

MARRIAGE: Sept ¼ 1882 (General Registrars ref: Poole reg dist. vol 5a. page 481).  
**Tom FORD & Emma Jane HEAL.**

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1891 CENSUS: RG12/891. folio 85. page 9.  
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**Tom FORD. Head. M. 37. Steward of Club. Ryde, IW.**

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1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 35. page 22.  
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### THE LIFE-BOAT

An interesting ceremony took place at the boat-house on the Pier on Wednesday. Mr. **T. FORD**, who has been coxswain for over 12 years, has, unfortunately, had to resign. The Committee of the institution, wishing to mark their appreciation of his good services, have awarded him a framed certificate of service. Mr. FORD was too ill to attend, and the Chairman (the Rev. Canon SHEARME), referred, in a very kind and sympathetic manner, to the services of Mr. FORD. He said that Mr. FORD's friends would hear with regret of the serious illness from which he is suffering, and the anxiety this is causing his family. The deputy coxswain, Mr. Albert REEVES, who has been a member of the crew for many years, was unanimously promoted to be coxswain, and Mr. William BROOKER, deputy coxswain.

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Death Notice:-

**FORD** : November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Lind-street, Ryde, **Thomas FORD**, Steward of the Conservative Club and Unionist Club, and late coxswain of the Ryde Lifeboat, aged 65.

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### DEATH OF TOM FORD

We regret to record the death of Mr. **Tom FORD**, Lind-street, who was so well-known as a coxswain of the Ryde lifeboat a position he held until his breakdown in health, and who on his retirement was presented with a special service award by the National Lifeboat Institution. He has also been for some thirty years the respected Steward of the Conservative Club. His wife pre-deceased him a little over twelve months ago. He had been seriously ill for some time past and died

on Saturday night aged 65. In pre-war days "Tom" as he was affectionately called, was the popular boatman of the Ryde Rowing Club and many past and present members as well as a large circle of friends and acquaintances heard of his death with genuine regret.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon the interment at the cemetery being preceded by a service at All Saints, which was conducted by the Rev. M. CHAMPNEY, the lesson being read by the Rev. Canon SHEARME, a former chairman of the Lifeboat Committee. Those present in addition to the family mourners were Mr. G.H. STOREY (secretary of the Lifeboat Committee) and Capt. BURT, R.N., the late secretary, Messrs. Albert REEVES (coxswain), BROOKER (2<sup>nd</sup> coxswain), AUSTIN and Dan REEVES, of the lifeboat crew, Chief Officer BROOKE and members of the Coastguard, Messrs. H. OSBORN and A. LOWE representing the Ryde Rowing Club, and the following from the Conservative Club Viz, Messrs. J. TRENT (chairman of the committee), F. SHOTTER (hon. sec.) J.B. DUFFETT, W. DORE, F.B. HOLT, H.G. BATCHELOR, C.M. TAYLER, Roland RUSSELL, H. ADAMS, H. CRUMP, H. GRINHAM, F. BURTON, PACK, and JACKSON, others present being Dr. KENNEDY, Mr. J.B. COOMBES, E. SOUTHCOTT, and F. MORRANT.

There were several beautiful wreaths including one from the Lifeboat Committee (In Kind Remembrance), the Conservative club) and Rowing Club (In token of many years faithful service), also from his daughters and son-in-law, from Dan, Fred, and Albert REEVES, F. and E. MORRANT, Mr. and Mrs. COOPER, and Nurse PENTELOW, etc, Messrs. COOMBES were the undertakers.

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