Say "Go" with Confidence

A Beginner's Guide to Conducting

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Introductions

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And you are?

What we will look at

- What is a conductor
- Standards

• What to call when

- Theory of touches
- And Finally.....

What is a conductor?



What is a conductor?

A conductor must:-

- Say "go" clearly
- Put calls in the correct place
- Ensure the ringing is of acceptable standard If not
 - Put it right
 - Call it round
 - Stand it up
- Say "that's all" clearly
- Say "stand" clearly

A conductor may:-

- Advise on striking
- Correct method mistakes

N.B. Individual ringers are responsible for ringing the method, and that includes not making mistakes.

Standards :-

- Why are we ringing?
 - To tell people there is a service
 - To enjoy ringing changes
- What are we aiming for?
 - To provide good experience for the audience
 - To ring as well as we can at all times
 - To enjoy ringing changes
 - To "score" a performance

Plain Bob Doubles



Plain Bob Doubles

Things to notice

- When the treble leads
- Where calls are made
- Anything else you can spot
 - Dodging pairs
 - 2nds and 5ths
 - Order in which bells make seconds
 - Order in which bells lead coursing order



When to call

When to call

Go Plain Hunt

That's All

Stand

What to call

Plain Bob Doubles

BOB





What to call when

Called to give a whole pull warning to do something different.

Usually this is at the start of the row in which the treble is in second place at back stoke (n.b. this is not the same place for Grandsire)

- Go
- Bob
- Single (not usually called in doubles)
- That's All
- Stand
- "Make that all" or "Rounds"

Can be called at any time if ringing is not good enough

Touches

Bob Course





Ways of knowing when to make the call

Bob Course of Bob Doubles

• From the treble

Call bob every time you get into 2nd place at backstroke on the way down. "That's all" at next back stroke after the second bob..

• From the 2nd

Call bob every time you are in 4ths place at backstroke on the way down and run in. "That's all" at next back stroke after the second bob.

• From the 3rd

Call bob every time you are leading at back stroke and run out.

"That's all" at next back stroke after the second bob.

• From the 4th

Call the first bob at your first blow in 5ths place (unaffected) and the 2nd bob when you are in back stroke in thirds place on the way up and make 4ths. "That's all" at next back stroke after the second bob.

• From the 5th

Call the first bob when you are in back stroke in thirds place on the way up and make 4ths and the 2nd bob at your first blow in 5ths place (unaffected). "That's all" at next back stroke after the second bob

Bob Course of Plain Bob Doubles



Two further touches

• Three homes

In, Out, Make – Isle of Man

Three homes

- On any bell call bob every time you are about to make long fifths
- The call is made at the first backstoke in fifths





In, Out, Make – Isle of Man

• Call any bell to run in, run out and make the bob From the second



In, Out, Make

2 observation bell

BOB E



What does a touch look like

•A bob course

Doubles b,b Minor b,b,b

Three homes

Doubles p,p,p,b,p,p,b,p,p,b,p,p,b3xp,b,3xp,b,3xp,bMinorp,p,p,p,b,p,p,p,b,p,p,p,b,b,p,p,p,b4xp,b,4xp,b,4xp,b

In, Out, Make (from the second) Doubles b,p,p,p,b,p,p,b,p,p,p Minor b,p,p,p,b,p,p,p,b,p,p,p,p

b,3xp,b,3xp,b,3xp b,4xp,b,4xp,b,4xp

Putting people right

Don't worry about it

Some useful things to say:-

- Treble lead
- Dodge now
- Dodge with me now
- Make that rounds

Remember Individual ringers are responsible for ringing the method and that includes not making mistakes

Before going back up the tower

- Look at touches being rung in Abel/Mobel/Mabel
- Use Touchline on your phone
- Use squared paper and pencil to write out touches and see how they work

When back up the tower

- Whilst ringing the method
 - See whether you are above or below the treble
 - See when the treble leads
 - Work out where a call would be made at each lead end
- Ask the Tower Captain at the beginning of the practice to let you have a go
- Ask someone to call the touch you want to call and see how the touch works
- Call a touch yourself
- Start with something easy
- Do your homework
- Call it several times to ensure you understand it and are comfortable

Questions



That's all Stand