



About Chris McShane

Chris formally worked for Barnsley Music Service as Curriculum Development Officer and is now a freelance musician and instrumental teacher. Having been an instrumental teacher for over 30 years, Chris has a wide range of knowledge and experience in music teaching and pedagogy. Your workshop will be well planned and delivered by a true professional. Chris also organises the Rafters Ukulele Club in addition to workshops at festivals and summer schools all over the UK. He is the Festival Director of the Uke Power festival which takes place near Selby, every Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

Ukulele Workshops

Here is my workshop information from Autumn 2015

As you can see, I offer a variety of workshops suitable for ukulele groups and clubs, U3A groups, Folk and Ukulele Festivals etc. I offer a special rate for a concert spot and workshop at the same event. If you can't see what you are looking for, contact me! I can tailor a workshop to meet your requirements.

Bookings and Information

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Absolute Beginners

Everything you need to know about the basics of ukulele playing. We will cover the history and construction of the ukulele as well as basic chords and strumming techniques. Using pairs of chords, you'll play songs in 3 different keys.

Moving On

Once you have mastered the basic chords and strumming patterns, you will want to play more and move on, which is what this workshop covers. We will discover chord sequences and songs in a variety of styles and look at more advanced strumming patterns and right hand techniques.

Performance skills

This workshop develops and improves every aspect of your performance, either as part of a group or when playing and singing at an open mic night. We will explore a wide range of performance skills, helping you to play at concerts and events with much more confidence and pizzazz!

Melodic Ukulele

Melodic Workshop

We will learn to play melodies on the ukulele. This workshop introduces easy exercises, solos, duets, trios and arrangements of well known tunes that you can play as a larger group.

Ukulele Ensemble Workshop

Combining melody and accompaniment techniques in special ensemble arrangements, we will play in parts to suit all abilities and levels.



Testimonials

Here are some comments from people who have booked Chris McShane's workshops:

"Chris is a fabulous folk tutor for the M4P Summer School of Music, coping wonderfully with a wide range of ages, instruments and skill levels. He is also responsible for introducing a whole crowd of us to the joys of playing the ukulele! His endless patience and good humour make him a superb course leader."

Jennie Vaughan (Director and Tutor Liaison, M4P)

"Chris is very skilled at making sure everyone gets something from the workshops, even when it's a large group. There were 50 people at ours of all different levels of ability and he managed to get everyone playing a quite challenging piece that accommodated beginners and stretched the more experienced. Great stuff."

Pam (Howarth Ukulele Group)

Hi Chris,

"I just want to let you know how much I enjoyed the workshop last Thursday. You opened my eyes to the world of TAB which I had not previously used. A much quicker fix than reading the dots! We played the pieces at our Uke group last night with great success. We're all looking forward to the next time. You have a great style of teaching. Very accessible and enjoyable. Thank you!"

Kind Regards

Cath (Skipton Ukulele Workshop)