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Rossett Extended School **Adult learning for pleasure courses to suit all tastes and interests**

Course Information

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18SU104 Ukulele for Improvers

This course is for;

Anyone who enjoys playing the ukulele in a group, and has completed the Ukulele Basics and Ukulele Next Steps courses at Rossett, or who has a similar level of skills and experience (on ukulele or on another stringed instrument such as guitar). However, if you just have a repertoire of a dozen or so chords and can strum your uke, you will soon catch up with the rest. The course will build on your existing skills and teach new chords, new chord types and new chord voicings, to extend your repertoire of sound and song. The new chords will be delivered with just enough music theory, offered in a user-friendly way, to make sense of it all and perhaps start composing songs of your own, if you wish. We'll also take a look at transposing songs from one key to another. We'll be consolidating and extending skills in finger-picking and strumming techniques looked at in earlier terms.

For the first session students will need;

Bring your ukulele! It would be great if you could also bring an inexpensive ukulele capo – but it won't be needed in the first week or two, so if you're not sure what to get, or where to get it, don't worry – we can talk about it in class. You'll need to cut your fingernails – but only on one hand!

Additional Costs; The capo might cost about £3. Other than that, you don't need to spend another bean!

Course details:

Over 10 weeks of the first term it is expected that students will:

- Have weekly opportunities to play popular songs on the ukulele
- Have fun making music with other people
- Build up a larger repertoire of chords, including alternative voicings
- Learn further strumming techniques and practise some more advanced strumming patterns
- Play songs using other techniques, including damping, chunking and chord melody
- Build on finger-picking skills to tackle more complex patterns
- Have an opportunity (if you want it) towards the end of the course to perform before an invited audience

By the end of the course students should: have a big smile. You will be able to play thousands of songs in numerous genres, with increasing musicality and expression. You will know how to strum and pick the ukulele using a variety of techniques and rhythms. You will be developing the confidence and the ensemble skills to consider performing in public, if you wish to.

Tutor Profile: The course is led by Alison Lyon, of Drums Agogo. Alison has been teaching African drumming for 16 years, to both adults and children, and is known for her clear and accessible teaching style that makes learning friendly and fun. Alison now brings this fresh and friendly approach to the ukulele, which she has played since 2013. She has taught ukulele in schools and in adult education.

You can read some comments from students, and from some of the hundreds of schools that Alison has worked in, on her website: www.drumsagogo.co.uk

If you want more information or advice about the course, please feel free to ring Alison for a chat. The number is 01423 880628.