
Conducting Reverse Canterbury

Reverse Canterbury is very similar to Plain Bob Doubles, but with 3rd and 4th place bells starting in different directions and the bobs working in a different way, it can look very different to anyone who is accustomed to calling Plain Bob Doubles.

Calling Reverse Canterbury

It may help to think of Reverse Canterbury bobs as 'In, Out, Make it' in a similar way to Plain Bob Doubles. Bobs rotate in this order too.

Making the bob in Reverse Canterbury refers to the bell making long fourths and going back out again, becoming fourths place bell.

- In – called when you have passed the treble in 3rds place and are about to make 3-4 places up. You make thirds and become seconds place bell.
- Out – called when treble has taken you off lead and your bell is about to make seconds. You make thirds and become third place bell.
- Make it – called when you have passed the treble in fifths place and are about to make 3-4 places down. You make long fourths and become fourth place bell).

As with Plain Bob Doubles, the bell making long fifths (passing treble in fourth place) is unaffected.

If you prefer to make calls depending on where you pass the treble, the order would be calling when you pass the treble – 1st, 2nd, 5th place (all affected), 4th place (unaffected).

Conducting tips

Reverse Canterbury is quite a stable method, with no dodging to worry about and plain hunting back and forth between pieces of work. Treble passing is nicely familiar if the team have rung Plain Bob Doubles before, so this can also help people to keep straight.

One common error is for the ringer making the bob (four blows in fourths) to forget to go back into fifth place before hunting down again. It should be straightforward to spot the bell making the bob as they will be ringing immediately in front of you if you are ringing long fifths, or just after you if your bell is making thirds and in at the bob.

As both the bell which was about to make seconds and the bell about to make 3-4 places up make thirds and in when a bob is called, offering the advice 'thirds and in' to anyone looking lost near the front may be enough to help.