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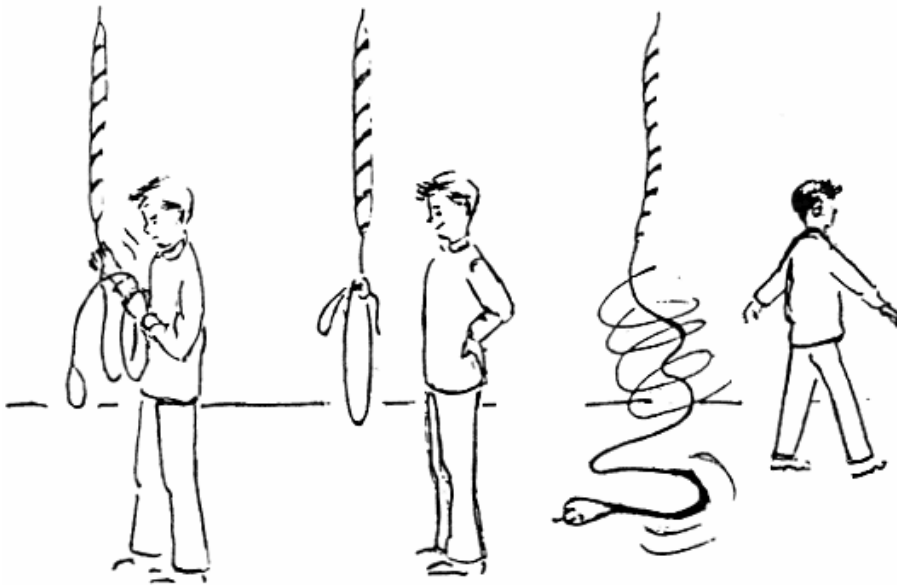
I'm afraid this issue is a little thin – could be because the previous one was so fat! However there are the results of Peal Week which I think you will all agree are admirable, and the change of rules for the AGM.

Before I get any further, the closing date for the Summer issue will be the last Saturday in May.

Winston and I hope that all of you that have rung first quarters and peals will ring more of them to consolidate what you have learned, and that you ENJOY them!

Carol

Having mastered rounds and call changes, and learning to tie the tail end,



Suffolk Guild Peal Week 2009

I'm an optimist. I have to be. I support Ipswich Town and work in sales at a time when nobody wants to spend any money. But Suffolk Guild Peal Week is a real test of such optimism. There is so much that could go wrong, so much that I could miss if I'm not on the ball. To make matters worse, the lead-up to this year's extravaganza was dominated by huge snow-storms of the white stuff and over-cautious 'elf n' safety regulations.

I needn't have worried. The week was almost spring-like at times and thanks to the help of many, many people, the week ran almost perfectly.

Of course not everything went right. Peals were lost at Bury St Edmund's, Grundisburgh, Wilby and at Great Yarmouth where I'd dropped out thinking we'd got 11 only to discover that the band met 11 in my absence. As Homer would say, 'D'oh!'

Undoubtedly the highlights of the week were the numerous firsts, not least the seven first-pealers. Well done to all them, especially Philip and Craig the youngsters of the week. Impressively Philip went on to ring his second peal later in the week and went for his first on 8 in the lost attempt at Wilby.

Congratulations also to Gordon Slack on his first as conductor and to the returning peal ringers. David Rogers rang his first peal for 16 years, Peter Lock his first for 19 years and St John Perry his first after 37 years!

The main point of the week was for the type of achievements above, but for the statisticians (of whom I believe there are many in the ringing fraternity) there are some pretty impressive stats, particularly when compared to previous years.

When I re-introduced Suffolk Guild Peal Week just two years ago, we scored seven peals. This year we scored sixteen peals from twenty attempts. Over the course of the week, twenty different towers were used in those twenty attempts and in total seventy-two ringers partook in attempts, with Jonathan Stevens leading the way on five. Nine different conductors called the peals, With Winston Girling, Stephen Pettman and Jonathan Stevens leading the way with three a piece. And England threw away a test match in the West Indies.

My thanks to all who took part, to those who organised peals, called peals and allowed their bells to be used. My commiserations and apologies to those who lost peals. It was truly wonderful to see so many people have a go and get into the spirit of things.

