

**Charles William Kennedy**

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**NEWPORT**

**Death of Mr. Charles William Kennedy.**—”The funeral took place at St. Paul’s, Barton, on Tuesday, of a much-esteemed resident in the person of Mr. Charles William Kennedy, aged 77 of 2 Rose-cottages, Cross-lane, where he had lived for close upon half a century, and where he and his wife (who survives him) celebrated their golden wedding some four years ago.

For over 50 years deceased was employed as a coach painter in the former carriage-building works of Messrs. R. Bird Cheverton and Sons. He was a member of the old Volunteer Band, and one of the early members of the St. Paul’s and Newport Brass Band, and in his younger days he was a Sunday-school teacher at the Ragged-school in Newport. He lost two sons in the Great War, one in the Navy and one in the Australian Forces. Another son died in South Africa some time after serving with the Island Yeomanry in the Boer War.

Deceased was the possessor of a rare war decoration, a medal dated 1795, for the Nile and St. Vincent, awarded to his grandfather, who had the distinction of serving under Lord Nelson.

The Rev. Miles Atkinson officiated at the funeral service in the church and at the interment in the Fairlee Cemetery.

The mourners were the widow and three sons of the deceased, Messrs. William, Frederick, and Charles Kennedy. Those also at the church included Mr. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P., Mr. R. B. Cheverton, jun., Mr. Leonard Cheverton, Mr. R. P. Mew, and Mr. J. Dowden, a fellow employee of deceased for many years. Mr. F. Spanner carried out the arrangements.

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