

SPRINGBOARD

NOVEMBER 2016

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

St John's Church Services and Events

Sunday 13th November 10am Remembrance Sunday Parish Communion with an Act of Remembrance and two minutes silence at 11am.

Saturday 3rd December 12 until 4pm in church St John's Church Christmas Bazaar Start your Christmas Shopping! Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies, stay for lunch and afternoon tea. Browse the stalls for quality Christmas gifts, books, CDs, DVDs, toys and games, confectionary, hand-made crafts and jewellery, delicious cakes and then join in the Raffle for great prizes. Check out and bid on the Silent Auction and be lucky! Bring your children to have fun and meet Santa in his Grotto.

Sunday 11th December 10am Parish Communion with Christingles and talk by Dave Farris of Children's Society

Sunday 11th December 2pm and 3.30pm Christmas Puppet Show in church All welcome

Sunday 18th December 6pm Candlelight Carol Service A traditional carol service of your favourite carols and the Christmas readings with the church community choir followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 24th December: 4pm Children's Crib Service. An informal service telling the Christmas story for all ages.

Children are invited to come dressed up as angels, shepherds or kings.

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Friday 25th December 10am Christmas Family Communion

The Spring Grove Fringe presents An Evening of Two Comedies

Press Cuttings, by George Bernard Shaw, set in 1911, has a pompous Field Marshall, worried about terrorism, a male Prime Minister who dresses as a suffragette, Mrs Banger and Lady Corinthia, two gun-toting anti-suffragettes, amongst others. Surprisingly, this all has a happy ending!

Il Fornicazione, by Michael Green, one of his 'Coarse Acting' plays, is an outrageous spoof of an opera. As explained by the conductor, all but one of the orchestra were involved in a coach accident, so the entire opera must be performed accompanied only by a triangle.

Performances are on **Friday 25 November at 8.00 pm** and **Saturday 26 November at 7.30 pm.**

Tickets are £17.50 to include supper.

Box Office: SGFKingston@gmail.com or Tessa Kind on 07905 468589

Spring Barn Dance

Saturday 25th March 2017, 8pm, in the Parish Hall, Grove Lane Please make a note in next year's diary for SGRA's annual Spring Barn Dance. All members of our community, including children, can come and enjoy themselves dancing to great live music from our local musicians. There will be food and a licensed bar - more details in the next Springboard.

ABOUT

The Spring Grove Residents' Association

The Spring Grove Residents' Association is a non-political organisation founded in the 1970s encompassing about 660 households within the boundaries formed by Portland Road, Springfield Road, Lingfield Avenue, Grove Lane and Villiers Road but also including Geneva, Horace and Herbert Roads, Grove Close and Nicholson Mews.

The SGRA aims to help preserve and improve local amenities and to that end we maintain contact with Local Authority Councillors and Officers, and with the University. We also organise or help in social and community events and give information on local activities and developments through the newsletter 'SPRINGBOARD' and on our website.

The SGRA website, Facebook and Twitter Please visit www.springgrovekingston.co.uk for the latest news and links to other relevant sites or see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston and our tweets on [@SGRAkingston](https://twitter.com/SGRAkingston). If you have any contributions, news, small ads or suggestions contact jackie@springgrovekingston.co.uk. Any resident wishing to join the committee or help with community activities please contact Alan Leeds on 07751 936595 or Jackie Steinitz on 8541 4482.

The current SGRA Committee Members are:

Gordon Bell	15 Grove Lane	8549 8540	Karol Smal (Treasurer)	9 Grove Lane	8549 8424
Phil Chapman	12 Alfred Rd	8541 3809	Pippa Sparks	25 Denmark Rd	8549 6099
Phil Harvey	76 Villiers Rd	8549 4677	Jackie Steinitz (Secretary)	26 Geneva Rd	8541 4482
Paul Hemmings	33 Portland Rd	07960 187727	Dawn Trigg	10 Glenthorne Rd	8541 4834
Alan Leeds (Chairman)	10a Grove Close	07751 936595	Sean Yeates	8 Bloomfield Rd	8546 4688
Emma Poole	2 Horace Rd	07810 185204			

The Committee of the Spring Grove Residents' Association sends a **warm welcome** to all new residents in our area. We particularly welcome students and hope you'll be happy living in and with our local community. We hope that all new residents will enjoy taking part in some of our community activities – some regular ones are listed below:

