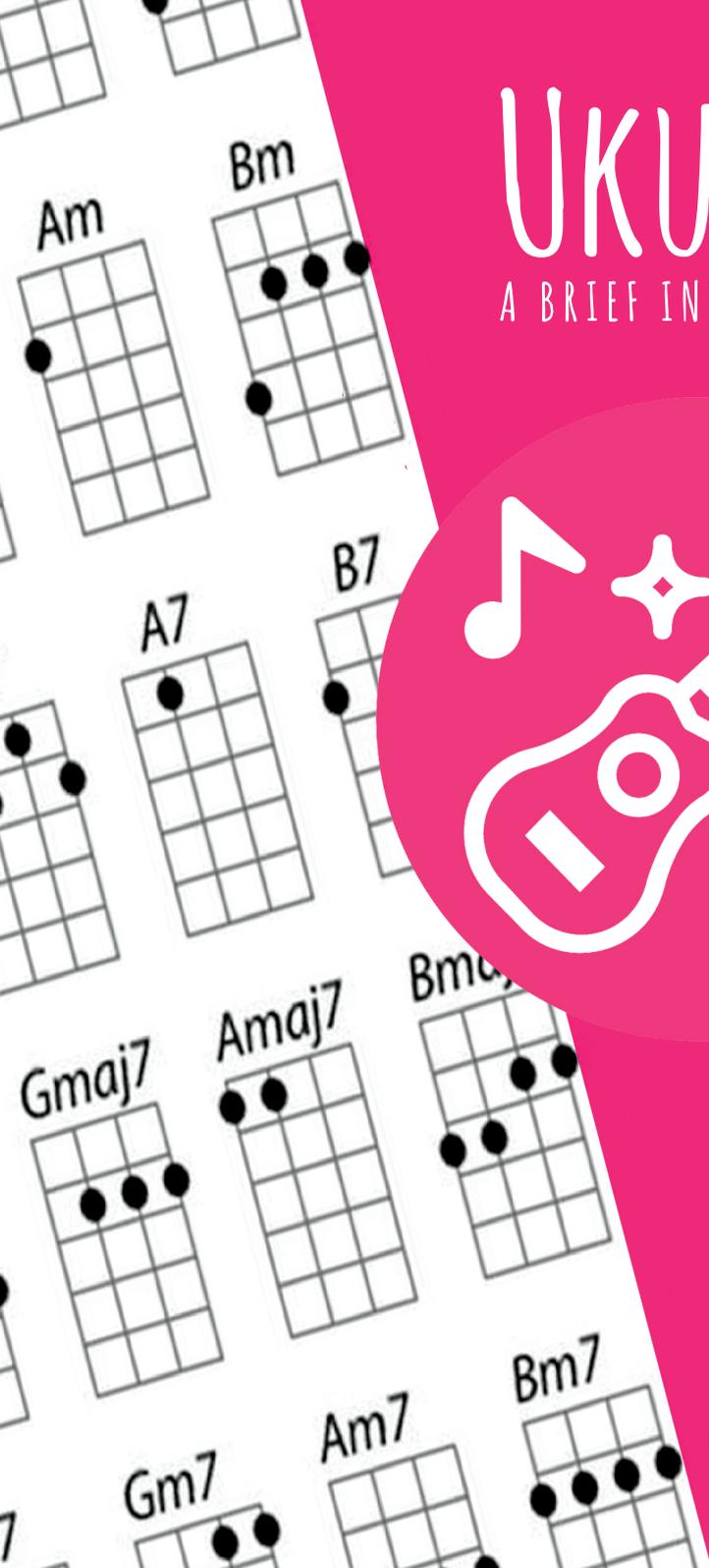


UKULELE

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION



Thank you for borrowing a ukulele from Southport Library

Our mission at the **North West Ukulele Project** is to use the ukulele as a tool for building communities, confidence, combating loneliness and promoting wellbeing. We really love this little instrument and hope that you do too.

This is a brief introduction to get you going. Following this you can access song-sheets and videos on our online resource. Sign up as a **Community** member for FREE using the code **OBGMS4R643** Clicking on 'Library' in the search will show you a list of what you can access. The library also has some great ukulele method books.

How about using the map on our website to check out where your nearest ukulele group is? or joining our Facebook Group.

We would LOVE to hear how you are getting on so please let us know via social media or pop us an email.

www.ukuleleproject.co.uk



Here are some recommended tuning apps and websites to help you tune your ukuleles.

