

Method names

Most change ringing methods have a three part name (like Latin plant names)

- **Specific** – The first band to ring a method can name it. The name can be anything (places, flowers, stars, ...). Some are quite whimsical
- **Type** – This is to do with the way the method is constructed (and it's a bit technical)
- **Stage** – This is the number of bells involved – like the number of dancers in a formation dance.

Bells	Stage	Max changes	Bells	Stage	Max changes
3	Singles	6	4	Minimus	24
5	Doubles	120	6	Minor	720
7	Triples	5040	8	Major	40,320
9	Caters	362,880	10	Royal	3,628,800
11	Cinques	39,916,800	12	Maximus	479,001,600
13	Sextuples	6,227,020,800	14	Fourteen	87,178,291,200
15	Septuples	1,307,674,368,000	16	Sixteen	20,922,789,888,000

Nearly 24,000 methods have been named, but many more are possible.

Here are a few examples:

Plain Bob Doubles

All Saints Place Doubles

Primrose Surprise Minor

Kirkby in Ashfield Surprise Major

King Charles III Delight Major

St Clement's College Bob Caters

Kent Treble-bob Royal

Avon Delight Maximus