

HENRY MEW

1881 census – Wellington House, Belgrave Road, Ventnor

Henry Mew	Head	56	Hotel Keeper	Lymington, Hampshire
Mary Mew	Wife	50	Hotel Keeper	Bagshot, Surrey
Caroline A. Dyball	Visitor	19	No Occupation	Essendon, Hampshire

Isle of Wight Observer - 21 May 1881

NEWPORT

DEATH OF MR HENRY MEW: - We deeply regret to record the death of Alderman Henry Mew, of the Bugle Hotel, which sad event took place somewhat suddenly on Sunday morning. Mr Mew, who was 57 years of age, had been ill for some time past, but recently was supposed to have greatly improved in health, so much so that he was able to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Mr Toward, at Whippingham, on Wednesday last, and to take outdoor exercise as late as Saturday. A sudden attack, however, came on about 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, when a bloodvessel broke, and before medical aid could arrive Mr Mew was no more. The deceased, who was universally respected, entered the Town Council in 1852; ten years later he was made an alderman, and afterwards served the office of Mayor three times with credit to the town and honour to the old borough, to which he was much attached. It is a common saying that during those three years Mr Mew never turned away from his door a single case deserving of charity, and the number of good acts, extending over a long period of years, which he has done unknown to the world, are said to be countless. An old inhabitant says there was not a larger-hearted man in the Island, and this simple eulogy is only one of numerous others telling of the high esteem in which he was held by all classes. He was throughout his life a staunch and consistent Conservative, always took the deepest interest in the affairs of the party.

Isle of Wight Observer - 28 May 1881

NEWPORT

FUNERAL OF MR HENRY MEW: - The funeral of this gentleman took place on Friday, and was attended by the whole of the Corporation and their officers. The respect of the inhabitants was shown by nearly all shops being partially closed. The sad procession left the Bugle Hotel at 11 o'clock, and was received at the porch of St Thomas' Church by the Revs Canon Connor (vicar) and R. Yorke (curate). The "Dead March" was impressively played by Mr W. Scadding, the organist. On leaving the church the procession re-formed and proceeded to Newport Cemetery, where the remainder of the service was read by the Vicar. Amongst the mourners were Messrs Richard, Walter and Frederick Mew (brothers), W. Barnes, Alfred White (Basingstoke), W. F. Foster, Boxall, Lambert (Freshwater), J. Jack-Walter Lock (Dalcombe), T. Rogers (late of Atherfield), W. Selby, F. Pittis, jun, &c. A large number of the inhabitants testified their respect for the deceased by their presence on the mournful occasion. The Vicar of Newport received an autograph letter from the Queen, requesting him to express to Mrs H. Mew Her Majesty's very deep sympathy with her on the death of her husband, which is a sad blow, coming as it does, so soon after the death of her father, the late Mr A. Toward.

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