

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbour,

After all the trials and tribulations of the past couple of years Eastcott Community Organisation is happy to announce that events and activities are getting underway again at the community centre.

Coming up this Autumn we have activities and events for everyone to enjoy. Take a look below for events coming up in the next few months and over the page for details about organisations which use the centre for classes and activities.

The centre is an asset for everyone in Eastcott to enjoy... we hope to see you there soon!

ABOUT US

Eastcott Community Organisation is a registered charity and its committee of volunteers are mostly local residents. We aim to increase opportunities for people living in and around Eastcott, by managing Eastcott Community Centre (formerly Savernake Street Social Hall) and organising events and activities. We are a group without political or religious affiliation. If you would like to join us as a volunteer or committee member please email: steph@eastcottcommunity.org. For more details about upcoming events email jaine@eastcottcommunity.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Free Shop and Repair Café: Sunday 4th September and Sunday 6th November, 2pm to 5pm, free



Our Free Shop and Repair Cafes are an opportunity to share, repair and connect as a community. They are fun afternoons with live music, thanks to the support of local musicians and delicious cake to buy. No need to book — just come along on the day.

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

Repair Café An opportunity to bring clothes, textiles, small items of furniture and bric-a-brac for help from skilled volunteers to fix them. We're not able to repair electrical items but thanks to Swindon Cycle Campaign there will be a bicycle mechanic on hand. For more information please join the Facebook group Swindon Repair Café & Free Shop.

Women's Fashion Swap: Thursday 8th September, 7pm to 9.30pm, £5 to include a free gin and tonic



Love clothes? This is an event for you! Pass on your clothes and accessories that deserve to be worn more often, and find your new favourites, at our Fashion Swap. Just bring along up to ten items of good quality clothing (no bobbles, stains or rips please), and donate £5 to Eastcott Community Organisation. You can take home up to ten items. We're co-hosting with Kapada Vintage which will have items for sale too. There will be a free gin and tonic on arrival and a cash only bar.

Harvest Supper: Saturday 8th October, 4pm to 7pm, free, bring a dish to share



Enjoy a shared community meal. Meet old friends and make new ones over a "pot luck" supper. Just like our summer Jubilee party, we're encouraging people to bring along a homemade family favourite dish — sweet or savoury — to share. Please bring a list of ingredients and method details to be included in our planned Eastcott Community Cookbook. Don't worry if you can't—we'd love to see you any way. There will be live music and crafts for the children. No need to book — just come along on the day.

Christmas Wine Tasting: Friday 25th November, 7pm to 10pm, £20



Not sure what to serve with Christmas dinner? Looking for some reasonably priced festive fizz? Join our guided wine tasting for a fun evening with the chance to try at least six wines, tuck in to some tasty nibbles and have a go at a prize quiz. Over 18s only.

Stay up to date with all our news and events and find ticket information by following us on Facebook
@eastcottcommunitycentre

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION NEWS

It's been looking blooming lovely at our community centre in Savernake Street thanks to the efforts of gardening volunteers who got to work planting two dozen rose bushes and climbers kindly donated by Harkness Roses (roses.co.uk). They had a boost from 18th Swindon Scouts in June who turned out to do some weeding and tidy the grounds. If you would like to join our green-fingered

bunch, just turn up at the centre on the last Sunday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. Please bring your own gardening gloves and tools.

The outside of the centre was further enhanced by a community artwork created by residents guided by local artists No Added Sugar. It was made possible by a generous grant from the National Lottery Community Fund which also funded our Big Jubilee

Lunch and Family Festival, when the colourful discs were unveiled. Hundreds of you came along to enjoy the fun which included a shared lunch, inflatables, craft sessions and live music from Lads Lads Lads. View photos from the event at elmarrubio-photography.weebly.com/eastcott-community-centre There's plenty more fun ahead in the coming months ... we hope you will join us.

SAVE THE DATES

It's still to be confirmed but plans are underway for a Christmas fair with free shop and crafts on Sunday December 4th .

WINDOW WONDERLAND 2023

More details coming soon for WW 2023 from Friday February 24th to Sunday 26th, 2023 when we want you to light up the streets of Eastcott with your window displays.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT EASTCOTT COMMUNITY CENTRE please contact organisers below for full details



U3A

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. Please contact U3A for meeting information. Website: swindonu3a.org.uk/ Telephone: 01793 614629.



HIGASHI KARATE KAI

Learn the traditional style of Wado-Ryu Karate & Karate Sport. Enjoy the benefits of a good workout, increased strength, stamina, flexibility and respect. Wednesday Juniors (6+) 6:30pm - 7:30pm Adults 7:30pm - 8:30pm Sunday Mixed class 10:00am – 11:30am . Email: Swindon.Higashi@gmail.com. Telephone: Paul Cullum 07841 519980



TAI CHI

Beginners course for those wanting to have a good foundation in the art of Tai Chi & Qigong Chinese Health Exercise. Mondays 6pm to 7pm; Wednesdays 10.30am to 11.30am. Book online at taichi-swindon.co.uk or phone Graham Pritchard on: 07855977904.



EASTCOTT ART GROUP

Thursday mornings from 10am until 12.30pm. We draw and paint and have a social morning over a cup of tea or coffee. No experience required. If you are interested in joining us for a taster session, please contact Christine Hughes at email: hugheschughes2@aol.com



JACK AND JILLS TODDLERS

Mondays 10am to noon in term time. Please email the Toddler group at jackandjillstoddler-group@hotmail.co.uk for dates and information. Friendly and fun toddler group run by volunteers.



DIDDI DANCE

Funky pre-school dance classes for girls and boys. Fridays 9.45am to 10.30pm. The only pre-school dance programme to explore 16 different dance styles! Website: diddidance.com. Email: caroline.steele@diddidance.com. Telephone: Caroline Steele 07747866705 .