

DECEMBER 2014

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER: CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at 10am in ST JOHN'S CHURCH for all ages in support of the Children's Society. Holy Communion today will be 9am.

: CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE in ST JOHN'S CHURCH at 6pm An informal Carol Service of light and symbolism. If you enjoy singing why not join the Community Choir for this lovely service; everyone is welcome and the service is followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: ST JOHN'S CHURCH on 24 and 25 DECEMBER; and on 4 JANUARY

On **Christmas Eve** there will be a Children's crib service at **4pm** celebrating the nativity story for children. This is a chance for your children to take part in the Christmas story and they can come dressed as shepherds, angels or kings.

On **Christmas Eve** Midnight Mass will be at **11.30pm** and on **Christmas Day** the Christmas Family Communion will take place at **10am**. On **Sunday 4 January at 10am** there is the Epiphany Family Communion celebrating the visit of the Three Kings to Jesus.

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Spring Grove Fringe presents a traditional family version of "**Dick Whittington**" and there will be a licensed bar in the evenings. Tickets cost £8 adult, £4 child, £20 family (2 adult + 2 children) and will be available in January and if you wish to go on the mailing list email SGFKingston@gmail.com. So far, SGF productions have raised over £30,000 for local and national charities so please ensure that you don't miss out on this one.

FRIDAY 20 MARCH: "SPRING INTO SPRING" BARN DANCE IN THE PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE

Please make a note in next year's diary for SGRA's annual Barn Dance which starts at 8pm. All the members of our community, including children, can come and enjoy themselves dancing to great live music from our local musicians. As usual there will be food and a licensed bar; look out for more details in the next Springboard.

AS THIS IS THE LAST SPRINGBOARD OF THE YEAR 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 Church.

The current SGRA Committee Members are:

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

THE SPRING GROVE ACOUSTIC EVENING was held on Saturday 1 November in the St John's Parish Hall as part of the national **Oxjam music festival**. A fantastic night was had by all thanks to so many people in our community who worked hard to put the evening on, to perform and also to come along to support, together raising £650 for **Oxfam**. Look out for news about Spring Grove Acoustic evenings during 2015, and you can contact us to be added to the e-mail list (springgroveacoustic@gmail.com) or find us on facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/spunplugged>).

THE SPRING GROVE FRINGE production of *Oh What a Lovely War!* at the end of November was a great success with two packed houses enjoying the war-time food as well as the terrific and moving production, which ended with a minutes silence while the stage was blacked out after the last song. A donation will be made from the profits to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

Kingston University have recently recruited a team of students to be Community Connectors, who support students living in the community to be good neighbours, to understand their rights and responsibilities, and to engage positively in their local communities. They will be working in 8 wards within Kingston including Grove Ward. Contact the Community Liaison Advisor Student Engagement Team on 0208 417 7445.

TWO DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS, HOTEL ANTOINETTE AND THE EDEN QUARTER

The Hotel Antoinette is considering the potential for redevelopment of its site between Beaufort and Fassett Roads. It has engaged Indigo Planning and the proposals are currently for a residential conversion with a range of 1,2,3,4, and 5 bedroom houses and flats with on-site car parking mostly in an underground car park accessed from Beaufort Road. Meanwhile Kingston Council has published a development brief outlining its vision for the vast Eden Quarter in the centre of Kingston. After consultation, if the development brief is adopted, it will become a Supplementary Planning Document and will be taken into account when looking at future planning applications. Further information on both topics can be found on the news page of the SGRA website www.springgrovekingston.co.uk/news2.php

ST JOHN'S CHURCH REGENERATION: This year £10,800 has been raised with a few more fundraising events to come. There are **51 Blossom Patrons** who have pledged £50,550 over the next 3 years, and so the total raised/pledged so far is £126,372. Detailed plans are being prepared to go out to tender in the Spring – 3 tenders are required by funding bodies to obtain larger grants for building works. If you would like to get involved in helping secure the future of this grade 2 listed building, which will provide improved community space in addition to that of our lovely Parish Hall please contact Rev. Vicky Maunder vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk for more information.

THE SGRA WEBSITE and EMAIL LIST and FACEBOOK. 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. So far **Facebook** has 12 members and you can swell the numbers by joining on www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston.

THE PARISH HALL is available for hire for social functions and children's parties – contact Frances Hazelgrove 07952 085661 or admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk

These are the weekly groups and contacts that would be pleased to welcome you:

- Monday:** **BADMINTON** (all new members welcome) 8pm phone Bob 0208 224 5634
Tuesday: **DANCE STARS** – children's ballet classes from 3.45pm Clare.rowland@dance-stars.com
EMBODY – adult exercise classes 7.30pm Bethembody-training.co.uk
Wednesday: **HAPPY FEET** toddler football sessions 1.45pm marcus@happyfeetfc.co.uk
PERFORM – drama, dance & singing 4-6pm sophieladds@perform.co.uk
SPRING GROVE FRINGE Drama Group 7.30-10pm sandy.gavshon@yahoo.com
Thursday: **TAI CHI** 6.45-7.45pm chris@grok.co.uk
CALASARA FITNESS - Zumba/konga fitness class 8-9pm calasarafitness@gmail.com
Saturday: **EMBODY – adult exercise classes** 9-11am Bethembody-training.co.uk
Sunday: **NEO-NUNCHAKO exercise** 1st & 2nd of month 6.30-8pm johnalbury@neo-nunchako.co.uk

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