



Event Sharing Scheme

In this document, the Event Module Sharing Extensions may be referred to as the “Sharing Extensions” for short. These extensions provide a solution to groups where there is a need to share group events with members of parent, subsidiary or peer groups within the Agoria group network environment. The extensions are specifically designed to use Agoria to give group members’ an incentive to both organise and attend events in groups outside of their immediate membership.

In the context of a social or leisure organisation, the Sharing Extensions uses facilities from the Group Network features of ActivityForum and combine these with the Agoria Event Management Modules. This gives group members the opportunity to expand their social network by mixing with members of other groups. At the same time, it creates incentive for other groups to reciprocate by also offering to share some of their own events.

NOTE: The Sharing Extension does NOT include members from other groups for the purposes of the Event Booking / Time Bank Reward Scheme. Only members booking on events from within the originating group of an event can be included in a reward scheme.

Sharing Scheme Principles ...

1. The event owner that arranges an activity that is to be shared between several groups will always remain in ultimate control of the event details and bookings etc.
2. When an event is shared by a group with one or more of its subsidiary groups, such subsidiary groups will automatically display the event on their event diary.
3. When an event is shared by a group with a parent group, such a parent group will have the right to refuse to display the event from the subsidiary on their event diary.
4. When an event is shared with another peer group (a group of equal status), such a peer group will have the right to not accept the event for display the event on their event diary.
5. The Sharing scheme operates with three sharing options, “This Group” (for members of the current group and any subsidiary groups), “Connected Groups” (e.g. geographically close groups) and “All Groups” (all groups to which this group has a network link).
6. Events with the “This Group” sharing option enabled may only be shared with directly connected subsidiary groups.
7. Events with the “Connected Groups” sharing option enabled may be shared with subsidiary groups and with directly connected groups with the “Connect/Network” share option enabled on the group link.
8. Events with the “All Groups” sharing option enabled may be shared with subsidiary groups and other directly connected groups with either or both the “Connect/Network” or “Network Only” share option enabled on the group link.
9. All the event display modules make it clear when an event is being shared with other groups or is an invitation event from another group.
10. It is possible for the event owner of an event to select which subsidiary and connected groups they would wish to share their event with.

The above principles are incorporated as part of the application code.



Group Connections for Event Sharing

Why have the Event Sharing extensions?

The sharing extensions to the Agoria Events Modules are intended to help groups encourage their members to organise more and bigger events. It does this by offering them the means to “sell/promote” their events to members of other groups to get a higher attendance.

The more bookings members get for their events, the more the respective groups benefit from economies of scale and thus the larger events they can organise ...

How are group connections created for event sharing?

The links between groups for event sharing are created and edited by Group Managers in **ActivityForum** in the **Groups** tab. These connections to the group that owns this Agoria web site are managed through the **“Group Network Links”** menu function in **ActivityForum**.

Peer to Peer Groups for BNHIVC - The Social Group for North Hampshire									
Link To Peer Group	Renew Date	Max Perm To Peer	Max Perm From Peer	Event Accept To Peer	Event Accept From Peer	Edit Link	View Group	Edit Group	
AIVC - National	01/Jun/2013	Guest	Grp Mgr	-	Network & Connect				
BNHIVC Social Meetup	19/Mar/2008	Guest	Member	-	-				
Cafe Scientifique Basingstoke	12/Nov/2004	Grp Mgr	Public	-	Network Only				
London IVC Dev	-	Guest	Public	Network Only	Network & Connect				
Oxfordshire IVC	23/Apr/2014	Guest	Guest	Network Only	Network & Connect				
Thames Valley IVC	04/Feb/2014	Guest	Temp Mem	-	Network & Connect				
West Surrey IVC	04/Feb/2014	Guest	Guest	Network Only	Network Only				

Link includes a group from another network (Sys Mgr: Class of linked group is for a different network)

The tabs for group connections in the Group Network Links display are as follows:

Parent and Related Groups

The tab for **“Parent and Related Groups”** lists all the groups in the network that are controlling **“parents”** to the current group. It is possible to share events with any parent group because a direct **“parent to subsidiary”** connection exists between the respective groups. A parent group has the option to accept for display any event shared by a subsidiary group.

