

SPRING BOARD

MAY 2013

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 3rd MAY: SPRING FETE – St John’s Church, 12-5pm

Stalls, games, children’s activities, refreshments, jumble sale and raffle. In aid of the church regeneration. This is being organised by Second Year Event Management Students from the University of West London as part of their degree. **Having a spring clean? All good quality children’s and adults’ clothes gratefully received for the jumble sale. Please drop them off with Rev’d Vicky at 30 Bloomfield Road.**

SATURDAY 10th MAY: BOOK FAIR & COFFEE MORNING - St John’s Church, 10.30-3.30pm. Café in aid of HELP FOR HEROES. Book Fair in aid of the Regeneration. Come and enjoy a good cup of coffee and home-made cake while browsing for a good book. We would still be pleased to receive any unwanted books – fiction and non-fiction including children’s and also DVDs and CDs. Please bring them to church, or we can arrange to have them collected – contact Frances on 07952 085661 / 8399 4269

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Spring Grove Fringe presents a pacy and raunchy adaptation of five stories from Chaucer’s “Canterbury Tales” (originally made for the RSC). A great supper evening with a difference! – taking you back to a 14th century banquet. These evenings are usually sold out, so book your tickets soon! There will be a licensed bar and tickets (including the meal) are £17.50 and can be booked at SGFkingston@gmail.com Tel : 07905 468 589.

MONDAY 19 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 residents, longstanding or recently arrived in the area, are welcome to attend. As well as a guest speaker, we will have our Ward Councillors, representatives from the University and the Grove Ward Safer Neighborhood Police team, who will answer your questions on matters concerning our area. If you wish to put a question or to place an item on the agenda, please notify Chairman Alan Leeds – 8287 5135 or email jackie@steinitz.org. As limited time is available, questions tabled in advance will be given priority.

Any resident wishing to join the committee, stand for election as an officer of the committee, or help with community activities please contact Alan Leeds or Jackie Steinitz (contact details above). The current Committee Members are:

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SATURDAY 7th June: “POP-UP” SUPPER CLUB AT JOHN’S - St John's Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Join us for our first "pop-up" Supper Club. Enjoy home-cooked food with good drinks, music and company. Tickets: £20 including a three-course meal and a welcome drink. To book: email stjohnsevents@hotmail.co.uk

UPDATE: St John’s Church Regeneration – many people continue to work hard to secure the future of St John’s church building and to modernise its facilities to create an excellent community space that will complement the parish hall. The ecclesiastical and local planning permissions needed for the essential building works are expected to be given by June and then applications will be made for grants towards the work. Fundraising continues through events and the Blossom Scheme which invites people to become a leaf, branch or blossom by making a regular or one off financial contribution to the project. So far £40,000 has been pledged through the scheme over the next 3 years. For more information about the Regeneration or Blossom Scheme contact Rev’d Vicky Maunder vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the Spring Grove Area - A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is being set up in the Spring Grove area. There are already 150,000 such schemes running throughout the UK. Their main objective is to create a partnership between a local community, the police and the local authority which aims to prevent crime and to set up a two-way messaging system whereby residents and police can quickly communicate with each other about concerns, incidents or potential threats. Although the scheme will be independent from the Residents' Association the Grove Ward Police Team will be at the AGM (see above) and will use the opportunity to explain further details about the scheme. We are hoping to find one person from each street in the Spring Grove area to act as street co-ordinator. If you would be willing to do this please contact jackie@springgrovekingston.co.uk. We will be delivering leaflets about the scheme around the end of May.

OTHER HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

The Spring Grove Residents' Association Barn Dance on 21 March was a great success, the Parish Hall being packed with revelers young and older enjoying the dancing, music and food; and the event raised £401 towards SGRA funds. Many thanks to the band and callers for the great music and dances; thanks to all those who prepared the food, set up the hall, ran the bar and organised the event; and thanks to all of you who came and made the event so enjoyable.

The Grove Ward Community Plan Consultation was held in the Parish Hall in March and a number of residents were able to put forward their view on what affects our area to Council officers. The Council will produce a draft report soon which will be published and available to residents.

Kingston University plans for a new landmark building on Penrhyn Road. More info at the AGM.

Potholes can be reported at http://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200264/streets/637/reporting_problems_on_the_highway

SING 4 A Community Choir (partnership with Kingston Adult Education) meets in the St John's Church, **Thursday evenings**, 7.30-9.00pm. No need to read music. All kinds of music. £5.00 (cash); Concessions for those on benefits.

Youth Groups at St John's Church on Sundays: Soft ball sports, x-box, games, music and much more. £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.

Little Groovers parent and toddler group. **St John's Church, 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 - The hall in Grove Lane is available for hire for social functions and children's parties. Enquiries 085661 07952 admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk. Weekly groups that would be pleased to welcome you:

Mon: **READY STEADY GO KIDS** sports classes for kids between 2.00 and 5.00pm kathy@rsgk.co.uk

BADMINTON 8pm (all new members welcome) phone Bob 0208 224 5634

Tues: **DANCE STARS** - children's dance class 3.45pm Clare.rowland@dance-stars.com

Weds: **HAPPY FEET** toddler football sessions 1.45pm marcus@happyfeetfc.co.uk

PERFORM - drama, dance & singing 4-6.00pm sophieladds@perform.co.uk

SPRING GROVE FRINGE DRAMA GROUP 7.30-10.30pm Sandy.gavshon@yahoo.com

Thurs: **TAI CHI** 6.45-7.45pm chris@grok.co.uk

CALASARA FITNESS - Zumba/konga fitness class 8-9pm calasarafitness@gmail.com

Sat: **BELLARINAS** 10-12.30am children's ballet/modern dance classes info@bellarinas.co.uk

Sun: **NEO-NUNCHAKO** exercise - 6.30-8pm first & second of month johnalbury@neo-nunchako.co.uk

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 Phil Harvey (contact details above).

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