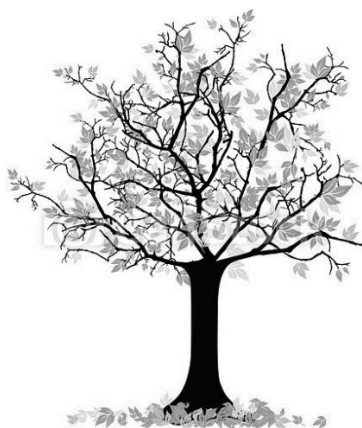


SPRINGBOARD

September 2022

The nights may be closing in, summer might be ending but keep your spirits high by leaping into
Autumn!



SGRA Barn Dance

Saturday 1st October 8pm
at the Parish Hall, Grove Lane

Get out your dancing shoes for the return of the famous SGRA Barn Dance. Our dances are always great fun, and suitable for adults of all ages + teens / older children. As always, we will have a live band and caller (to tell you what to do and how to do it!), food (chili sin carne + salad is included with ticket), and there is a bar.

Tickets (which include the supper) are £12 for adults and £6 for under 18s

They are available from:

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/sgra

In person: McCluskey's Off Licence, Bloomfield Road, KT1 2SE

Phone: Karol Smal and Joan McConn 020-8549-8424

Other local events

Tuesday 13th September: Banquet Records gig at St John's Church starring Sheku Kanneh-Mason. Doors open 6.00pm
On stage 7.00pm

Saturday 24 September: Mill Street's Beer'N'Sausage Festival on Mill Street Green (off Fairfield Place) with fantastic live music – many local bands and performers as well as craft beers, ciders and wines and a German Sausage BBQ.

Monday 26th September: Banquet Records gig at St John's Church starring Lissie. Doors open 7.00, on stage 8.00pm

Saturday 1 October: Barn Dance – see details overleaf

Sunday 2 October: Harvest Festival at 10am at St John's Church followed by a big breakfast. There will be a collection of items for Refugee Action Kingston or you can donate towards stocking up their essential supplies and to WaterAid

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 October: The Spring Grove Fringe presents another evening of music – The Best of Our Musicals – with all your favourite SGF “stars”. Tickets, available from Ticketsource are £22.50 and include supper
www.ticketsource.co.uk/sgf

Sunday 6th November 2022 at 6pm: St John's All Souls service. If you would like to have someone remembered at this service, please add their names to the list at the back of the Church. It would be lovely to see as many as possible in Church for the service, but if you will not be able to attend in person the service will be live streamed on Facebook.

Sunday 20th November 2022: St John's 150th Anniversary Service at 10am. All welcome. The new Team Rector, Reverend Joe Moffatt will be presiding and there will be food and games after the service.

Saturday 26th November: Church Christmas Bazaar, St John's Church from 12 – 4pm. If you would like to help or run a stall on the day please email stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com

Open House events in Kingston

The Open House festival in London, which runs from the 8th to 21st September, features a number of events in Kingston including events and tours around Kingston School of Art, St John's Church, Guildhall, Coombe Conduit and Dorich House. Check events and times at <https://programme.openhouse.org.uk/calendar> (select the borough of Kingston upon Thames as your chosen area).

Kingston Town Centre Police Team

Our area is now patrolled by the Kingston Town Centre Police Team (phone: 0208 721 2588 , email: grove@met.police.uk, Twitter @MPSGrove, police station: 5-7 High Street, Kingston KT1 1LB). Please email them if you would like to be added to their mailing list.

Platinum Jubilee Street Party

Thank you to everyone who supported the Platinum Jubilee street party in Bloomfield Rd in June and for your generous donations to the Samaritans, Refugee Action Kingston and the Hogsmill Community Garden. Thank you also to:

- The seven top notch musical acts organised by Tony Hardy with equipment support by Banquet Records
- The contestants and winners of our competitions to dress like a Queen and guess the number of balloons in the VW Beetle.
- St John's Church Kingston, St John's School and all the businesses who provided such excellent support including The Spring Grove Pub, Lallapolosa Bakery, McCluskeys and Simone Kay.
- Our special guests including the Mayor of Kingston, Yogan Yoganathan, the Deputy Mayor and Kingston Town Councillor Nicola Nardelli, our MP Ed Davey and PCSO Simon Briggs from the Kingston Town Centre police team.

Awards for Kingston University's new Town House Building

Kingston University's Town House Building on Penrhyn Road which opened in early 2020 has won two awards in the last year. In October 2021, it won the RIBA Stirling prize (considered the most prestigious award for architecture in the UK) awarded to the building that has made the greatest contribution to the evolution of architecture over the past year. In April 2022 it won the Mies van der Rohe Award for contemporary architecture for the best new building in Europe.

Street WhatsApp groups

As far as we know there are WhatsApp groups in at least 4 streets in the SGRA area (Alfred Road, Bellevue Road, Geneva Road and Lingfield Road) and they seem to be effective for quick sharing of local information, asking for recommendations, highlighting any immediate concerns etc. If you have set up one in another street and would like us to be aware of it so we can let you know anything that may be of interest to your group, please email info@springgrovekingston.co.uk

The SGRA Website, Facebook and Twitter

Please see www.springgrovekingston.co.uk for info and links, see our latest news on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SGRAKingston and our tweets on @SGRAKingston. If you have any contributions or suggestions or if you would like to join the committee or help with activities please contact Alan Leeds or Jackie Steinitz on sgra@springgrovekingston.co.uk.