PHONE APPS:

Tuner - gStrings

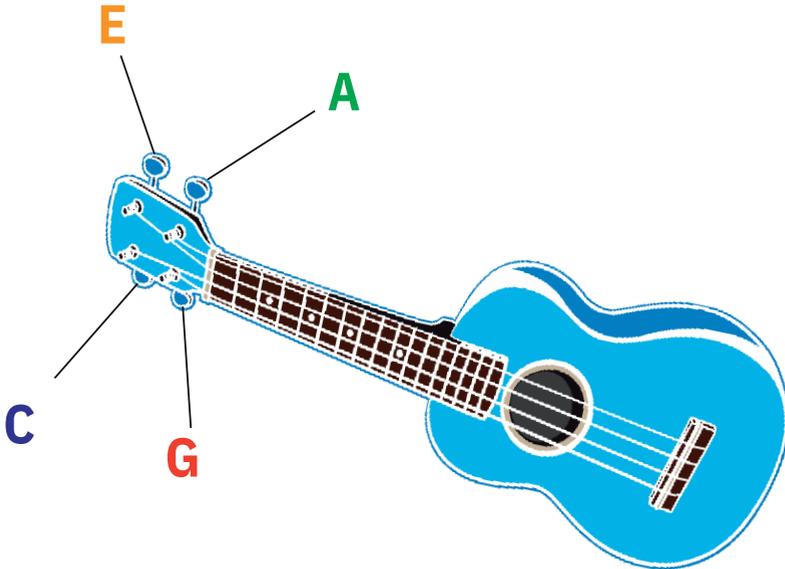
Ukulele Tuner Pocket - The Ukulele Tuner App
Yousician

WEBSITES:

<https://ukebuddy.com/ukulele-tuner>

<https://www.fender.com/online-ukulele-tuner>

Tuning Your Ukulele



From your chin to your feet your ukulele should be tuned:

G C E A

We use this rhyme to help remember:

Great **C**oncerts **E**very **A**fternoon

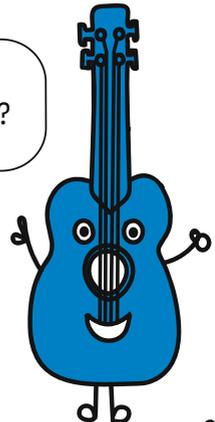
G

C

E

A

Can you make
up your own rhyme?



Holding Your Ukulele

How you hold your ukulele can be important to avoiding any strain or injury whilst playing. Here are our top tips!

Hug

Give your ukulele a hug! Make sure that the ukulele is up against your body and give your ukulele a hug. Make sure not to hold on too tight. There should be no tension anywhere in your body.



Eat

Your other hand should be at an angle as if you are feeding yourself something delicious, yum yum! This is because the muscles in our arms are designed to feed ourselves, plate to mouth.

To begin with this might be tricky as you will be looking at your fretboard. This might make the next step tricky too but once you are confident with the chords you should be looking less at the fretboard and more ahead.



Sit

If you are sitting make sure that you are sitting up straight, no slouching! If you are in a chair you should really be able to put your feet on the ground

You might want to sit on the floor with your legs crossed but again no slouching!

Stand

If you are standing whilst you play you might consider getting a strap for your ukulele. This reassures you that you are not going to drop your ukulele!

Holding Your Ukulele continued....

Thumb Make sure that your thumb rests **gently** on the back of the neck. There should be no strain or pain in your thumb



With some of my students I place a sticker on the back where my students should place their thumb



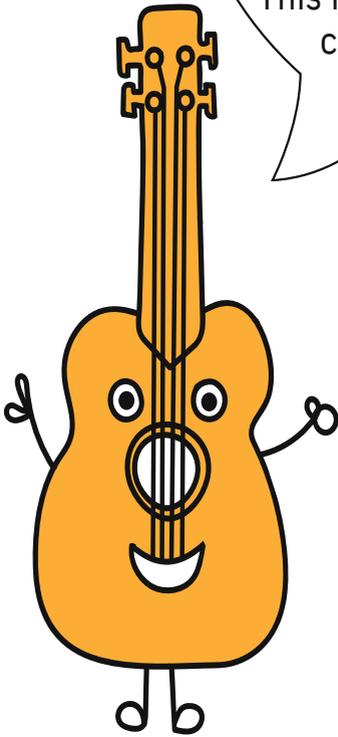
Elbows Make sure that your elbows are out and not tucked up against your body.



