

ROBERTS CLOSE was named after Mr Roberts, the well-respected headmaster of Southwater School.

ROBERTS, ERNEST MALDWYN (1899-1951)

Ministry of Food Announcement (1941)

"Mr E M Roberts, Council School, Southwater, has been appointed Voluntary Food Organiser for the parish and he will be responsible for the distribution of foodstuffs in the event of an invasion."

The Parish Magazine for the Rural Deanery of Storrington, Southwater Section May 1941

Obituary

"Headmaster of Southwater Council School since 1939, Mr Ernest Maldwyn Roberts died suddenly at his home, St Andrews, Southwater, on Sunday after a heart attack. He was 52. A teacher since 1926, Mr Roberts who was chiefly a science master, had taught in schools in Arundel and Lancing. For several years he was Secretary of the Chichester branch of the National Union of Teachers and during the early part of the last war took an active part in the Horsham branch of the NUT. A Welshman, Mr Roberts was a Sunday School teacher and took an active interest in the Scout movement. Mr Roberts met his wife, who now teaches at Collyer's School, while teaching in Guernsey, Channel Islands. He leaves a widow and two sons. Cremation was at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, yesterday, Thursday. There will be a memorial service at the Holy Innocents Church, Southwater tomorrow at 3pm"

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