Sutton in Ashfield, Notts. 1260 Grandsire Triples: M Baker 1, Anna Webb 2, Janet Webb 3, Mandy K Freeman 4, Margaret Reed 5, O Butterworth 6, N J Parkes (C) 7.

Budworth, Notts. 1272 Norwich S. Minor: R Marshall 1, F Flint 2, Jenny Coxston 3, C B Richards 4, C Aked 5, D Holland (C) 6.

Farnsfield, Notts. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Laura Shephard 1, Nicola Eves (C) 2, Janet Webb 3, A Densham (1st inside) 4, M Robertson 5, K Smith 6. 1st Q: 1,5.

Cuckney, Notts. 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: M Baker 1, R Hind 2, Margaret Reed 3, Mandy K Freeman 4, D Beach 5, N J Parkes (C) 6.

Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts. 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R Hind 1, Jenny Loxston 2, P Loxston 3, B Hinchcliffe 4, D Butterworth 5, C B Richards (C) 6.

Ault Hucknall, Derbys. 1280 P.B. Major: D Beach 1, Anna Hebb 2, R M Laine 3, Anne England 4, Margaret Reed 5, M Baker 6, F Flint 7, P England (C) 8.

Edwinstowe, Notts. 1260 P.B. Minor: M Lunnon (1st Q) 1, G Howbrook 2, Anne England 3, R Hind 4, Hazel Lunnon 5, P England (C) 6.

Hucknall, Notts. 24 Jun, 1280 D.N.C.B. Major: M Baker 1, P Loxston 2, C Aked 3, Margaret Reed 4, D Butterworth 5, B Hinchcliffe (1st in m) 6, N J Parkes 7, C B Richards (C) 8.

Greasley, Notts. 24 Jun, 1280 Spl. S. Major (Std 8): Anna Webb 1, F Flint 2, Mandy K Freeman 3, C Aked 4, C B Richards 5, D Holland 6, N J Parkes 7, D Butterworth (C) 8.

An Articulated Complaint

Quarter peals are rare at Pipe-cum-Lyde near Hereford, in fact ringing there is far from a regular activity. When Phil Morgan enquired about ringing there, he had only Pipe-cum-Lyde and the new ring at Preston-on-Wye to complete Herefordshire; I suggested a quarter peal.

We duly gathered together a band for Cambridge Minor (another rarity for Hereford!). If successful it would have been Ashley's first of treble bob and Sarah's 100th quarter. Off we went and quickly settled into a good rhythm on these difficult bells.

After twenty minutes we were disturbed by banging on the door. We looked at each other, had a slight hiccough with the rhythm and carried on. The banging stopped. Then started again. Then stopped. Started. Stopped. The end of the 720 came out. We stood and went to investigate.

We were met by a lorry driver. "Could you move your cars please? I can't get my lorry round."

Now the lane passing the church is scarcely a motorway. It is in fact a lane. Our Yorkie-chomping friend was in charge of a very large articulated lorry and had attempted to swing out of a yard adjacent to the church and was requiring the use of the adjacent grass verge to complete the manoeuvre.

We were less than pleased and made our views plain as we moved our cars out of the way of the over-sized vehicle.

Still, the 720 was good – can we please record it for posterity?

Pipe-cum-Lyde, Herefords. 25 Jul, 720 Cambridge S. Minor: Ashley Fortey (1st 720 T.B. Minor) 1, Mandy James 2, Jo Hall 3, Sarah Morgan 4, Phil Morgan 5, David Carter (C) 6. Quarter sabotaged by lorry driver! David CARTER

In celebratory mood

The first day of the school Summer Holiday is a day to be especially savoured by those of us in education. The 24.7.95 also happened to be the wedding anniversaries of the Wraights and the Larters. Therefore, in celebratory mood, in glorious hot weather, this band comprising mainly Kent ringers spent an enjoyable and successful quarter peal day in Surrey. It was incidental that the initial of each place rung at formed the word GRAB. The first target of the day was to ring Ashtead at Ashtead. This successful quarter was "first blows" in Ashtead for four of the band. Bristol at Betchworth was followed by a leisurely lunch. The quarter of

Rutland at Redhill produced the best, rhythmical striking of the day. Rutland was the set method for the KCACR 8 bell Inter-District Striking Competition this summer, so this method has been much practised recently by the Kent ringers in this band. The concluding quarter of this first day of the summer holiday was Superlative at Godstone.

