

# Pamber Heath Village News

An occasional newsletter written by Raymond West ©

April, 2003 to January, 2004

**April, 2003**

## **Death of Dave Englefield**

Yet another much-loved member of the community passed away recently. Dave Englefield leaves his wife Freda and daughter Jane. Dave and Freda had been living in Pamber Heath for many years after Dave married Freda Cottrell, daughter of Harry Cottrell, who was publican of the Pelican Inn during the Second World War and afterwards. Dave had served in the army with honour and was a member of the village Tug-of-War team in the late 1950s. The couple married in 1946 and celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1996. Freda has treasured memories of her dear husband to help comfort her at this time. He will be sadly missed.

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## **'The Cabin' replacements slow to sell**

The recently completed bungalow and two storey house on land previously occupied by 'The Cabin' (number 5 Burney Bit) are not being snapped up and is no surprise to some locals. Despite objections to the planning application, the delightful old cottage was demolished in June, 2002 in what some say is an over-development of the site with two units being crammed in to the space really only suitable for one, leaving rather small gardens in each. This is yet another example of what has been happening time and time again in the village to its detriment in the last 25 years. Every spare piece of land seems to be continually being built on and the only good news is that surely there can't be much land left to spoil now.

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## **Death and funeral of Edie Long (Monger)**

It was announced in the village that sadly Edie Long had passed away on the 21st of April. Edie was 95 years old and the daughter of Frederick and Sarah Monger, who lived at The Laurels (number 7) Burney Bit in the early 1900s. Edie was the widow of William Long and they had once lived in Clappsgate Road and later Impstone Road. Edie spent her latter years living in a bungalow at Burney Bit before entering a nursing home. The funeral was held on the 25th of April at 11am at The Old Meeting (United Reformed Church), Tadley attended by many family and friends. Edie is survived by her son Roy and daughter Joyce.

**October, 2003**

## **Doris and Maurice Rawlings go diamond**

Doris and Maurice celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on October the 16th. Doris and Maurice have been living in Pamber Heath for many years and Maurice is a descendant of Moses Rawlings, the village chimney sweep of the late 1800s and early 1900s. May they spend many more years together.

*The news items on this page were originally published on my web site but are now grouped together here in this PDF document*

**October, 2003**

## **Pamber Heath history book available again**

The Pamber Heath History book has been reprinted again in response to many requests since being sold out from the second printing in February this year. Limited stock means this may be your last chance to obtain a copy as it is unlikely to ever be printed again. To order a copy click on the link on the Home page of my web site (see the bottom of this page).

**January, 2004**

## **Former police house under major renovation**

The former Police House in Burney Bit has seen a lot of change recently with major building work for an extension and it now seems a home is to be built to the rear as a driveway to the left is under construction. The work is ongoing and will no doubt be a while before it is completed.