

# Pamber Heath Village News

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## D-Day commemoration picnic at Pamber Park

A picnic was held in Pamber Park on Saturday the 7th of June from 2pm to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of the Second World War. Unfortunately, I arrived too late, wrongly assuming it would be a whole afternoon event as it was advertised to run from 2pm to 5pm. When I arrived about 4pm, I met people coming away, the last Tadley Band members were getting into a car, only about 50 people were left sitting around chatting and the beacon was on its dying embers, smouldering away. The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Roger Gardiner was in attendance and no doubt opened the event with some appropriate comments for the occasion. It seems the event was effectively over by about 3.30pm, so only really lasted an hour or so. The weather was pleasant - sunny and fairly warm. There was a display by Tadley History Society about those who fell in the First World War from Pamber Heath and some memorabilia of the Second World War. An old air-raid siren was on display and music was playing with songs from the era. Overall, a pleasant event but over much sooner than expected.

## Street lighting replacement under way in Pamber Heath

On Friday the 6th of June the holes were dug for the new street lights in Burney Bit and on the next day (Saturday) new lamp posts were inserted even while a thunderstorm was in progress! On Monday the new lamps were being wired up and were soon in use and the old lamp posts quickly removed. The process was speedy and I noticed later in the week that lamps were being replaced on the Red House Estate. Southern Electric Contracting Ltd. were fitting the new lamps. The lamps are said to be an improvement on the existing ones and provide a better, more concentrated light. The picture here shows Southern Electric Contracting connecting up a newly-installed lamp post in the Burney Bit.



## Fete was a washout but at least some enjoyment still possible

The annual Pamber Heath fete took place at the Memorial Hall in Pamber Heath Road on Saturday the 28th of June but the weather played havoc once again with thundery downpours putting a dampener on the attendance. When I arrived just



after 2pm there were probably less than twenty visitors on the field and the bouncy castle for the children had already been deflated and was being packed up. One outside stall holder said that some stall holders that had set up in the field had given up and gone home before the fete opened at 1pm. Despite the weather there were some interesting attractions and the art and craft competition exhibits were of a high standard and many visitors voted on their favourite items. The outside attractions included a plant seller, Impstone Pre-School activities for the children and a bric-a-brac stall, as well as a mini fun dog show - about six dogs and owners attended. Inside attractions included many craft stalls displaying high quality items, charity stalls, a tombola and raffle as well as a Tadley History Society stand displaying information on those who fell in the First World War from Pamber Heath.

