

SPRINGBOARD



DECEMBER 2011

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH at 4pm

A Carol Service of light and symbolism. Come with your children and join in the singing with the Community Choir, and afterwards enjoy the mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies. You are also welcome to the choir rehearsal on Tuesday 13 at 8.30pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: ST JOHN'S CHURCH on 24 and 25 DECEMBER

On Christmas Eve there will be a Children's crib service at 4pm, a chance for your children to take part in the Christmas story. They can come dressed as shepherds, angels, kings, or even oxen and asses if they prefer; and the Christmas story is retold. Please come early as it is usually a full house.

Midnight Mass will be at 11.30pm and the Family Christmas Communion will take place at 10am on Christmas Day.

FRIDAY 6 JANUARY: ST JOHN'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING at 9am until 11.30am

Come and enjoy freshly brewed coffee and delicious home made cakes and support the Princess Alice Hospice at the same time.

FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY: PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE AT 8pm

SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY: PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE AT 2.30pm and 7.30pm

SPRING GROVE FRINGE presents "Jason and the Argonauts" – a spanking new pantomime with music, songs and laughter. Tickets are £8 adult, £4 child and £20 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children). There will be a licensed bar in the evenings and tickets can be obtained from Sandy Gavshon in January. Watch out for posters with more details.

FRIDAY 23 MARCH: "SPRING INTO SPRING" BARN DANCE IN THE PARISH HALL

Please make a note in next year's diary for SGRA's annual Barn Dance. All the members of our community, including children, can come and enjoy themselves dancing to great live music from our local musicians. More details in the next Springboard.

TUESDAY 5 JUNE: QUEEN'S JUBILEE STREET PARTY IN BLOOMFIELD ROAD

Following on from the great success of last April's Royal Wedding Street Party, the SGRA together with St John's Church, the Spring Grove Pub, Plan B band, and other members of our community hope to have another enjoyable Street Party! Funds raised will go towards the much needed refurbishment of the floor of the Parish Hall, Grove Lane. The Hall is such an important centre of various community activities in our area – the nursery, Spring Grove Fringe drama group, badminton groups, barn dances, music events, quizzes, children's parties etc and will be celebrating 110 years of age in 2013. A Street Party Committee will be set up in the new year and any offer of help will be greatly appreciated – please contact Karol Smal on 8549 8424 or email karolsmal@blueyonder.co.uk

THE SGRA COMMITTEE WISHES ALL RESIDENTS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

If you have recently arrived in the SGRA area we invite you, and indeed all residents, to join in the various social activities (plays, pantomimes, concerts, dances etc) that take place throughout the year in the Parish Hall and St John's Church.



The SGRA Committee Members are:

[Redacted names of committee members]

HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

The **SGRA/ Hugh Herland BBQ** last September was a great success with about 40 senior citizens and local residents, including children, enjoying the good weather and food. Many thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes, in particular the Spring Grove Pub and the local shops in Bloomfield Road. The pub and shops are generous in their support of community events and we, as a community, should support them whenever we can. Also, many thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation and running of the BBQ and to Noel Jones for the excellent musical entertainment. Although this is a social event rather than a fund raising one we still made a small profit of £9.71p!

Burglaries and vandalism in our area

There have been a number of burglaries in the Spring Grove area in recent months and so all residents should take care to ensure their premises are as secure as possible. Also, residents have reported seeing cars being damaged late at night, possibly by students on their way home. Up to date contact numbers for the Police are 020 8721 2588 or email Grove.SNT@met.police.uk. Leave a message for the University on their answerphone 020 8417 3662 or use the online form : <http://www.kingston.ac.uk/enquiries/99/community-enquiries-complaints-form>

Hogsmill Valley Development

The SGRA was represented at the recent RBK Core Strategy Public Enquiry by Karol Smal, whose verbal contribution was based on the work previously done by committee members Sean Yeates and Phill Chapman. As Thames Water made clear that they would not release most of their land for permanent redevelopment, the proposed 1300 unit student housing will be scaled back to 300 units on existing university land, with no car spaces and access from Burney Avenue. The Inspectors report on the RBK Core Strategy will be published in early 2012.

Kingston Tour Guides. Are you interested in local history and enjoy meeting people? The voluntary guides are recruiting for their course starting in January when you can learn about Kingston's fascinating and colourful past and its historic buildings and monuments. Please contact Joan McConn on 8549 8424 for information on becoming a guide.

Spring Grove Newsagents: Our local Spring Grove Newsagents at 24 Bloomfield Road is an official Ticket Stop where Oyster top-ups, bus passes and London travel cards can be purchased. Do support this useful service for residents. The shop is open from 7am to 7pm Monday - Friday and from 7.30am - 1.30pm at weekends.

THE SGRA WEBSITE and EMAIL LIST. Please see www.springgrovekingston.co.uk for the latest news and links to other relevant sites. There is a page for local businesses and if you would like to advertise your business or have any contributions, news, small ads or suggestions contact jackie@springgrovekingston.co.uk. Also, contact Jackie if you would like to go on the SGRA email list to receive the latest news of events etc.

PARISH HALL HIRE

To hire the Parish Hall, Grove Lane, for social functions and children's parties please contact Joan McConn on 8549 8424. Badminton Players in the Parish Hall: The Monday and Thursday Evening Badminton clubs are keen to attract new members - have fun and keep fit at the same time. Go along on the relevant evening at 8pm or contact David McIntosh (Mondays) on 8399 1208 or Les NelsonP (Thursday) on 8399 0218. To play at any other time please ring Joan. Neo-Nunchaku Organisation at St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane. Novice classes are on alternate Sundays at 6.30-7.30pm. Ring 8337 6181 for more info. NEO teaches a spectrum of techniques in a holistic way, integrating related techniques to keep the learning process rewarding and fulfilling.

Kingston Town Centre Rangers walk the town centre and our area to deal with various problems. Contact the ranger team on 8547 7756 to report any graffiti, flyposting, supermarket trolleys etc.

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**The Spring Grove Pub @
the heart of the
community**

Xmas menus available

2-4-1 Burgers
Saturday, Sunday & Monday
6-9pm

Open until 1am Xmas Eve
12pm - 3pm Xmas Day
Open until 1am NYE
12pm - 10:30pm New Years Day

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break in Tenerife.*

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the beach in the
quiet town of Los
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