

SPRINGBOARD



MARCH 2013

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH: GROVE POLICE TEAM STREET MEETING IN PORTLAND RD at 2 -4 pm

All SGRA residents are welcome to meet the local Safer Neighbourhoods police team to gain advice, talk about local policing issues, and help make a difference in our area.

THURSDAY 14 MARCH: HELP FOR HEROES CHARITY EVENT IN SPRING GROVE PUB from 6.30pm

The Spring Grove and Dees Pies will supply a pie, chips, peas and gravy for £3.50 and donations to the charity (say £10pp) would be welcome. Mr Doo will be organising a betting video race and there will be a raffle and silent auction.

SATURDAY 16 MARCH: SPRING SOCIAL EVENING IN THE PARISH HALL at 7.45 pm

A fun social evening of music and dancing to tracks from the decades! Tickets are £5 on the door (for St John's Regeneration Fund) and there will also be a bar (proceeds towards resources for Kingston Kindergarten).

FRIDAY 22 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.



SUNDAY 24 MARCH TO SUNDAY 31 MARCH: EASTER HOLY WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

On Palm Sunday (24 March) meet at St John's School at 10am where palms will be blessed and distributed, before processing to the church for Parish Communion and children's church. On Maunday Thursday (28 March) at 7.30pm an informal service a meal remembering the last supper. On Good Friday (29 March) there will be a children's workshop with fun activities from 1.00-3pm in the church, followed by a Good Friday service at 3pm for all ages. On Easter Sunday (31 March) the Easter Communion at 10am is followed by an egg hunt for the children.

Everyone in the Spring Grove Area is welcome to join the informal community choir for the Easter Sunday service. Rehearsals are in the Church at 8pm on Tuesdays 19 & 26 March and on Sunday 24 March at 11.15 am.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL: 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 present will be our Ward Councillors 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.

SATURDAY 27 APRIL: THE SPRINGFEST STREET PARTY in Bloomfield Rd & St John's Church 12 – 6pm

Following on from the great success of last year's Street Party, St John's Church Regeneration Fund Committee and the SGRA are holding another enjoyable event raising funds for St John's Regeneration. There will be music, a real ale festival, food, kids stuff, Great Springfest bake-off, coffee café, tug o' war and yard of ale competitions and more. Come along with your family, friends and neighbours and join in the fun, and also any offer of help will be greatly appreciated – please contact Springfest2013@hotmail.co.uk or Rev'd Vicky Maunder at 30 Bloomfield Road (8546 9882).

UNTIL 6 APRIL: EXHIBITION at the STANLEY PICKER GALLERY (off Hogsmill footbridge, Portland Rd)
The newly refurbished gallery is hosting an interesting exhibition of investigative pieces, processes, tests and trials for a new footwear collection informed by engineering principles !! – by Marleos ten Bohmer.

SUNDAY EVENINGS: YOUTH GROUPS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Soft ball sports, x-box, games, music and much more for youngsters at £1.50pp. School years 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.

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

The **SPRING GROVE FRINGE** February Panto "Nono'ya Messin' About" was very enjoyable and successful and a £500 donation has been made to the Landirani Trust which helps young people with HIV in Malawi.

The **Acoustic and Folk Evening** organized by Phil Chapman and Sue Wheeler and held in the Parish Hall last Saturday was a great success with a great variety of interesting, fun and well performed music. Almost exactly £1,000 was raised and £850 was donated to the Red Cross Crisis Appeal with the balance going to St John's Church. The next event will be in June – see <https://www.facebook.com/spunplugged> or join the mailing list at springgroveacoustic@gmail.com.

St John's Church Regeneration. Thanks to the incredible support and fundraising last year the Church Council is able to instruct architects to prepare plans for submission to the local authority and the diocese to get consents by September. Proposed work includes new heating and lighting, a new floor with underfloor heating, new toilets and disabled access to the Church. It will cost about £600,000 and has to be carried out in 3 years from permission date. For more info contact Rev'd Vicky Maunder on vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk or see their site at www.stjohnskingston.co.uk

The **British Empire Medal (BEM)** was presented last December to Grove Lane resident Joan McConn for her services to the Kingston Community. She received the medal at the Tower of London from the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London acting on behalf of HM the Queen and you can see pictures and read more about her on the SGRA website.

The current SGRA Committee Members are:

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

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.

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

The **Monday Evening Badminton club** in St John's Parish Hall is keen to attract new members - have fun and keep fit at the same time. Go along at 8pm or contact David McIntosh on 8399 1208.

Sadly, the **Thursday club** which has been run at the Hall for several decades has been unable to continue.

Neo-Nunchaku Organisation novice classes are held on the first two Sundays each month at 6.30-7.30pm. Call 8337 6181. NEO teaches techniques in a holistic way, integrating related techniques to keep the learning process rewarding and fulfilling.

Looking for a holiday?

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

Call Karol Smal on 8549 8424 for price and details of a large two-bedroomed apartment next to the beach in the quiet town of Los Gigantes in the sunny south west of the island

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Wanted: Caretaker with cleaning responsibilities for St John's Church and Parish Hall

6 hrs a week £60
Flexible hours needed

For job description and forms:
Rev'd Vicky Maunder
vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk
or 8546 9882. Closing date for applications 29.3.12