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Teaching with Unusual Methods

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## Unusual Methods

Why use unusual methods?

Variety improves interest and motivation.

It always helps to have more weapons in your arsenal.

Anything is better than "We try Stedman Doubles every practice but never quite seem to manage to get it."

Each method has at least one educational purpose, as well as being fun, different or challenging.

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The hope is that SOME rather than all of the topics and methods in this session may be useful to you or your band. This sheet lists the methods, indicating the levels of difficulty and with references to where you can find more information about most of them. The powerpoint presentation and a video recording of the entire session will be available for download from ART after the conference.


## Unusual Methods

## You should also have this one-page handout.

This should help you follow up on any particular item this interests you.

Do not try to learn the methods in this brief presentation. Follow up the one or two you like later.

# There will be a little "pause for thought" between methods! 

## First method is Bastow



## Bastow/Bistow

...plus QP with Alliance
All Saints
Banana Doubles
Poyle Doubles
St Clement's Triples
... plus Plain Bob to Grandsire St Andrew's Differential

Double Dunkirk
Splicing Stedman
Littleport Little Max

## Bastow Minor / Bistow Doubles



Perhaps the most useful practice method there is, but still not rung nearly enough!

Dual-purpose!
For the treble, Kaleidoscope-ish leading and making seconds, but over which bell? Encourages wider ropesight and also rhythm.

For other bells, most of the work of Plain Bob but without the worry of "Do I dodge now?"


On a more advanced level - have you ever rung a quarter peal of Bastow?

To get an extent in minor, you need to combine it with something like an Alliance method such as Sutton.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { EdCol S6 A9 } \\
\text { RW 5792 } \\
28 / 04 / 22
\end{gathered}
$$



On a more advanced level - have you ever rung a quarter peal of Bastow?

To get an extent in minor, you need to combine it with something like an Alliance method such as Sutton.

It has two leads of frontwork, where you stay in first or second place.

The rest of the time you treble-bob between 3 rd place and the back. Conductors: note the calling positions.

## Bastow Minor in a QP

EdCol S6 A9
RW 5792
28/04/22

## Bastow Minor in a QP



Sutton and Bastow 23456 Su
42635
64523
56342

- 23564

52436
45623
64352
36245
S 25364 Ba
32456
43625
64532
56243

- 25643

62354
36425
43562
54236
S 25463 Su
42356
Repeat twice
more

On a more advanced level - have you ever rung a quarter peal of Bastow?

To get an extent in minor, you need to combine it with something like an Alliance method such as Sutton.

Here's an extent (with not many method changes). See EdCol for full details.
$4^{\text {th }}$ place Bobs, but Singles are 234 in Sutton, 456 in Bastow.

Definitely something unusual!

## That's it for Bastow

Bastow/Bistow
...plus QP with Alliance
All Saints

# Next up is All Saints 

Banana Doubles
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## All Saints Doubles

## All Saints Doubles



| EdCol S6 A14 |
| :---: |
| RW 5802 |
| $07 / 08 / 22$ |

Quick to learn
No dodging
Easier for beginners than Plain Bob
Great confidence boost

How do we learn methods?
By rote (eg Cambridge)
Crankshafts each time at the back

By observing (eg 3rds/4ths in Kent) What to do at the front?
$2 n d s$ or long 3rds?
Does the treble take you off?

## That's it for All Saints

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## Banana Doubles

Banana Doubles


| 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Another method that is quick to learn is Banana Doubles.

No dodging.

It's a principle.

Crankshafts at front and back.

Places RIGHT at front and back, WRONG at thirds.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { EdCol S6 A12 } \\
\text { RW 5798 } \\
08 / 03 / 22
\end{gathered}
$$

## That's it for Banana

Bastow/Bistow
...plus QP with Alliance
All Saints
Banana Doubles
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## Poyle Doubles

Poyle Doubles


Here's a very unusual method!
Like Grandsire, the treble plain hunts and there's another bell that repeats the same work every lead in a plain course.

But unlike Grandsire, this bell does not plain hunt. What does it do?

## Poyle Doubles

Poyle Doubles


> EdCol S6 A6
> RW 5786
> $17 / 03 / 22$

Other bells do long thirds, and a trip to the back for a crankshaft, with double dodges on either side.

Try a few plain courses.
Once everyone is familiar with the repeated work and the inside work...
...try a touch - they are arguably easier than Grandsire.

## Poyle Doubles



## Poyle Doubles

| 60 | 120 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2345}$ | 2345 |
| 2453 | S 4253 |
| 2534 | 4532 |
| S 3245 | 4325 |
| 3452 | S 2453 |
| 3524 | S 5234 |
| S 2345 | 5342 |
|  | 5423 |
|  | S 2534 |
|  | S 3245 |
|  | 3452 |
| EdCol S6 A6 | 3524 |
| RW 5786 | S 2345 |
| 17/03/22 |  |

It's easiest to call touches from the two. At each call you either leave or re-enter the repeated work.

