

Here are the details for the training day on 1 February.

St Mary Rotherhithe is booked from 10.00-12.00

St James Bermondsey is booked from 14.00-16.00

Space has been reserved at the Mayflower pub next door to Rotherhithe church. We need final numbers for lunch. They will take pre-orders and understand the need for food to be on the table at 12.15! They will also take orders on the day. Please could I have pre-orders by 29 January.

<https://www.mayflowerpub.co.uk/mains>

Car parking is available at both churches and we are (just) outside the congestion charging zone, but within ULEZ. Getting across London always takes longer than you would expect. Public transport is a much better option. Rotherhithe is a very short walk from Rotherhithe station on the Overground (Windrush Line) which has a very easy connection to the Jubilee at Canada Water or the District Line at Whitechapel.



St Mary Rotherhithe



St James Bermondsey

Twin-Hunt Triples Method Workshop

Our first couple of “Introduction to” workshops have concentrated on Minor methods so it is time to branch out onto higher numbers. This edition concentrates on twin-hunt triples. Apart from Grandsire and perhaps an occasional attempt at Single Oxford Bob Triples, twin-hunt (two bells ringing plain hunt) are often overlooked.

Perhaps they are not as exciting as Surprise Major methods or as musically flexible as Stedman, they are nevertheless well worth exploring. The methods selected are classics, produce good music and are “pure”, i.e. three pairs of bells switch each change (unlike Plain Bob Triples, where three bells stay in the same place at the lead end).

I have chosen three methods to concentrate on for this workshop, with a “try also” method if we have time. Hopefully, by the end of the day, we will be confidently ringing touches of all three and perhaps we should aim to ring a quarter peal of each by the Quarter Peal Day in November 2025. Of course, if we have cracked the selected methods early in the day, there are several more twin-hunt methods to attack...

The first method will hopefully be familiar to most of you, Grandsire Triples. As it is a standard method and a staple of our meetings, I won't say too much about Grandsire. For those who don't often ring on eight bells but are familiar with Grandsire Doubles, it shouldn't take much learning to be able to ring Grandsire Triples.

We move on to another classic method, Single Oxford Bob Triples. As a warning, this is often shortened to Oxford Bob Triples. Again, if you don't ring Triples very often, don't be put off, it is Grandsire Doubles on the front, with triple dodging at the back. As you pass the treble below 4th place, then you do exactly the same as Grandsire Doubles; if you haven't met the treble by the time you get to 4th place, you triple dodge at the back. Of course, I recommend learning the line as well as the rules of where you pass the treble. Unlike Grandsire, the bells dodging at the back are unaffected by a bob or single. The other bells ring a Grandsire Doubles bob/single.

Finally, our third method, St Clement's College Bob Triples. Another method which is well worth ringing. As with St Clement's Minor, bells are either dodging together on the front (three dodges since you ask), with the other bells making thirds and hunting out after passing the treble. Bobs and Singles are the same as in Grandsire Triples.

Hopefully, by now you will now have looked at the lines for the methods and fingers-crossed, those familiar with Plain Bob Minor, Single Oxford Minor and St Clement's Minor will have recognised that the triples versions are the same but with two hunt bells. The same is also true of Double Oxford Bob Triples, which is my ‘Try Also’ method if we have sufficient time.

For anyone wanting more details on the methods, or the 63 other twin-hunt triples methods, I can recommend *Discovering Twin-Hunt Triples Methods* by Edward W Martin and published by the Whiting Society.