

DEATH OF MR ARTHUR WOODS

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Few persons in Ryde were better known or more respected than Mr Arthur WOODS, whose death on Tuesday, in his 72nd year, after a long and painful illness, we record with regret. On leaving Totteridge Park School he was articled to Mr Walter PERKINS, auctioneer and land agent at Southampton. There he gained an all round knowledge of country life, a deep interest in which he always retained. Circumstances later on brought him back to the family business in Cross Street, of which he subsequently became the sole proprietor, and from which he retired in 1921. Although active and capable in business, he was essentially a sportsman, and excelled in tennis and cricket, indeed, he made a County reputation in the latter. He was a good shot, a keen golfer and an excellent judge of horses and of dogs. At one time he was known as a breeder of pedigree fox-terriers. Mr WOODS was greatly interested in the Parish Church, of which he was churchwarden from 1899 to 1902. He was also for many years an active and valued director of the Ryde Pier Company. He had been a great sufferer in the last two or three years, but he bore his painful experiences with very marked patience and courage. The first part of the funeral service will be at the Parish Church at noon today (Saturday), and the internment at the Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MR A WOODS

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Numerous expressions of sorrow and regret accompanied the funeral of Mr Arthur WOODS, at the Cemetery, on Saturday. The Vicar of Ryde (the Rev. Hugh LE FLEMING) officiated at the service in the Parish Church, and at the graveside. At the church the singing of the 23rd Psalm followed the Sentences, and the lesson was 2 Cor. iv. The hymns sung were "A living stream, as crystal clear" and "Jesus lives! no longer now." The Nunc dimittis was changed as the body was borne from the church. The mourners were Mr and Mrs Walter HILLS (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Stuart HILLS (nephew), and Mrs Stuart HILLS and the household staff from Westbourne Lodge. Amongst those present were the Mayor (Ald. ANDREWS J.P.), Ald. G. A. BLACKALL, J.P., and Ald. G. E. MEARS, J.P., (representing the Pier Company), Sir Hugh DALY, Dr and Mrs MACKENZIE, Dr PRESTON, Major J. ELLERY, Messrs. M. J. OSBORNE, C. J. DE LAUNAY, H. G. DOWN, M. RIDDETT, R. B. WATTS, A. HOLLAND, T. H. HALSTED, F. W. RANDALL, J.P., G. FARDELL, and C. LANGDON, and the employees of Messrs. Woods of Cross Street. Among the wreaths were those from the directors of the Ryde Pier Company, the staff of the Ryde Pier Company, the Ryde Club, the Ryde Golf Club, and the churchwardens and sidesmen of the Parish Church.