

SPRINGBOARD

JULY 2012

SUNDAY 15 JULY: DEDICATION SUNDAY AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH AT 10 am

This Sunday is St John's Dedication Sunday which marks the laying of the Church foundation stone, and this year coincides with the vicar, Vicky Maunder returning from a year's maternity leave. Everyone is welcome to special service at 10am, along with members from other churches in the new Kingston Team and the Bishop of Kingston. There will be a celebration breakfast after the service.

SATURDAY JULY 21st – COMMUNITY PICNIC in the grounds of St John's Church for residents of Fassett and Beaufort roads and those SGRA roads nearby. Contact lucilla.masters@fassettroad.com and see posters.

JULY – FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHURCH AND HALL AT WAITROSE

Kingston Kindergarten Nursery mothers have initiated a fund raising appeal, with Waitrose making "Save St John's Church and Hall" one of their three Community Matters Charities for the month of July.

In the past few months the nursery mothers have raised £3,500 and everyone can now help them raise more by dropping the green tokens into our local project box.

SATURDAY 18 AUGUST: SOUTH COAST RELAY TRIATHLON

St John's Church has entered two teams in the South Coast Relay Triathlon and if you wish to support and sponsor these teams (for the Regeneration Fund) you can do so on www.stjohnskingston.co.uk

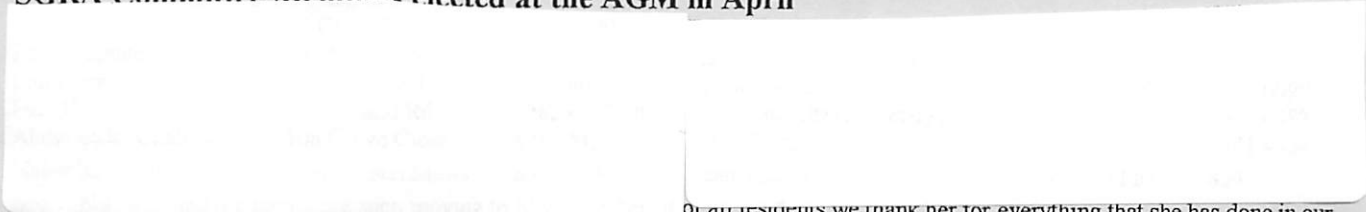
AUGUST – WORK IN ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL

The SGRA are donating £1,700, and our local band PlanB are donating £850, towards the cost of replacing the Parish Hall floor. This work will be carried out during August by professional contractors, but volunteers are required to help repaint the interior of the Hall. If you are able to spend a bit of your time to help refurbish this wonderful community asset please get in touch with Frances Hazelgrove, the Parish Administrator on 07952 085661 or admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk Also, you can contact Frances for Parish Hall bookings.

SUNDAY 2/9 SEPTEMBER: LATE SUMMER BBQ AT HUGH HERLAND

Assuming that there will be a welcome change in the weather by September (maybe the beginning of an Indian summer) the SGRA hope to hold their annual BBQ in the grounds of Hugh Herland, Portland Road. As the date has not yet been confirmed there will be further information in the next Springboard.

SGRA Committee Members elected at the AGM in April



Of all residents we thank her for everything that she has done in our community over the past years and wish her and her family all the best for the future. We will no longer have a representative from Nicholson Mews so if any resident of the Mews wishes to be co-opted onto the SGRA committee please get in touch with Jackie Steinitz. *****

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOAN McCONN - AWARDED THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

In June, Joan McConn, Grove Lane resident for 38 years was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. This honour was given to around 300 people in the UK this year for having made a significant contribution to the communities in which they live.

