



# Friends of Newport & Carisbrooke Cemeteries

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Volunteers helping to care for the cemeteries and record the lives of those resting there

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## Newsletter No. 25, August 2023

Welcome to newsletter number 25 of the Friends of Newport & Carisbrooke Cemeteries. This is being circulated to all those who have expressed an interest in the Friends and others who we think may be interested. Feel free to circulate this to others who you feel may be interested in the Cemeteries.

***Would someone please take on the task of compiling future issues of this Newsletter? After 25 issues, I'm finding it difficult without contributions from others and this is the last issue I intend to produce. There would be no restriction on what could be included; I've tried to make it wider than just the cemeteries, and cover more 'Newport and Carisbrooke historical' topics – possibly it's a good basis for someone else to expand further in that direction. We will continue to post topics to the Facebook group and also on the homepage of the website.***

Past newsletters can be found on the website at:  
[https://www.foncc.org.uk/the\\_group/newsletters.php](https://www.foncc.org.uk/the_group/newsletters.php)



*Carisbrooke Cemetery chapel*

## Where are we? (Tony Barton)

I recently had the opportunity to have a look inside the chapel at Carisbrooke Cemetery, it is available for funerals at the cemetery but otherwise is locked-up. It's rather plain and simply decorated but I imagine it would be decorated with flowers etc as requested by the bereaved for a funeral service. Bereavement Services may be able to organise an opening next year if people are curious to have a look inside.

The entrance to Newport cemetery from Fairlee Road remains closed due to the state of the entrance arch, so we haven't been able to recommence clearing sessions there. Pedestrian access to Newport Cemetery is via the steps from Newport Quay.

Apart from the change in clearing sessions, the other volunteers have continued transcribing headstone inscriptions at Newport cemetery, and newspaper cutting etc.

Any ideas on how you can help and contribute to the group. Just email your comments/suggestions [chair.foncc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.foncc@gmail.com)

### **Clearing vegetation from graves:**

Clearing sessions continue at Carisbrooke Cemetery when weather permits (which hasn't been that often recently!)

### **Memorial transcriptions:**

The volunteers transcribing memorial inscriptions at Newport Cemetery continue, the current section (section B, consecrated) is one of the original sections and some headstones are difficult, or impossible to read due to their age; the volunteers are doing their best.

There are plenty of easier to read inscriptions at Newport, Carisbrooke and St. Paul's cemeteries which need to be transcribed; so you just email if you are interested [chair.foncc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.foncc@gmail.com).

### **The Website:**

The small, dedicated, team of volunteers are continuing to transcribe newspaper reports of the lives, deaths and funerals of locals, both those buried in the cemeteries and elsewhere. These 'research notes', now numbering over 1800, are attached to individual records and also listed alphabetically - see website [BURIALS/Research Notes](#). Smaller reports have been added to the individual records themselves.

To summarise, the website now includes:

- All the burials recorded in the Newport, Carisbrooke, and St. Paul's cemeteries up to 2010 – with plot maps of the graves - a number\* include a picture of the grave marker, the inscription on the marker, transcriptions of obituary/funeral reports etc.  
\* pictures, inscriptions and transcriptions continue to be added.
- Some of the grave markers and burial information from St. Mary's churchyard, Carisbrooke.
- Some of the grave markers and burial information from St. Paul's churchyard, Stapler's Road, Barton.
- A number of burials at the Society of Friends (Quakers), burial ground, Hunny Hill (now cleared and the site of Hannah House).
- A number of burials/cremations of people who died locally but which took place 'elsewhere'.
- Local Street Directories, 1904, 1931 and 1951.
- Pictures and records of Listed Buildings.
- and much more, take a few minutes to have a look around the website using the drop down menus. All contributions relating to the area welcome.

**Buried here:**

**Admiral Sir Algernon Frederick Rous de Horsey KCB DL  
(25 July 1827 – 22 October 1922)**

Algernon Frederick Rous de Horsey was a son of Spencer and Lady Louise de Horsey, of Great Glemham, Suffolk.

Algernon joined the Royal Navy in 1840 and that year served along the coast of Syria. For which service he received the Naval General Service Medal and bar as well as a medal from the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire.

