

ISLE OF WIGHT OSERVER Saturday 12th March 1870

DEATH OF OLD DICK COOPER. – This venerable old man, who for the last 40 years has gained an honest livelihood by picking up old pieces of rope, iron, bones, or other refuse cast up from the sea or thrown upon the shore, died at the advanced age of 89 years on Wednesday last, having followed his precarious occupation almost to the very last. Poor old COOPER was a native of Freshwater, but has resided in Ryde about 70 years. He was by trade a blacksmith, and once carried on business in Castle-street, near the spot on which the Black Horse stands – which property belonged to him – but which he disposed of in a “spree” for various glasses of grog. The old man’s relations are all poor, and his daughter is appealing to the charitable to enable her to give her father decent burial, and we trust she will be successful.

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