

SPRING BOARD



MARCH 2014

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 21 MARCH: "SPRING INTO SPRING" BARN DANCE IN THE PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm. Drive away the winter (and economic) blues by welcoming the spring at our annual barn dance. Jackie and Dominic, together with Plan B will provide the music, with Liz and John doing the calling. This is an occasion where all the members of our community, families, the young and not so young can come together and enjoy themselves. A great evening out!!

Tickets are £7 for adults, £4 for children (16 or under), £18 for family (2 adults + 2 children), and include a delicious hot supper and salads. Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks will be available at the licensed bar. If you can, please purchase your tickets beforehand from: Gordon Bell, 15 Grove Lane (8548 8540), Jackie Steinitz, 26 Geneva Road (8541 4482), Karol Smal, 9 Grove Lane (8549 8424) or McCluskey's Off-Licence, Bloomfield Road.



SATURDAY 22 MARCH: BOOK FAIR AND CAFÉ in ST JOHN'S CHURCH 10.30- 3.30pm

Book Fair for all ages – all types of books/CDs/DVDs on a 'read, return and choose again' basis. Free entry (future dates: 10 May, 21 June, 26 July, 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 1 Nov.). All donations very welcome and the money raised is for the Church regeneration. Contact Frances Hazelgrove on admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk or 07952085661. St John's café will be open with delicious cakes and refreshments raising money for the charity "Hand in Hand for Syria" - see below.

SAT/SUNDAY 22 & 23 MARCH: ST JOHN'S CHURCH "BIG SPRING AID DROP FOR SYRIA" 11am-5pm

Supporting "Hand in Hand for Syria" the church is open to receive donations of the following: nappies and baby wipes, women's sanitary and maternity towels, underwear (sealed packs), new baby and children's clothes/shoes/sun hats, colouring, picture and exercise books, stationary (colouring pens, pencils, sharpeners etc) and multivitamins for women, children and the elderly. Gifts of money also welcomed and coffee and cakes will be on sale. The aid collected nationally will be transported to Syria on 30 March. For more information look on www.handinhandforsyria.org

FRIDAY 28 MARCH: GROVE WARD COMMUNITY PLAN (GWCP) CONSULTATION IN THE PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 7.30pm

The Council is holding a consultation for local residents to identify and prioritise issues as well as services that you would like to be delivered in the area; and these will then be incorporated in into a GWCP for further discussion. Residents are also invited to join a Panel which will provide comments and feedback on a range of issues affecting the local community. Please notify the Council that you wish to attend the meeting (to help estimate numbers for refreshments) by email: Maciej.matusiak@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or call Maciej Matusiak on 8547 4652

SATURDAY 29 MARCH: LAUNCH OF "BLOSSOM SCHEME" AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH 2pm-5pm

Come to find out more about the church regeneration and the fund raising "Blossom Scheme". Presentations on the project will be at 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm and there will be afternoon cream teas, children's activities, fun stalls and games - see www.stjohnskingston.co.uk. Enter the **Great Teddy Parachute Drop!** Design and make a parachute for your teddy and register him/her at the church between 2pm and 3.30pm (£1 per entry). Teds will be launched from the top of the church tower at 4pm and the one that takes the longest to reach the ground wins.

SUNDAY 13 APRIL TO SUNDAY 20 APRIL: EASTER HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

For information on services, look on the church noticeboard and on the church website (above).

FRIDAY 16 MAY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm

SATURDAY 17 MAY: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 7.30pm

Spring Grove Fringe presents five of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" in a pacey adaptation originally made for the RSC. This will be a supper evening with a difference! – taking you back to a 14th century banquet. More details in the next Springboard - bookings on SGFkingston@gmail.com Tel : 07905 468589.

MONDAY 19 MAY: A.G.M. IN THE PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8.15pm

The Annual General Meeting of the **SPRING GROVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION** will be held in the Parish Hall. All residents, longstanding or recently arrived in the area, are welcome to attend. There will be a guest speaker and also our Ward Councilors and representatives from the University and the Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood Police team to answer your questions on matters concerning our area. Details to follow in the next Springboard. The current SGRA Committee Members are

Any resident wishing to join the committee or help with community activities, contact Alan Leeds or Jackie Steinitz.

OTHER HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

The **Spring Grove Fringe** February Panto "The Sleeping Beauty" was very enjoyable and played to capacity audiences in all performances. A generous donation of part of the proceeds will be made shortly to a local charity.

Kingston University has unveiled plans for a new landmark building to replace Town House on Penrhyn Road. Subject to planning permission, work will begin in late 2015 - <http://www.kingston.ac.uk/news/article/1231/28-jan-2014-kingston-university-unveils-initial-plans-for-proposed-landmark-building-on-penrhyn-road-campus/>

SGRA Noticeboard outside the Parish Hall - If you wish to advertise your community activity on the notice board please contact committee members Karol Smal, Gordon Bell or Phill Harvey (contact details above).

Potholes - There are many potholes in the local roads at present. They can be reported online: http://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200264/streets/637/reporting_problems_on_the_highway

St John's Church Regeneration. Thanks to the support and fundraising over the past few years the Church Council is now able to apply to the Consistory Court of the Diocese for permission to start phase 1 of the regeneration building works. **The Film and Music Quiz night** organised by Bill Price last month raised a fantastic £3,159 for the project.

SING 4 - A Community Choir (in partnership with Kingston Adult Education) meets in the Church on **Thursday** evenings at 7.30-9.00pm. Come and join - you don't need to be able to read music. Pop, gospel, soul, folk, all kinds of music sung. Each session costs £5.00 (in cash); special rates are available for individuals on unemployment benefits.

Youth Groups at St John's Church on Sundays: Soft ball sports, x-box, games, music and much more for youngsters for £1.50pp. School years 4, 5 and 6 at 5.30 to 6.45pm and school year 7+ at 6.45 to 8pm. Contact Victoria Shaw on torandcam@hotmail.co.uk for more information. Also, in the Church, **Little Groovers** parent and toddler group meets on **Tuesdays** 9.45am-11.15pm - £1.50 per family. All under 5's and carers welcome.

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. We are also on www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston so please 'like' our page - likes have doubled since Christmas!

PARISH HALL HIRE

To hire the Parish Hall, Grove Lane, for social functions and children's parties etc please contact Frances Hazelgrove on 07952 085661 or admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk

Holiday in Beautiful North Norfolk

Cosy cottage in Snettisham, sleeps 4 + cot, log fire, large garden, well-behaved pets welcome. *Special rates for SGRA members.*

For more details contact Sarah Lindberg 8549 6604 and see

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