The Parent and Related Groups tab also includes any groups that are linked to these parent groups as these are related groups (siblings) to the current group. It is not possible to share events between this group and any related group unless a direct **“peer to peer”** connection is also created between the respective groups using the **“Add Link to Group”** facility.



Subsidiary Groups

The “**Subsidiary Groups**” tab lists all the groups in the network which have the current group as a controlling “**parent**”. It is possible to share events with any subsidiary group because a direct “parent to subsidiary” connection exists between the respective groups. A subsidiary group has no option but to accept for display any event shared by a parent group.

Peer Groups

The “**Peer Groups**” tab lists all the groups in the network which have the current group as a linked “**peer**”. Peer groups are of equal status in a network connection and both have control of their own respective options with regards to the connection properties between the groups. It is possible to share events with any peer group because a direct “peer to peer” connection exists between the respective groups. A peer group has the option to accept for display any event shared by a connected peer group.

How are group connections created for event sharing?

The links between groups for event sharing can be edited by Group Managers by clicking on the “**Edit Link**” icon in any of the above lists or added by using the “**Add Link to Group**” facility

Event Sharing Accepted Across This Link

The section titled “**Event Sharing Accepted across this link**” controls what event share types are permitted to be shared between the respective groups.

For a **Peer to Peer** connection, a group manager can only control the event share types that can be accepted from the other group.

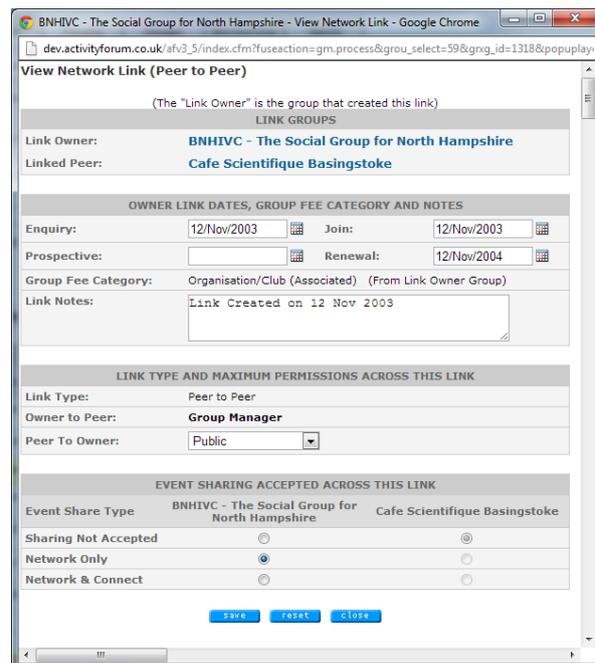
In a **Parent** group, the group manager can control the event share types that can be accepted between both the groups in the connection.

In a **Subsidiary** group, the group manager has no control over the types of event share types that can be accepted by their group. All events from a parent group are automatically displayed .

The types of event share types are described below:

Sharing Not Accepted

Event sharing / invitations from the other group are not accepted. This group does not wish to accept any event invitations from the other group in the connection.



