

SPRINGBOARD

NOVEMBER 2012

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER: SPECTACULAR! SPECTACULAR! SURBITON ASSEMBLY ROOMS at 7.30pm
 St John's Regeneration Committee presents a Moulin Rouge inspired Evening of Entertainment with live music featuring stars from the Jubilee Street Party - Bill Price's Band, The Mayflies and singer Phillippa Lusty. The entertainment will include Magic and a Casino, and the entry price of £20 covers a welcome cocktail and a 3 course buffet dinner! Tickets and more information can be obtained on cocktailspectacular@gmail.com or 07980 649175.

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER: PUBLIC MEETING at the 'KELLY ARMS' in ALFRED ROAD at 7.45pm
 Paul Stratos, the owner of the previous Kelly Arms Public House wishes to outline his redevelopment plans for the building and would welcome local residents, who want to be shown the plans and building, to an informal meeting.

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER: PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER: PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 7.30pm

SPRING GROVE FRINGE presents a supper evening featuring two short plays "Oysters in the Loft", a new play by Dick Need (is a Ouija board used to con the ladies – or not?) and a spoof Greek tragedy "Oedocles, King of Thebes" (more drama back-stage than on-stage?). There is a licensed bar and tickets are £20 including the 2 course supper (£10 for under 14's) and can be booked on sgfkingston@gmail.com – book soon as the last two productions were sold out.

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER: ST JOHN'S CHURCH WINTER WONDERLAND BAZAAR at 12noon till 3pm
 Highlights include the legendary silent auction, pop-up gift boutique, kids' games, cakes, bottle tombola, Santa's grotto, Scaletrix challenge, hot food, and much more....Please come and enjoy the afternoon - we look forward to seeing you.

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER: ST JOHN'S SCHOOL BAZAAR inside the CHURCH at 3.30pm

The Bazaar will be first enjoyed by the children but is open to the public from 3.30pm. Come and buy Christmas crafts, cards, and other gifts – and also enjoy some mulled wine and other hot drinks.

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER: MOVEMBER and SONS in PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE –7.30pm for 8.15pm

PLAN B and guests - ace London band MORTON VALENCE are raising money in aid of the Movember campaign to raise awareness of men's health issues and to raise funds for research. Plan B (male members only) are growing their moes ie 'taches' and there is more info on Movember and sponsorship on www.uk.movember.com/team/642593. There is a licensed bar and hot food on sale and tickets are only £8 from Tony 07802 381130 or Phil 07749 663809.

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER: KINGSTON UNIVERSITY CAROL SERVICE in the CHURCH at 5.30pm

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH at 4pm

A Carol Service of light and symbolism. Come with your children and join in the singing with the Community Choir. You are also welcome to the choir rehearsals on 27 Nov & 4&11 Dec at 8pm (whether you're a church member or not).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: ST JOHN'S CHURCH on 24 and 25 DECEMBER

On Christmas Eve there will be a Children's crib service at 4pm, a chance for your children to take part in the Christmas story. They can come dressed as shepherds, angels, kings, or even oxen and asses if they prefer; and the Christmas story is retold. Please come early as it is usually a full house. Midnight Mass will be at 11.30pm and the Family Christmas Communion will take place at 10am on Christmas Day.

FRIDAY 22 MARCH: "SPRING INTO SPRING" BARN DANCE IN THE PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE

Please make a note in next year's diary for SGRA's annual Barn Dance. All the members of our community, including children, can come and enjoy themselves dancing to great live music from our local musicians. More details in the next Springboard.

AS THIS IS THE LAST SPRINGBOARD OF THE YEAR THE SGRA COMMITTEE WISHES ALL RESIDENTS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

If you have recently arrived in the SGRA area we invite you, and indeed all residents, to join in the various social activities (plays, pantomimes, concerts, dances etc) that take place throughout the year in the Parish Hall and St John's Church.



The current SGRA Committee Members are:

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

The SGRA/ Hugh Herland BBQ last September was enjoyed by about 35 senior citizens and local residents, including children, enjoying the good weather and food. Thanks to all those who donated raffle prizes and also to everyone who helped in the preparation and running of the BBQ, and to Noel Jones for the great musical entertainment.

The Spring Grove Oxjam 2012 event on 3rd November in Parish Hall was full to overflowing. The audience enjoyed a wide range of music from folk to country, bluegrass and contemporary acoustic performed by 14 different acts – individuals, small groups and a full band. The event raised £450 for Oxfam and £250 for the Parish Hall. Many thanks to all who helped with the organisation and running of the evening, the performers and the audience, and particular thanks to ASDA for providing a discount for items sold at the bar. We are considering establishing this as a regular club (perhaps every other month?) so look out for posters for the next one – possibly on Saturday 19 January.

St John's Church Regeneration Fund now stands at almost £32,000, approaching the target of £42,000 which is the sum required to reach RIBA stage D for Phase 1 of the project. This will cover the investigatory and design work, including detailed plans and the obtaining of statutory and ecclesiastical planning permissions. This will enable the Church to apply for grants towards the cost of Phase 1 (which is estimated at a maximum of £590,000) and will cover replacement of heating and lighting systems, rewiring, disabled access and new toilets.

The recent fundraising efforts have raised the following amounts: "One Community Week" - £1,714; Bollywood evening - £1,400; triathlon Teams - £972 plus more to come; Waitrose collection - £398; church barn dance - £142.

The church council's vision is for the grade 2 church building to better serve all members of the community (whatever their beliefs - or none), complimenting the current community space - the Parish Hall, rather than standing empty for a large part of the week. The council is very grateful for the support and fundraising of the Regeneration Fund Committee, Kingston Kindergarten, the SGRA, and all other members of the community who have helped over the past year. If any other local groups or individuals (possibly with knowledge of building work, fundraising etc) can help the regeneration project please contact Rev. Vicky Maunder on 8546 9882 or vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk

New: Fully equipped local Pilates Studio. For details contact Kate - 07811 788165 or kate@althingspilates.co.uk

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. So far Facebook has 12 members and you can swell the numbers by joining on www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston.

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 and Thursday Evening Badminton clubs in St John's Parish Hall are keen to attract new members - have fun and keep fit at the same time. Go along on the relevant evening at 8pm or contact David McIntosh (Mondays) on 8399 1208 or Les Nelson (Thursday) on 8399 0218.

Neo-Nunchaku Organisation at St John's Parish Hall, Grove Lane. Novice classes are on alternate Sundays at 6.30-7.30pm. Ring 8337 6181 for more info. NEO teaches a spectrum of 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 winter 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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