Fingers Whether you are strumming, fingerpicking or holding down the chords you should never be pushing/strumming so hard that your fingers hurt.

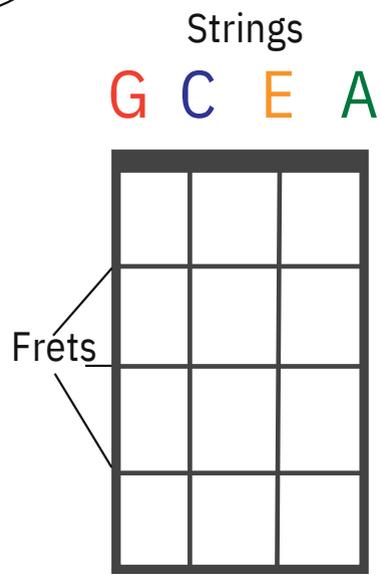
If you need support strumming then you could look at getting a felt pick

With practice your fretting fingers will grow stronger. If you are holding the strings down to the point of pain to get a clear sound then trying moving your finger closer to the fret.



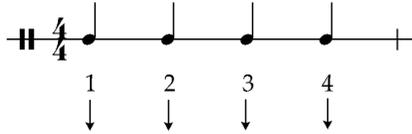
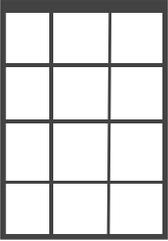
This diagram tells us to play all 4 strings open.

This is a **CHORD** and can be called **C6**



Achin Drum - Trad

C6

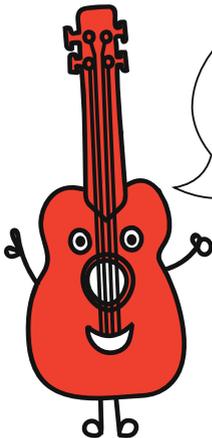


There was a man lived on the moon,
on the moon, on the moon
There was a man lived on the moon
and his name was Achin Drum

He played a ukulele, lele, lele
He played a ukulele
and his name was Achin Drum

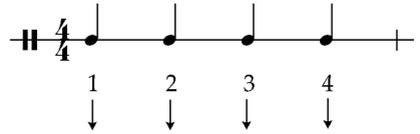
His **STRINGS** were made of **spaghetti**,
spaghetti, spaghetti

His strings were made of **spaghetti**
and his name was Achin Drum



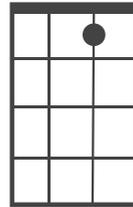
Look at the
other parts of
the ukulele.
What foods
could they be?

Easy F & C Medley



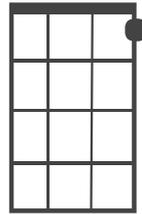
F
 He's got the whole world in his hands
C7
 He's got the whole world in his hands
F
 He's got the whole world in his hands
C7 **F**
 He's got the whole world in his hands

Easy F



F
 There was an old man named Micheal Finnegan,
C7
 He had whiskers on his chin-a-gen,
F
 Up came the wind and blew them in again,
C7 **F**
 Poor old Michael Finnegan. Begin Again

C7



F **C7**
 I like to eat, eat, eat apples and bananas
C7 **F**
 I like to eat, eat, eat apples and bananas



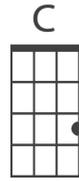
F **C7**
 I like ate, ate, ate epples and benenes
C7 **F**
 I like ate, ate, ate epples and benenes



Animal Fair

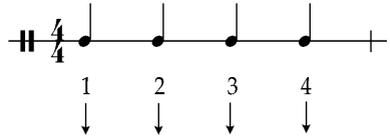
Traditional

1st singing note is 'G'



C

We're going to the Animal Fair



The birds and the bees are there

The big baboon by the light of the moon

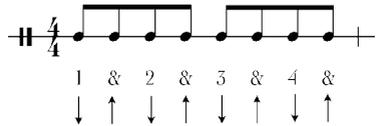
Is combing his auburn hair

The Monkey fell out of his bunk BANG!

And slide down the elephants trunk WEEEEEE!

