

Conducting Call Changes

Conducting call changes is more than making calls swapping bells and arriving at a new change.

Initially, to become a competent conductor, you have to do a fair bit of homework and learning.

Once you decide to become a conductor then such preparation is necessary as the rest of the band is reliant on you!!!

As a conductor you should –

Place your band according to capability and skill.

Generate several sets of changes to build up a call change repertoire.

Decide once your band is placed what call changes can be rung e.g. keep all front bells together or all odds and evens together.

Know at all times what the order of the bells should be so that you can correct any errors.

Be able to correct bells which are not on the beat (i.e. the striking).

This section will give guidance based on 40 years of call change conducting and observing experts.