View Network Link (Peer to Peer)

(The "Link Owner" is the group that created this link)

LINK GROUPS

Link Owner: **BNHIVC - The Social Group for North Hampshire**
 Linked Peer: **Cafe Scientifique Basingstoke**

OWNER LINK DATES, GROUP FEE CATEGORY AND NOTES

Enquiry: 12/Nov/2003 Join: 12/Nov/2003
 Prospective: Renewal: 12/Nov/2004
 Group Fee Category: Organisation/Club (Associated) (From Link Owner Group)
 Link Notes: Link Created on 12 Nov 2003

LINK TYPE AND MAXIMUM PERMISSIONS ACROSS THIS LINK

Link Type: Peer to Peer
 Owner to Peer: **Group Manager**
 Peer To Owner: Public

EVENT SHARING ACCEPTED ACROSS THIS LINK

Event Share Type	BNHIVC - The Social Group for North Hampshire	Cafe Scientifique Basingstoke
Sharing Not Accepted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Network Only	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Network & Connect	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

save reset close



Network Only

Event sharing / invitations from the other group will be accepted providing they are general “broadcast / notification” events that are open to many groups in the network. In the case of a national/international organisation, an example of this type of shared event would be for events that are open to members of many/all groups in the network such as a holiday or weekend break.

Network & Connect

All event sharing / invitations from the other group will be accepted. This will apply to events that are general “broadcast” type events that are open to many groups in the network and those to which only this group has been invited. An example of a “Connect” type of shared event would be an event like a meal out that is only shared with members of specific linked groups that are in the same geographic area.

How does a member share their event with connected groups?

1. The event organiser adds their event to the group calendar.
2. While in event edit mode and on the **“Share Options”** tab, the event organiser checks the boxes against the names of the subsidiary groups in the **“Share with Subsidiary Groups”** section.
3. The event organiser can also check the boxes against the names of the connected groups they wish to share their event with in the **“Share With Connected Groups”** section.
4. The event organiser should also select the appropriate **“Share with the Network”** option to ensure their event is permitted to be shown on the appropriate subsidiary, parent and peer connected network linked groups event diary when exported to ActivityExchange.

Details
Owner Settings
Share Options
External Links

SHARE OPTIONS

All bookings for shared events are managed by the originating event owner and group management. Events may only be shared with groups to which this group is directly linked in this network. The destination group must permit either "Connect" or "Network" event sharing across the network link for an event to be included in the destination group calendar.

SHARE WITH SUBSIDIARY GROUPS	
Select	Subsidiary Group Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	BNHIVC - Flying & Aviation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BNHIVC - Holidays & Travel

SHARE WITH CONNECTED GROUPS	
Select	Connected Group Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	AIVC - National
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	London IVC Dev
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oxfordshire IVC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thames Valley IVC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	West Surrey IVC

SHARE WITH THE NETWORK	
Select	Share Option
<input type="radio"/>	This Group (This group plus any subsidiary groups)
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Connected Groups (Share with Subsidiary and Connected groups)
<input type="radio"/>	All Groups (Share with Subsidiary, Connected and Network groups)

The above is all the event organiser is required to do to get their event shared across the group network. However, each group with which the event is to be shared also has an option to either select to accept all invited events by default or require that all invited events must be manually accepted by a group manager. The exception is in the case of a subsidiary group where all events from a parent group are automatically displayed in the group calendar.

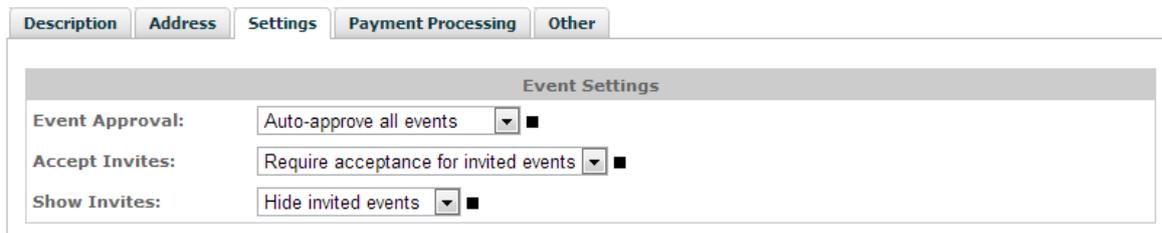


How are event invites accepted automatically?

