

Pamber Heath Village News

An occasional newsletter written by Raymond West ©

July, 2009 to February, 2011

July, 2009

Death of Maisie Joy Saunders

Another long-time resident of Pamber Heath, widow Maisie Joy Saunders, passed away peacefully on the 19th of July, 2009. Her husband Les had passed away some years ago.

They were both well-known to the older villagers and had been living in Burney Bit, Pamber Heath for decades. The funeral of Maise took place at the Tadley United Reformed Church on Friday 31st of July at 11.00am, attended by family and friends, who are left to mourn the loss of their loved one.

These news items were originally published on a web page but are now grouped together in one PDF document

August, 2009

Last home in Middle Close development finished

The last home of the Middle Close housing development has been finished and is up for sale. The development is on land previously occupied by Evelyn Bailey, who died some time ago. Evelyn had been living in the village for decades. Her cottage and a large shed, which at one time housed her husband's removal van, were demolished to make way for this development.

September, 2010

Post Office has new owner and set to relocate

Jay Patel of Pamber Heath Stores in Silchester Road has purchased the Pamber Heath Post Office and Stores in Pamber Heath Road. He told me that he plans to relocate the Post Office facility to his store in Silchester Road (its original home since the early 1900s).

Regarding the future of the shop in Pamber Heath Road, Jay said that he had received several offers for it and was considering them. At this time, the newspapers and magazines are no longer being sold at the Pamber Heath Road shop and a lot of the stock has been taken out. Subject to Post Office approval, the Post Office should be back in its original location at the Silchester Road premises in a few months time.

December, 2010

Post Office closure date announced

The Pamber Heath Post Office will close on December the 16th and re-open at the new site at Pamber Heath Stores in Silchester Road just before Christmas. The shop in Pamber Heath Road is expected to be fitted out and open as a hair and beauty salon, providing all necessary financing is in place. It will be some time before the new store will open, expected to be some time in the new year.

January, 2011

PAMBER HEATH GARDENING CLUB TO CLOSE

On the 18th of January a special meeting of the Pamber Heath Gardening Club was called and it was agreed that, due to a lack of volunteers to run the activities, sadly the club would be wound up.

The meeting was well attended and special thanks were given to Richard and Jane Brown for their efforts in keeping the club running since its inception in September, 1993. There would be one final outing to the Buckingham Palace Gardens on the 15th of May and then any remaining funds would be donated to the local charity 'Thrive'. Sadly, like the Pamber Heath branch of the Womens' Institute, many years ago, yet another village club has been forced to close due to lack of support.

February, 2011

Jumble sale with a twist

A jumble sale was held in aid of hall funds on the 15th of February at the Pamber Heath Memorial Hall and despite attendance and contributions being lower than 12 months previously, a profit of £255 was made plus a further £56 from E-bay sales.

Earlier, someone had decided to have a joke at the organisers' expense by placing a chain across the car park entrance preventing cars from entering, causing a back up of cars in Pamber Heath Road outside as people arrived to set up for the sale. It was found that the chain was not actually padlocked as first thought but the Memorial Hall Committee were not amused!