

Ramsey Mortuary Chapels Heritage and Archive Centre

By Jane Yardley – Chair, Friends
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2022 is nearly over, where did it go! They say that as you get older time goes by more quickly and I certainly find that it's true. But so much has been achieved this year at the chapels, especially after having been closed for so long due to Covid-19.

I would like to thank all our members for their hard work and determination, what a great bunch they all are!

We have big plans for next year, so fingers crossed and onwards and upwards.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated bricks, known locally as "Warboys Whites" for our building project. They are a great help to us, so please keep them coming in.

We have an organ at the chapels and thought that it would be nice if we could have a dummy playing it, that was until we found out the price for one! So, in stepped members Maurice and Margaret Margetts. They made one out of chicken wire, papier-mâché and goodness knows what else and it's truly amazing. Throughout this year we have had a "Name the Dummy" competition and I'm pleased to announce that the winner is Carol Willis of Bury, who wins a £10. Our dummy is now called Doris.



On 10th November, myself and chapel trustee, Gillian Knox were invited to have a Christmas and tombola stall at Jones Court. We always have a great time, and I would like to thank Jane Babcock and all the staff and residents for their continued support for our project. We are already booked in for Easter next year!

On Monday 7th November, chapel members Mary Ison and Mick Napier manned the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal stand at Tesco's and they also laid a wreath on behalf of the Mortuary Chapels, along with other chapel members, at the service on Remembrance Sunday. They were quite overwhelmed at how many people turned up to pay their respects.

I know that many of you are as interested in the history of Ramsey as I am. Clive Beeke has just written a book, *The Great Whyte, Hidden Tunnels*. Price £5. It's a really good read with many photographs and maps, etc. It's available on the Mortuary Chapel stall at Home & Vintage in Bury and at Pet Havens (pet shop) in the Great Whyte, Ramsey. It would make a great Christmas present.

The Great Whyte Ramsey



Hidden Tunnels

Clive Beeke

And talking of Christmas, I would like to wish all of you a really happy one from everyone at the chapels and thank you all for all your help and kindness this year, it's been truly amazing and much appreciated by us all.