

## PENTATONIC SCALES

Learning to play PENTATONIC SCALES helps us to play our ukulele beyond the basic chord strum. it introduces us to being able to play melodies and Riffs (more of this later). instead of playing Chords we are learning to use individual strings to pick out a tune or particular part of a song.

Scales are a necessary evil to practice playing individual strings and notes. the pentatonic scale has 5 notes in it, hence penta and tonic ie tone. I will leave it to those of you who are curious to identify the notes omitted from a normal 7 note scale ie doh rey me etc.

Watch the video as I demonstrate the C pentatonic scale, in the 1st position, (there are 4 more positions playing down the neck but they are for another day).

The purpose of this exercise is to teach your fingers to play individual strings ready for playing Riffs. You will find that as you learn to play this scale in C you can play it in any order and if you play the notes as a song in C is being played it will sound fine because the scale and the song are both in the key of C. It is major key, (it sounds happy). This is what those lead guitarists who play over a rhythm are doing.