Promoted to Lieutenant in July 1846 and then to Commander in June 1853, he was given command of the paddle sloop HMS Devastation that same month and then, from November 1855, HMS Victor.

Further promotion to Captain came in September 1857. He was Senior Officer on the Lakes of Canada during the Fenian raids in 1866/7; for this he was awarded the Canadian Medal.

In 1871 he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to Queen Victoria.

In July 1872, having been promoted to Commodore, he became Senior Naval Officer in Jamaica and was responsible for superintending Jamaica Dockyard. He captured the slave ship '*Manuela*' in 1860 with 800 slaves aboard, and suppressed riots in Jamaica for which he was thanked in the British Parliament.

He was appointed Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Station in 1876. He was made Commander-in-Chief, Channel Squadron with his flag 1884. He was promoted to full Admiral in April 1885.

By 1881, the family were already living at Melcombe House, Queen's Road, Cowes. In 1880, J. S. White had built for him the cutter '*Wych*' which he had designed himself; he would spend time into his retirement cruising aboard her.

Having reach the prescribed retirement age for Admirals, he retired in July 1892 and subsequently took an active interest in yachting and public work in Cowes and the wider Island.

He was a J.P. for the county of Hampshire when the Island was part of it, and, after the Island became a separate county, was for many years Chairman of the Isle of Wight County



*Grave marker for Admiral Sir Algernon  
Frederick Rous and Lady Caroline de Horsey*

Magistrates. He also did valued work on the Isle of Wight County Council, including being Chairman of the Finance Committee at one time.

He was appointed KCB in November 1903 and in November 1913, he was appointed a Deputy Governor of the Isle of Wight.

He died on 22 October 1922 aged 95 at Melcombe House, Cowes and, after a funeral service at Holy Trinity Church Cowes, was buried at Carisbrooke Cemetery within sight of Carisbrooke Castle.

At the time of his death he was the oldest naval honorary member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, having been elected in 1854. He was also one of the early members of the Island Sailing Club, the Royal Cruising Club and the Royal Dorset Yacht Club.

Lady Caroline Augusta de Horsey, his wife (and daughter of Admiral Andrew Drew), died in 1929 aged 93 and was buried alongside her husband.

Both Algernon and Caroline are remembered in Holy Trinity Church, Cowes with a wall plaque.

### **Old newspapers:**

#### **Isle of Wight County Press – 15 October 1910**

##### **MILITARY FUNERAL AT THE WORKHOUSE.**

“The rare occurrence of a military funeral at a Workhouse was witnessed at Parkhurst yesterday afternoon, when full military honours were accorded by the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment at the interment of an old Crimean veteran, Julius Siller, aged 80, who died at the I.W. Union Infirmary this week. The deceased belonged to the Royal Marine Light Infantry, from which he was a pensioner, and he formerly lived at Shanklin. He had been in the Workhouse for some four years, owing to failing health. The band, fifes and drums, buglers, and firing party of the Worcestershires attended, in addition to others, and the ceremony, at which the Rev. J. B. Chaplin (chaplain of the Union) officiated, was very impressive. The “Last Post” was sounded by the buglers between the volleys fired over the grave at the close. Following the body was an old R.M.L.I. veteran, Gideon Taylor, a comrade of the deceased, who was anxious that this honour should be paid to the memory of his old friend, and who placed a wreath on his grave.”

**Isle of Wight County Press – 10 January 1959**

**NEWPORT**

**“Paint Splasher Again.** – Another solicitors’ office in the town – Messrs. Buckell and Drew, in Castlehold Lane – received attention from the paint splasher on Friday week, when a mixture similar to that used on other occasions was thrown over the main entrance door to the firm’s premises. It is thought that a mixture of tar and turpentine was used. It is the eighth incident of its kind since the Guildhall was splashed some three months ago. Other premises daubed include the council offices, Messrs. Russell, Ltd., Messrs. Roach Pittis and Co. (twice) and the ‘County Press’ twice.”

**Future events:**

Clearing sessions in the cemeteries will continue as possible with the regular volunteers and new volunteers would be welcome to join us – check out the website or our Facebook group for details.

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