We should like to thank everyone who gave up their time on a Monday to meet us at the towers. We were met promptly and warmly welcomed at each tower. Our thanks also to the respective incumbents for the use of their bells.

Donation: £8

Ashtead, Surrey. 24 Jul, 1250 Ashtead S. Major: Philip Larter 1, Graham Heath 2, Janet Yro 3, Diana Wraight 4, Rhian Bagshaw 5, Timothy Wraight 6, Michael Birkbeck 7, Neil Jones (C) 8. 1st blows in m: 2,3,4,6. 30th Wedding Anniversary compliment to Diana and Tim Wraight 24.7.95; 2nd Wedding Anniversary compliment to Clare and Philip Larter 24.7.95.

Betchworth, Surrey. 1282 Bristol S. Major: Graham Heath 1, Diana Wraight 2, Janet Yeo 3, Michael Birkbeck 4, Timothy Wraight 5, Philip Larter 6, Rhian Bagshaw 7, Neil Jones (C) 8.

Redhill, Surrey. 1280 Rutland S. Major: Neil Jones 1, Graham Heath (1st in m) 2, Diana Wraight (C) 3, Janet Yeo 4, Timothy Wraight 5, Rhian Baghaw 6, Philip Larter 7, Michael Birkbeck 8. In celebration of the Summer Holidays.

Godstone, Surrey. 1250 Superlative S. Major: Janet Yeo 1, Diana Wraight 2, Graham Heath (1st in m) 3, Philip Larter 4, Timothy Wraight 5, Rhian Bagshaw 6, Neil Jones 7, Michael Birkbeck (C) 8.

Barnes in the West

Barnes ringers' weekend in the west was slightly different this year.

The date had to be changed quite late in the planning process and the number attending reflected this. With fewer towers, fewer quarter peal attempts but just as much food and drink, those who came expected an easier time. Friday was set aside for a trip to Lundy Island and when this was weathered off even more relaxation was anticipated by some. However Mike Brady was able to organise two towers for us at very short notice and with a full schedule on Saturday and Sunday it was not particularly relaxing after all!

We rang at ten "new" towers and also revisited some old favourites, the majority of our quarter peal attempts were successful but for some obscure reason this year it was some of the Grandsire Doubles that evaded us! Baby Sam Gosden, our newest recruit managed to visit most of the towers and hostelries, but at seven weeks old he was left out of all the quarter peal attempts which was more than anyone else got away with!

We are again grateful to Colin Yandle for welcoming us to his Bampton Cottage (our headquarters) and to all those who helped with the catering, particularly Jill.

Donation: £18 E.J.R.H.

Huish Episcopi. 13 Jul, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: Adrian Udal 1, Liz Stanley 2, Brian Price
3, Ian Church 4, Edmund Hartley (C) 5, Francis
Ring-Davies 6.

Morebath, Devon. 13 Jul, 1260 P.B. Minor: Edmund Hartley 1, Ian Church 2, Liz Stanley 3, Francis Ring-Davies 4, Adrian Udal 5, Brian Price (C) 6.

Winkleigh, Devon. 14 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: George Doughty 1, Michael Brady 2, Jill Hupman 3, Ian Church 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Adrian Udal 6, Mike Wigney (C) 7, Brian Price 8.

North Tawton, Devon. 14 Jul, 1264 P.B. Major: Edmund Hartley 1, Ian Church 2, Liz Stanley 3, Francis Ring-Davies 4, George Doughty 5, Michael Brady 6, Jill Hupman 7, Mike Wigney (C) 8.

Minehead, Som. 15 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Hupman 1, Ian Church 2, Elaine Gosden 3, Liz Stanley 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Nicholas Ley 6, Mike Wigney (C) 7, Francis Ring-Davies 8, Adrian Udal 9. For the St Michael's, Minehead Flower Festival.

