



GRAVE OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2026

HAROLD MAYES WALKER (1880–1935)

Harold Mayes Walker was born in 1880 at Holbeach, Lincolnshire, and later moved to Newbury.



In 1900 he enlisted in the Royal Berkshire Regiment and served in the Boer War, where his brother Tom died.

He later remained active with the Newbury Volunteers and received the Territorial Long Service Medal. He also served in the RFC in WW1.

In 1905 he married Mabel Meadows, his cousin, and they had two daughters.

Harold worked as an upholsterer and was well known for helping at local events and St John's Church, where he became people's warden.

He was a keen gardener, on the committee of the Newbury Gardeners' Association, and exhibited at the annual Chrysanthemum Show.

After months of ill-health, he died by suicide from coal gas poisoning on 12 September 1935, aged 55.

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