

## Dear fellow player

Thank you for your enquiry regarding my '**Guitar Weekends**' that I have been running at our Hotel in Cumbria for the last 13 years. There is an abundance of facilities on the market today to help people who want to play the guitar better, videos, DVDs, Guitar institutes, Music Colleges and a mass of written material and magazines coming out every month with enough learning material to last years. At the end of the day it all comes down practise and to joining other players and interacting. Now that's OK if you are a professional player but if you just play at home or do the odd gig and have a busy job, which restricts your practising time, then guitar Weekends are for you.

Our aim is to help you become a better Guitar Player by assisting you to; **learn, get motivated and have fun**. We use professional tutors at Guitar Weekends who are gigging players, and their job is to help you improve your guitar playing techniques. This is done with workshops throughout the day and playing together in jam sessions in the evenings. Sometimes till quite late.

Most people who come on the weekends, (we usually have 8), are a little nervous about trying to playing in front of other people and I understand that. Who wouldn't be? However we do make sure that you are made to feel at ease and no undue pressure is put on anyone to perform unwillingly. We are not here to criticise the way you may play or the material you choose to play, it is our purpose to assist you with exercises, practice routines and techniques to help you play better. We will suggest changes that can be made to your playing then it is up to you if you make those changes. When you meet other players on the weekend you will discover we all have similar problems.

We have, '**Strugglers**' and '**Improvers**' weekends (with a back to basics approach and look at guitar playing, our entry level courses); Plus **Blues, Country** (folk, roots and acoustic as well as country licks) and **Rock weekends** (*our Improvers w/end with Gary is more Rock orientated as well*); Plus a full '**Guitar Maintenance and Setting up**' weekend, '**Django**' (Gypsy Jazz). All taught by teachers who are players in that style or field of playing. We also have one place for a **Bass Player** on the '**Strugglers**' and '**Improvers**' weekends.

This year we have **Strugglers Two and Blues Two** weekends later in the autumn, taking people who have been on previous **Struggler** and **Blues** weekends up to the next stage. Plus we now have three full **Maintenance** weekends a year with **Chris May**, one is a Maintenance Two. This is a hand's on course for learning how to look after and set up your instrument and is limited to just 4 people on the course. It's a bit more expensive than the other courses for the weekend. We supply all tools for use during the course with some tools and books available to purchase whilst you are here.

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**Please note that 'Guitar Weekends' is not for raw beginners.**

This year the weekends have filled very quickly so I am considering how I can fit more weekends in. I have added extra weekends for 2009. I have a Rock weekend with **Eddie Allen** in July, a Country weekend with **Lee Hodgson** in September and a Home Recording mid week break in April with **Paul Cherry**.

**\*\*\*\*If it's a present you want for your partner then we can let you have a Congratulation letter to give on the relevant occasion. They can even choose a specific weekend later if you are not sure which one will suit them.\*\*\*\*\***

**We also have non-playing partners coming on the weekends either to relax or just get out and see the Lake District we can arrange walking, riding and sightseeing prior to you coming.**

I think music is one of the best communication tools available to mankind. So if you love the guitar and want to play better then a 'Guitar Weekend' is just the perfect break, no matter what level you are. Come and meet some other like-minded players and find out what you can teach each other as well as learning from our excellent tutors, give me a call sometime for a chat.

***Guitar Weekends are dedicated to make you a better player, they are not just a jam session.***

***Visit our web site at [www.guitarweekends.co.uk](http://www.guitarweekends.co.uk)***

Cheers for now, yours sincerely

Malcolm White

**Booking form enclosed.**

**A 50% Booking fee is required made out to 'Guitar Weekends Ltd'**

Please note we do have a 2% charge when using credit cards.

All deposits are non refundable so we do advise holiday cancellation insurance.

**(If you want to stay on after the Guitar weekend on Sunday night or longer you can do so for less than our normal bed and breakfast rate, £40 pp (£35 if two people in room).**

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**One of the most asked questions is "How good do I have to be"?**

**The answer is**

**"As good as you are now".**

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