

Pamber Heath Village News

An occasional newsletter written by Raymond West ©

December, 2001 to February, 2003

December, 2001

Death of Madge Goodchild

Only a few days after the village lost two much-loved characters, yet another has sadly gone. Madge Goodchild of Clappsgate Road, Pamber Heath passed away peacefully at home on the 26th of December (Boxing Day). She was the daughter of Harry and Lily Cottrell, formerly of the Pelican Inn and sister to Freda Englefield, who still lives in the village. Madge was formerly of the Fox and Hounds public house in Tadley for many years. She was a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. The funeral has already taken place.

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June, 2002

Demolition of 'The Cabin'

Demolition work started on 'The Cabin' this month, a lovely old cottage at number 5 Burney Bit which is believed to have been home to George and Esther Monger in the late 1800s onwards and one of the oldest in the village. Albert and Annie Stroud and family once lived there and the last resident was Pearl Stanley who lived there at one time with her husband Howard and children, Hylton and Elizabeth. The demolition followed the sale and planning application, which was objected to by some locals.

June, 2002

Demolition of Culver's cottage

It was noticed recently that work had started to demolish the old cottage in Church Road, the former home of Reginald and Phyllis Culver. The inner structure made from a wooden building could again be seen as the outside coating was demolished. This was one of three wooden buildings sold by auction at the Old Memorial Hall years ago to be used as homes. Another used to be also in Church Road next to old William Rawlings cottage and the third I was told was occupied by the Belcher family in Pamber Heath.

June, 2002

Brownings mystery departure from Pamber Heath Stores

Many locals were surprised at the sudden departure of William and Sandra Browning from the running of Pamber Heath Stores in Silchester Road after many years as no news of an impending move had been spoken of in the village. They were a popular couple in the village and I have no news if they are still living in Pamber Heath or have moved away altogether. This followed the demolition of the old large wooden building to the rear of the premises and a planning application to build a house in its place. They had not been living on the shop premises but were believed to be occupying a nearby house in Church Road, at least at one stage.

October, 2002

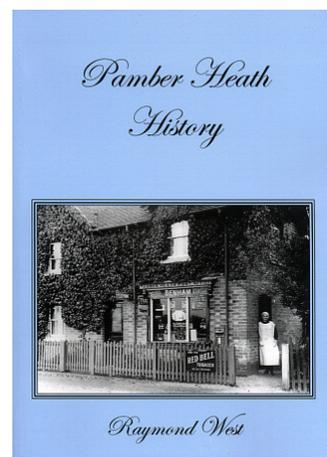
Development in Pelican Road named as Mitchell Close

The development of three bungalows in the former rear gardens of numbers 15 and 17 Pelican Road has been given the name of Mitchell Close. The road, which is accessed from Pelican Road, is to remain private.

February, 2003

Pamber Heath History book sold out

The last two Pamber Heath History books from the reprint of 100 copies were sold this month after a steady sale throughout 2002. The reprint was made available in February 2002 after a sell-out of the first print run of 750 copies in October, 2001. Orders are being taken for a possible third printing.



Front cover of the book