

# FARR & PASSMORE INQUEST

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## Sad Motoring Fatality

“A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest at New Malden on Monday (16<sup>th</sup> March) on Dudley Robert Passmore, nineteen, of Eton Court, Eton Avenue, Hampstead, NW and Beach Avenue, Birchington and Leila Madge Farr, twenty-one, of Royal Crescent, Notting Hill, W. and Epple Bay Road, Birchington, who were killed in a motoring accident last week. Passmore was described as a solicitor’s articled clerk. It was stated that the motor car in which the deceased were riding overturned on the Kingston by-pass road, and, striking the kerb, turned two somersaults.

A motorist estimated the speed of the car at the time the accident occurred at between sixty and seventy miles an hour. The jury decided that the accident was caused by reckless driving and said that something should be done to prevent driving at excessive speed. The funeral of Miss Farr and Mr Passmore took place at Birchington on Wednesday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Serres) and the church was filled with relatives and friends of the deceased. The many beautiful wreaths laid at the graveside presented a wonderful spectacle.”

[The couple were buried in a dual grave just outside the west doors of the church. It is in rather a sorry state at the moment, with both the crosses from their monuments lying in front of their mounts.]

