

Learning to Ring Kent Treble Bob

As always, there are many ways to learn and to ring Kent Treble Bob including:

Learning the 'Blue Line' by heart from beginning to end. This is best if you remember things visually. You will find the Blue Line overleaf.

Working out a set of 'rules' by studying the method in depth. This is best if you remember words better than pictures.

Here are my three 'rules' for ringing Kent Treble Bob:

1. If you turn the Treble at the lead end, do the front work (sometimes called slow work) i.e. Dodge the Treble. Lead and make seconds over each working bell in turn. Dodge the Treble and go out.
2. For the rest of the time it's always Plain Leads at the front and Treble Bob at the back.
3. You always do something in 3/4 both going in and going out. If the Treble is below you, make near and far places. If the Treble is above you, dodge. If you meet the Treble in 3/4, either going up or down, dodge with it.

'Treble Bob at the back' means dodge 5/6 up, lie, dodge 5/6 down i.e. the same as the Treble does in any Treble Bob method.

'Near and far places' means thirds followed by fourths if you are going out or fourths followed by thirds if you are coming in. i.e. you make the place nearest to you first.

The Third Way

There is a third method that many advocate as the best way to learn new methods: Learn the blue line in five sections, one for each place bell start, noting which place bell it becomes at the lead end. Learning a method in this way means that you never have to ask 'where do I start on this bell' and it is helpful if you later want to splice the method with others. However, breaking the method up in this way can make it difficult to see the whole picture so I do not recommend it when you are first learning to ring Kent.

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