

SPRINGBOARD



DECEMBER 2013

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER: 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, just turn up to practice on Tuesday 17th December at 8pm in the church. The last practice is at 5.00pm on 22nd December.

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 or kings and the Christmas story is retold. Midnight Mass will be at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve and the Family Christmas Communion will take place at 10am on Christmas Day.

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY: FILM AND QUIZ NIGHT in ST JOHN'S CHURCH AT 8pm

A GREAT EVENING OUT organized by film and music buff Bill Price in aid of the Church regeneration project and including the famous round of iconic film clips acted out by local people. Do come along and support. For tickets contact Frances Hazelgrove on admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk.

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Spring Grove Fringe presents a traditional family version of "The Sleeping Beauty" and tickets cost £8 adult, £4 child, £20 family (2 adults + 2 children), and there will be a licensed bar in the evenings. Tickets 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 nearly £30,000 for local charities so please ensure that you don't miss out on this one.

SATURDAY 1 MARCH: ACOUSTIC EVENING IN ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 7.30pm

A completely acoustic evening with no amps or speakers, just unadorned voices and acoustic instruments (see below).

FRIDAY 21 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.

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

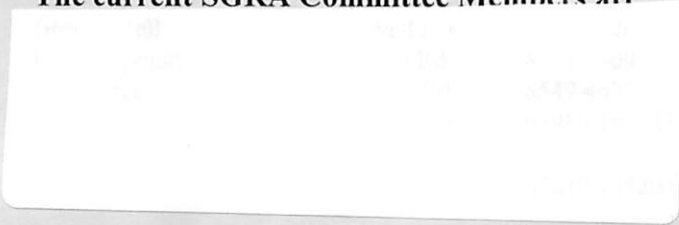
THE SPRING GROVE ACOUSTIC EXTRAVAGANZA was held on Saturday 7 December in the St John's Parish Hall. A fantastic night was had by all, with musical performances from 11 local artists and bands plus a pop-up choir to open and close the evening. The full house was fuelled by hot food, mulled wine, mince pies and a bar. Thanks to so many people in our community who worked hard to put the evening on, perform and come along to support. Together we raised over £1000 for Kingston charity **Yorda Adventures**, which provides services for children and young people with severe learning disabilities and their families. Look out for news about Spring Grove Acoustic evenings during 2014, the next one being on Saturday 1 March. Contact us to be added to the e-mail list (springgroveacoustic@gmail.com) or find us on facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/spunplugged>).

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:



ST JOHN'S CHURCH REGENERATION: The building plans for phase 1 (to replace the failing heating, lighting and electrical systems, improve the entrance to the building and put in accessible toilets) have been submitted for the ecclesiastical and secular permissions needed. There is a display in the church about the project. For more info. contact Rev'd Vicky Maunder, 30 Bloomfield Road, 020 8546 9882 or vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk.

Thanks to all who have helped raise **£17,212.84** so far this year and you can help raise more funds by **shopping locally in Bloomfield Road for Christmas:**

Buy your wines at **Frank McCluskey's**, our friendly neighbourhood off licence, then give your receipts to Rev'd Vicky or pop them through her door and at the end of the year Frank will donate 10% of all net profits to the Regeneration fund. Good for local business and great for St John's!

Also, Spring Grove mugs and tea towels designed by local artist Leo Duff with sketches of the church, hall, school, pub, Hogsmill river and local shops can be bought from **the corner shop** or Rev'd Vicky. Mugs are £5 and Tea Towels are £4; and Christmas puddings are £5.50.


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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Michael and the team thank you
for your support this year
and wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous New Year

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Why not escape to the sun for a winter break in Tenerife.

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