

Ramsey Mortuary Chapels Heritage and Archive Centre

By Jane Yardley – Chair, Friends of
Ramsey Mortuary Chapels

Although the chapels are closed until Ramsey's Heritage Day on 2nd April, we have been very busy working on our archive and I would like to thank all of you who have donated items to it.

Unbelievably one of the items, generously given to us by Mary and Charles Christian, is a photograph taken in about 1870 and shows Mr Scott, the caretaker and gravedigger at the time outside the front of the chapels. He is scything the grass, which was then sold for animal feed and the proceeds used towards the upkeep of the building.

The photograph is small and too faint to reproduce here, but we are having it enlarged and framed and you will be able to see it when you visit the chapels.

Another very interesting item is a Town Guide, published in 1968 when Ramsey was under the administration of St. Ives R.D.C. and was an Urban District Council.

The permanent staff consisted of Clerk to the Council, an Engineer and Surveyor, a Treasurer, Medical Officer of Health, a Public Health Inspector and several admin back up staff.

It was kindly given to us by Jackie Stevenson, and it is incredible to see just how many industries, shops and businesses Ramsey had, and also how many facilities. In fact, it would seem that you didn't have to go anywhere else as Ramsey catered for all your needs. How times change!

The Town Guide, complete with map, has been enlarged and photocopied for ease of looking through and coincidentally the photographs, on and inside the cover were taken by local man Stan Beebe, who was responsible for saving the chapels from demolition by the Town Council in 1974. You couldn't make it up, could you!

Here are a few of the many advertisements in it for you to enjoy.

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