The Group Details in **ActivityForum** has two new options in the “**settings**” tab as detailed below:

1. “Accept Invites” - Allows the group to automatically accept invited events in Agoria
2. “Show Invites” - Allows the group to show or hide invited events in event modules in Agoria

If the “**Accept Invites**” is set to “**Require acceptance of invite events**”, then a member with group manager permission must manually accept any invite events in Agoria using the “**acceptEvents**” function. This module function will therefore need to be added to the menu structure of the group Agoria web site with visibility set to group manager permissions.



Event Settings

Event Approval: Auto-approve all events

Accept Invites: Require acceptance for invited events

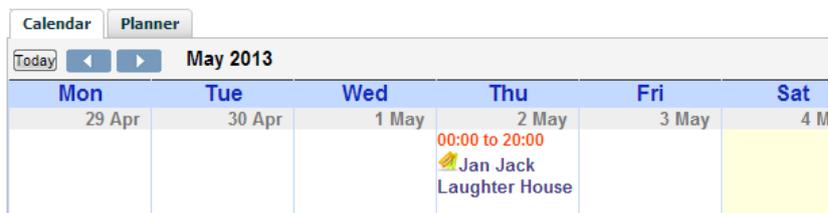
Show Invites: Hide invited events

How are shared events displayed in the diary / calendar?

Once an invite event has been accepted for display, it will be allowed to be displayed in all Agoria event display modules. In order to display shared events that are invites from other clubs, the user must check the box marked “**Show Other Group Invites**” and click the **Refresh** button.

If the “**Show Invites**” setting in the ActivityForum Group Details is set to “**Show Invited Events**”, then invitation events will always be shown when an event display module is first displayed and the box will be checked by default.

Show Other Group Invites: Refresh



Calendar Planner

Today May 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May 00:00 to 20:00 Jan Jack Laughter House	3 May	4 M

Shared events (those shared from this group with other groups) and invite events (invitation events from other groups) are shown on all displays with following key icons.



This icon indicates the event belongs to this group and is shared with other groups.



This icon indicates the event belongs to another group and is an invitation event



How does a group accept an invitation event?

Invitation events from other groups that have not yet been accepted will only be visible by group managers in the group calendar and will have a pale green background. In order for members to see an invitation event, it must be accepted by a group manager in the destination group unless the option to automatically accept invitation events has been selected (see above instructions).

If in **ActivityForum Group Details** the “**Accept Invites**” option is set to “Require acceptance of invite events”, then a member with group manager permission must manually accept any invite events.

Invitation events are accepted in Agoria using the “**acceptEvents**” function in the events module of Agoria. To use this function, it must be added to the web site menu structure with **Group Manager** permission required.

Event invitations are accepted by checking the box against the events to be accepted and then clicking the **Update** button.

Accept All Invites Automatically

Edit Event Invitations

Accept	Date	Title	Inviting Group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 18 May 2013 - Sat 15 Jun 2013	 PUB NIGHT ...	West Surrey IVC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat 25 May 2013	 PUB NIGHT ...	West Surrey IVC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat 1 Jun 2013	 PUB NIGHT ...	West Surrey IVC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 1 Jun 2013	 FIRST SATURDAY CURRY NIGHT	West Surrey IVC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat 8 Jun 2013	 PUB NIGHT ...	West Surrey IVC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 15 Jun 2013	 SHOPPING TRIP IN GUILDFORD	West Surrey IVC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat 15 Jun 2013	 PUB NIGHT ...	West Surrey IVC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 22 Jun 2013	 DAY TRIP TO OXFORD	West Surrey IVC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat 22 Jun 2013	 PUB NIGHT ...	West Surrey IVC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat 29 Jun 2013	 PUB NIGHT ...	West Surrey IVC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sat 20 Jul 2013	 REAL ALE TRAIN AT ALRESFORD	West Surrey IVC



Event Bookings

How do members book into an invitation event?