For a 60, wait until it is about to come round, call a Single, then another Single three leads later to bring it round.

For a 120 (extent), always give yourself just one lead of repeated work.

## That's it for Poyle

Bastow/Bistow

## Next up is <br> St Clement's Triples



## St Clement's Triples

How many twin-hunt methods do you ring?

Sadly, for most ringers, it's just one: GRANDSIRE
But we also ring Poyle!
But there are many minor methods that extend to triples methods by adding a second hunt bell. St Clement's is one of them. It is well worth learning - it is very musical, and a couple of plain courses make a good service touch.

The most obvious example of adding a second hunt bell is turning Plain Bob Minor into Grandsire Triples.

So when teaching St Clement's Triples, show how the extension from minor to triples works for Plain Bob and for St Clement's.

## Plain Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples

| EdCol S6 A2 |
| :---: |
| RW 5778 |
| $21 / 01 / 22$ |

Plain Bob Minor

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 |

In Plain Bob Minor, a bell makes seconds as the treble leads.

## Plain Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples

| EdCol S6 A2 |
| :---: |
| RW 5778 |
| $21 / 01 / 22$ |

Plain Bob Minor

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 |

Grandsire Triples

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 6 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| 6 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 7 |

In Plain Bob Minor, a bell makes seconds as the treble leads.

Adding a second hunt bell (orange line) means that the equivalent is now to makes thirds over both hunt bells.

This means that the dodging above this happens in 4-5 and 6-7, not 3-4 and 5-6, and happens just AFTER the treble leads.

## Plain Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples

| EdCol S6 A2 |
| :---: |
| RW 5778 |
| $21 / 01 / 22$ |

Grandsire Triples


Because the dodging happens one blow later, just after the treble lead, this means that the method STARTS with a dodge.

Exactly the same effects will be seen when we add a second hunt bell to St Clement's Minor.

## St Clement's Minor



Most of the time in St Clement's is spent hunting between third place and the back, with dodges at the lead end
. The dodges are in 3-4 and 5-6 the treble
. But you have two leads of frontwork, making seconds over in the middle.

## St Clement's Triples



Most of the time in St Clement's is spent hunting between third place and the back, with dodges at just after the lead end, and we start with a dodge. The dodges are in $3-4$ and 5-6 4-5 and 6-7. But you have two leads of frontwork, making seconds over the treble thirds over the hunt bells in the middle.

## St Clement's Triples

St Clement's Triples is well worth learning. It is about as difficult as Grandsire Triples, and makes a nice change!

Bobs and Singles work exactly as in Grandsire. See EdCol for some simple touches.

EdCol S6 A3
RW 5780
04/02/22

It shows that Grandsire is NOT the only twin-hunt method around.

Indeed, if you want to try some others, try
Single Oxford
Double Oxford
Single Court
Double Court
Each of these extends from Minor to Triples with the addition of a second hunt bell.

EdCol S4 A6
RW 5628
08/03/19
EdCol S6 A4
RW 5782
18/02/22

## That's it for St Clement's Triples

## That's it for St Clement's

## Next up is <br> St Andrew's Differential

Double Dunkirk
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## St Andrew's Differential

## Repeated work

We've met PRINCIPALS like Stedman and Banana where NO bells repeat work in a plain course. They all do the full work, the same for each bell.

Most methods are TREBLE-DOMINATED with all working bells doing identical work in a plain course - such as Plain Bob, St Clement's Minor, Cambridge. Just ONE bell, the treble, does the same work every lead.

We have also met methods like Grandsire, Poyle, St Clement's Triples, where TWO bells (the treble and one other) repeat the same work every lead in a plain course. Often the repeated work is plain hunting (but not in Poyle).

How about a method where bells repeat a chunk of work that is longer than one lead?

## St Andrew's Differential

| 123A56 | 145263 | 126435 | 143256 | 125463 | 146235 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 214365 | 41256 | 214653 | 412365 | 214536 | 412653 |
| 24356 | 421563 | 241635 | 421356 | 241563 | 42163 |
| 65 | 245136 | 426153 | 243165 | 425136 | 24615 |
| 3615 | 6 | 2465 | 423615 | 2453 | 426513 |
| 26351 | 24367 | 42563 | 246351 | 423561 | 245631 |
| 246531 | 423651 | 245361 | 426531 | 243651 | 425361 |
| 5613 | 246315 | 4235116 | 245613 | 426315 | 243516 |
| 51163 | 426135 | 243156 | 425113 | 246135 | 423156 |
| 1536 | 241653 | 421365 | 241536 | 421653 | 241365 |
| 12563 | 214635 | 412356 | 214563 | 412635 | 214356 |
| 5236 | 126453 | 143265 | 125436 | 146253 | 123465 |
| 145263 | 126435 | 143256 | 125463 | 146235 | 12345 |

The 2 and the 4 each ring the same two-lead chunk. It is essentially the frontwork of St Clement's Minor.

