



The Funeral of Police Constable Thomas Bond

Surrey Constabulary 1911

Thomas Bond had been a policeman in Surrey Constabulary for 28 years when he retired at the end of 1909. He had been stationed at Hersham, Esher, Weybridge, Leatherhead and Godalming.¹

He died on 29 May 1911 aged 51 years, at his home St Elmo in Ash Vale. His funeral was on 1 June, and with a service led by the Reverend AO Walsh. The first picture shows the funeral procession travelling along the Ash Hill Road towards the Dover Arm

The second picture shows the hearse passing the Dover Arms, escorted by the uniformed policemen who acted as bearers. In the third picture, the hearse is passing across the level crossing at Ash Station. In the fourth picture, the coffin is being carried up the path through the churchyard to St Peter's Church.

Thomas Bond's grave is in Ash Cemetery in section D (D705).

Thomas Bond's youngest son, Charles William Bond, Private 20241 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, died in Iraq 20 April 1916, and is remembered on the Ash War Memorial.

¹ <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/sally.jenkinson/ashmuseum/bondthos.htm>





1892 October 29: Dorking Bench: Assault in Wathen Road involving Charles William Wright of the Holmwood Dorking, late master of the Chelsea Union Workhouse, charged on remand. There had been a significant fight and assault in a house in Wathen Road between men who knew each other. PC Bond Surrey Constabulary went to the house on the day of the assault and the victim said he wanted to give the defendant in custody. The injured person Holland was the relieving office in Chelsea. There is a long and very detailed report in the newspaper with lots of witnesses. Committed to the Surrey Sessions.² (Cannot be certain this was the sae PC Bond but the force was very small)

1898 July 23: Epsom Justices: Attempted suicide at Leatherhead: Sarah Jane Garman was charged with attempting to commit suicide by throwing herself into the River Mole at Thorncroft, Leatherhead the previous Saturday. A postman found the lady in the river when she pleaded to him to save her, which with some help he did. PC Bond, Surrey Constabulary went to the scene where artificial respiration begun. She was put on the ambulance and taken to hospital, semi conscious. She had been married 8 months and they “had a few words.” The husband was allowed to take her home and bring her back to the court in a week.³ (Cannot be certain this was the sae PC Bond but the force was very small)

The picture below is not PC Bond but is a contemporary photograph and will give some idea as to how he was dressed when on duty.

² 1892 October 29: The Surrey Mirror and General County Advertiser

³ 1898 July 23 Croydon Advertiser