The main booking system in Agoria is provided for managing event bookings for members of the group in which an event originates. **This means it is not possible to use the Agoria Booking options to book into an invitation event from another group.**

To accept bookings from members of other groups into an invitation event, the event owner can use any of the suggestions below:

1. Provide an email address or phone number to be contacted in the event organiser details.
2. Link the event in Agoria to an event in EventBrite or Meetup for booking.
3. Set "Allow online booking" option for the event is set to "yes" so an "Email Event Owner" link is included in the event details display as shown below.

Email Owner  [Email the event owner](#)

Description [Tell A Friend](#)

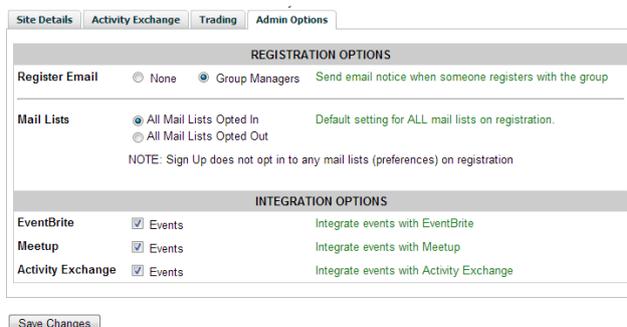
How to link an event to EventBrite and Meetup for bookings

EventBrite and Meetup are frequently recommended web services for collecting event bookings, especially where advance payment is required. The preferred method of collecting payments in EventBrite is to use either a PayPal or Google Checkout account. The only option provided by Meetup is via a PayPal account.

You can find out more about the use of EventBrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk.

You can find out more about the use of Meetup at www.meetup.com.

In order to link event details in EventBrite or Meetup with events in Agoria, the **Integration Options** for the systems you want to integrate with must be enabled. These can be found in the **Site Setup** => **Admin Options** tab as shown in the image below:



The screenshot shows the 'Admin Options' tab in the Agoria site setup. It is divided into two sections: 'REGISTRATION OPTIONS' and 'INTEGRATION OPTIONS'. In the 'REGISTRATION OPTIONS' section, 'Register Email' is set to 'Group Managers' (selected with a radio button), and 'Mail Lists' is set to 'All Mail Lists Opted In' (selected with a radio button). A note states: 'NOTE: Sign Up does not opt in to any mail lists (preferences) on registration'. In the 'INTEGRATION OPTIONS' section, there are three rows: 'EventBrite' with a checked checkbox for 'Events' and the text 'Integrate events with EventBrite'; 'Meetup' with a checked checkbox for 'Events' and the text 'Integrate events with Meetup'; and 'Activity Exchange' with a checked checkbox for 'Events' and the text 'Integrate events with Activity Exchange'. At the bottom left, there is a 'Save Changes' button.



External Links tab in Event View

Once the integration options are set, a new tab “**External Links**” is displayed when editing an event in Agoria. This is where the external link information for the event is entered.

The options on this tab are as follows:

Payment Message: Selecting this displays a message that payment is required when booking.

Include Link For: Select the systems you want to link to

Link Display Type: Select how you want users to access the external site

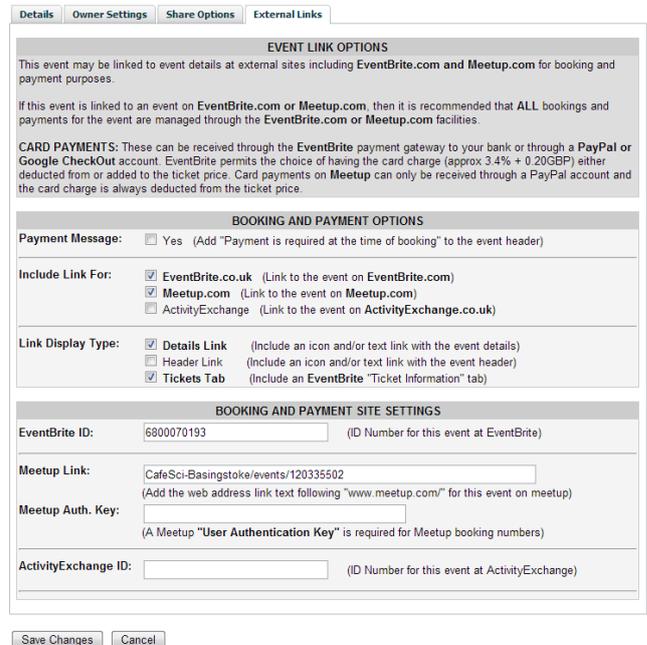
EventBrite ID: The ID of the event for the link to the EventBrite details

