

## Ringling Room

**Are you interested in joining a Ringling Room practice?** If so, probably the best thing to do is to contact someone in your area that you know is already running a practice. If this is a suitable practice for you, depending on what you ring already and what you want from the practice, someone who attends this practice will help you with using Zoom and Ringling Room, if this is necessary. If it is not a suitable practice for you, the person running this practice will almost certainly be able to put you in touch with someone running a practice that will be suitable for you. Otherwise, contact your Branch Education Officer or the Association Education Officer who will be able to help you. I hope to have a list of Ringling Room practices on the Association website soon.

If you are comfortable using Zoom and Ringling Room and happy to ring with any other ringers you could also use the 'Ringling Room Take-Hold Lounge' (see below).

If you would like to have a look at what using Zoom and Ringling Room entails, then the websites below will help you.

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### Web Resources

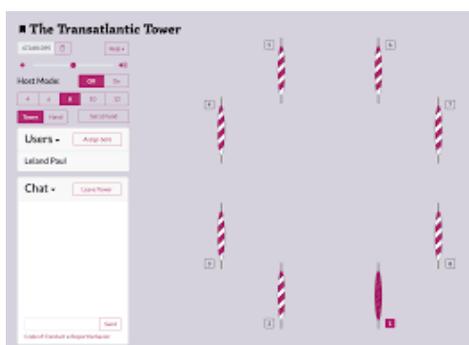
**'Using Ringling Room with Zoom'** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9mp7Fammfc>

A good video introducing Ringling Room covering topics including – registering on Ringling Room, joining a tower, assigning ringers to bells and unassigning them, muting and unmuting ringers, making bells sound, solving common problems, using Zoom with Ringling Room, arranging a session, and the 'Take Hold Lounge'.

**'Getting Started with Zoom'** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDHz98-2ciY>

A good video introducing Zoom covering topics including – downloading Zoom, joining a meeting, computer audio, waiting for the host to start and waiting room, joining with video, gallery and speaker view, full and partial screen, the toolbar, muting and unmuting, switching video on and off, solving common problems, scheduling a meeting, hosting a meeting, changing the host, messages from the waiting room, moving the Zoom window, and free and monthly payment Zoom packages.

**'Ringling Room – A User's Guide – CCCBR'** <https://cccbr.org.uk/2020/06/07/ringing-room-a-users-guide/>



A good, short written description of Ringling Room covering topics including – its history, creating an account, joining a tower, creating a tower, the Ringling Room screen, how bells are rung, assigning ringers to bells and unassigning them, the chat function (text), and using Ringling Room with Zoom.

**Zoom.us** <https://zoom.us>

Sign in to the Zoom website to access video tutorials on subjects such as joining a meeting, scheduling a meeting and meeting controls. These are good, although they do move a little quickly. There are also a few more advanced video tutorials as well. You can also book to attend live training sessions.

**Ringling Room** <https://ringingroom.com/help>.

A Quick-Start Guide from Ringling Room. A written guide which gives a lot of detailed information about Ringling Room – far more than you will need if you are a beginner. So, if you do look at this site do not be put off!! Perhaps good for those who like to know all about a subject.

**Zoom and Ringling Room** <https://cccbr.org.uk/2020/07/04/zoom/>

This includes a short written introduction about the history of Zoom; and a note about how security issues have been dealt with by Zoom including randomly-generated meeting id's, the use of passwords, the waiting room, etc. When using Zoom with Ringling Room it also includes a short note about how to reduce the echo between the speakers and microphones between Zoom and Ringling Room.

**Ringling Room Take-Hold Lounge** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/873214286480660>

This site advertises Ringling Room sessions that are open to anyone from anywhere in the world. So, for example, you can be ringling with people from Australia and the USA as well as from all over the UK. The level of expertise expected of participants for each session is usually given and ranges from ringling rounds up to Surprise Royal. The 'files' tab on the home page of this group provides information about how to use Ringling Room and the various platforms that are used for discussion (Zoom, Discord, etc.). There are also lesson plans for complete beginners.



**The Association of Ringling Teachers** are also running a free workshop for those who want to teach using Ringling Room. This is a mix of theory and practical, supported by how-to videos and teaching tips. Lasts approximately 90 minutes. Could be a useful starting point for people who haven't used Ringling Room much.