

Pamber Heath Village News

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November, 2007 to January, 2009

November, 2007

ERIC BONE OF BURNEY BIT REMEMBERED

A well-known character of the Burney Bit area, Eric Bone, sadly departed this world but peacefully on the 21st of October, 2007. I have fond memories of Eric, a somewhat eccentric but friendly character, who had lived in Burney Bit with his wife Molly for decades. He seemed to like to wear his carpet slippers on trips out to the local shop or other local destinations, despite the weather at the time. He was a likeable character and was quick to offer me advice on how to keep an allotment, although some of it seemed rather strange.

I once had an adjacent allotment to his in the mid 1980s and I marvelled how he managed to cope with that one as well as another on the site. He was obviously a keen gardener. In recent times age caught up with him and health problems set in which meant an end to all of that. I and others will sadly miss him and no doubt long remember the friendly and humorous chats we had with him.

May, 2008

Naming of the development on Bailey's former land

It was noticed recently that after completion of the first phase of the development of homes on the former site of Evelyn Bailey's cot-

tage and garden in Pamber Heath Road, the new access road has been named as Middle Close. A final dwelling has recently been started bordering Pamber Heath Road by Meadham Builders and probably will be completed by the end of the summer.

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

July, 2008

Unmade part of Pelican Road heavily pot-holed

On a recent visit to the Pelican Road area, I noticed how deep and numerous the pot-holes are at present on the unmade part of the road and probably the worst state I have noticed over the years. Thanks to a housing development at what became Verica Gardens further down the road, a good portion of the road was made up by the builders to a good standard as part of the planning permission. I am not aware of any plans to have the rest of the road made up and we may have to negotiate that stretch with care when driving along, for some time to come.

September, 2008

Sad death of former Pamber Heath resident David Long in Peterborough

News of the death of David Long at his home in Peterborough has reached me. David had lived in Pamber Heath until a move to Peterborough some time ago,

where I understand his sister Hazel had been living. David was the son of Frederick Long, who lived in the Burney Bit many years ago. He was also a descendant of the historic Long family of Pamber Heath who have been in the village for over 100 years. David had been living in a bungalow in Burney Bit until his move to Peterborough. He will sadly be missed by all his friends and family.

November, 2008

DOUBLE FAMILY LOSS FOR MAURICE RAWLINGS

I report sad news concerning long-time Pamber Heath resident Maurice Rawlings. His wife, Doris, sadly passed away on 11th of November, but peacefully, only to be followed on the 18th of November by his daughter Janet (Castle). Both funeral services were conducted at St. Peter's Church, Tadley. They will be sadly missed by family and friends.

January, 2009

GENERAL NEWS ROUND-UP

I noticed that work is still underway to complete the housing development known as Middle Close in Pamber Heath Road. The Pamber Heath History book is nearly sold out again after the last reprint and a further reprint is being considered. Less Christmas lights were noticed adorning homes in Pamber Heath during the festive season and some people were not having their lights switched on for so long each day this year, no doubt due to the high cost of fuel bills at present. Security gates were installed recently at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall in a bid to prevent the constant vandalism there.