



GRAVE OF THE MONTH/JUNE 2026

Frederick Penn 1857-1937



Frederick was born on 20th February 1857 in Northampton. His mother and father, Eliza, née Whitehead, and Frederick were both shoemakers. Frederick began his career as a bookbinder, completing 15 years. He married Elizabeth Jane Willis in 1884 and they had 3 sons. By the 1901 census Frederick was listed as a boot retailer having taken over his father's business in Northampton.

In 1908 Frederick came to Newbury and opened up a bootmaker's shop in the Market Place, Newbury and then moved to larger premises opposite the Free Library. In 1931 Frederick opened the Penn shoe shop opposite the main post office. His sons Hubert and Arnold joined him in the business. Frederick's wife Elizabeth passed away in 1931. It was while on holiday in South Milton, Devon that Frederick passed away from a stroke. He was 80 years old and buried on 23rd June 1937. Max Penn, his grandson, went on to run the business in later years.



Mr Jim Ward and Mr Max Penn