Richard Munnings
Suffolk Guild

Barsham, Suffolk, Holy Trinity

Fri Feb 13 2009 2hrs26mins (6cwt)

5040 Doubles

5m - (1-8) Reverse Canterbury (9-16) St Simon's (17-24) St Martin's (25-32) Grandsire (33-42) Plain Bob

#1# Philip J Gorrod (C)

#2# E Naomi Shaw

#3# David R McLean

#4# Jason R Busby

#5# Jonathan J Stevens

Most methods; 2 & 4

For Suffolk Guild Peal Week.

Ipswich, Suffolk, St Mary-le-Tower

Sun Feb 15 2009 3hrs29mins (35cwt)

5008 Spliced Maximus

(2m - 3840 Plain Bob, 1168 Little Bob, 51 com, atw)

Comp. A G Reading

#1# Adrian Knights

#2# George W Pipe

#3# Diana M Pipe

#4# Thomas G Scase

#5# Anne R Bray

#6# Roger L K Whittell

#7# Peter W Harper

#8# Donald C Price

#9# Paul A J Bray

#10# David I Stanford

#11# Nigel J Newton

#12# Richard J Munnings (C)

1st Maximus; 7
Rung by a local band for Guild Peal Week.

Reydon, Suffolk, St Margaret

Sun Feb 15 2009 2hrs42mins (10cwt)
5040 Plain Bob Minor

- #1# John D Mortimer
- #2# Philip D Moyse
- #3# Helen Y Price
- #4# Jason R Busby
- #5# Richard T L Rapior
- #6# Jonathan J Stevens (C)

With best wishes to Revd. Simon Ward, our valued incumbent recently appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich, and to Georgette and the Boys.

1st Peal; 1 & 2.
For Suffolk Guild Peal Week.

Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, St Andrew

Sun Feb 15 2009 2hrs43mins (9cwt)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor
Comp. R Bailey

- #1# Winston S Girling (C)
- #2# Mary Allum
- #3# Gordon E Slack
- #4# Maurice J Rose
- #5# David R McLean
- #6# Alan P Mayle

Rung during Suffolk Guild peal week.

Great Barton, Suffolk, Holy Innocents

Mon Feb 16 2009 2hrs36mins (8cwt)
5040 Minor

(6m - 1) Kent Treble Bob 2) Oxford Treble Bob 3) Double Oxford Bob
4) St Clements College Bob 5,6) Cambridge Surprise 7) Plain Bob)

- #1# Craig M D Gradidge
- #2# Ruth Suggett

#3# Lesley A Wilson
#4# Lawrence R Pizzey
#5# Maurice J Rose
#6# Louis P H Suggett (C)

First peal; 1.
For Suffolk Guild Peal Week by a NW District band.
Also birthday compliment to Janey Beever.

Rushmere St Andrew, Suffolk, St Andrew

Tue Feb 17 2009 2hrs44mins (9cwt)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 extents, called differently.)

#1#Stephen D Pettman (C)
#2#Thomas G Scase
#3#Anne M Buswell
#4#Jason Busby
#5#Bruce Wakefield
#6#Peter W Harper

First inside and first minor: 3
For Suffolk Guild peal week.

Henley, Suffolk, St Peter

Wed Feb 18 2009 2hrs46mins (8cwt)
5056 Cambridge Surprise Major
Comp. C Middleton

#1# Brian E Whiting
#2# Ruth Suggett
#3# Janet R Sheldrake
#4# Adrian Knights
#5# John L Girt
#6# Maurice J Rose
#7# Winston S Girling
#8# Gordon E Slack (C)

For Suffolk Guild Peal Week.
First peal as conductor.
First S Major inside; 2 & 3.
First in method; 8.

Ipswich, Suffolk, Old Stoke, The Wolery

Wed Feb 18 2009 1hr35mins (9lb)

5040 Hull Surprise Minor

(3x1440, 1x720)

- #1# Michael J Edwards
- #2# Katharine J Salter
- #3# Thomas G Scase
- #4# Mary E Dunbavin
- #5# Richard J Munnings
- #6# David G Salter (C)

First in the method by all and for the Guild.
For Guild Peal Week.

