

Ernest Norman Hawking

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Obituaries

A CARISBROOKE man, who was a member of the choir at St. Thomas's Church, Newport, for over 50 years and was affectionately known as its oldest choirboy, has died aged 90.

Ernest Norman John Hawking, of Castle Lane, was described by his friend and neighbour Dr. Edward Mucklow, as being: "Active in mind and body until the last."

Born in Chiswick, London, Mr. Hawking worked in the capital as a design draughtsman in the aircraft industry. Here he met his wife, Gladys, a secretary.

In 1947 Mr. Hawking moved to the Island, working for former East Cowes aircraft company Saunders Roe, where he stayed until his retirement in 1972.

Mr. Hawking was a keen Freemason, joining the Osborne Lodge in 1958 and later becoming a member of the Albany Lodge.

Mr. Hawking leaves his wife, two daughters, Jennifer and Pamela, and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at St. Thomas's Church, on Monday at 1 pm.

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