

Zoom and Ringing Room courses

NEW COURSES ANNOUNCED!

As we are having to delay the Handbell sessions, I'm pleased to announce two new courses that are open for booking now. These will be Zoom and Ringing Room courses.



NEW! Move on to Minor - tutor Colin Chapman

This course is for any competent doubles ringers who would like to move their ringing up a gear to tackling minor. It will focus on Plain Bob Minor with help on coping with the extra place and the lack of tenor behind. You will need to have been practising in Ringing Room to get the most from the course, but if you need some experience just let me know and we will provide it. The course will be run by Colin Chapman, a regular tutor on the Essex Course and tower captain at Chelmsford Cathedral.

There are two Zoom/Ringing Room sessions on the day, the first from 10.30 to 11.30am and the second from 3.00 to 4.00pm. Register for this course [here](#).

NEW! Ringing Room Workshop - ART workshop presented by Lesley Boyle

If you've been ignoring Ringing Room up to now or had a go and it really didn't click with your band, here's an opportunity to try it out again – with expert technical help and new ideas about teaching online. In the words of one user 'it's easier than you think!' We've had some complete technophobes on the pilots who've left as Ringing Room converts. And it contains plenty of ideas about maintaining the interest of all the band.

Remember it will be many months before we are able to teach ringing again. This new workshop will help you get the most out of lockdown ringing. And, of course, online ringing will still be useful even when we can start teaching and practising again. There's a real sense that *blended learning* including tower bells, handbells and online ringing will be with us even when the pandemic is over.

The session will be held at 9.30am, NOTE only 6 places on the course. Register [here](#).

Basics with a Difference - Tutor Jane Walters

If you have only recently started ringing, maybe just able to ring call changes, then join this course to have some fun with place making and dodging. Jane is tower captain at Waltham Abbey and an ART teacher. She regularly uses a variety of exercises with her learners and this course will focus on Kaleidoscope ringing, Mexican Wave, Big Change - Little Change and more.

The course will comprise of two sessions, part theory part practice with Zoom and Ringing Room. The morning session - 9.30 - 10.15am and the afternoon session - 2.30 - 3.30pm
Click here for [booking link](#).

How to learn a method - Tutor Chris McCarthy

Are you ready to venture inside to method ringing? To get the most from this course you will be confident to plain hunt on at least five bells. Chris rings at Saffron Walden and is an ART teacher; he will explain how methods work and avoid rounds coming up at the end of just one lead. Taking one method as an example, you'll have a practice session to get ringing inside straight away.

Morning theory session via Zoom - get to know your tutor and other students - 10.30 - 11.15am.
Afternoon - get started on your method ringing 3.40 - 4.45pm. Click here for [booking link](#).



Step up to Surprise - Tutor John Harpole

The aim of this course is to give students with little or no prior experience, the opportunity to learn and practise Cambridge Surprise Minor using the online Ringing Room facility. John is an ART teacher and has taught Cambridge on the Essex Ringing Course. The course will run over two weeks, with a theory session covering the method structure, tips on how to learn Cambridge and how to use Ringing Room the weekend before Training Day, and then the opportunity to practise the method with some experienced Cambridge ringers on Training Day itself. Students will need to spend some time studying the method after the first theory session, should already be able to ring methods beyond Plain Bob such as Kent Treble Bob or Stedman and will need to be confident in Ringing Room and Zoom.

*Theory session via Zoom during weekend of 21st November (time to be confirmed), get to know your tutor and other students. Morning refresher session via Zoom - 11.30 -12.15pm
Afternoon practice session on Zoom and Ringing Room - 3.30 - 4.45pm*

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All about ART by David Sparling

This talk by David Sparling will explain the background to the foundation of the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART), how their various courses are run and what they cover, and details of the teaching scheme Learning the Ropes. Find out about all their resources and workshops, open to all ringers. Make this your start to your ART adventure, whether you are a learner or a teacher.

Via Zoom 12.45pm to 2pm. Register for the talk [here](#).

Simon Linford talks about....

We are delighted that Simon Linford, President of the Central Council, has agreed to talk to the Essex members on their Training Day. Simon will mainly explain how the Birmingham School of Bell Ringers, of which he is a founder and where he still teaches, came into being, what it has achieved, and whether the model can be replicated elsewhere.

Via Zoom 6.30 to 7.30pm. Register for the talk [here](#).

Essex Young Ringers Practice 5.00 to 6.00 pm November 28th

As previously announced, there will be a practice via Zoom and Ringing Room for all ringers under 25 years old. The ringing will be run by one of the current young eagles, and it's a chance to get back in touch with the Essex band. Anyone who has attended practices in the past will be sent an email with the relative information by Christina shortly. If you would like to attend and are under 25, but are not on Christina's list then please email me so I can send you the information. Tower captains - if you think one of your young ringers would benefit from being involved in the EYR, please suggest they contact me.

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