Kersey, Suffolk, St Mary

Thu Feb 19 2009 3hrs02mins (15cwt)

5152 Pudsey Surprise Major

Comp. S D Pettman

- #1# Brian E Whiting
- #2# George W Pipe
- #3# Christine A Knight
- #4# Mary S Garner
- #5# Barry J Dixon
- #6# Mary E Dunbavin
- #7# Thomas G Scase
- #8# Stephen D Pettman (C)

First Pudsey: 5

65th birthday compliment to Eileen Dixon, wife of 5.

Sweffling, Suffolk, St Mary

Fri Feb 20 2009 2hrs44mins (6cwt)

5040 Doubles

3m - (1) St Martin's Bob (2-5, 11-15, 21-25, 31-35) Plain Bob (6-10,
16-20, 26-30, 36-42) Grandsire

- #1# Suzanne M J Stevens
- #2# Philip D Moyse
- #3# Mary S Garner

#4# Sally E Mason
#5# Jonathan J Stevens (C)
#6# David W Rogers

1st attempt; 4
1st Doubles; 2
1st for 16 years; 6
Birthday compliments to Phoebe Aubugeau-Williams.
For Suffolk Guild Peal Week.

Thornham Magna, Suffolk, St Mary

Fri Feb 20 2009 2hrs48mins (8cwt)
5040 Grandsire Doubles
(10 callings)

#1# Sylvie M C Fawcett
#2# Carol A Girling
#3# Gordon E Slack
#4# St John Perry
#5# Winston S Girling (C)
#6# Peter L Godden

First peal - 1
Second peal after 37 years and first of Grandsire Doubles - 4.
Remembering Lord Henniker who died in 2004.
Rung during Suffolk Guild Peal Week.

Horham, Suffolk, St Mary

Sat Feb 21 2009 2hrs30mins (6cwt)
5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Comp. Richard B Pullin (No3)

#1# Michael J Edwards
#2# Mary E Dunbavin
#3# Anne Carpenter
#4# Peter J Waterfield
#5# Jonathan J Stevens
#6# Bernard F L Groves
#7# David R McLean
#8# David G Salter (C)

100th together; 7,8

The conductor has now called compositions by 200 different composers.

For Guild Peal Week.

Rendham, Suffolk, St Michael

Sat Feb 21 2009 2hrs58mins (10cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Major

Comp. S D Pettman

- #1# Isabel S Rivers
- #2# Brian E Whiting
- #3# Peter Lock
- #4# Bruce Wakefield
- #5# Jason R Busby
- #6# Adrian Edwards
- #7# Peter W Harper
- #8# Jonathan J Stevens (C)

1st Plain Bob Major; 5

1st for 19 years; 3

For Suffolk Guild Peal Week.

Stradbroke, Suffolk, All Saints

Sat Feb 21 2009 2hrs39mins (9cwt)

5040 Surprise Minor

21m - (1) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (2) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham (3) London, Wells (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull (5) York, Durham (6) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (7) Norwich

- #1# Michael J Edwards
- #2# Mary E Dunbavin
- #3# David G Salter
- #4# Bernard F L Groves
- #5# Alan P Mayle
- #6# Peter J Waterfield (C)

Rung during Suffolk Guild Peal Week.

Bacton, Suffolk, St Mary

Sun Feb 22 2009 2hrs43mins (9cwt)

5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 different extents)

- #1# Carol A Girling
- #2# Sonia M Charnley
- #3# Mary Allum
- #4# David R McLean
- #5# Gordon E Slack
- #6# Winston S Girling (C)

1st peal - 2

To welcome home Dr. Peter Franks following heart surgery.
Rung during Suffolk Guild Peal Week.

