

Jesus Hospital Charity Newsletter

Autumn 2024

Welcome to our 55th Newsletter.



We open with an article written by Bryan, our part-time gardener, which was published in The Isle of Thanet News in November 2020.

What are the chances of going online, typing the name of your great great uncle into

Google and being taken straight to a photo of him for sale on eBay that week? That is exactly what happened to Hertfordshire resident Bryan Hewitt...

Bryan said: "In 1985 my brother and I visited Canterbury Cathedral Archives to research family history – our grandfather Stephen Gilham Hewitt was born in St Peter's in 1879 and fought with The East Kent Buffs in The Boer War 1899-1902. Our ancestors lived in that area at least verifiably since 1641, though the Hewett's, which was the original spelling, go back much further in Thanet.

"We discovered a great, great uncle with the impossibly grandiose name of Joseph Napoleon Hewitt, born in 1837. He has intrigued me for 35 years and I have often wondered why they chose that name. Were they Francophiles? After all they were "country people" and an admiration for things French at a time when France, far from being Britain's ally, was viewed with suspicion.

"We know that Joseph was born in Lydden in 1837 or 1838, he was the elder son of Stephen Hewitt who was born in Minster in 1809 and died in St Peter's 1899. Joseph lived at 32 Church, St Peter's, where he was village blacksmith for over 60 years until the 1880s."

Public records listing Joseph Napoleon Hewitt show him as :

1848 Scholar

1861 Blacksmith, St Peter's

1866 Married Elizabeth Ann Langford, born St. Peter's 1840. They had 10 children .

1867 Blacksmith

1869 Publican of The Crown and Thistle, High Street, Peter's

1875 Publican

1875 His son Norman Alfred dies aged 8 months

1877 His son Langford Hewitt dies in infancy

1878 Publican

1879 Photo shows him aged 41 in the uniform of a Cinque Ports Volunteer.

1881 Farmer and brick maker .

1901 Blacksmith

1911 Elizabeth is no longer with him

1918 Elizabeth dies

1919 Joseph dies in The Thanet Union Workhouse, aged 82. His last address had been 25 Milton Road, Margate.

Jump forward 101 years to March 2020 and Bryan won the photo of Joseph on eBay for a bid of £19.



The photo, popularly known as a Carte- de-Visite, is a mid-Victorian image showing a middle aged man of average height and trim, with thick dark hair, an emphatic moustache and a dimpled chin.

He holds a rifle and is wearing the uniform of The Cinque Ports Volunteers. On the table by his left hand is his plumed shako. He is 41 years old.

If anyone would like to write an article, for future editions, we would love to hear from you. It can be about anything that you would love to share with others. If possible, include photos.

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

- 1 Margaret Flowerdew
- 2 Madeline Seaman
- 11 Donna Menzies
- 15 Eleanor Murray
- 19 Frances Bennett
- 20 Shan Davis
- 22 Frances Westall
- 30 Beth Mahon

NOVEMBER

- 2 Diane Loubser
- 3 Caroline Dwyer
- 9 Pat Laidlaw
- 14 Jean Coppen
- 17 Harry Dell
- 22 Cecilia Anglin
- 24 Christine Moore

DECEMBER

- 16 Patricia Cullinan
- 17 Delia Pernia
- 18 Jo Whitehead
- 24 Joanna Frith
- 27 Sue Simmonds

JANUARY

- 1 Kim Ponniah
- 2 Dorothy Lindley
- 10 Robert Fenton
- 18 Maria Santos
- 23 Marion Harrison
- 28 Marie Maestranzi



Don't forget the clocks go back by
1 hour on Sunday 27 October at
2am.

USEFUL / EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police

Non-emergency 101

Emergency 999

NHS 111

L.B.B. 020 8359 2000

Debtline 0808 808 4000

Citizens Advice 0808 259 5798

Samaritans 116 123

Gas 0800 111 999

Water 0800 316 9800

Electricity 105

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED
INVITATIONS FOR
JHC AUTUMN OUTING
in
NOVEMBER
&
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
in
DECEMBER

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO
R.S.V.P

Out of Hours Contractors

****Please note these numbers
are for emergencies only****

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DAVE KEOGH
07860 627 678**

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GARY BROWN (HEAT GB)
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If Dave or Gary are not
available or for any other
emergency

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01923 268 123

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Around the Sites

WOOD STREET

Loft hatches have been installed in two cottages for gas safety inspections.

The doors have been stripped down, repaired and repainted.

A new compost heap has been located to the side of the cottages. Hanging Baskets and new pots have been added to the rear of the cottages.



GRASVENOR AVENUE

The memorial stone has been renovated and re-engraved, and the shrubbery to the front of the stone has been redesigned to bring to notice the memorial stone.

There are on-going fence repairs.

A new compost heap has been lobated in the rear garden

A wildlife area has been created in the rear garden.

No. 10 has been completely refurbished and is now occupied.



POTTERS LANE

The memorial stone has been renovated and re-engraved. The soffits & gutters have been pressure washed and cleaned.

The greenhouse has been in full use with propagation & potting.

A new compost heap has been located near the entrance.

No. 7 is being refurbished ready for a new resident.

All doors have been stripped down, made water tight, draught proofed, repainted and varnished.



PAGITT'S

No. 1 is being refurbished ready for a new resident.

The gardens continue to be well maintained by Robert & Bryan.



WILBRAHAM'S

The gardens continue to be well maintained by our gardening team.

The yew hedge is looking very nice and has grown much quicker than anticipated.



**...We would like to warmly
welcome Julie Brown...**



Hi, my name is Julie and I moved into Ravenscroft Cottages, Grasvenor Avenue at the beginning of September. I have been made to feel so welcome by my lovely new neighbours.

I have lived in Barnet all my life, with my parents and since 1989 just my Mum and me.

Sadly, my Mum passed away in July this year and it soon became clear to me that I would not be able to stay in my family home or even in the Barnet area. The past three months have been a roller coaster of emotions, but I am now settled in my lovely cottage ready to start the next chapter of my life.

I love reading and have recently taken up a new hobby of cross stitch, I am hoping I can display what I have done on the walls of my cottage.



**...and with great sadness we say
FAREWELL to Dorothy
Lindley....**



“I couldn’t believe my luck when I was offered a cottage at Potters, in March 2017, it was like winning the lottery for me. I had a lovely home and met lovely people. But life doesn’t always turn out how you expect it to, and due to ill health in the past two years, I could not turn down the opportunity to move nearer to my daughter Sarah, in Farnham, Surrey.

I have settled into my new place well, with a community centre for the over 65’s only 300 yards away. Which to your surprise, I walk to every Tuesday for lunch, activities and meet new people.

Also, with my daughter working from home most day, she picks me up and I stay around hers most Fridays and enjoy her company and that of Rosie the cat.

I miss and thank you all.

Love Dorothy x

