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MR. A. T. WATTS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. **Alfred Thomas WATTS** (50), of "Sunny Cot," Great-Preston-Road and formerly of the Bedford Hotel, St. John's-Road, which took place at the I.W. County Hospital late on Tuesday evening after a serious operation. He had been in poor health for some years and recently gave up the Bedford Hotel for health reasons. For three seasons prior to 1931 Mr. WATTS was a member of the Ryde Sports Club (cricket section). He lived in India for the greater part of his life and served with the Royal Garrison Artillery in that country. He retired with the rank of captain.

Much sympathy will be expressed with the widow, the two sons and two daughters in their bereavement.

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Built by a local builder John Meader around 1850, it was originally called the Plasterer's Arms and it became the Bedford Arms in 1858. It was closed in 1960 by Mew Langtons and the building was converted into flats.