Orford, Suffolk, St Bartholomew
Sun Feb 22 2009 2hrs51mins (11cwt)
5040 Grandsire Triples

Sadness... and Pleasure

September brought a lot of sadness to many of us in the North West District. We were all shocked by the tragedy at Mildenhall when Jack Sturgeon, loyal steeple keeper and ringer at Mildenhall for many decades, fell from the ladder as he wound the clock at the tower. All our thoughts are with Jack's family and the ringers who were with Jack at the time and who witnessed this terrible event. Later in the month we were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Pat Bimson, former ringer at Brandon and wife of David, Tower Captain at Elveden. Then we heard that Sylvia Morley, another dedicated member of the band at Barrow had passed away quite suddenly, much to the shock of her family and friends. All these sad events lead us to reflect on the affection we feel for each other as ringers and it was a pleasure to ring a quarter peal at Elveden on 24 September as a tribute to all three. Sadness however is not always unadulterated – sometimes a small thing happens which can bring just a small ray of light into what are otherwise dark times. Such a thing happened at Elveden on the morning of 27 September when a peal had been arranged to mark the birthday and retirement of Maurice Rose. The peal was also rung in memory of Pat. Unknown to the ringers, a lady who had been a resident of Elveden during the war and who had married a GI and left for a new life in America, had returned to the village for the first time in over 50 years. She was in Elveden as the "treat" she wanted from her family in recognition of her 90th birthday. It was a beautiful sunny morning and the peal was in full swing. The lady asked her family – are the bells ringing for me? The family with her didn't say no, because, in a way, they were ringing for her.

OPEN RINGING IN TOWERS IN SUFFOLK

Saturday 21st March 2009

Day Tickets at £10 will be available from the 1st four Towers listed.

Alternatively £1.00 per tower as visited

Proceeds in aid of Elmsett Bell Fund

From	To	Tower	Bells	Map Ref	Toilet
9.15	10	Tostock	6	TL961637	T
9.4	10.25	Stowlangtoft	4	TL957683	
10	10.45	Hunston	5	TL976680	
10.2	11.05	Walsham Le Willows	6	TM000711	
10.4	11.25	Wattisfield	5	TM010742	
11	11.45	Gislingham	8	TM077718	T
11.2	12.05	Thornham Magna	6	TM104714	
11.4	12.25	Finningham	3	TM067695	
12	12.45	Old Newton	5	TM059625	T
12.3	1.15	Earl Stonham	6	TM108588	T
1	1.45	Barking	6	TM076536	
1.45	2.3	Offton	8	TM066496	T
2	2.45	Bramford	6	TM127463	
2.2	3.05	Sproughton	6	TM125450	
2.45	3,30	ELMSETT ***	3	TM059473	
3.25	4.1	Kersey	8	TM002439	
3.45	4.3	Monks Eleigh	6	TL966478	
4.1	4.55	Bildeston	6	TL985492	
4.4	5.25	Gt Finborough	6	TM014580	
5	5.45	Buxhall	6	TM003576	

*****Tea, Coffee and Cakes will be provided at Elmsett**

All welcome for an opportunity to Ring the Bells at some less used towers in Suffolk

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Constitution & Rule Amendments

At the Guild AGM on Saturday 18th April at Wenhaston the GMC will propose that the rules and constitution be varied as follows:

B4: add "of an amount at least equal to an Associate (Senior) change member's subscription".

D6: revised as follows:

D6

6.1 The President shall be the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

6.2 A Suffragan Bishop within the Diocese shall be a Vice-President

6.3 A member may be elected as a Vice-President at an AGM.

6.4 A non-member may be elected as a Patron at an AGM.

6.5 Patrons and Vice-Presidents shall hold office without re-election, but may be removed by a resolution at an AGM. Vice-Presidents elected under 6.3 shall cease to hold office if they cease to be a member of the Guild.

D7: delete "Vice-Presidents may be elected. Subscriptions and fees for the year beginning the following January shall be set at the AGM or a SGM".

[See H2 below]

D9: delete "to certify the accounts" and add "to act as Independent Examiner in accordance with The Charities Acts"

D10 (3rd line): delete "Certified".

E14: delete "applied to the work of the Guild in the restoration and maintenance of bells" and add "transferred to the Guild Restoration Fund"

F24: add "and the secretary shall maintain an up-to-date inventory of other Guild assets"

G 26.2 Delete "date given in the proposal"

H2 (2nd line after "year"): add "and shall be set at the preceding AGM, or a SGM".

K16 (3rd line): add "(including District)"

Handbell Regulations Delete 8 *[duplication of 6]*

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE :- LAST SATURDAY IN MAY