

Happy New Year!

We enjoyed meeting so many of you in 2017 and look forward to lots more happening this year.

With new events like our Communi-teas and the continuation of our heritage project, we're excited about the year ahead!

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.
Eastcott Community Organisation is a registered charity number 1160538



Sunday 7 January 2-5pm Free Shop and Repair Café

There will be fabulous live music, cake and conversation, the opportunity to get items fixed and to share as a community.

Free Shop - Bring and expect to find treasures including books, toys, games, clothes, bric-a-brac etc. Please bring/take up to 5 items.

Swindon Repair Café is an opportunity to bring clothes, textiles, small items of furniture and bric-a-brac for help from volunteers to fix them! We'll have a volunteer on hand who helps with laptops (speed, function etc). No electricals or bikes for either repairing or donation please. More information on Facebook pages 'Swindon Repair Café', 'Eastcott Community Free Shop' *Please bring change for refreshments. Donations towards overheads welcome!*



Sunday 4 February 2-4pm

NEW FOR 2018! Eastcott Communi-teas!

We are starting "Eastcott Communi-teas" in 2018 – an opportunity to meet up in the months in-between the Repair Cafés and Free Shops (so there will be at least one get-together every month)

Whether you're new to the area, or have lived here for years, here's a chance to meet others, plus find out what else is happening in and around Eastcott.

Each one will be different so please contact us for details or follow the event page on Facebook.

The Communi-teas will be free to attend with refreshments to buy.

Teapot and photos: Artkore Mosaics



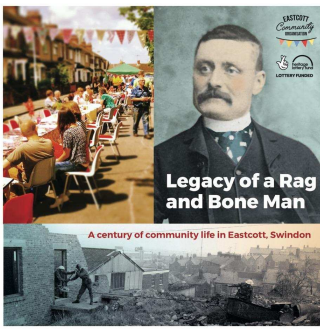
A little further ahead...

Friday 9 March – Fundraising Fairtrade Wine & Cheese Tasting – 7-9pm

This event is organised for us by 'From the Grapevine' – tickets are £20.00 – please contact us for more information or see <http://fromthegrapevine.co.uk/events>

Sunday 22 April – Swindon Eco Fest – 11-5pm

We'll be working with our friends at Swindon Climate Action Network to bring you an afternoon of stalls, talks, art and storytelling, celebrating sustainable living, wellbeing & nature.



Heritage Lottery Fund Project update!



We are delighted to have launched our **history book; Legacy of a Rag and Bone Man: A century of community life in Eastcott.**

This has been a collaboration between Eastcott Community Organisation, Local Studies; Swindon Central Library, volunteer researchers, and heritage groups, and has been written and designed by Kate Parsons. The book, priced at £5.00, is on sale through Central Library and at our events. Profit from sales will support our community activities.

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



NEW! Art print classes by Acorn Arts ~ Fridays from 12 January 10 am– 12 midday.

Learn about various print-making techniques in a friendly and supportive class run by artists Alex Coppock-Bunce and Bee Operanto. Suitable for all from complete beginners to experienced artists. Please contact Alex for more information : alex@alexcoppock-bunce.com



Mr Love & Justice presents the next Lazy Sunday Afternoon Music sessions on 18 February, 18 March and 15 April 3-5pm.

These are afternoons of original folk/roots acoustic music, in a friendly and relaxed setting, with coffee and cake! There will be two guest acts alongside Mr Love & Justice. Tickets £6 on the door or £5 in advance from www.wegotickets.com



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 or phone Graham on: 07855977904



Jack and Jills 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



Tae Kwon Do ~ Tuesdays 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Please contact Richard Williams 01793 421970 for more information.



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 . "Woodcraft Folk Swindon" on Facebook.



Swindon U3A offer daytime weekday classes at the community centre in Art (Watercolour and Pastels), Current Affairs, Patchwork & Quilting, Welsh Language, Guitar and Ukulele.

There is no charge for the meetings, but you would need to join the Swindon U3A, part of a national charity – see <http://www.swindonu3a.org.uk/> or call 01793 614629



Bollywood Dance Classes with Priya Singhal (DanzXpres) ~ Thursdays 5 pm.

This is for children from 5 years of age. Please book by contacting Priya Singhal at <https://www.facebook.com/bollywoodDanzXpres/> or call: 07968097450.



Zumba with Sam ~ Thursdays 6.30 – 7.30 pm A class to get us all dancing & moving!

Sam will be running classes on 4, 11, 25 January and 1, 15, 22 February
More info from : <https://www.facebook.com/zumbawithsamd>



Hatha Yoga ~ Thursdays 8 - 9.30pm - Friendly, mindfulness focused, mixed ability classes.

Classes continue in the New Year from **4 January**, focusing on Mudras and Bandhas. All welcome. First class always free.

Please contact Julia Merlo 07342635156 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 workshops : 9 January, 6 February. Please contact eastcott.writers2015@gmail.com

