

Fenland Ukuleles

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Information for Members 2016



Purpose

1. Fenland Ukuleles has been formed to bring together ukulele players and those interested in learning the instrument, to meet, socialise, share the musical experience and help and support each other.
2. The club is a community group which strives to recruit and encourage people to learn a versatile and affordable instrument. The club also welcomes those who have skills with playing other instruments who in addition to learning and playing ukulele can add colour and additional musical dimension by the inclusion of other instruments. However, the music made is primarily for the playing of ukuleles.

Club Information

1. The venue for meetings for Fenland Ukuleles is the Providence Street Community Centre, Providence Street, King's Lynn PE30 5ET.
2. The music sessions are held on a weekly basis and start promptly at 7.00pm and run until 9.00pm; with a break for refreshments. Members as far as possible are requested to arrive approximately 15 minutes before the start in order to set up their music and tune their instruments ready for a prompt start.
3. Members should sign in and pay subs (currently £2) on arrival. Subs will be used as payment to cover the cost of the room hire, refreshments and sundry overheads. All monies collected will be recorded and accounted for.
4. A membership fee (currently £5) is payable on the third meeting after joining and annually on 1st April thereafter. Members who join the club between January and March will not pay another membership fee until the following year.
5. New members will be given access to an electronic copy of all the club's music, once they have paid their membership fee.
6. The club has a limited number of loan instruments which new members may use at club nights and take home for practice on payment of a refundable deposit (currently £10). It is expected that members will purchase their own instrument within a few weeks of joining.
7. Music sheets are emailed out to members on a regular basis. Members wishing to purchase paper copies will be charged (currently 20p per page) and should request these from the music archivist.
8. FLUKES polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are available to order. Some members like to wear these on club nights and they are used for performances. Also available to buy are FLUKES bags, (ideal for keeping music in) and FLUKES badges. Details from the Treasurer.

9. All members on joining and attending the premises shall be given information regarding premises facilities and details of rules which affect them, such as Fire Safety and general Health and Safety Regulations.
10. There is limited car parking at the front and rear of the premises. Alternative parking can be found in Valingers Place, off Valingers Road.
11. The club has a website (www.flukes.org.uk) and a Facebook page. Members are asked to provide an email address for communications from the club.

Code of Conduct

1. Members should conduct themselves in such a way to ensure there is goodwill and harmony between one another.
2. The use of bad language or any abusive or anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in a member being barred from the Club.
3. Members should be aware that meetings may be taking place in other parts of the building and should therefore ensure they conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly fashion whilst on the premises.
4. The Musical Director will plan the evening's session and lead the proceedings. Members are requested to listen whilst the MD is talking and abide by his/her direction. All members are encouraged to have a say in the choices of music and the group's general activities, whilst respecting the administration of the Musical Director.
5. Members should ensure personal items, instruments, cases, stands etc are arranged in such a way as to reduce the risk of causing a hazard to themselves or others or potential damage.
6. The club has a Constitution and Risk Assessments which are available at meetings.

Public Performances

1. The club periodically undertakes public performances. Members are encouraged to participate in these events.
2. Dates for performances will be announced at club nights and members are asked to sign the bookings sheet or email the bookings secretary to indicate their availability before booking requests from organisations are confirmed.
3. All members who have agreed to perform should attend additional rehearsals to ensure an appropriate standard of performance.
4. Performers should wear a FLUKES polo shirt (and sweatshirt or fleece), black trousers and shoes. If a performer does not yet have a FLUKES polo shirt, it may be possible to borrow one from the club, or a white shirt should be worn.