

SPRING BOARD

MAY 2011

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY 12 MAY: A.G.M. IN THE PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SPRING GROVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the Parish Hall. All local residents, longstanding or recently arrived in the area, are welcome to attend.

We will have a number of guests including a local Councillor and representatives from Kingston University and the Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood police team. This will be your opportunity to raise any local issue that concerns you directly with the relevant person.

To ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to be heard, anyone wishing to put a question to the speakers or to place an item on the agenda, should notify Chairman Alan Leeds (10 Grove Close – 8287 5135) in writing by Wednesday 11 May or email them to jackie@steinitz.org. As a limited amount of time is available, questions tabled in advance will be given priority.

Election of the SGRA Committee

The following committee members have expressed their willingness to stand for re-election at the AGM:

Gordon Bell, Phil Chapman, Phil Harvey, Paul Hemmings, Alan Leeds, Natascha Logan, Karol Smal, Jackie Steinitz and Sean Yeates.

Sadly, Deborah Robinson, who has been on the committee for many years, is standing down and we wish to thank her for all that she has done for our community over those years.

Emma Poole from Horace Rd and Pippa Sparks from Denmark Rd have offered to stand for election to the committee and if any other resident wishes to join the committee or help with community activities please contact Jackie Steinitz on 8541 4482. There are normally about six committee meetings (lasting about 1½ hours) during the year together with several social events, so it is not an onerous task. In particular, we would welcome representatives from Glenthorne & Balmoral Rds & Lingfield Ave. Jackie Steinitz, our secretary, has increased work and family commitments and would greatly appreciate help with some of her responsibilities – any volunteers would be most welcome!

FRIDAY 20 MAY: PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm

SATURDAY 21 MAY: PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 7.30pm

THE SPRING GROVE FRINGE presents MUSICALS! A cabaret style evening with supper. Tickets are £15 (including supper) and are available from Gavin Chaplin on 07801 287 247 or gavin.chaplin@blueyonder.co.uk. When booking please advise of any vegetarian meals required.

EVERY FRIDAY: THE 'FRIDAY CAFÉ' IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH from 9am –11.30am

Drop in for breakfast or a mid-morning break at the 'Friday Café', raising funds for St John's Regeneration Fund.

KINGSTON READERS' FESTIVAL

The eighth Kingston Readers' Festival is taking place until **Thursday 26 May**. There will be many talks, seminars and discussion groups. Most venues are within walking distance of the Spring Grove area. Do support it! For more details see <http://www.kingston.ac.uk/krf>.

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

THE "SPRING INTO SPRING" BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance held on 25 March was a success, with about 50 young and not so young enjoying the food and dancing. Many thanks to Jackie and Dominic and Plan B for providing the marvelous music, and to John for the calling. Thanks also to Alan Leeds for his wonderful vegetarian chilli, to Natascha Logan for the salads, to the committee members and the other helpers for organising and helping run the event. We are grateful to McCluskey's Off-Licence, to Carole Martin florist and to all others who donated raffle prizes and helped raise £146 on the night.

THE SPRING GROVE ROYAL WEDDING STREET PARTY ON 29 APRIL

The Street Party was a huge success with about 2,000 people, from youngsters to oldies, participating in all the different activities. It was a wonderful day, the sun shone and everyone had lots of fun. Indeed, it was the best street party of the several that have been held here since 1995.

At the risk of sounding like an Oscar acceptance speech, there are many thank yous.... Thanks to the local businesses who gave donations towards the day or who came along on the day: Greenfield Estate Agents; KFH Estate Agents; Fuller Gilbert Estate Agents; the Spring Grove pub; Burgess Glass; Frederick W Paine; Dairy Crest; Bizzy B's Best Biltong; Wilko; Tesco; Horton Park Children's Farm; Cath Kidston; Antoinette Hotel; Kate's Fruit and Flowers; The Entertainer; Clas Ohlson; Homebase; Build A Bear; Surbiton Fire Brigade; McCluskey's Off Licence; Drama Workshops; Swizzels of Matlow and the Kingston Orchard Project.

Thanks also to the shops and businesses in Bloomfield Road for their support and to Tim at the Spring Grove pub for being fab; to St John's School for their support; to the congregation of St John's Church and to local residents for pitching in and helping out; to the Spring Grove Residents Association for invaluable advice, support and help on the day as well as providing vintage flags, bunting and all sorts of other useful things.

Another huge thank you to all the acts who performed on the day and helped to create such a great atmosphere – the **Spring Grove and Offspring Morris** groups: **Plan B**: www.myspace.com/maxflysmusic; www.facebook.com/pages/Mayfly-Trio/23196385263; **Dave Moon** www.myspace.com/davemoonacoustic; <http://on.fb.me/1GaSGP> and **We're So Pretty**. Thanks to Colin Messer for calling the barn dancing and to Karol Smal for being the Master of Ceremonies for the day.

Many thanks to all those who entered the fancy dress and cake competitions. Your efforts were nothing short of amazing! The judges - the Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Chrissie Hitchcock; Revd Vicky Maunder and Isobel Robinson had a very difficult time choosing the winner of each category.

A big thank you to the marvellous team of bunting makers; to those who helped to set up and who made the street look so fantastic with all the bunting, flags and decorations; to those who photocopied the flyers and all who did endless leaflet drops; to those who donated their time to help prepare for the day and help out on the day, bake cakes or make jellies to sell.

And finally, the most enormous thanks to Emma Poole and Jo Campbell who organised and co-ordinated the event, and to all those on the Street Party Committee who helped them in the weeks beforehand and on the day.

Everyone who came had a really wonderful day, a day to remember for a long time, a day which raised over £4,000 towards St John's Church Regeneration Fundraising Appeal.

There are lots of photos on www.facebook.com/royalweddingstreetparty and they will also be on the SGRA website shortly (when a new server is found). A film of the day's events is currently being edited and will soon be available for purchase in blu-ray and DVD formats – details in the next Springboard.

THE SGRA WEBSITE and EMAIL LIST. Please look up www.springgrovekingston.co.uk (when back on line), for the latest news and links to other relevant sites. There is a page for local businesses and if you would like to advertise or have any contributions, news, small ads or suggestions contact jackie@springgrovekingston.co.uk.

PARISH HALL HIRE

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