

Congratulations you are coming on a Guitar Weekend as a present, a Strugglers weekend with Lin Flanagan on the 1st of April 2011 here at 'Beckfoot Country House' home of Guitar Weekends.

You will be coming for a whole weekend just dedicated to playing the guitar. You will have a great time learning new skills and meeting other like-minded players. You will be coming on the Strugglers Weekend, designed for hobby player's young and old to help you become better players. There will be other like-minded players joining you on the weekend who will be in the same boat as you. Giving you a great chance to play along with others and improve your timing, rhythm playing and improvising skills. If you feel at all apprehensive or just want a chat please give me ring on 01931 713241.

This is our entry level course and is a back to basics weekend for those that think they are beginners (even if they have been playing 20 years or more) and those just getting started, although you will be surprised with what you do know. Before you come it would be a good idea to write down any questions that come into your mind about playing the guitar. It is quite surprising how you forget when you get here. If you have any books or music that you are working on or play then please bring them along.

Some things to know that could help on the weekend. Am pentatonic scale at the 5th fret and Em pentatonic in open position and at 12th fret, chords in open position (Tuner end of the guitar), A – Am – A7, B7, C – C7, D – Dm – D7, E – Em – E7, F – F7(try a bar chord), G – G7. Don't worry if you don't know these properly yet. We will be covering using these chords and changing between them on the weekend. Check out the web site for downloads of scales etc. Any problems don't hesitate to ring or email me.

A tape recorder (or similar) is also a good idea for putting down samples to aid your memory after the weekend. Most importantly bring yourself and enjoy the experience. You can bring either an electric or acoustic guitar (both if you wish) for the weekend, even a 12 string and if you have an amp feel free to bring it along, I do have a few amps here if needed.

Arrive anytime after 3PM on the Friday, I look forward to meeting you both on our Strugglers weekend with Lin Flanagan.

Yours Sincerely

Malcolm White