

Conducting the Winchendon Place group

This group is twinned with the St Martin's group and is identical in many ways, apart from it has 3-4 places instead of dodges and uses Reverse Canterbury bobs. It comprises Winchendon Place, St Nicholas, St Remigius and Huntley Place.

Calling the Winchendon Place group

Calls work as they do for Reverse Canterbury, with 'in, out and make it' rotating in the same order.

- In – called when you have passed the treble in thirds place and are about to make 3-4 places up. You make thirds and become seconds place bell.
- Out – called when the treble has taken you off lead and your bell is about to make seconds. You make thirds and become third place bell.
- Make – called when you have passed the treble in fifths place and are about to make 3-4 places down. You make long fourths and become fourths place bell. Remember to go back out again.
- The bell making long fifths (passing treble in fourth place) is unaffected.

If you prefer to make calls depending on where you pass the treble, the order would be calling when the treble is passed in – 1st, 2nd, 5th place (all affected), or 4th place (unaffected).

Conducting tips

There are a number of things that can go wrong in this group of methods – ringers leaving the back too early and trying to do the frontwork, ringers not finishing the frontwork and arriving at the back too early or ringers making trips in the frontwork.

Although Huntley Place has the simplest frontwork, it can prove surprisingly challenging for ringers to count the four blows, so watch out for ringers trying to leave the front too early.

St Remigius's wrong dodge and three blows in second can also feel strange, keep an eye on this to ensure ringers do not swap over and end up leaving the front in the wrong order.

These are not the easiest methods to correct in the event of a significant error, and even experienced conductors can struggle to fix things especially if a trip involves more than one ringer. As with all doubles ringing, the pieces of work come round quickly. If there are suddenly too many bells on the front or back, it may be easier to call for rounds, smile and start again.