

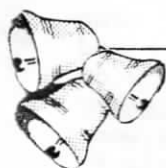
PERRYIN'



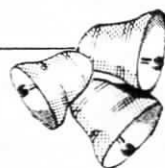
The picture above was taken on September 8th 1952 on School Lane, Chipping, when Martha Slater and Robert Billington had just been married at St Mary's Church.

The old custom of perryin' was taking place, whereby the bride and bridegroom tossed coins to the children outside the church. In the past, if children were at school they would be allowed out of class specially to wait for the perryin'. At St Mary's perryin' would take place from the church door, or, as in this case, from the wedding car outside. At St Bartholomew's newly married couples still throw coins from the top of the church steps after the wedding ceremony.

In this picture another old wedding custom was being observed -- the man and woman just starting their married life together were being barred from continuing and being held to ransom until a bribe was paid. The barrier was a rope held on the left by Mrs Florrie Bamber and on the right by Mrs Betty Moon. Only when the ransom had been paid (in this case the coins thrown to the children) would the newly weds be able to leave. Barring the way is known to have taken place in Chipping as far back as the last century when the custom was to place gates across the road along which a newly married couple had to travel.



NEW BELLS FOR THE PARISH CHURCH October 1793



"On Monday the 28th October, was opened at the parish church of Chipping, in this county, by the Waddington Ringers, a musical peal of six bells, cast by Mr Tho. Mears of Whitechapel, London, hung by Mr Ed. Simmons; a peal, much approved by connoisseurs in the art of ringing." From the PRESTON REVIEW, 9th November 1793.

The church had bells as long ago as 1614, when Arthur Parker left money in his will for their repair. The six new bells of 1793 replaced an earlier peal of three bells.