The elephant sneezed and fell to his knees

Have a go at adding
this new strum
pattern here



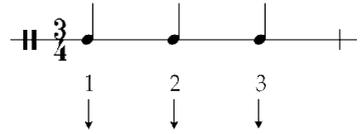
C

What became of the monkey, monkey, monkey, monkey



HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE IN THE WINDOW

1st singing note is 'C'



(Play each chord for 2 bars)

F **C**
How much is that doggie in the window

C **F**
The one with the waggly tail.

F **C**
How much is that doggie in the window,

C **F**
I do hope that doggie's for sale.

F **C**
I don't want a bunny or a kitten

C **F**
I don't want a parrot that talks

F **C**
I don't want a bowl of little fishes

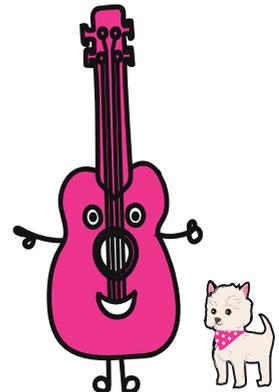
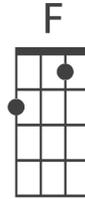
C **F**
You can't take a goldfish for walks

F **C**
How much is that doggie in the window.

C **F**
The one with the waggly tail.

F **C**
How much is that doggie in the window,

C **F**
I do hope that doggie's for sale.



Practise Reflections

What amazing ukulele playing! Take a moment to reflect on what you have achieved

What are you proud of?

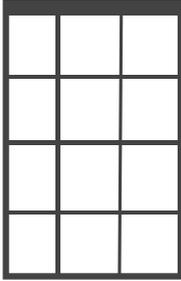
What did you find challenging?

What are you looking forward to practising next?

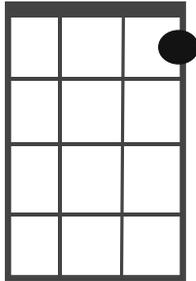
CHORD INDEX

We've added a few more that you might like to practise

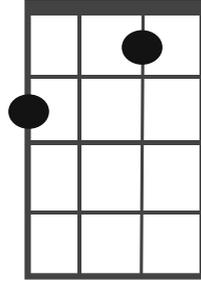
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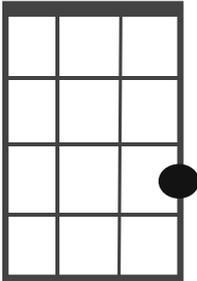
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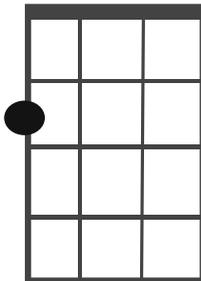
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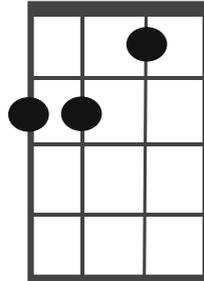
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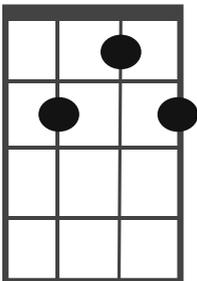
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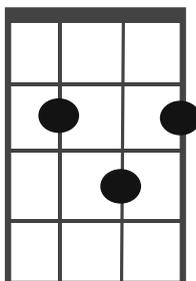
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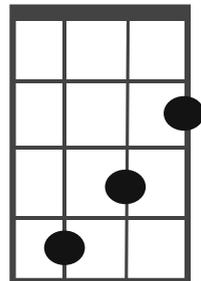
G7



G



Em



Let us take you on a ukulele adventure

Roll the dice & complete the challenge!



Perform a song to a neighbour



Learn to play a classical piece

Teach somebody a couple of chords or a whole song!



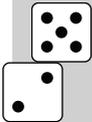
Learn a song from a West End Musical



Play your ukulele outdoors in a park

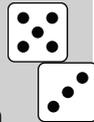


Learn a song from a different country



Play a major scale 10 times in a row!

Learn a song from the year that you were born



For more ukulele inspiration, visit www.ukuleleproject.co.uk

Connecting with your local Ukulele Community

Part of the joy of learning a new instrument is the opportunity to play with other people, it's fun and a great way to increase your musical knowledge.

The Merseyside region has a wealth of ukulele related activities you can connect with, many right here in Southport.

