

## Picnic Set – or Scrap!!!

This is a short article about one of those eBay job lots of little or no value. A friend in Australia persuaded this writer to bid for him and this is a short article just to show the interest that might be had for very little money.

As to money and value – well there is a half pint with some interest, and a pint that was OK if dull. The other four bits perhaps want to go back into another auction for someone else sometime!!

*So a short article about nothing very much at all!!*

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**Picnic Set – Scrap - or as the advertiser honestly wrote - Quantity Of Vintage Antique English Pewter Tankards Scrap Job Lot Good Weight**









Likely marks of Joseph Morgan (II) of Manchester  
A long article about him can be found under  
Makers & Marks – *A Light in Victorian  
England.....* a remarkable story of enterprise and  
family





Comments to the Australian buyer –

I took photos of the picnic set and attach these set out in a PDF file for your interest.

The dog bowl - bottom half of a Watts and Harton hot water food warmer - no value

Half Pint - marked S J Lemon Chatham (I think) that was hiding in the gloom - nicely marked for a pub whose name I could not make out in Gillingham Kent

Half Pint - plain conical - likely Joseph Morgan (II) Manchester????? hallmarks to side and an X I recognise in the base - poor condition - body small hole

Pint - one mark shown a verification mark I have not looked up

Small bellied half pint - numerous later markings - Sussex Crown mark - poor

Britannia Metal with fancy stamped floral - no marks, pushed in onto base a bit - not good

No I do not want to put any of these back on ebay or into the PS auction - I could store them in a wall cavity for insulation until you visit - or send you any you want.

Or give them as a Christmas box to the guys from refuse collection - not sure but they might prefer a few UK£££££s though.

It has been interesting trying to read the marks and seeing what on earth they are but I would not want to do it often - as it leaves the room untidy

The Australian collector replied –

Thank you for the trouble taken with the picnic set and also the time you've gone to.

Do you have a cat to give the bowl to for water? Or maybe as a plant stand?

Looks like the only half decent piece is the marked pot by Lemon. The bellied 1/2 pint whilst rough can be a gift to someone who collects pieces with family county marks.

I'll send you some cash to cover what I owe but don't waste your time in sending any out at present if you are able to store the junk in a wall cavity until 2012.

The Lemon piece might make its way here if I find something else to come with it.

### **A few notes –**

**S J Lemon Chatham** – born 1837 East End buried 1904 in Chatham. Worked 1855-1904 succeeded by his wife Emma in 1905. 1855-1887 worked at 19 Fore Street Cripplegate London as Thomas & Lemon and 53 Chriswell Street (said to be 1880-1888 as lemon & Co. Worked in Chatham in Watts Place & Medway Street from 1865-1904 as S J Lemon (as with this mug).

**Watts & Harton** – worked 1836-1862 as a Partnership in Shoe Lane London. This came to an end when Harton's son reached 21. This partnership was the successor to Susannah Cocks – they were also advertised as makers of “Canlde moulds” “Music Plates” and “Inkstands”

**Crown VR over 216** – 215, 216 (to 219) were used for East Sussex County

**Crown VR over 461** – used by Harwich from 1882 - 1904

**Crown VR over 35\*** - 350 to 360 are for areas of Kent – though Gillingham is actually in Dorset and was no 234 (so likely it is another town and not Gillingham) – see if you can read it! (and the pub name!)