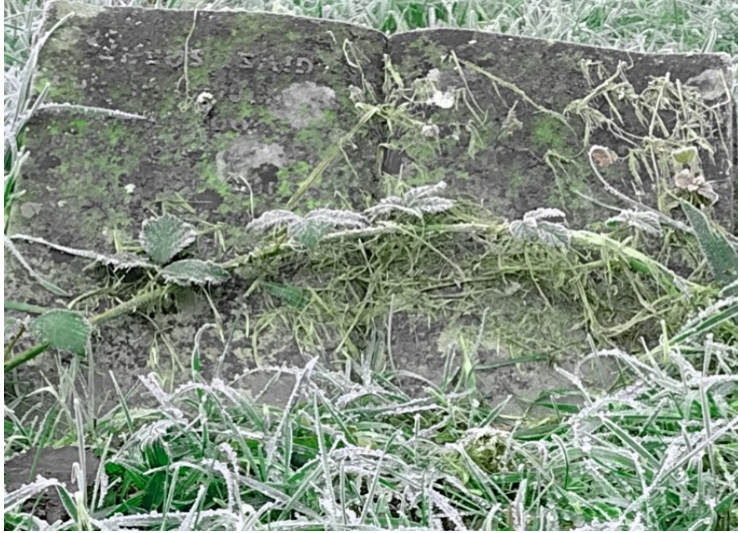


GRAVE OF THE MONTH

Elizabeth Burningham 1839-1929 - Nurse



Born in Surrey, Elizabeth (nee Chitty) moved to Newbury around 1864 with James, her husband of three years.

Elizabeth's nursing and midwifery skills were trusted by families and doctors alike.

For forty years she met the needs of her patients with tireless cheerfulness, disregarding bad weather and unlit roads to deliver numerous babies, as well as attending operations and post mortems.

On her retirement in 1904 over 1,500 local people contributed to a presentation of a marble clock and a cheque for around £70.

At her funeral, in her 90th year, over 200 mourners gathered - mostly middle-aged women. They paid their respects, not only to a kind, caring friend, but also to a devoted, dutiful nurse who had made a real difference to the health of the mothers and children of this town.

She is buried with her husband, James (d.1900) and one of their sons.



Just visible: "and Elizabeth his wife"

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