

Edward John Fairweather

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Mr. E. J. Fairweather. - Mr. Edward John (Ted) Fairweather, known to many Islanders as Newport Pearly King, died aged 92 at Polars Guest House, Newport. Mr. Fairweather, formerly of the Royal Exchange, Newport, was born and educated in London. He served in the 1st Bn Royal Fusiliers and was posted to Parkhurst, where he met and married Miss Mabel Thompson in 1907. During the first world war he served in Ypres and Zonnebeke, and for about 37 years was a post office worker, retiring in 1947. Mr. Fairweather was in the Post Office Detachment of the Home Guard during the last war, and was a volunteer steward at the Drill Hall canteen. He helped to organise concerts for the troops and after the war joined Miss Nesta Meech's concert party for about 11 years. For about 16 years Mr. Fairweather was a member of the old carnival committee which organised many fund raising events, some of which were donated to the Royal IW County Hospital, Ryde, and for this charity work he was appointed life-governor of the hospital in 1927. Mr. Fairweather was also chairman of the Post Office Veterans, and vice-president and vice-chairman of the "Old Contemptibles" Association. Mr. Fairweather is survived by his two sons and a daughter. The funeral was held on Thursday.

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