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Abode: 35 Hill-street, Ryde, IW.

Albert W. WARD. Head. M. 56. Blacksmith. Brading, IW.

Elizabeth WARD. Wife. M. 52. Shaftsbury, Dorset.

Albert R. WARD. Son. S. 27. Cycle Maker. Ryde, IW.

MARRIAGE: c1903 Register Office or Non-conformist Church

Albert R. WARD & Annie E. FENNELL.

1947 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - 59 Church-street, Ryde, IW.

WARD Albert R.

WARD Annie E.

REED Margaret.

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VETERAN BELLRINGER RETIRES

Mr. **A. R. WARD**, of St. Michael's Avenue, who had been a member of the bellringers' team at the Parish Church since the bells were installed 72 years ago, has retired. Mr. WARD was for a great many years captain of the team and was succeeded a few months ago by Mr. Arthur JACKSON. At the annual meeting of All Saints' Church on Monday tribute was paid by the Vicar (the Rev. R.H. BASSETT, R.D.) to his long and devoted service.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday June 29th 1961, page 4.

MR. A. R. WARD

A familiar figure to many Ryde residents, Mr. **Albert Richard WARD** died on Tuesday at his home, 55 St Michael's-avenue, Swanmore. Aged 88, Mr. WARD left school at the age of 12 and was trained as a blacksmith. He worked at a smithy in Newport-street at a time when there were many horses in use in Ryde. He had been a bell-ringer at All Saints Church since 1886, Mr. WARD had been in ailing health for several years and due to enter hospital when his death occurred. He leaves a widow and a sister. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Friday) at Ryde Cemetery, and the arrangements are being made by Messrs. J.WHEELER & Son.

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BELLRINGER'S DEATH

The funeral took place on Friday week of Mr. **Albert Richard WARD**, of 55 St Michael's-avenue, who died on Tuesday week at the age of 89. He had spent all his life in the borough, and at the

age of 12 commenced training as a blacksmith and worked in the old smithy in Newport-street. When he was 14 he joined the team of All Saints bellringers and remained an enthusiastic ringer for over 60 years, becoming conductor and foreman of the band. He rang at many Island and south coast churches and cathedrals. The funeral service was conducted by the vicar (Canon R. H. BASSETT), and the mourners were the widow, Miss WARD (sister), Mr. and Mrs. A. SMITH, Mrs. REED, Miss A SIVIER and Miss E. WARD (nephew and nieces).

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