

# SPRINGBOARD

**DECEMBER 2015**

**DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY 20 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 - there's a practice just before the service and also on Sunday 13 December at 11.45am. 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**

On **Christmas Eve** there will be a Children's crib service at **4pm** celebrating the nativity story for children and they can take part in the Christmas story 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**.

**FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm**

**SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

**Spring Grove Fringe** presents another sparkling panto production of '**ALI BABA**' featuring the usual line up of brilliant actors, extraordinary singers, frock wearers, comedians, wig bearers, thieving swearers and dancing girls. There will be a licensed bar in the evenings and tickets are available from the box office [sgfkingston@gmail.com](mailto:sgfkingston@gmail.com) or on the door.

Donations from the October **Evening of One ACT Plays** have been made to St John's Church Regeneration Fund and the Otakar Kraus Music Trust which provides music and voice therapy for children and young people with physical, psychological, learning, behavioral and emotional difficulties. Also, a donation of £500 is being made to Crisis at Christmas from the November production of **The Beaux' Strategem - Lust and Looting in Lichfield**.

**FRIDAY 15 APRIL: SPRING BARN DANCE IN THE PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm**

Please make a note in next year's diary for SGRA's annual Barn Dance. As Easter is so early this year the Barn Dance will be later than usual. 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 - more details in the next Springboard.

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**The Spring Grove Residents' Association**

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

The Spring Grove Residents' Association is a non-political organisation founded in the 1970s encompassing about 660 households within the boundaries formed by Portland Road, Springfield Road, Lingfield Avenue, Grove Lane and Villiers Road but also including Geneva, Horace and Herbert Roads, Grove Close and Nicholson Mews.

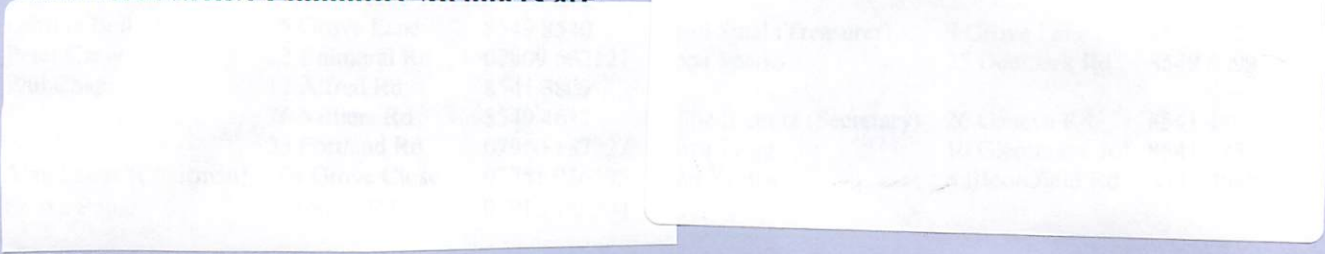
The SGRA aims to help preserve and improve local amenities and to that end we maintain contact with Local Authority Councillors and Officers, and with the University. We also organise or help in social and community events and give information on local activities and developments through the newsletter 'SPRINGBOARD' and on our website.

**THE SGRA WEBSITE, FACEBOOK and TWITTER.** Please see [www.springgrovekingston.co.uk](http://www.springgrovekingston.co.uk) for the latest news and links to other relevant sites or see our facebook page [www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston](http://www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston) and our tweets on @SGRAkingston. If you have any contributions, news, small ads or suggestions contact [jackie@springgrovekingston.co.uk](mailto:jackie@springgrovekingston.co.uk). Any resident wishing to join the committee or help with community activities please contact Alan Leeds on 07751 936595 or Jackie Steinitz on 8541 4482.

**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**



**The current SGRA Committee Members are:**



**KINGSTON UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

Kingston University have recruited a team of students to be Community Connectors - students who work on longer-term, collaborative projects within the community. This year they are undertaking a community mapping project that aims to identify the different assets within the community, including the diverse life-stories that make up Kingston. The Team really want to work with residents, students, community groups and businesses to find out what's important to you and to hear your stories! For more information email the Student Community Engagement Adviser - a.manoharan@kingston.ac.uk or use Facebook (KU Community) or Twitter @KUCommunityRBK

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

As you may know, Kingston Council has recently rejected proposals for the redevelopment of the **Antoinette Hotel** between Beaufort and Fassett Roads, and the considerably bigger redevelopment of **The Old Post Office (TOPO)** site in the town centre. There is no further news in respect of the Hotel site, but the TOPO development has been referred to the Lord Mayor's office for consideration. Both Kingston and Richmond MP's have written to the Mayor requesting that the rejection be allowed to stand but, even if the Mayor agrees, St George could still appeal the decision.

Following on from the tremendous outcry earlier this year over the development plans for the old **Dairy Crest** site in Villiers Road, revised plans have been prepared, and there was a meeting between residents and the developer's representatives in October. The new plans, which had taken local feedback into account, were felt to be a considerable improvement (though some concern was expressed about the height of the corner building). Details can be seen and the drawings can be looked at on [www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk) (Go to the planning application database page and use the reference 15/16246/FUL).

Plans for the **Eden Walk Development** (ref: 15/13063/FUL) have been submitted to Kingston Council, and although generally considered better than those for the TOPO site, there are still concerns about the scale, the impact on traffic and infrastructure, the impact on the market place, and the height of one of the buildings (16 storeys). The final date for comments is the 17 December, so if you want your views to be considered please go to the Kingston Council website (details above). There is a planning page on the SGRA website which we update periodically ([www.springgrovekingston.co.uk/planning.php](http://www.springgrovekingston.co.uk/planning.php)) and which has pictures and links to the major local applications – but please always refer to the application directly for the most up to date information.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH REGENERATION:**

This exciting project to upgrade the facilities at and do urgent repairs to the church building to create a great space for services and community use has raised £100,000 through all the brilliant fundraising events and donations from our community. Thanks to everyone who has helped and supported in any way, and more events are planned for 2016 as well as a round one application to Heritage Lottery Fund for a large chunk of money. If you would like to help or support this project in any way, or for more information about it please contact Rev'd Vicky Maunder vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk 020 8546 9882.

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**THE PARISH HALL is available for hire for social functions and children's parties – contact Frances Hazelgrove 07952 085661 or [admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk)**

**FANCY A WINTER HOLIDAY IN SUNNY TENERIFE?** Contact Karol Smal on 8549 8424 to rent a large two bedroom apartment in the harbour development next to the beach in Los Gigantes on the sunny southwest coast.



Lucca's Fish & Chips would like to thank residents for their support and custom since opening in October 2015 and look forward to serving you again in 2016. Best Wishes, Team Lucca.  
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