

Ramsey Mortuary Chapels Heritage and Archive Centre

By Jane Yardley – Chair, Friends
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Firstly, I must start with a great big thank you to the Hospital Charity shop in Ramsey.

I popped in the other day to take them some bits and bobs and you can imagine my surprise to be handed a cheque for £300 for the Ramsey Mortuary Chapels, but that's not all!

They then gave me another cheque for the same amount for the Ramsey Walled Garden too, of which I'm a founder member.

I know that I speak for all the members of both projects, when I thank them for their kindness and generosity. They work so hard in the shop throughout the year and then donate the proceeds to so many local charities. What stars they all are, and we are so lucky to have them in Ramsey.

And talking of stars, Geoff Potts continues with his tireless work in the Wood Lane Cemetery and has recently been very busy clearing and tidying up the area dedicated to cremations, which can sometimes be overlooked, so if you see him down there do stop and say hello.

Now I wonder if you can help us. As you may know we are hoping to start work soon on our

new toilet facilities whilst we are closed.

The chapels were built in 1858 using gault bricks, locally known as "Warboys Whites".

We need to brick up the present entrance to the toilet and it would look so much better if we could find some old ones to blend in with the rest of the building. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, even one would be of help, then please contact us. Thank you.

Now for our mystery photograph in the October edition of the INFORMER. Thank you to everyone who contacted us to let us know that it was of the old Isolation Hospital, now Florence House Residential Home, in Westfield Road, Ramsey, which has been much extended since the photograph was taken.

The photograph has now been added to our ever-expanding archive.

As the chapels are now closed for the winter, if you would like a copy of Roger Reynolds new book about the 156 Squadron, then its available on our stall at Home and Vintage in Bury, price £7. Or contact me and I can post one for you, P&P extra.

We will be having a stall at the turning on of Ramsey's Christmas Lights on Saturday 26th November and look forward to seeing you all there.