

# Eastcott Community Organisation Newsletter

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Hello!

We've had a very busy May and June and it was great to meet so many of you at our Repair Café/Free Shop, talks and Neighbourhood Party.

July brings a Jumble Sale, and a Repair Café during Community Centre Week so please pop along and say Hello!

## Eastcott Community Organisation

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**About us:** Eastcott Community Organisation is a registered charity and its committee of volunteers are mostly local residents. Our objective is to increase opportunities for those living in and around Eastcott, by managing a community centre, **Savernake Street Social Hall**, and organising events and activities. We are a group without political or religious affiliation.

**Committee:** Caroline Davies-Khan (Chair), Anna Smart (Vice Chair), Rebecca Campbell (Secretary), Anne Stone (Treasurer), Steve Russell (Health and Safety Officer) Brian Davidson, Laura Holmes and Drusilla Summers. Email: [eastcottcommunity@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eastcottcommunity@yahoo.co.uk)

## Sunday 2 July 2- 5pm *Jumble Sale*

A FUNDRAISING  
**JUMBLE SALE**

Organised with help from local students as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, this Jumble Sale will fundraise for a much-needed projector for the community centre.

**Please come and support us, find a bargain, and enjoy some cake and a community chat!**

We need donations of jumble too! We're looking for clothes, books, toys, games, bric-a-brac etc.

Please no electrical items or bikes.

Please drop to us at the back of the community centre on Wednesdays 4-6pm, Sundays 6-7pm or contact us. Thank you!!



## Sunday 23 July 2-5pm *Free Shop, Repair Café, and Community Art*

19-25 July is Community Centre Week, and to celebrate we've got extra activities on **23 July** alongside Free Shop and the Repair Café.

- Please help us to create **community art** with artist Sue Bardwell, which we'll display in the community centre.
- It'll be an ideal opportunity to see what happens at the centre, and share your ideas of what else you'd like to see!

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**FREE SHOP**

**Free Shop** - You can bring and expect to find lots of treasures including books, toys, games, clothes, bric-a-brac etc. Please do not bring electrical items, underwear, sleepwear, toiletries or videos. Please bring/take a maximum of 5 items.

**Repair Café**  
Teas & No way!

**Swindon Repair Café** is an opportunity to bring items like clothes, textiles, small items of furniture and bric a brac for help from volunteers to fix them! (no electricals or bikes please).

More information on Facebook pages 'Swindon Repair Café', 'Eastcott Community Free Shop' *Please bring change for refreshments. Donations towards overheads/ repairing supplies welcome!*

**Community Teas supported by:**



## Fridays 14 July, 28 July 2-4pm *Community Afternoon Teas*

Please join us for tea, cake and a chat.

At both July sessions there will be chance to join in some community art if you would like to.

*Free tea and coffee, with cake to buy (£1 a slice)*



### Could you help us with our community garden?

We've started gardening on Wednesday afternoons (around 4-6pm - weather permitting!) to help prepare and plant in the spaces around the community centre. All welcome and no experience necessary - please pop by and join in! Please follow 'Eastcott Community Garden' on Facebook for more details and to check on sessions.

Please check with the organisers about dates and prices for the activities below.



**Tai Chi Classes with Graham Pritchard ~ Mondays 6.15-7.15pm** : 6 Week beginners course for those wanting to have a good foundation in the art of Tai Chi & Qigong Chinese Health Exercise. Book online at [taichi-swindon.co.uk](http://taichi-swindon.co.uk) or phone Graham on: 07855977904



**Jack and Jill's Toddlers ~ Mondays 9.30am – 11.30am and Wednesdays 9.45am – 11.30am** in term time. Please contact the Toddler group for dates and further information. Friendly and fun toddler group run by volunteers. [jackandjillstoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackandjillstoddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk)



**Tae Kwon Do ~ Tuesdays 6.30 – 7.30pm.** Please contact Richard Williams 01793 421970



**Woodcraft Folk ~ Wednesdays 6.15 -7.15 pm** in term time - Activities, games and craft for children aged 5-9 (Elfins), children with parent volunteers welcome. For more information contact Mary-Ann on 01793 978704 or e-mail [harrisma@live.co.uk](mailto:harrisma@live.co.uk) . "Woodcraft Folk Swindon" on Facebook.



**U3A Guitar ~ Wednesday afternoons** every 2 weeks - Want to improve your guitar playing?  
**U3Ukes Ukulele group ~ Wednesday mornings** every 2 weeks  
No charge for the meetings, but would need to join the Swindon U3A, part of a national charity – see <http://www.u3a.org.uk> or further details about the guitar group from John on 01793 771735



**Hatha Yoga ~ Thursdays 8 - 9.30pm** - Friendly, mindfulness focused, mixed ability classes. All welcome , and first class always free. Please contact Julia Merlo 07342635156, [Juliarlmerlo@hotmail.com](mailto:Juliarlmerlo@hotmail.com) <http://juliamerloyoga.co.uk>



**Creative Writing ~** a monthly informal evening workshop to encourage and inspire you to write and share your writing with others - a community group run by local writer Andy Larter. Next workshop : **Tuesday 4 July** (August meet-up to be confirmed). Please contact [eastcott.writers2015@gmail.com](mailto:eastcott.writers2015@gmail.com)

We had a fantastic Neighbourhood Party on Sunday 4 June, with a shared lunch, live music from Sweet Nightingale and The Chocolate Candy Band, a puppet show, a performance from Judith Hockaday School & College of Dance and Drama, and history stands by Swindon Heritage and The Swindon Society.

We thank the Heritage Lottery Fund, for making the event possible and free to attend, all our participants, performers and everyone who came. We hope you had a fabulous time!

Thank you to the following for fantastic raffle prizes: *Great Western Railway, Sweet Nightingale, Holmes Music, Sheunique of Cirencester, Caroline Day- Artist, Lydiard House, Deacons, Swindon Heritage , Magnum Wines, Arkells Brewery, Rays Homemade Ice Cream, Old Town Brewery, Wyevale Garden Centre, Lisa Monis Designs, The National Trust, and The Core.*

We raised £134 from selling raffle tickets, which we'll put towards our arts activity as part of Community Centre Week!



Eastcott Community Organisation is a registered charity number 1160538 *Neighbourhood Party Photos by Jennifer Berry*

