

John Horace Alabone Dabell

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MEMBER OF A FAMILY FIRM DIES

MR. JOHN Horace Alabone Dabell, aged 51, of 6 Verlands Close, Niton, and formerly of Lancia, Chale, who died at the Royal IW County Hospital, Ryde, on Sunday, was a member of the family firm who have developed Blackgang Chine into one of the major holiday attractions in the Island.

He joined the firm as chine manager in 1951 and played a leading part in building up the chine's amenities and facilities.

He was responsible for the construction of many of the features which attract thousands of holidaymakers from all parts of the country every summer.

This was in spite of the increasing disability he suffered over several years and which led to his admission to hospital a week before his death.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dabell, late of Carisbrooke, and was educated at Ryde School.

He undertook farm training at Sparshott College and took up milk recording, working for a firm in Cambridge, where he met his wife.

They married in 1952 and celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last November. There are two sons and two daughters.

SERVED ON COUNCIL

Outside his full-time job of helping to run Blackgang Chine all the year round, Mr. Dabell served the community as a member of Chale Parish Council, of which he was chairman for three years.

He was also a former chairman of the IW Association of Local Councils.

He was also president of Chale Horticultural Society, an honour given in recognition of his participation in the annual shows as chairman of the committee, a former member of the Blackgang Life Saving Equipment crew and at one time secretary of Ryde School Old Boys' Association. He was also a member of the Conservative Association.

Cremation at Whippingham yesterday was followed by a memorial service in Chale Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. E. N. Ward, priest-in-charge.

In addition to the family, the large attendance included members of the staff at Blackgang Chine and representatives of the organisations with which he had been associated.

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