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General

Q. Who can attend the Wednesday Jams? Can I invite my friends?

A. Anyone can attend SOUP jams when they contribute the \$5 fee. Jams are intended for ukulele players, but sometimes people come to listen before they bring their ukulele. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q. Do I have to be a good ukulele player to come to a jam?

A. Not at all. We all started somewhere and learned fast by coming to jams.

Q. How do I get on your e-mailing list?

A. We do send out monthly emails to keep you up-to-date with activities. Sign up for this through the website or at a jam.

Q. Are the building and washrooms accessible for wheelchairs?

A. The building is accessible; we have a ramp that we put out for you. There is a ground floor washroom that is for people who can't go downstairs easily (where the main washrooms are), but the ground floor washroom isn't wheelchair accessible, unfortunately. It does say "women", but anyone can use it.

Q. Where do I park? Can anyone park in the lot behind the London Music Club?

A. Many of us park at Catholic Central High school, a block south at Dundas St. There is plenty of street parking. The lot in back of LMC is for anyone (first come first serve), but you *need a handicap sticker to park along the front driveway of the LMC.*

Leadership

Q. Who runs SOUP?

A. Eight of us strummers sit on a Steering Committee that guides the activities and growth of SOUP. We meet every few months and new people can join if they're willing to use their skills to make SOUP stronger.

Q. Who are the people on stage? Can I join them or help lead a jam session?

A. We have 7-8 jam leaders who have learned all the songs in the book so they can lead them for you. If you have the skills and interest to be a jam leader, please let us know. The extra people on stage are different each week; they just love to be up there strumming and singing with us. Let us know if you'd like to try it.

The Songbook and Songs

Q. How do I get a copy of the songbook? How do I update it?

A. You can buy a copy of the songbook at any jam for \$10. When songs are added or replaced, we give you free copies for your book at the jams. The website (londonsoup.weebly.com) always has a list of (and links to) our songs. You can also put the music on your tablet/iPad. Sign up for this feature at a jam.

Q. What are the four songbook groups? How do they work?

A. We've divided the songbook into four groups and each week we play from one group, so that we play more of a variety of songs. Every fifth week, you can request any song in the book.

Q. I'm not a good singer. Should I just mouth the words?

A. You don't have to sing, but we welcome your voice just as it is. You won't be able to stop yourself, we think. 😊

Q. How does SOUP choose its songs?

A. We have a committee that selects, researches, formats and edits songs. You can join this committee if you have the time and enjoy these types of jobs.

Q. How do I suggest a song for the songbook?

A. You can email SOUP with your ideas at soupukulele@yahoo.com or pass it to someone on the committee.

Public Strums

Q. How do I sign up for public strums?

A. In the front room (veer left once you enter the LMC), you'll find all our sign-up sheets for activities. Before a jam or during break is when people usually sign up.

Q. Do I have to be a good player to go to a public strum?

A. Not at all. Everyone is welcome.

Q. Will SOUP come and play for my own special event?

A. Requests like this go through our website (email us). If it's a small event, you can also informally ask a bunch of strummers to play with you. 😊

Miscellaneous

Q. I see people with little ukulele nametags. How do I get one?

A. Ellen B. makes them and you can get one made for you for \$5. We also have white stickers and we encourage you to use them.

Q. I want to learn the basic chords? Do you offer lessons?

A. SOUP offers (on the 1st and 3rd weds) a "beginner session", which is only to teach a few basic chords and orient you to how SOUP is run. You will learn quickly by attending jams. There are many websites that give lessons, and on our website we explain which chords you should learn for the jams. We have a few members who do give formal lessons. See our website for their contact info.

Media

Q. Does SOUP have a Facebook page?

A. Yes – We have a public page where we post our activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/SoupLondonUkulele/>

We also have a private group that is only for jam attenders, to share resources and post their music. It's called "Soup Jam Share Space" and you request to join through the Facebook site.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1813453022236844/>

What is SOUP's website?

A. www.londonsoup.weebly.com

Become More Involved

Q. I have an idea, a skill, or a concern. How do I share it?

A. We have a "comment box" in the front room, or you can send an email through the website. We want to listen and involve you all. Your ideas have made us great! If you have a talent with music, computers, sound equipment,

organizational skills, share it with us. If you just want to be more involved with this fantastic group of people and you're not sure how, we'll find a way.

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