Group	Contact
Ukulele Club Liverpool	www.ukuleleclub.org.uk info@ukuleleclub.org.uk Phone: 07799 763 673
Southport Ukulele Club @ Royales	royalesbar13@gmail.com Facebook - Royales Southport and Southport ukulele club
Ukes at the Wharf	Web https://thestanley.club/ukesatthewharf@gmail.com Facebook Ukes at the wharf
Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure – Ukulele for all	https://ainsdalelunchandleisure.org.uk/Office@ainsdalelunchandleisure.org.uk Tel Audrey - 01704 574838
Stringalong Second Tuesday of each month.	Facebook The guesty
Maghull and District Ukuleles (MAD Ukes)	https://mادukesmaghull.wordpress.com/babydidds@hotmail.com Facebook Mad Ukes Maghull Instagram @mادukes
U3A Southport 'The Banjaxed Banjolele Band'	https://cherishgroup.org/ Facebook 'Banjaxed banjolele group (BBG) Judith Abbott 07840 828211 Note U3a members also attend bands 'Yooks' and 'Uke a teers' details can be found at https://www.southportu3a.org.uk/activity-groups/ukulele/

Ukulele Buddies

Ukulele Buddies are donating all the loan ukuleles to the ukulele loan scheme, and have collaborated with the Ukulele Project, Southport library and Karine Woodward to help create the new ukulele teaching course at The Atkinson.

We've even gifted some of our treasured ukuleles from personal collections so we can pass on the enjoyment of playing ukulele with others. We love this instrument so much that we want to pass on the joy of playing it to others.

We were formed in 2019 and gig regularly across Southport and the surrounding areas. We currently operate a wait list for new members. You are welcome to follow us on social media and come to our local gigs.

Contact

Email contact@ukulelebuddies.co.uk

Web ukulelebuddies.co.uk

Social Facebook, YouTube, TikTok @ukulelebuddies

Instagram and Threads @ukulele.buddies

Address Edda Community Arts and Library, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3NE.



TEACHERS AND SHOPS



My name is Karine Woodward. I'm a ukulele teacher based in Formby and I'm very happy to have been asked to be Ukulele Tutor for group tuition at Southport Library courtesy of Sefton Libraries and The Atkinson Development Trust as part of this wonderful initiative by Ukulele Project.

The Southport Library ukulele lending scheme is a great way for you to try a new instrument / skill before committing to buying one for yourself.

karinewoodward@gmail.com

Tel 07384 382878

Facebook - Kariuke

Music Supplier

Music supplier has a wide range of musical instruments including ukuleles and banjos. Carrying stock such as Laka, Barnes and Mullins, Bohemian, Tanglewood, Octopus and Tetra plus all the accessories like straps, gig bags, strings and amplifiers.

Pop in and see Kevin and say the Ukulele loan scheme sent you and he will offer a special discount of 15% if you can show your Sefton library card. They have a community notice board to help put you in touch with even more ukulele teachers and other members of our community.

Address Suite 19 Jubilee House, Altcar Road, Formby, L37

8DL (opposite Formby Cycles)

Tel 01704 332 355

Web www.musicsupplier.co.uk

Social Facebook @schoolsandmusic

UKULELE TEACHING MATERIALS ONLINE

Play along videos are a great way to build up your skills from the comfort of your home.

Here are some online ukulele resources to support your playing.

The Ukulele Project

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheUkuleleProject>

Ukualiens

<https://www.youtube.com/@Ukualiens>

Bernadette teaches music

<https://www.youtube.com/@BernadetteTeachesMusic>

The ukulele teacher

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheUkuleleTeacher>

Cynthia Lin

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cynthialinmusic>

Cory teaches music

<https://www.youtube.com/@CoryTeachesMusic>

One school music

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXGiCLn-](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXGiCLn-Xh9VwDT8h06rOIA)

[Xh9VwDT8h06rOIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXGiCLn-Xh9VwDT8h06rOIA)

Ten thumbs

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TenThumbsProductions>

Free ukulele songbooks online

Jims ukulele songbook <https://ozbcoz.com/> this is the 'go to' resource as it has a vast song book, you can download PDFs and print at home, plus you can change a song into any key.

Ukulele Wednesdays songbook

<https://ukulelewednesdays.wordpress.com/>

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The Ukulele Project and Ukulele Buddies are delighted to be working in collaboration with Southport Library, The Atkinson Development Trust and Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council on this project.

All ukulele loans and teaching will be coordinated by Southport Library and are open to all adult Library Members.

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Lord Street, Southport. PR8 1DB

Email: southport.library@sefton.gov.uk

Tel: 0151 934 2118

