

## Norwich Surprise Minor

The most common entry method into Surprise Minor is Cambridge, probably followed by Primrose and Ipswich, and to be fair these are by far the most rung of the Surprise Minor repertoire. Other branches of the repertoire have London and Carlisle as the base method, but after Cambridge, Norwich is the next most rung base method.

Unlike Cambridge, spotting and using course/after bells in Norwich is *much* easier, making it a good, if unconventional, first foray into Surprise. If ringing the 2, your course bell is the 3 and your after bell the 4, exactly the same as in Plain Bob Minor, and it is worth learning the line with the course and after bell in mind.

### Work by place bells

2	Dodge with the treble, lead full, then seconds over your course bell, double-dodge with your course bell, then lead full again. This lets your course bell to slip away and your after bell come in. Double-dodge with the after bell, then make 2nds over it, then lead full. Dodge with the treble and run out to become 3rds place bell
3	Make 4ths then run IN (forgetting to reverse course is a common problem). Lead full, then double-dodge with your after bell, go out and make 4ths (over your course bell), thirds, dodge with the treble, 4ths, 3rds and run out to 5ths place. If you have rung Cambridge, this last bit is Cambridge places without the dodge at the start and end
5	Triple dodge with your course bell, lie, then dodge once with the treble. Run in and make 3rds, run back out and triple dodge with your course bell, then lie to become 6ths place bell
6	Triple dodge with your after bell and run in to make 3rds, then run out, dodge once with the treble, triple dodge with your after bell and run in to 4ths place (becoming 4ths place bell)
4	Cambridge places without the dodge, ie 3rds, 4ths, dodge with the treble, 3rds, 4ths (over your after bell), run in and double-dodge with your course bell, lead, run out and make 4ths, REVERSE and come in to become 2nds place bell

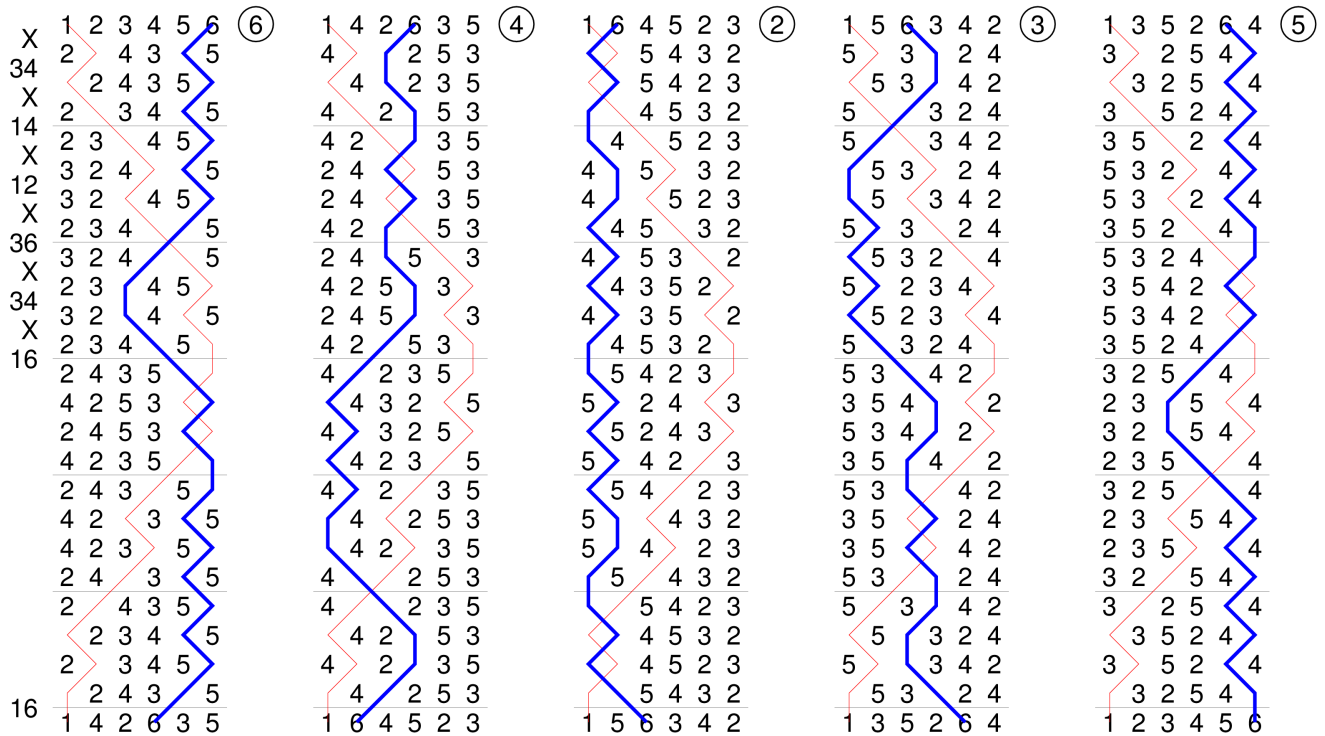
### Tips

For the backwork, always triple dodge UNLESS you dodge with the treble. Some ringers remember the sequence as 3&1, 3&3, 1&3, which may help.

Remember which place bell you are, and which bell you should become at the next lead.

The order is 2-3-5-6-4; remembering this may stop you from putting a Cambridge dodge at the end of your places up.

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### Bobs

Notice that the Blue Line starts with 6ths place bell, which is a clue that Norwich is a 6ths place method, ie when the treble leads full, the bell in 6ths place makes places, with the bells in 2 & 3 running out and in.

At a bob, the bell that was about to make 6ths place converts the place to a dodge. becoming 5ths place bell, which starts with a further 3 dodges. That makes a staggering 7 dodges at the back with the same bell. You will need to come up with your own strategy for coping; I dodge 3 times for the method, dodge once to enact the bob (thinking I am now 5ths place bell), and start 5ths place work which begins with 3 dodges.

6ths place bell does the same, ie dodges with the treble, lies, triple dodges down, but at the bob call, instead of running in to 4ths place, dodges back to 6ths place to become 6ths place bell, which starts with another 3 dodges, making 7 in total.

3rds place bell, after making the Cambridge-places-without-the-dodge, instead of running out to 5ths place makes 4ths place instead, and picks the work up.

Thankfully, Singles are not normally (if ever?) rung

## Callings

72	3 consecutive bobs; rather boring for the 5 & 6, though
144	[B--]x2, ie Make the bob twice, but not from the 5 or 6
216	[BB-]x3
240	[B-]x5
240	[-BB--]x2, eg In and Out twice
360	In or Out 3 times, eg [-B---]x3
600	[In]x3, [Out]x3
720	In, Out, In three times, eg [-BB-- -B---]x3

## Where can Norwich Lead?

Well, there's a question!

If you follow the Surprise Minor methods that have Norwich at the core, you have a further 11 regular methods to tackle, although I'd not call any of them easy. But if you play around with Primrose, Ipswich and Kent, then you get the following:

Method	Below the treble	Above the treble
Woodbine Delight	Kent Treble Bob	Norwich Surprise
Baden-Powell Delight	Norwich Surprise	Kent Treble Bob
Lord Roberts Surprise	Norwich Surprise	Primrose Surprise
Bedford Surprise	Primrose Surprise	Norwich Surprise
Rampton Surprise	Ipswich Surprise	Norwich Surprise

Now, of the above, only Woodbine is commonly rung, but it does have a venerable pedigree, and you will see it on peal boards as you ring around the patch.