Meetup Link: The Meetup event address parameters following “**www.meetup.com/**” e.g. [CafeSci-Basingstoke/events/120335502/](http://www.meetup.com/CafeSci-Basingstoke/events/120335502/)

Meetup Auth Key: A user authentication key from Meetup is required for RSVP numbers

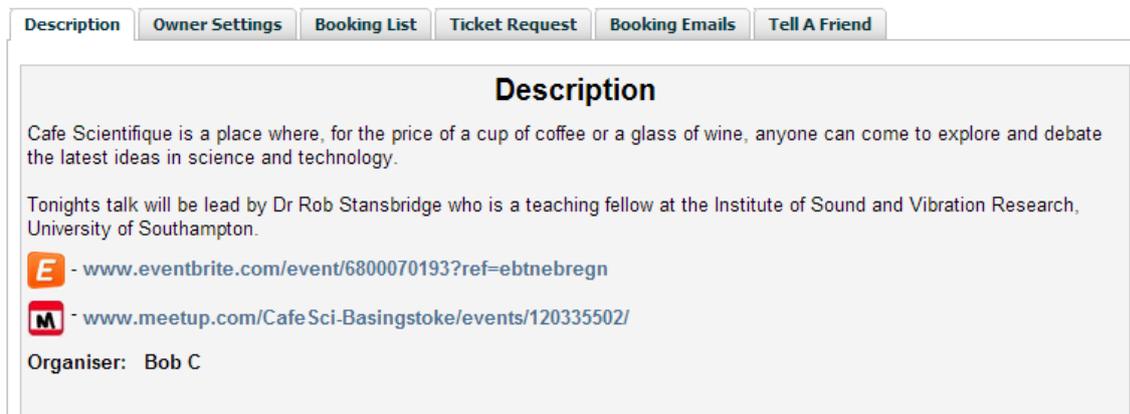
ActivityExchange ID: The ID of the event for the link to the ActivityExchange details

Once the EventBrite and/or Meetup details have been entered for the event, links to the event on either of those web sites will appear in the event details as shown below.



The screenshot shows the 'External Links' tab in the Agoria event editor. It contains several sections:

- EVENT LINK OPTIONS:** A text area explaining that the event can be linked to external sites for booking and payment. It also includes a note about card payments.
- BOOKING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS:** A section with checkboxes for 'Payment Message', 'Include Link For' (EventBrite.co.uk, Meetup.com, ActivityExchange), and 'Link Display Type' (Details Link, Header Link, Tickets Tab).
- BOOKING AND PAYMENT SITE SETTINGS:** A section with input fields for 'EventBrite ID', 'Meetup Link', 'Meetup Auth. Key', and 'ActivityExchange ID'.



The screenshot shows the 'Description' tab in the Agoria event editor. It contains the following content:

