

Grave of the Month

Sarah Ann Crofts Forster

1864-1944



Sarah was the youngest daughter of Charles Midwinter, the Corn Merchant with premises in Cheap Street. (see left)

She married Ted Forster in 1891. He had completed an apprenticeship at Plenty's Eagle Iron Works and went on to become Chief Draughtsman.

Sarah belonged to Newbury Choral Society and the Congregational Church Choir. She

arranged entertainments for the inmates of the Newbury Public Assistance Institution (former workhouse) and played piano for their Christmas Day activities.

After their defeat in the 1906 election, the Newbury Conservative Association appointed Ted as their agent. He was very successful in this role and eventually became Chair of the National Conservative Agents Association. They lived on St John's Road.

When Sarah died, a widow in 1944, the day after the D-Day landings she left over £5.000 in her will, enough to buy several houses.

Her grave is next to that of Rev Daniel Harding, recently cleaned by the family so very white!