

## Harry Temple Read

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### DEATH OF MR. HARRY READ, OF NEWPORT.

#### WELL KNOWN HOTEL-KEEPER AND SPORTSMAN.

Newport lost a very esteemed and popular resident, and the Island a man who had rendered yeoman service to a wide variety of sports, by the death on Saturday at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, Newport, at the age of 78, of Mr, Harry Temple Read, the genial host of the hotel. He had borne a long illness with fine fortitude and that unfailing good spirit which had characterised his many activities, and sincere sympathy is extended to his widow, son, and daughter in their bereavement.

Mr. Read was the third generation of his family to hold the licence of The Wheatsheaf. His father and grand-father were hosts of this well known ancient establishment, which has been in the control of the family for over 150 years.

In his early days Mr. Read rode to hounds, was a keen runner and cyclist, and a skilful oarsman as a member of the Newport Rowing Club, and he maintained his interest in these and practically all other outdoor sports throughout his life. For many years after his active participation in competitive running and cycling ceased he acted as an official of the Amateur Athletic Association and National Cyclists' Union at local sport meetings. His house was the headquarters of the I.W. Hunt and each year the hounds meet there, he was chairman of the I.W. County Coursing Club (in which he and his family all took a very keen and generous interest), a vice-president of the Newport Rowing Club (which he assisted for many years as starter of races), and a vice-present of the Conservative Club and almost all the sports clubs in the locality. His quiet, genial, helpful ways and encouragement of the highest standard of sporting conduct made him an esteemed figure in every company of sportsmen, and his passing is mourned by many friends in all parts of the Island. In addition to carrying on the hotel, Mr. Read was for many years a member of the clerical staff of Messrs. W.B. Mew, Langton and Company. He was also one of the oldest members and a Past Master of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons and had held the Provincial rank of P.P.G.Purst.

Following cremation, the funeral took place on Thursday, a service being held at the Parish Church and the interment in Newport Cemetery. The very large attendance, including many Freemasons and representatives of organisation with which he was associated, testified to the respect he enjoyed. The Vicar (the Rev. W.M.B. Hogg) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W.H. Mackinnon), who read the Masonic oration. The choir led the singing of the hymns "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Ten thousand times ten thousand," and the chanting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Mr. E.A. English (organist) played Walford-Davies' "Solemn melody" and Chopin's "Funeral March," and the Freemasons sang their closing ode. The family mourners were Mrs. H.T. Read (widow), Mr. J.T. Read (son), Mrs. Warsap (daughter), Capts. F.W.S. Warsap and W.P.F. Erith (sons-in-law), Mr. F. Read (cousin), Mrs. Shoosmith (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Matthews and Mr. C. Matthews (brothers-in-law and sister-in-law), and Mrs. K. Westmore.

The Freemasons attending were Bros. H.F. Heaton (W.M. of Albany Lodge), S.F. Holmes, G.H. Arthur, junior, E.W. Way, W.L. Bright, A.H. Dockrill, W.C. Black, W.H. Margham, J. McKeown, T. Ross Pratt, E.A. Kime, C.M. Dabell, W.D. Way Buckell, F. Burton, G.H. Arthur, senior, R.P. Mew, F.J. Wray, A.J. Hitching, V.J. Davies, T. Nobbs, R.H. Taylor (also representing his father, Mr. T.U. Taylor), A.W. Bishop, W. Guy, W.H. Rigbey, G. Yelf, F. Chiverton, R.H. George, G.A. Purkis, T. Alexander, R.J. Sprake, E. Wood, H.W. Lincoln, P. Whiston, M. Attrill, A.G. Bird, H.I. Digby, G.S. Green, H. Nelson Payne (Shanklin), G.S. Hibberd (Ventnor), H.C. Fowler (W.M. Ryde 698), H.H. Lee (Freshwater), and A.O. Purdy, H. Brimelow, U. Fox, B. Groves, and W.H. Spidey (Coves). Messrs. J.B. Alderslade (president) and W.E. Voaden (hon. secretary) represented the Newport Literary Society. Messrs. A. Chappell, W.E. Wray, and A.A. Whitfield (captain) the Newport Rowing Club, Messrs. T. Sprake (master), H.W. Minns (hon. secretary), and C.H. Cowdery (hon. treasurer) the I.W. County Coursing Club, Mrs. L. Preston, M.F.H., and Messrs. E.G. Heal and J.Y. Jolliffe, the I.W. Hunt, and Messrs. J.J. Simmonds (president) and C. Eldridge the Newport Conservative Club. Others present included Messrs. L.P. Mew, and the following members of the staff of the Royal Brewery; Messrs. A.H. Tanner (also representing Mr. T.R. Tilling), E.H. Abraham, A.A. Lewis, A.E. Westcott, R.A.W. Tutte, P. Long, W.T. Agate, and B. Leigh; Lieut.-Col. Nevill Jennings, M.C., Lieut.-

Col. A.C. Robinson, D.S.O. (also representing Col. T.C. Cunningham, D.S.O., commander of the Island Home Guard), Mr. and Mrs. Sheaff, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood, Mrs. Dockrill, Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Gwilliam, Miss Wray, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Mearman, Mr. J. Kirby and Miss Green, Miss Rugg (also representing her father, Mr. W.J. Rugg), Mr. L.S. Long (representing Messrs. W.J. Rugg and Company), Miss Scadding, Mr. J.F. Launder (Newport Rotary Club), and Messrs. Seymour Pittis, A.E. Harvey, L. Jordan, W. Blake, F.E. Whitcher, A.G. Hattison, N.H. Evans, W. Scott Blake, B. Jenkins (county agricultural education officer), T. Carver, A.G. Welstead, A.W. Callaway, M. Buckle (Godshill), G. Attrill, and C.V. Cheverton (Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows), W.K. Baker, H. Porter, S.W. Trowell, A.E. Maynard, J. Burgess, E.L. Stevens, F. Chiverton (also representing Miss Rich), H. Parker, L. Belben, T.S. Buckler, R.H. Pritchard, P.H. Millidge, R.E. Core, W. Upton, W.G. Sibbick, C. Chiverton, E.R. Dore, and E. Allee. Capt. H.A. Drudge and Messrs. N.H.T. Mursell and D.W. Morris were unavoidably prevented from attending. The casket containing the ashes was covered with flowers, and there were many floral tributes, including those from the Albany Lodge of Freemasons; the directors, W.B. Mew, Langton and Company; joint masters, chairman, and committee, I.W. Foxhounds; I.W. Coursing Club; Newport Rowing Club; the regular daily lunch party, and the Saturday lunch club. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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