

## William Walter Charles Wendes

Isle of Wight County Press – 16 April 1966

### NEWPORT

**Veteran Blacksmith.** – The death occurred at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde, on Sunday, of Mr. William Walter Charles Wendes, aged 69, of 16 Hillside Road. Born at Cross Lanes, Mr. Wendes was educated at Barton School. In 1914 he enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery and served in the Persian Gulf and India as a shoeing smith until demobilisation in 1919. Between the wars he was employed by the late Mr. G. H. Arthur as a shoeing smith in the blacksmith's shop at Snook's Hill. He was recalled in 1939, joining the R.A.O.C., and served with the B.E.F. until he was evacuated via St. Nazaire. He was transferred to the newly-formed R.E.M.E. and attained the rank of Warrant Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (C.S.M). On being discharged in 1945 Mr. Wendes was employed by Newport Corporation as a blacksmith until his retirement through ill-health in 1960. He was a member of the Independent Order of Rechabites, St. Paul's Brotherhood (late Barton Brotherhood) and a former committee member of Barton Sports F.C. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter.

Isle of Wight County Press – 23 April 1966

### NEWPORT

**The Late Mr. W. W. C. Wendes.** – The funeral service took place on Friday week at the Unitarian Church for Mr. William Walter Charles Wendes, of 16 Hillside Road, who died the previous Sunday. The Rev. D. Stirman officiated and the service included the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm and the hymn "The day Thou gavest." The mourners were Mrs. Wendes (widow), Mr. W. F. Wendes and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wendes (sons and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Weller (son-in-law and daughter), Messrs. R. W. and D. C. Wendes (grandsons), Miss I. M. Wendes (grand-daughter), Mr. J. Sloper (brother-in-law) and Mr. and Mrs. C. Orchard (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Mr. G. Weller (grandson) and Mr. and Mrs. M. Symes of Yeovil (brother-in-law and sister) were unable to attend. Representatives were present from Barton Brotherhood and former colleagues of Newport Corporation, Interment was at St. Paul's Cemetery. ... Four buglers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Newport Scout Group band (the Old Guard) sounded "The Last Post" at the graveside. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton made the arrangements.

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