

Pamber Heath Village News

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January, 2000 to June, 2001

March, 2000

Work well under way on new playground

Work to provide a new play area at Burney Bit started just before Christmas and is now well under way. The site has been enclosed with temporary fencing for security and safety purposes. The new slide is already in position but a lot of work is still needed to complete the project. The old set of swings at the lower part of the field were removed to make way for the development but the old slide in the middle of the recreation field is not affected by the building work. Youngsters can look forward to improved play facilities in the next few months when the work is finished. The picture shows the site under construction and was not too far from completion.



June, 2000

New playground opened at Burney Bit

On Saturday 17th June the temporary fences, which had enclosed the new playground area whilst construction was under way, were taken down and the facility opened for the use of youngsters to enjoy. The new playground has a large slide and several other play items, such as an adventure playground climbing frame and various swings. The whole playground is enclosed with fencing for safety and soft bases are included around the play areas for added protection. I am not aware of an official opening ceremony - that would have been nice. However, the youngsters will no doubt enjoy their new playground for many years to come.

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January, 2000 Just seconds after the new year began, fireworks erupted all over Pamber Heath in celebration of the new millennium, continuing non-stop for 30 mins.

October, 2000

Annie Cripps remembered

Annie Cripps of Pamber Heath sadly passed away on Sunday 1st October. She had married George Cripps in 1922 and was the daughter of Albert and Esther Monger who once lived in the cottage that became number 10 Burney Bit, so had probably lived in Pamber Heath all of her life. She had four children, Rosa Maud, Albert, Doris and Eileen. Sadly, Doris had died when only a child. George served in the Royal Navy during the Great War but later became a sawyer. George and Annie lived in a cottage in Impstone Road. Annie was well-known by the older villagers and much-loved by all who knew her. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The funeral took place at the Tadley Old Meeting church on the 5th of October, 2000 and she was buried in the graveyard there.

June, 2001

Death of former Pamber Heath resident Roy Bowman

Roy Bowman passed away suddenly at Barton on Sea on the 23rd of June, 2001. The Bowman family lived in Pamber Heath many years ago in a cottage in Burney Bit that stood well back off the road behind the former Gospel Hall, near to where the entrance to Georgina Gardens is today. He leaves a wife Daphne, children Derek and Paul as well as grandchildren Paul and Becky.