



# *Obituaries*

## *Minety*

Rev W W A Butt M.A., J.P.

Another painfully sudden death of one intimately connected with Cheltenham more, perhaps, by relationship than long residence, occurred last Saturday, when the Rev Walter William Arthur Butt, MA, fell dead,, without warning, at his residence Oakwood, near Chepstow.

He was the eldest son of the late Mr Thomas Packer Walter Butt, of Arle Court, where he resided for about three years after his father's death, prior to selling this beautiful estate to Mr Herbert Unwin.

Graduating at Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1873, and ordained in the same year, he served in five curacies, before becoming vicar of his last, Westbury, in Wiltshire. Five years later, he was preferred to Minety, also in Wilts, and remained there for fifteen years, coming to Arle Court to reside on his father's death.

In 1904 he, not caring for the charge of a large estate, and having few interests in common with his environment, sold Arle Court, as already mentioned, and accepted the vicarage of Kempford, retiring in 1909 to private life near Chepstow.

Mr Butt had a strong bent towards natural history and archaeology and was a very active member of the Cotswold Naturalists' Field Club and the Gloucestershire and Bristol Archaeological Society, to whose lectures and literature he was a prolific contributor. He was sixty-seven years of age.

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