

George Aaron Sheaf

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Well Known Tradesman's Death.— Mr. George Aaron Sheaf, for over 60 years a prominent figure in the business life of the town as a fruiterer and fish curer, died at his home at 46 Albany-road, Hunnyhill, on Tuesday at the grand old age of 90. He became a nonagenarian a fortnight before his death, which followed only a few days' illness, and until then he enjoyed remarkably good health. He was a native of Portsmouth, but came to Newport when about 20 years of age. For a time he carried on business at 14a High-street, and later, for some 40 years until his retirement about four years ago, he was a travelling fruiterer and fishmonger, trading at the seaside resorts as well as in the Newport district. His wife died five years ago. Mr. Sheaf was a genial and generous-hearted man, popular with all his acquaintances. Some years ago, during a very severe winter, he set up a soup kitchen which was a boon to the poor. A staunch Conservative, he was a vociferous supporter of his party at election meetings in his earlier days. The funeral will be this (Saturday) afternoon; service at the Victoria Methodist Church, Pyle-street, at 2 p.m.

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