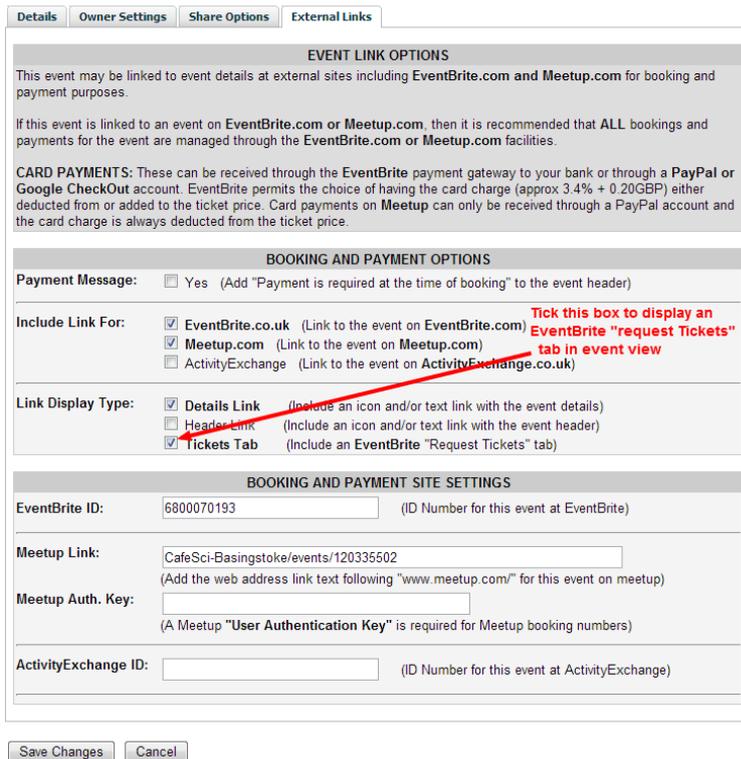
- Description:** Cafe Scientifique is a place where, for the price of a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, anyone can come to explore and debate the latest ideas in science and technology.
- Tonights talk:** will be lead by Dr Rob Stansbridge who is a teaching fellow at the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research, University of Southampton.
- EventBrite Link:**  - www.eventbrite.com/event/6800070193?ref=ebtnebregn
- Meetup Link:**  - www.meetup.com/CafeSci-Basingstoke/events/120335502/
- Organiser:** Bob C



How to display the EventBrite “Request Tickets” tab in Event View

In order to include a “Request Tickets” tab in the events view, then you need to ensure the following option has been checked in event edit.

External Links tab => Booking and Payment Options => Link Display Type



EVENT LINK OPTIONS

This event may be linked to event details at external sites including EventBrite.com and Meetup.com for booking and payment purposes.

If this event is linked to an event on EventBrite.com or Meetup.com, then it is recommended that ALL bookings and payments for the event are managed through the EventBrite.com or Meetup.com facilities.

CARD PAYMENTS: These can be received through the EventBrite payment gateway to your bank or through a PayPal or Google CheckOut account. EventBrite permits the choice of having the card charge (approx 3.4% + 0.20GBP) either deducted from or added to the ticket price. Card payments on Meetup can only be received through a PayPal account and the card charge is always deducted from the ticket price.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment Message: Yes (Add "Payment is required at the time of booking" to the event header)

Include Link For:

- EventBrite.co.uk (Link to the event on EventBrite.com) **Tick this box to display an EventBrite "request Tickets" tab in event view**
- Meetup.com (Link to the event on Meetup.com)
- ActivityExchange (Link to the event on ActivityExchange.co.uk)

Link Display Type:

- Details Link (Include an icon and/or text link with the event details)
- Header Link (Include an icon and/or text link with the event header)
- Tickets Tab (Include an EventBrite "Request Tickets" tab)

BOOKING AND PAYMENT SITE SETTINGS

EventBrite ID: (ID Number for this event at EventBrite)

Meetup Link:
(Add the web address link text following "www.meetup.com/" for this event on meetup)

Meetup Auth. Key:
(A Meetup "User Authentication Key" is required for Meetup booking numbers)

ActivityExchange ID: (ID Number for this event at ActivityExchange)

If the above option is checked, then a tab will also be displayed in event view that allows the user to order tickets on EventBrite from this web site.



Ticket Request

Ticket Information Powered by 

TYPE	REMAINING	END	QUANTITY
Guest	9 tickets	3 Jun 2013	Free 1