

Paisley and District u3a Press Release: No Embargo: Tuesday 24 February 2026

Ukulele players entertain Paisley and District u3a

Fans of the ukulele are in for a free musical treat on Thursday 5 March. A band of local players will perform a medley of tunes for Paisley and District u3a members.



Musicians from Barrhead Men's Shed and East Renfrewshire u3a Ukulele Group will be

entertaining the audience to a toe tapping selection of popular melodies. Members and u3a guests can singalong, and then come and ask to play this fashionable instrument afterwards.

John Rankin who leads these ukulele players remarked: "The key thing our group enjoys about playing the ukulele is the joy it brings to our audiences. We often play at old folks' homes and other community events. And to see the joy it brings never ceases to amaze us."

u3a chair, Kathy O'Donnell said: "I had a go at learning to play the ukulele a few years ago. It has such a happy sound. Some film buffs in the hall will probably know that the ukulele features on the soundtrack of several Hollywood movies including '50 First Dates' and 'Finding Forrester.' Songs like 'Somewhere over the rainbow' and 'What a wonderful world' are popular tracks. I'm sure our members will be humming and smiling as they head home."

Refreshments at u3a monthly meetings are available from 1.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Mill Street (PA1 1ND).

Find u3a groups/activities and how to join at: <https://paisleydistrict.u3asite.uk/>

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Notes to the Editor

1. **Photo credit: John Rankin**
2. **John Rankin** will lead local ukulele players at Paisley and District u3a's monthly meeting on Thursday 5 March 2026 at 2pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Paisley, PA1 1ND. For more details please contact PR Advisor, Allana Parker on **M: 07483 820027**
3. Paisley and District u3a is Scotland's 50th self-help learning organisation for people who no longer work full time. u3as are run by local volunteers freely sharing their knowledge and skills. Members are part of a UK-wide and international educational movement. The u3a motto is 'Learn, laugh, live.' Scotland has around 12,000 members in 55 u3as who enjoy the social side of new activities, interests and hobbies: <https://scotland.u3asite.uk/> Details about this nationwide peer-learning for fun movement, with more than 1,000 u3as across the UK, can be found at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>