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## Creative Learning Course Information Sheet

Please keep your copy of this information sheet. It may be useful at your first class and for future reference.

<b>Day:</b>	Thursday		
<b>Course:</b>	Strum for fun- Ukulele for Beginners	<b>Tutor:</b>	Steve Moss
<b>Dates:</b>	Thu 1 to Thu 29 March 2018	<b>Session Times:</b>	6.30pm – 8.30pm
<b>Number of sessions:</b>	5	<b>Fee:</b>	£60
<b>Course queries:</b>	If you have a query or are unsure whether the course is right for you please get in touch with the Adult Learning Team who will be happy to contact the tutor on your behalf.		

### About the course

This course is intended for people with no prior experience of playing the ukulele or guitar. From its beginnings as a small, portable instrument used by Portuguese sailors and brought by them to Hawai'i in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the ukulele has gained worldwide popularity and has enjoyed a huge surge in the past 20 years with dozens of groups in the UK meeting weekly to play and sing together. With its small size and soft strings, it is easy to learn a few chords and strumming patterns that will enable you to play many well-known songs for your own and others' pleasure. From the first week, we will learn how to play some well-known songs using only two chords. Each week we will play and sing together and add new chords and strumming or picking patterns to our repertoire. By the end of the course, participants will have a substantial set of songs that they can play and sing and should be confident enough to join a local ukulele group (or form their own!)

### What will the course cover and how will it be taught?

Week 1 - Getting to know your ukulele – holding, tuning and strumming. Reading chord diagrams. Simple songs with two chords.

Week 2 – Performing 2 chord songs in different keys. Well-known songs with 3 chords.

Strumming patterns.

Week 3 – Performing songs from Week 2. Songs with 4 or 5 chords in C and G. Simple picking patterns.

Week 4 – Performing songs from Week 3. Using picking and strumming techniques together.

Week 5 – Final concert. Playing and singing songs learned during the course for friends or family.

The course will be taught as a group with individual support as appropriate. Players will not be expected to perform individually unless they specifically ask to do so.

### **What do I need to bring with me?**

Participants will need their own ukulele (soprano, concert or tenor) with a soft case and an electronic tuner. Local stockists (it's always best to try before you buy) can be found in Milnthorpe and Morecambe.

Please bring a pen, notebook and your glasses, if you need them.

### **What can I do next?**

The Brewery has an excellent range of learning experiences with the emphasis on enjoyment, social interaction and personal development.

Details on all our courses can be found on our website at <https://www.breweryarts.co.uk>

### **Access & Facilities**

Most of the Brewery is accessible for those who consider themselves to have a disability. There is a lift to all floors within the main building and adapted toilets. On occasion classes may take place outside the main building with access via stairs only. Please contact the Adult Learning Team on 01539 722833 Ext 273/275 if you wish to discuss any specific needs or email [kate.lund@breweryarts.co.uk](mailto:kate.lund@breweryarts.co.uk)

During the day our unique Warehouse Arts Café serves a range of teas, coffee, home bakes, light bites and sandwiches for you to enjoy. Open Mon-Friday 9.00 am – 5.30 pm. Saturday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

There is limited parking in the Brewery Pay and Display Car Park, which is available on a first come first served basis. By using our car park you are helping to support the arts locally. Thank you.

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