The Parish Hall in Grove Lane is available for hire for social functions and children's parties – contact Frances Hazelgrove 07952 085661 or admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk. These are the weekly activities which take place in The Parish Hall, with contacts who would be pleased to hear from you:

Mon	7.30-10.00	Badminton	Phil Harvey 020 8549 4677
Tues	3.00-7.30	Dance Stars	clare.rowland@dance-stars.com
	7.45-9.15	Jui Jitsu	marc@juijitsubrotherhood.com
Weds	3.30-6.00	Perform – drama, dance & singing workshops for children	sophieladd@perform.co.uk
	8.00-10.00	Spring Grove Fringe Drama Group	sandy.gavshon@yahoo.com
Thurs	4.00-5.30	Jui Jitsu for children	marc@juijitsubrotherhood.com
	7.50-9.10	Calasara Fitness	calasarafitness@gmail.com
Sat:	9.30-11.30	Bellarinas (ballet/modern dance classes)	info@bellarinas.co.uk
Sun:	9.00-11.00	Rugbytots	rugbytotsswllondon@gmail.com
	6.30-8.00	Neo-Nunchaku exercise (1st two Sundays each month)	johnalbury@neo-nunchaku.co.uk

ADVERTS

From time to time local businesses like to place an ad in Springboard. 'Reg' at Elton Motors has been a long term supporter of Springboard and local residents and has asked us to say "Elton Park Motors (see advert below) originally worked from Geneva Road before moving to Brighton Road when the Nicholson Mews development took place. From January 2017 we are moving back to the local area to workshops in Mill Place and will be giving Residents of SGRA special introductory offers – look out for details in the next Springboard."



Lucca's Fish & Chips

would like to thank residents for their support and custom throughout 2016 and look forward to serving you again soon!

Best Wishes, Team Lucca.

Find us at www.luccas.co.uk Follow us on facebook and twitter via the website

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*Frank, Sharon, Daniel & Staff
Wish Everyone a Happy Christmas*

*See our Advent Calendar
For Extra Special Offers*

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Tel: 020-8546-8655**

Do you live in the SGRA area? Then you are entitled to 10% discount on labour at Elton Park Motors on presentation of this Springboard Newsletter.

Elton Park Motors

1119 Brighton Road, Surbiton,
020 8399 8888



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BODYWORK, SMOKE TESTING
CARS AND LIGHT VANS

FANCY A WINTER HOLIDAY IN SUNNY TENERIFE?

Contact Karol Smal on 8549 8424 to rent a large two bedroom apartment in the harbour development next to the beach in **Los Gigantes** on the sunny southwest coast.

If you would like to place a small ad in Springboard please contact Jackie Steinitz or Phil Chapman – details under SGRA Committee Members above.

St John's Church Heritage and Community Project

The church community, partnered with the Spring Grove Residents' Association and other community groups, local businesses, schools and organisations are working on an exciting project at St John's Church.

We are seeking a Heritage Lottery Fund grant to:

- carry out capital building works to the church to create a community hub
- research and uncover the history of this area of Kingston
- run an exciting programme of HLF funded activities and events from the church to engage people of all ages with this heritage

Did you know?

- In Victorian times this area of Kingston was polluted and industrial from the mills and factories on the Hogsmill
- Coconuts husks sometimes get dug up in people's gardens because there used to be a coconut factory by middle mill which made brushes and floor mats from the husks. The coconut shy is said to originate from here when the generous mill owner gave his workers the day off to attend the local fair and gave them coconuts to take with them.
- The visionary vicar who built St John's Church, also built St John's School and the Parish Hall
- Mill Street was a slum with residents 'covered in rags [lying] in hovels foul, damp and undrained, with poverty, vice and misery as bedfellows'.
- Most of the Spring Grove Estate houses remain as they were when they were built

There is lots of wonderful, interesting history in our streets just waiting to be uncovered and shared. In order to plan our project to meet people's interests we recently surveyed 160 local residents through a heritage questionnaire. The 5 most popular activities they selected were:

1. Festival/social events
2. Heritage activity days for children
3. History trail
4. Heritage Café
5. Heritage website

We are working on our HLF application and activity plan and hope to submit at the end of November for a decision next March. We hope you will be excited about what we are trying to achieve and create at the church. We'd love to have your involvement and support.

To join our mailing list for regular e-mail updates about our progress, for more information or to offer to help contact Vicky at vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk.