

**Lieut. Col Phillips:**

Brevet Lieut. Col. George Ingleton Phillips, C.B.E., J.P.

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Lieut. Col. Phillips initially trained for Law and served as a barrister-at-law of the inner Temple in London. In 1899 he served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in the South African War. Following this second Boer War, he spent some time in South Africa, where he was appointed Crown Prosecutor.

In the First World War he served as a General Staff Officer on the Imperial General Staff, War Office. In recognition of his work during this time, he was invested with the C.B.E. Military, at the end of hostilities.

After the war, he settled near Oxford not far from his parents' home and became a J.P. for Oxfordshire. During this period, he rented a house in Minnis Bay during the summer months, for his wife and two children, Guy and Kathleen, joining them at weekends and for his own summer holiday. He later bought the property he had been renting, along with its semi-detached neighbour. The houses were in Alfred Road and are now numbered 24 / 26 and are a pair of late Victorian, three-storey villas. The one nearest the sea had a balcony on the north side, and, at that time, had an uninterrupted view of the Bay.

Sometime in the early 1930s, he also bought 'Orion', then designated as standing in Nasmyth Road and moved into it. (It is now listed under Coleman Stairs' Road.) From his earliest days in Birchington, he and his family had worshipped at All Saints Church. He was a licensed lay reader in Oxfordshire and was relicensed for the Canterbury Diocese. He eventually served in this capacity for 50 years.

He was founder member of the Parochial Church Council, when this body was first started in the late 1920s. Alfred T. Walker joined this council in 1933 and the two worked together for many years. They were both elected as Churchwardens.

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**Palestine Tour:**

Lieutenant Colonel George I Phillips JP and Miss Phillips left Birchington on Tuesday(3<sup>rd</sup> March) for a trip to Palestine.

(Unfortunately, the Colonel died while they were in Malta and was buried there. He is commemorated on family grave in All Saints Churchyard.)