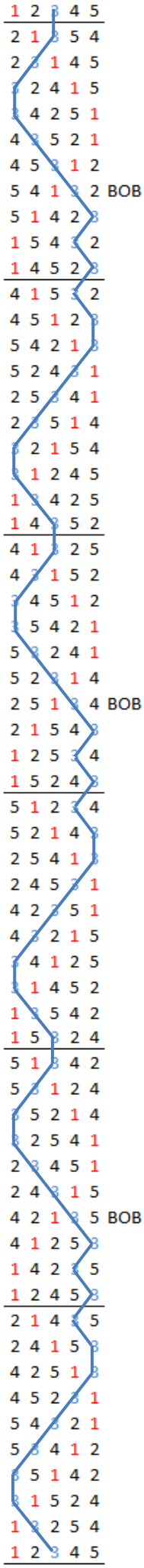
Grandsire Doubles: the observation bell



Bobs and singles in Grandsire Doubles cause one bell to come out of the hunt and to start doing the work (dodging and 3rds etc.) and one other bell will go into the hunt. The other bells will do some slightly different work (often double dodging) to let this happen.

In the example opposite, bell number 3 is the "observation bell". It will do the same bit of work each time a call is made.

Look through each part of the description below and match it to the area of the blue line.

A call (bob or single) is made just when you pass the treble in 4ths place.

You will double dodge 4-5 up with the bell you see immediately after the treble, so think:

"5ths, 4ths, 5ths, 4ths, 5ths" or
"over-under-over-under-over"

The bell you will double dodge with is the bell that has just been called out of the hunt – in the first call this is the 2.

As in the plain course of Grandsire Doubles, the treble takes you off the dodge. So after the double dodge you will do another blow in 5ths place over the treble.

As you come back down to lead you can look out for the new hunt bell (it's always the one you meet after the treble).

The bell you have just double dodged with is the one you take off lead.

After leading, the treble takes you off the lead showing you that you will have to make 3rds.

You will notice the bells you're making 3rds over are the treble and the new hunt bell (useful to see as this is the one you'll be double dodging with at the next call).

This pattern is repeated at all the next calls until it comes back to rounds.

Note: it doesn't matter if a single or a bob is called, as observation bell you do the same work and see the treble and the new hunt bell in exactly the same places.