

Amongst townsmen too he had a host of friends and no enemies. He was trusted and esteemed by the public men of the town, as well as by the fisher folk. Men, women and children found in Mr Midwood a friend, not because of his gifts or force of character, so much as by his readiness to help and his kindness of disposition. In his service to the public he has left behind a record of devotion and self-sacrifice which those who follow him may indeed well seek to emulate. In all the departments of local government he took his full share of duty, but more than this, so appreciated was it that he was again and again elected to the chief positions. He was a Magistrate, and on the Bench did his duty with justice and mercy. At the times when the paucity of accessible Magistrates in the town has been pronounced, his work as a J.P. made considerable demands on his time and energy. On the Licensing Bench, he sat for a long time. For three periods he was returned to the Town Board and was chairman of that body.

For many years, he served on the Poor Law Guardians and was ever full of practical help for those who needed the assistance of the Guardians. As Chairman of the Ramsey Lifeboat Committee he took a most lively practical interest in the work of our lifeboat. In connection with the Ramsey Hospital, he served devotedly as its secretary and here, too, he spared no pains to fulfil his duty.

In all the work he understood, his calm judgment, tact and patience contributed in a very effective manner to the comfortable working of things.

He was associated with St Paul's Church as a sidesman, but in matters of religion he had a broad sympathy. A Freemason, he rose to high rank in the Craft. He was also an old member of the Loyal Good Anchorage Lodge of Oddfellows.

Tommy, his second son, laid down his life in Gallipoli, and George, another son, who was in Lloyd's Bank, Ramsey, died some years ago, and the loss of these boys was a great grief to him. Charles, his eldest son, and Taylor, who is a chemist, both served in the Great War. In addition to these sons, he leaves three daughters.

### Death of Mr C.J. Midwood (Ramsey Courier, 12<sup>th</sup> March 1948)

After a lengthy illness, borne with much patience and fortitude, Mr Charles J. Midwood passed away at Laureston, Mooragh Promenade, on Thursday night.

The eldest son of the late Mr T.H. Midwood J.P. and Mrs Midwood, he had for a long period carried on the photographer's business established by his father on the South Promenade and was also a well-known sportsman. He had been ill for some weeks and this week his condition became critical and he passed away last evening.

Mr Midwood, who was 67 years of age, was in his young days a keen footballer with the Ramsey Club and played at left-half. He was also one of the most accomplished local golfers and was one of the oldest members – in point of membership – of the Ramsey Club. He was also a billiards player of no mean ability and was associated with his father in conducting Midwood's billiard saloon in Mona Street, which was a popular centre at one time. Another