

GRAVE OF THE MONTH



WALTER BERKELEY WILSON

BURIED 2ND AUGUST, 1882

Walter, a healthy butcher's son, was a popular and fit 32 year-old who enjoyed horse riding, playing tennis, etc., and was a volunteer fireman.

After an uneventful evening he went to bed on Friday and simply failed to wake on the Saturday morning. Nothing untoward was found during his postmortem and at the Coroner's Inquest held that evening, the Jury returned a verdict of

"Died from the visitation of God"!

At the time of his death Walter was the Worshipful Master (chairman) of the local freemasons' lodge and its members clubbed together to provide this fine memorial (bearing many masonic emblems) which can be seen from the front of the chapel. A "broken column" universally commemorates a life cut short in its prime.

The family butchers shop was at 85 Northbrook Street; premises now occupied by a Vodafone showroom.

Much more may be found on the Friends' website including tributes, an inquest report and details of the splendid funeral:-

<http://www.fncnewbury.org.uk/persondetails.asp?PersonID=4553>