

John Henry Iles

A seat was erected in All Saints churchyard, in memory of J H Iles and his wife Eleanor. Sadly it was being used rather badly and to make sure the main part with the wording remained intact, the seat section was removed and the back was re-sited against the north wall of the churchyard, near to the Lych Gate. The wording on the memorial is as follows:

"In loving memory of John Henry Iles OBE
Company of Musicians 1932-1933
who devoted his life to
the advancement of Brass Bands
Died 29th May 1951, aged 79
And of
Eleanor Marion
his beloved wife and lifelong companion, who
greatly aided him in his life's work
Died 1st March 1953, aged 81 years
Whose mingled ashes rest in this Churchyard"



The Iles' memorial seat 2000

JH was also the founder of Dreamland at Margate, but chose not to have this commemorated on the seat, as his great passion was the Brass Band Movement.