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George Onion had lived in Birchington for a number of years and was an accomplished research scientist. He was a winner of the Tribology Award from the Institute of Mechanical Engineers in 1962. Tribology was the science of friction and lubrication.

He was also a staunch pacifist, mainly as a result of what he learnt about WW1. He was against any form of fighting or war in any of its various forms. He was also a great collector and loved the hunt for the last few items in any series he was currently collecting. His wife Joan and his three daughters Lucille, Susan and Alice were a great feminine antidote to his very masculine brain.

He was a kind and generous man who enjoyed a good discussion and would always help whenever he could. He enjoyed the delight in learning French and continued to read in French to almost the end of his long life. Four French members of the Twinning association from La Chapelle in France came over specially for his funeral.