

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1946

**DEATH OF MR. A. F. HANSON**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Aquilla Featherstone HANSON, steward of the Conservative Club, which took place in the early hours of Thursday at the club in Lind-street. He passed away in his sleep after suffering indifferent health for a year, and was 68 years of age.

Joining the Royal Navy as a boy he retired with the rank of chief gunner's mate. During the 1814-18 war he saw active service in H.M.S. Agincourt, and when the last war broke out he was one of the first to join the Local Defence Volunteers, and did good service as an instructor in the use of small arms. For 25 years "Dick" as he was familiarly known, was steward of the Conservative Club, a position to which he succeeded on the death of his father-in-law (Mr. FORD). In this capacity, as in all others, he gave ungrudging service. He was a member of both the Ryde and Juvenile Regatta Committees for many years and acted as starter. He was also a popular member of the Bowling Club. He was a great lover of the country and the Island of his adoption. Behind his nautical bluffness was a warmly sympathetic nature.

Deep sympathy is felt with his widow, who loyally aided him in his duties at the club, and his son and daughter.

The funeral takes place quietly this (Saturday) morning.

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ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1946

**DEATH OF MR. A.F. HANSON**

Mr. **Aquila Featherstone HANSON**, for 25 years steward of the Conservative Club, died early on Thursday morning. Mr. HANSON was 68, and had been in poor health during the last year. Joining the Royal Navy as a boy, he saw active service in H.M.S. Agincourt in the 1914-1918 war. In the last war he was an instructor in the Home Guard, which he joined in its earliest days. Shortly before the 1914-1918 war he became a steward of the Conservative Club, and will be long and affectionately remembered for his faithful and cheerful service in that capacity. He was also a member of the Ryde Regatta Committee and the Bowling Club.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Hanson's widow, and son and daughter. The funeral took place quietly on Saturday morning at the Ryde Cemetery. The mourners were Flying Officer N.J. HANSON, R.A.F. (son), Mr. K.W. LETBE and Mr. W. REED (brothers-in-law). Among others present were the Mayor (Lt-Col. C.L. ELLERY) and Messrs. F. PARNELL, J.B. COOMBES and F. MELLISH. Many wreaths were sent from members of the Conservative Club.

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ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 1946

**THE LATE MR. A.F. HANSON**

The funeral of **Mr. A.F. HANSON**, steward of the Conservative Club, took place on Saturday morning, the Rev. J. OUTRAM (All Saints) conducting the service at the Cemetery. The mourners were Flying Officer N.J.F. HANSON, (son) Chief Officer Kenneth LETBY, M.N., (son-in-law), Mr. W.L. REED (brother-in-law), and Mr. F. PARNELL. Among others present were the

Mayor (Lieut.-Col. C.L. ELLERY O.B.E.) who is president of the Conservative Club). Ald. A.H. WOODS, and Messrs. F.A. MELLISH (also representing S.E.B. MELLISH, chairman), L.J. FRAY (also representing W. DEWDNEY, hon. secretary and treasurer), R.A.W. TUTTE, E. WILTSHIRE, T.S. MELLANBY, H. GRINHAM, A. SHINER, L. HILL, J.H. MOXON, M. DUNNE, A. BLACKBURN, and E.F. BROWN (members), and Mr. E.O. KIRK, C.C. (representing the Conservative Association). The floral tributes included those from the Conservative Club and the Conservative Association.

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