## St Andrew's Differential

2 and 4 ring a two-lead chunk three times.


The 2 and the 4 each ring the same two-lead chunk. It is essentially the frontwork of St Clement's Minor.

They repeat this work, ringing it three times in a plain course.

## St Andrew's Differential

| 123456 | 14526 | 126435 | 143256 | 125463 | 14623 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 244365 | 412536 | 214653 | 412365 | 214536 | 41265 |
| 241356 | 42 | 241635 | 421356 | 241563 | 42163 |
| 423165 | 245 | 426153 | 243165 | 425136 | 24615 |
| 24361 | 425316 | 24 | 42361 | 245316 | 426513 |
| 426351 | 243567 | 425 | 246351 | 423561 | 245631 |
| 246531 | 423651 | 2453 | 426531 | 243651 | 425361 |
| 425613 | 246315 | 4235146 | 2456113 | 426315 | 243516 |
| 245 | 425135 | 243156 | 425113 | 246135 | 42315 |
| 42153 | 241553 | 421365 | 241536 | 421653 | 24136 |
| 4125 | 214635 | 412356 | 214563 | 412635 | 21435 |
| 145236 | 12645 | 143265 | 125436 | 146253 | 123465 |
| 145263 | 126435 | 143256 | 125463 | 146235 | 12345 |

The 3, 5 and 6 have slightly harder work. There are two triple-dodges in 5-6 (lead-end in the middle dodge). These are preceded or followed by a lie.

There are two trips down the $3^{\text {rd }}$ place. One is just 3rds and back. The other is 3rds, 4ths, 3rds (lead-end), 4ths, 3rds.

## St Andrew's Differential

3,5 and 6 ring a three-lead chunk twice.


The 3, 5 and 6 all ring this chunk of work twice in a plain course.

Ring a few plain courses, changing bells so that everyone gets to ring both the easier 2-lead pattern and the 3-lead pattern.

## St Andrew's Differential

Then try a touch.

| Plain | Bob |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{llllll}4 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 6\end{array}$ | $4 \begin{array}{llllll}4 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 6\end{array}$ |
| 3265 | 265 |
| 3256 | 56 |
| 2365 | 65 |
| 56 | 21456 |
| 43165 | 65 |
| 23615 | 32461 |

There's just one call. Bells in 5 and 6 dodge (unaffected), a bell makes 4ths (unaffected).

A bell runs out from 2 to 3, leaving one pattern and joining the other.

Meanwhile a bell runs in, 3 to 2, also changing from one pattern to the other.

A good touch is three homes from the 6 . This leaves 5 and 6 unaffected, but 2, 3 and 4 each get to ring both of the patterns.

That's it for St Andrew's Differential

## Next up is Double Dunkirk

Bastow/Bistow<br>plus QP with Alliance<br>All Saints<br>Banana Doubles<br>Poyle Doubles<br>St Clement's Triples<br>... plus Plain Bob to Grandsire<br>St Andrew's Differential<br>Double Dunkirk<br>Splicing Stedman<br>Littleport Little Max

## A challenge for Stedman ringers

Reverse Stedman


$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { EdCol Xmas } \\
\text { RW 5669 } \\
20 / 12 / 19
\end{gathered}
$$

Here's a method we (in Brisbane) discovered by accident.

At practice in a 6-bell tower we had one beginner and five experienced ringers. We were looking for something where the beginner could cover, but was a challenge for us.

We decided to ring Stedman Doubles, but reversed (so dodging in 1-2, "frontwork" in $3,4,5$ ).

## What happened next week?



Next week we had six good ringers. We rang Reverse Stedman again for the newcomer.

But with six ringers, why not do Stedman frontwork on the front three, and reverse frontwork on the back three?

Quick

Slow

EdCol Xmas
RW 5669
20/12/19

The starts for the 2 and 3 are like normal Stedman. In the diagram, the 3 finishes its normal frontwork, then enters the back three (in a SLOW six).

## What happened next week?



We can similarly fill in what the 2 does.

Notice that it also embarks on slow work when it moves to the

Quick back three.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { EdCol Xmas } \\
\text { RW 5669 } \\
\text { 20/12/19 }
\end{gathered}
$$

## What happened next week?




EdCol Xmas
RW 5669
20/12/19

It's not too hard to fill in what other bells do, and keep the pattern going until it comes round.

But all the bells seem to do slow work all the time! So who does the quick Stedman work?

## Double Dunkirk



It's only when we looked at the treble that we realised that it does ALL quick work.

And guess what - that's called plain hunting!

