

Ramsey Mortuary Chapels Heritage and Archive Centre

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On Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May, we held an event to help the children and babies of Ukraine.

Many of them have suffered terrible injuries and have lost their families and are also very traumatised. I have first-hand knowledge of this as a young relative of ours lives in Poland with his wife, who is Polish, and they regularly drive into Ukraine and bring children back to Poland for treatment and safety. They see such awful things and I have nothing but admiration for the pair of them.

All of us at the chapels were completely overwhelmed by your support for the appeal that we decided to do it again on Sunday 15th May. Many of you who came to buy our books, DVD's, CD's and bric-a-brac also brought things with you as well for us to sell, which was really appreciated.

I would like to thank all the shops and businesses for displaying our posters to help publicise the appeal, which I am sure helped a great deal as not everyone has access to the internet.

Homebase in Huntingdon really came up trumps and gave us over £100 worth of new goods for our tombola stall and we can't thank them enough for their totally unexpected generosity.

So many of you donated things for us to sell that it is impossible to name you all here, but you know who you are, and we are indebted to you for your kindness and support. And talking of

support I feel that I must mention Denise Coker, whom many of you will know, I'm sure. She has a shop in the Great Whyte, Ramsey which is a real "Aladdin's Cave" and is full of interesting things. She has been selling gardening items for us that have been donated and has refused to take any commission, wanting all money to go to Ukraine, so thank you Denise.

Talking things that have been donated, we were contacted by Jo King, who asked if we would have any use for a large wooden bookcase. We had just been talking about trying to find one for the chapels and jumped at her kind offer. Isn't it strange how often when we need something then it turns up out of the blue!

The only problem was how to get such a large item to the chapels. Enter Fred Butler, John Smith and Fred's trusty Ute. I have lost count of how many things Fred has moved for me over the years, and nothing seems to be too much trouble for him and I'm sure that many other people are very grateful for his help too. Needless to say, the bookcase is now in situ at the chapels, so thank you Fred, John and of course the trusty Ute!

My article for the Informer has to be written three weeks in advance of publication and money is still coming in for the Ukraine appeal, so as soon as I have a final figure, I will let you know. Thank you all for your support. You are marvellous!

We are all looking forward to the rest of the year and will be open more frequently, so see our Facebook page: -

<https://www.facebook.com/Ramsey-Mortuary-Chapels-103080618954707> and other online sites and posters around the town for details.