



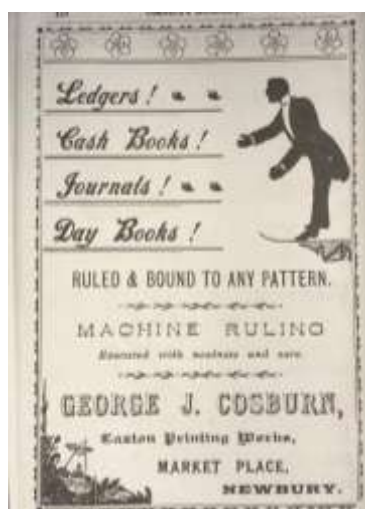
GRAVE OF THE MONTH/DEC 2025

George John Cosburn 1839–1917



George was born on 22nd July 1839 in Reading, Berkshire. He married Isabella Fontaine in 1863. They had 5 sons and 2 daughters. He was educated privately in Brighton and Surrey. He served an apprenticeship with the Mercury newspaper in Reading and then moved to Newbury in 1867 as the local representative for them. George established a business in printing under the name of Caxton Printing Works in the Market Place, Newbury.

For 44 years without a break he had published a directory for the town and district, which grew to be an illustrated guide to all the surrounding villages, and a really welcome work of reference in business establishments. An enthusiastic and zealous Freemason, he took special interest in the Mark-degree, having filled the position of Worshipful Master, in 1869. In addition to his extensive business, Mr. Cosburn engaged in considerable public work. He was for many years secretary to the Newbury Chamber of Agriculture. After suffering a long illness nursed by his two daughters, George passed away on 2nd December 1917.



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