For many years Joan has raised funds for and has been trustee of a local charity "Learn English At Home" (leah.org.uk) and is the Chair of Kingston Tour Guides (if you would like a tour of the historic town centre please go to kingstontourguides.org.uk). She has also served the Kingston Community for many years as a Justice of the Peace and was a founding member of the Kingston Federation of Allotment Gardens (a group encouraging better use of allotments) and is the Lettings Secretary of Addison Gardens Allotments (off Lower Marsh Lane). She represents the SGRA on the Kingston Council Conservation Area Advisory Committee, has been a volunteer usher at the Rose Theatre since it opened, and of course until recently she and Gordon Bell looked after the Parish Hall for many years.

THE SPRING GROVE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE STREET PARTY ON 2 JUNE

The Street Party was a huge success with about 1,500 people, from youngsters to oldies, participating in all the different activities. It was a wonderful day and after a cool start the sun shone in the afternoon and everyone had lots of fun. All the burgers and rolls and cakes were sold and the Pimms and cider went down very well indeed.

Organised by the SGRA, St John's Church Regeneration Fund and Kingston Kindergarten Nursery mothers, the funds raised on the day and by previous generous donations totaled £5,944 – of which £3,587 has been allocated to the Church Regeneration and £2,357 to the SGRA (to hold for the Parish Hall refurbishment and other community purposes).

Photos of the day can be seen on www.springgrovekingston.co.uk and www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston.

There are many people to thank for their help with fundraising and the Jubilee Street Party

First of all, the local businesses who gave cash donations:

Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward Estate Agents Kingston; Dairy Crest; the Spring Grove Pub/Young's Brewery; Darren of Burgess Glass; Antoinette Hotel; Gary Power of Driver Systems; Dawn Trigg of Frederick W Paine Kingston; Brian and Colin of G Trigg Builders; Locate I T Uk Ltd; Frank of McCluskeys Off Licence.

Secondly all the businesses and individuals who donated raffle and cake competition and other prizes:

Magnet Ltd; Elton Park Motors; Kingston University; Surbiton Waitrose; Patisserie Valerie; Cath Kidson; Lakeland; The Entertainer; Drama Workshops; Sweetheart Studios; Laithwaites Wine; Carole Martin Flowers; Jeffries The Butchers; Collections Trust/The Natural History Museum; Jaqueline Wilson; Phil Harvey; Joan McConn; Clas Ohlson; Wilkinsons; Bloomfield Road local shops.

Thanks to all the wonderful cake bakers and judges; Sucklings Bakers for great biscuits; St John's School; parents and staff at Kingston Kindergarten who baked cakes and donated sweets and prizes; residents of SGRA, St John's church members, student volunteer helpers from Kingston University, and Surbiton Firestation green watch for the fire engine!

Thanks to all the acts who freely gave their time to come and perform. They were all great - and available for hire!

PlanB provided a storming finale to the Jubilee Street Party. Need a band for your party, anniversary, wedding, fundraiser or event? tonyhardy@fifty3.net or 07802 381 130.

Kingston Cello Ensemble: Host of cellists performing light classics moveitmusic@googlemail.com

The Mayflies: Summery jazz-pop with sparkling vocals aureliekonter@googlemail.com

Phillippa Lusty: Fabulous singer with a truly angelic voice info@piplustymusic.com

Wild Street Party: Bright and breezy pop n' rock covers pricebill@blueyonder.co.uk

John and Liz Scholey: Inimitable barn & line dance callers – with a band or without liz@danceon.org

Thanks to the Mayor of Kingston Cllr. Mary Heathcote OBE for giving the loyal toast and drawing the raffle tickets.

And finally thanks to everyone who helped to set up and make the street look so fantastic with all the bunting, flags and decorations; to those who photocopied the fliers and posters and did the leaflet drops; and enormous thanks to Emma Poole and Karol Smal who organised and co-ordinated the event, and to everyone on the street party committee who helped them in the weeks beforehand and on the day.

STOP PRESS: Spring Grove Fringe are having a Royal Jubilee Command performance – a revue evening on tour in Grove Lane – on Friday/Saturday 21/22 September. Note the dates in your diary and contact box office: sgfkingston@gmail.com

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