

MARRIAGE: 11th Sept 1888 at All Saints' Church, Ryde, IW.
Fred Palmerston MELLISH. 27. Wdr. (father: Peter MELLISH)
& Charlotte Bessie FISHER. 23. Spinster. (father: William FISHER)

1891 CENSUS: RG12/890. folio 49. page 7.
Address: 153 High-street, Ryde, IW.

Fred Palmerston MELLISH. Head. M. 29. Stationer. St. James, London.
Charlotte Bessie MELLISH. Wife. M. 26. Upper Wallop, Hants.
Frederick Augustine MELLISH. Son. 1. Ryde, IW.

1910 KELLY's DIRECTORY of the Isle of Wight - pages 258 & 320
MELLISH Fred P., printer and post office, 43 High-street, and 81 Union-street, Ryde, IW.

1920 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 721
MELLISH Fred Palmerston, stationer and post office, 43 High-street, Ryde, IW.

1927 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 735
MELLISH Fred P., stationer and post office, 43 High-street, Ryde, IW.

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 19th April 1934

OBITUARY

MR. F. P. MELLISH

One of Ryde's oldest and most respected tradesmen died in the early hours of last Thursday morning, in the person of Mr. **Fred Peter MELLISH**, of 43 High Street. Mr. MELLISH, who was 72 years of age, keenly felt the loss of his wife last December, and had never been the same man since. He caught a chill, however, whilst attending to church business at Portsmouth a fortnight ago on Wednesday, and pneumonia developed.

One of a family of 13, only one of whom is now living, Mr. MELLISH came to Ryde from Kilburn, London, in about 1885, and took over a stationer's shop on the site, at present occupied by Messrs. Bozons', 153 High Street. He later moved across the road to the present premises, and founded the printing establishment there in 1890. In the early years of the present century, he was appointed sub-postmaster and had held that position ever since. In the early days of the I.W. branch of the sub-postmasters' Federation Mr MELLISH was a very active member but latterly ill health had somewhat curtailed his activities in this direction. For a period after the war however, he was chairman of the Federation and filled this office with great ability, rendering yeoman service at a difficult time.

Outside his business, Mr. MELLISH's main interest was in church work, and he had given devoted service to St. Michael's for many years, notably as Vicar's Warden. He was a member of both the Diocesan and Ruri-Decanal Conferences, and also sang in the choir. His death will be a great loss not only to St. Michael's, but to the whole Diocese, as he was one of the oldest members of that Conference in years of service, and his unrivalled knowledge in this respect was greatly valued. For more than 40 years he was hon. secretary of the Ryde, Newport and Cowes branch of the English Church Union, until he resigned three years ago, and was one of the organisers of the annual E.C.U. festival, which used to take place at Whitwell on Whit-Mondays. In the old days, Mr.

MELLISH, with others, used to travel to Whitwell in horse-brakes, and he often told his friends of the adventures that befell them on these occasions.

Latterly, Mr MELLISH had evinced an enthusiastic interest in sailing, and joined the Wootton Creek Sailing Club soon after it was formed. He was also a member of the Ryde Club, and The Ryde Rotary Club.

Mr. MELLISH had been married for 45 years, his wife being the daughter of the late Mr. William FISHER of Ryde. He was a kindly man ever anxious to assist when it lay in his power to do so. He leaves two sons, Messrs. F.A. MELLISH and S.E.B. MELLISH, who will carry on the business.

The remains were brought into St. Michael's Church on Friday evening, and Vespers of the Dead were sung by the choir. The Rev. A.C. DURHAM (Vicar) officiated. On Saturday morning there was a sad requiem, with absolutions, the Vicar being the celebrant.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the service being conducted at St Michael's Church by the Vicar, the Rev. , assisted by the Rev. C.W. HAMPTON WEEKES, Vicar of Brading and Rural Dean of the East Wight). The hymns sung were "There is a blessed home" and "Jesus Lives", and Psalm 90 was chanted.

The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. F. MELLISH (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. S. E. B. MELLISH (son), Mr. H. MELLISH, of London (brother), and Mr. H. E. INKER personal friend and Vicar's Warden).

Amongst those present at the church were Mr. J. B. COOMBES (president), Mr. A. H. OSBORNE (president-elect), Mr. A. J. HOLMES (secretary), Mr. C. G. VINCENT, Mr. F. W. POWELL, Mr. H. B. HILL, Mr. M. C. RIDDETT, Mr. G. NICHOLSON, Mr. E. CASTLE and Mr. W. H. P. F. THIRKELL, representing Ryde Rotary Club, Mr. W. G. BOWLEY (Head Postmaster) and Mr. C. A. KING, representing Ryde Post Office, Mr. W.A. WRIGHT (Wroxall), president, Mr. T. F. SHEATH and Mr S. MATTHEWS, representing the Island Federation of sub- Postmasters, Mr. G. RICHARDS (church warden), Miss BROWN and Miss NEWSTEAD (joint hon. secretaries), and Miss J. THIRKELL, representing the Ryde Branch of the E. C. U., Mr. C. YOUNG (secretary, St. Michael's Church Council), Mr. W. DEWDNEY (secretary, Ryde Conservative Club), Mr. C. R. MOODY, Mr. J. H. LIGHTBOWN, Mr. J. DIMMER, Mr. A. F. WRIGHT, Mr. J. G. FARDELL, Miss NUTT, Lt.-Col. C. L. ELLERY, Mr. M. ROWE, Miss DENNIS, Mr. R. S. WIGHTMAN, Miss HEWETT, Mrs. DURHAM, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. YOUNG, Mrs. H. HAPGOOD, Mr. and Mrs. J. WILLIAMS, Miss WILLIAMS, Mr. E. F. BROWN, Mr. G. N. LOVE, Mr. W. BURT, Mr. J. HART, Mr. J. J. L. RYDER, Mr. F. BURTON, Mrs. Trevor TYLER, Mrs. Kean PITT, Mrs. BLATHWAYT, Mrs. YOUNG, Mrs. GROVES, Mr. G. JANAWAY, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. RUMSEY, Mr. W. POOLE, Mr. E. C. LOADER, Mr. W. H. GRAY, Mr. H. BALLARD, Miss BALLARD, Mr. L. J. FRAY, Mr. K. SOUTER, Mrs. WILSHIN, Miss MARSHALL, Mr. C. W. S. SPRINGER, Miss JAMES, Miss ANSTEY, Mr. G. G. LIPSCOMBE, Mr. E. LONG, Mr. F. A. BRICKELL, and Mr. E. J. SPRINGER and Mr. W. GUTTRIDGE (employees).

Wreaths were received, amongst others, from the choir and servers at St. Michael's, Ryde Rotary Club, the Ryde Club, the Ryde Conservative Club, the Printing Staff at High Street, and Employees at 12 John Street.

In his sermon at Mass on Sunday morning, the Rev. A.C. DURHAM (Vicar) eulogised the Godly life of the late Mr. F. P. MELLISH. A man of strong evangelical Catholic views and a good churchman, declared the Vicar, Mr MELLISH saw the revival of the Catholic faith through the Oxford Movement.

NB: It has been noted that the newspaper made an error with deceased's second name "Palmerston", it is written as Peter.

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