So this Stedman-based method turns out NOT to be a principle, but a normal method. It is called Double Dunkirk.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { EdCol Xmas } \\
\text { RW 5669 } \\
\text { 20/12/19 }
\end{gathered}
$$

## That's it for Double Dunkirk

## Next up is <br> Splicing Stedman

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## Splicing Stedman

While on the subject of Stedman Doubles, how about splicing it?
Splicing is not that uncommon, and is a great way of reinforcing confidence in methods the band knows quite well.

But splicing Stedman is unusual, and we are going to splice Stedman Doubles with some minor methods. This will require some understanding of transposition of coursing orders.

If this prompts you or your band to want to find out more about transposing coursing orders, here's a reference:

RW 5576
09/03/18

## Splicing Stedman

In this demonstration, unlike real life, we are going to go for a really short touch. Stedman, with a minor method at each end.

So let's start with something short... Little Bob.

> EdCol Xmas
> RW 5573
> $17 / 12 / 21$


## Splicing Stedman

In this demonstration, unlike real life, we are going to go for a reallly short touch. Stedman, with a minor method at each end.

So let's start with something short... Little Bob.

And then go into Stedman.

Notice that 3 becomes the cover bell, and the treble goes into 4-5 dodging.

EdCol Xmas
RW 5573
17/12/21


## Splicing Stedman

We want the treble back leading as soon as possible, so that we can call the final method change.

So call a Single at the start of the six.

How are we going to get this to come round? The Stedman and the Single have jumbled the coursing order.

If we were plain hunting, the bells would lead 4, 2, 3, 6, 5. So the coursing order (with 6 written last as usual), is 5423(6).


## Splicing Stedman



So we need to change the coursing order from 5423(6) to 5324(6) which is what will get us to rounds. A study of coursing order transpositions tells us that a Home Single will do the trick!

We want this to happen as soon as possible, so let's choose a method that

EdCol Xmas RW 5573 17/12/21 will get the tenor from $5^{\text {th }}$ to $6^{\text {th }}$ place in the next lead.

St Clement's is one such method.

| Go Little | 123456 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 214365 |
|  | 24163 |
|  | 42615 |
|  | 462135 |
|  | 64125 |
|  | 614523 |
| Stedman | 16543 |
|  | 164523 |
|  | 614253 |
|  | 641523 |
| Single | $4{ }^{6} 51512315$ |
|  | 645213 T |
|  | 654123 E |
|  | 564123 D |
|  | 546213 M |
|  | 456123 A |
|  | 541623 N |
|  | 514263 |
| St Clement's | 154623 |
|  | 145263 |
|  | 412536 |
|  | 421356 S |
|  | 243165 T |
|  | 423615 |
|  | 246351 C |
|  | 426531 L |
|  | 245613 E |
|  | 4251 m M |
| Single | 241536 E |
| That's all | 214356 N |
|  | 123465 T |
|  | 123456 |

## Splicing Stedman

So change the method to St Clement's, and don't forget the Single.

That's all!


## That's it for Splicing Stedman

## One last method

## Littleport Little Maximus

Bastow/Bistow
...plus QP with Alliance
All Saints
Banana Doubles
Poyle Doubles
St Clement's Triples
... plus Plain Bob to Grandsire St Andrew's Differential

Double Dunkirk
Splicing Stedman
Littleport Little Max

## How about maximus?

## Let's finish up with something harder!

You are running a 12-bell practice. You have dealt with the less experienced, ringing plain hunt, call changes, treble bobbing, Bastow Max and Little Bob Max.

Now you want something to challenge the half-dozen experts who are Bristol Max ringers, while also being suitable for those who are not up to surprise maximus but are solid on surprise major methods.

## Littleport Little Surprise Maximus

The first three leads of a plain course


The answer could be Littleport Little Surprise Maximus.

It is a "little" method: the treble does treble-bobbing only up to $8^{\text {th }}$ place.

This makes each lead the same length as a lead of surprise major.

## Littleport Little Surprise Maximus

The first three leads of a plain course


The work of the 2, 3 and 4 (shown here) is exactly the same as Bristol Major.

And these bells stay in the front four, making ropesight easier for them.

## Littleport Little Surprise Maximus

The first three leads of a plain course


The work of the 5 (shown here) and the 6 are also the same as Bristol Major.

But the other bells (7 to 12) are harder. The lines for the 7 and 9 are shown.

Put your black zone ringers on these back six bells!

# Littleport Little Surprise Maximus 

A Bob course is three leads


A bob course works just like in Bristol Major. It is just three leads long.

The 2, 3 and 4 each make the Bob once, and remain in the front four at all times, doing the work of Bristol Major.

All the other bells repeat the same work in each of the three leads. (Such as the 12 , shown in green.)

So even your black zone ringers have to learn only one lead.

## That's it for Littleport Little Surprise Max

## The End

## Thanks for your time!

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