

Calling from rounds to Queens

Purpose

A commonly rung call change on any number of bells, Queens is said to have been given its name after Queen Elizabeth I overheard bells ringing this series of changes and commented how much she liked it.

Queens is a pattern with ascending odd numbered bells, followed by ascending even numbered bells. So, at a 6 bell tower, that would be – **1 3 5 2 4 6** or at an 8 bell tower – **1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8**

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Calling changes into Queens

To call six bells into Queens (if calling up):

2 after 3

4 after 5

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If calling down, the calls are:

3 to 1

5 to 2

5 to 3

If calling changes by place, the calls are:

2-3 swap

4-5 swap

4-3 swap

Calling the bells back into rounds could take any route chosen by the conductor, but would easily be accomplished by reversing the original calls.