

## 5. Ilminster Ukulele Club.



### How Do I Practice Chords?

Let's start by working slowly, try making the **A** chord and then drop your index finger down one string to make an **F** chord.

Remove your index finger and you have the **Am** chord.

Put your ring and little finger under your middle finger and you have a **D** chord.

Visualise the above moves as you make them, rather than watching your fingers, this helps you plan your next finger placement.

You can try the moves without strumming and then build up to one strum and then make the move, after a bit of practice.

Nothing replaces practice, of course, but visualising gets you part way there.

With just those four chords you could play a couple of hundred songs.

Then mix it up a bit, take the Key of C & its primary chords, those being the ones most used i.e., **C**, **Am**, **F**, **G** & back to **C**. Practise playing them in the above order & then repeat them going the other way i.e., **C**, **G**, **F**, **Am** & back to **C**.

Remember try to avoid looking down at your fretting hand, try practising without looking at your hands at all, I have heard of some people practice in a dark room or with a blindfold on!

The more you look at your fingers, the more you come to rely on looking at them.

Close your eyes, you'll soon start to feel your way around the fretboard more. Yes, you'll make mistakes but you'll also train your ear to recognise where your finger/s should be.

The more methodical your practice time, the quicker you'll make progress

But above all else, enjoy yourself, playing in a group gives you confidence and if you make a few mistakes (we all do) no one knows 🤪🎵

Just keep strumming