

# Centenarian's death

Centenarian Richard (Dick) Payne, one of only a handful of Forest men to reach their 100th birthday, died at the weekend.

Mr Payne, who celebrated his 100th birthday last November, was well known in the Cinderford area where he was born and bred.



**RICHARD PAYNE**

He was a member of the Cinderford Corinthians Football Club in the 1920's.

Much of his 50 year long working life was spent underground in Forest mines. He first went underground at Lightmoor Colliery as a 17-year-old boy, moving then to Foxes Bridge Colliery and on to the Speech House Mine, where he worked until retirement.

Dick was married, and left a wife, Winifred, a son Edwin, and two grandchildren.