

Name of course	Taster session <i>An introduction to clockmaking for the beginner</i>	
Difficulty level	1	Pre-beginner / beginner
Duration	2 hours	
Cost	£35.00	
Course leader/tutor	Matthew Read	
Type of delivery	Discussion	
Delivery method	Live on-line via the Zoom App.	

Description

This super-friendly quarter-day session is perfect for those thinking about clock repair as a hobby, for the well-being benefits craft offers, or even making the first steps towards professional practice. All are welcome. This is the place where you find out whether clock repair is for you.

A two-hour*, jargon-free, on-line [Zoom](#) session, where we discuss everything you need to know about getting started in clock repair including the kinds of things you might learn, the challenges you will face, what tools and workspace you might need, realistic aims, and where you can get further help...

*Includes a 15 minute break

Aims of the session are to

- Introduce attendees to the concept of clock repair
- Explain the likely range of realistic outcomes
- Demonstrate what tools are needed to get started
- Explain health and safety in relation to getting started in clock repair
- Discuss the workspace
- Highlight some resources for next steps, help and support

Outcomes

At the end of this taster session, you will:

- be able to make a more informed decision about whether to take next steps in learning clock repair
- understand what tools are needed to get started in clock repair
- know where to get more help, support and advice
- know what workspace, tools and equipment you need to get started
- have sufficient information to source a suitable clock to begin your learning journey

Key questions addressed	
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- What tools do I need to get started and what do they cost?
- What workspace do I need?
- What about health and safety?
- What is the best clock to start on?
- Can I repair my own clock?
- Where can I get more support?

We run taster sessions starting at **10.00** am GMT/BST and **18.00** pm GMT/BST on the first Wednesday of every month.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1							
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							

Time zone GMT / BST (GMT + 1)

10.00 am session

Course duration 120 minutes

Session 1	10.00 am - 10.45 am
Break	10.45 am - 11.00 am
Session 2	11.00 am - 11.45 am
Questions	11.45 am - 12.00 noon

18.00 pm session

Course duration 120 minutes

Session 1	18.00 pm - 18.45 pm
Break	18.45 pm - 19.00 pm
Session 2	19.00 pm - 19.45 pm
Questions	19.45 pm - 20.00 pm

FAQ

How do I access the course and what computer equipment do I need?

You access the course via the [Zoom](#) app. This is free to download.

You will need a computer, tablet or smartphone that has a broadband connection to the internet. The sessions are delivered live so please sign-in a few minutes before the start time to make sure everything is working. The session will begin promptly. Please contact us if you need further advice.

What tools do I need?

None! All you need to access the session using your computer is the [Zoom](#) app, which is free to download.

How many attendees will there be?

A maximum of 12.

Do I get a recording of the sessions?

Yes, we will send you a password protected recording of the event.

What happens to my personal data?

We only use your data and personal information for sending you relevant information about the programme you sign up for. We will not pass your information to any third party. Unless you actively sign-up for our newsletter and marketing, we will not send you any other correspondence.

Do I need to appear on camera for this course?

No. We welcome and encourage all attendees to use the webcam facility on their computer but if you prefer, you can keep your camera turned off and use only the microphone feature.

What happens if I do not like the course?

No problem. Let us know what went wrong and how we can improve. We will try fill-in any gaps, and, if appropriate, offer a refund to the original purchaser.

I was bought this course as a gift but I cannot or do not want to attend. Can I have a refund?

You can either transfer the gift to another person or ask the original purchaser to get in touch and we will offer them a full, no quibble refund.

Who delivers the courses?

Unless otherwise stated, all our courses are delivered by clockmaker-conservator Matthew Read.

You can find Matthew's C.V. at www.clockmaker-conservator.co.uk

Is this the right course for me?

All our courses are graded from beginner to expert 1 – 5. This taster session is pre-beginner, suitable for anyone with very little or no experience – all welcome.

If in doubt, please get in touch enquire@clockmaker-conservator.co.uk

I cannot attend at the times the course is delivered.

No problem, please get in touch enquire@clockmaker-conservator.co.uk and let us know what times would suit you.

What happens to the recording of the course?

It is shared, password protected, with all attendees.

I have no practical experience of anything like this, will it be ok?

This taster session is aimed at people like you. It will answer questions about getting started and allow you to ask any questions too!

What might my learning journey look like?

From this taster session, you may take one of our beginner or intermediate on-line short courses that are designed to encourage progression at your own pace. We can highlight providers of educational programmes of study, short-courses, clubs, associations and societies you may like to investigate. Everyone takes a slightly different route and we will do our best to ensure a satisfactory outcome for all.

What happens if technology lets me down?

If, on the day, you have a problem reaching us, we will offer you the closest equivalent space at a subsequent event. If you are new to Zoom and on-line events, please spend a bit of time beforehand to familiarize yourself with functions such as turning your camera on and off, muting your microphone. If we mess up (it happens!), we will offer you the closest equivalent space at a subsequent event. If that does not suit, we will offer you a refund.