

# Pamber Heath Village News

An occasional newsletter written by Raymond West ©

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## January, 2006 General news round-up

The last six months were quiet in Pamber Heath. There is nothing of much interest to report except for the news that Louisa Benham, a former Pamber Heath resident, has reached 100 years old.

On the mundane side, steel shutters went up at the Pamber Heath Stores to help with security - a sign of the times we now live in no doubt.

Also, it seems no one much likes barn dances as one due to be held at the Memorial Hall had to be cancelled because of the lack of interest.

It is believed that due to a surplus of cash, houses in Burney Bit owned by the housing association began having the tiles replaced on each roof just before Christmas. However, some question whether the project is just for cosmetic reasons and, perhaps, the money could have been better spent on something more useful.

Surely there must be some more positive news? - ah, yes, well there was the lighting of the beacon in Pamber Park for the Trafalgar celebrations, attended by about a hundred people despite being a very cold and windy night. However, there was much amusement at the many failed attempts to light the torch which was to set the beacon aflame. The beacon itself was quick to light and a roaring success.

There were excellent displays of fireworks on November 5th and some splendid Christmas lights were to be seen adorning homes in the village from December.

Also, the Pamber Heath History book sold out for the fourth time and orders are still coming in, even after four years of being published!

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

## February, 2006 Death of Myra Flitter

Myra Flitter passed away peacefully in her own home on Tuesday the 14th of February at the age of 86. She was the dearly loved mother of Howard, Peter and Caroline. Myra was the widow of Hylton Flitter - the son of George and Edith Flitter who once lived at 'The Brook', a cottage which was later given the postal address of 4 Pamber Heath Road.

Myra and Hylton were well known in the local community and Hylton, who was wounded in the Second World War and left permanently disabled, worked as a shoe repairer and leather worker.

Hylton devoted a lot of time working as a welfare officer for the Tadley Branch of The Royal British Legion. The photograph below shows the Flitter family many years ago. George is missing from the photograph and the child is Hylton Stanley - Pearl's son. Pearl lived in Burney Bit for many years.

The funeral service was held at the United Reformed Church, Tadley, on Wednesday the 22nd of February at 11:00 am. Myra will be sadly missed.



Myra Hylton Edith Pearl Hylton

*Pamber Heath Archives web site (address at bottom of page) will be of great interest to family historians: records, photos, memories and pictures and more.*

## March, 2006 Dennis Upton passes away peacefully

Dennis Geoffrey Upton of Bramley, formerly of Pamber Heath, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday the 30th of March, 2006 at the age of 75 years. Dennis was a member of the Upton family of old Pamber Heath and his father was 'Billie Upton' (presumably William Upton).

They used to live at a house known as 'The Laurels' in Pamber Heath Road, at least from the 1930s. Dennis was born there and it was to be his home for 20 years. He attended Tadley Primary School and was a grandson of George Naish of Pamber Heath - the village carpenter and undertaker in the 1930s.

Dennis wrote to me around 2001 to congratulate me on my book and in his letter he mentioned that his family had been living in the Burney Bit in 1926, as he recalled that his brother was born there during that year. He said he had a wonderful childhood and still had great affection for Pamber Heath, although everything had changed and the old house had gone but those happy days were always with him.

The funeral is to be held at St. James Church, Bramley at 10.30am on Monday the 10th of April, followed by cremation at Basingstoke Crematorium at 11.45am. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.