

Grave of the Month

Ralph Alder

1863-1947

Born in Newbury, the son of Ralph, a poulterer and bird stuffer and Mary Anne Alder.

In 1884 Ralph was awarded a medal for his work as a taxidermist.

His shop was at 133, Bartholomew Street where the Kennet Centre is now.

In 1902 Ralph (aged 40) married May Bray Brickell, aged 26, in Tunbridge Wells. May's father, Henry Brickell, was the Head Coachman for the Earl of Carnarvon.

Many examples of Ralph's work still exist and come up for auction, like these squirrels playing chess.



Ralph has no memorial stone, so we are placing the yellow flag on his family grave near the Chapel.