Timberscombe, Som. 15 Jul, 1280 Superlative S. Major: Nicholas Ley 1, Mark Gosden 2, Ian Church 3, Michael Brady 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Brian Price 6, Michael Wigney 7, Jill Hupman (C) 8. In celebration of the wedding of Judith Ley to Robert Farnon at Notgrove on 1st July.

Bampton, Devon. 16 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Victoria Camp (1st Q on a working bell) 1, Francis Ring-Davies 2, Liz Stanley 3, Brian Price 4, George Doughty (C) 5, Colin Yandle 6. For Morning Service.

Brushford, Som. 16 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Nicholas Ley 1, Mike Wigney 2, Ian Church 3, Elaine Gosden 4, Edmund Hartley 5, Jill Hupman (C) 6. For Morning Service.

Ash Priors, Som. 16 Jul, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Francis Ring-Davies 1, Ian Church 2, Liz Stanley 3, Adrian Udal 4, Brian Price 5, Jill Hupman (C) 6.

Bishop's Lydeard, Som. 16 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Edmund Hartley 1, Elaine Gosden 2, Nicholas Ley 3, Brian Price 4, Jill Hupman 5, Ian Church 6, Michael Wigney (C) 7, Adrian Udal 8.

Outing with a Difference

Our three local towers are quite close as the crow flies, but one is the other side of the river Teme, making the journey by road a considerable distance.

The energetic and enterprising captain of the tower on the "wrong" side of the river decided to ignore the water barrier. He arranged a magnificent day outing ringing at all three towers and walking between them through beautiful countryside and woodland.

We started with ringing at Suckley and then walked down to the river opposite Broadwas church. To get down to the river we had to go through hop fields and have our shoes duly anointed with disinfectant against the hop wilt virus. We then carried a small boat through the hop fields and down a very steep river bank to the Teme.

A line had been thrown across the river the night before and we hauled ourselves across one by one amidst great hilarity. We then had lunch and liquid refreshment at the local pub before some good ringing at Broadwas. We then re-crossed the river, more practised this time, and walked to Lye in beautiful sunshine.

At the end of the day everyone was very tired having walked about eight miles. As there were only six ringers in the company they were extra tired having to do all the ringing, ringing all the bells both up and down. Consequently a relaxed barbecue in the evening was greatly appreciated both for its excellence and its appropriateness.

Well done, Ivor! ANNE BURGE

Acton, Middx. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: R Maddalena (1st minor) 1, Gill How 2, Jennifer M Bunyan 3, E J R Hartley 4, M J Wigney(C) 5, A R Udal 6. To mark the ordination of the Revd. Margaret Joachim; also her 25th Wedding Anniversary. Also: on 30 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: R Maddalena 1, E J R Hartley 2, Jill M Hupman 3, M J Wigney(C) 4, Maryanne Roach 5. On the back 5 for Morning Service.

Aldbury, Herts. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Jenny Lewis 1, Caroline Craufurd 2, Sonja Morris 3, David Moore(C) 4, S Wooler 5, Leslie Lewis 6. For Morning Service. Also: on 9 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Stephanie Wooler (1st on treble) 1, S Wooler 2, D Moore 3, P Denwood 4, M Ridgway(C) 5, Nita Foulds 6. For Evening Service. Also: on 16 Jul, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. B Minor: L Haines(C) 1, Leslie Lewis 2, P Denwood 3, G Bennett (1st in m) 4, M Ridgeway 5, S Wooler 6. Also: on 30 Jul, 1260 St Clements Minor: P Denwood 1, Leslie Lewis 2, L Haines(C) 3, D Moore 4, S Wooler 5, M Ridgeway 6. 1st in m; 2, 4, 6.

Aylesford, Kent. 29 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Dot Hooker 1, M Taylor 2, M A Williams 3, C T Homewood 4, M N Pring 5, D W Elphick(C) 6. On the Feast Day of SS Peter & Paul. £1.20

Birling, Kent. 16 Jul, 1260 St Clements C B Minor: Dot Hooker 1, Shona Colebrook 2, M Taylor 3, M N Pring 4, M A Williams 5, D W Elphick(C) 6.