H., and B. Leigh (sons), Mrs. Newnham (daughter), Mr. H. Wallbridge (brother-in-law), Mr. B. Newnham and Supt. J. Salter (sons-in-law), Messrs. W. Gregory and S. B. Leigh (nephews), and Mrs. F. Leigh (daughter-in-law). Messrs. Frank and S. Leigh (sons of deceased) were unable to attend owing to illness. The local shipping community was represented by Messrs. A. F. Shepard, F. and E. Croucher, and A. Chappell (harbourmaster). There were also present Mr. J. Snow (who had been in the employ of the deceased for 36 years) and Mr. W. H. Bishop, Mesdames H. J. Way, Hobby, Blake, Shepard, Drake, and Breaker, and the Misses Ethel Way, J. Hobby, Bell, and Cooper. In addition to a number of beautiful wreaths from relatives and friends there was one from the directors of W. B. Mew, Langton, and Co., Ltd., "In memory of old association and with sincere sympathy." The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Hamilton and Son. Flags were at half mast at the Quay.

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