

SPRING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2014

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 7.30pm

Spring Grove Fringe presents *My Night at the Celtic Fringe*, a drama pervaded by storytelling, poetry, dance and song at the expense of Shay, a no-nonsense road builder with a reputation for bulldozing through mountains. Inspired by a true fairy tale from the Irish town of Latoon, join hosts Rose and her son Cian Harvey in their coastal (parish hall) bar and hear some ol' yarns for yourself at your own night at the Celtic fringe.

There will be a licensed bar and tickets (including a two course meal) are £17.50 and can be booked at sgfkingston@gmail.com Tel : 07905 468 589.

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER: BOOK FAIR/CAFÉ in ST JOHN'S CHURCH : 10.30am-2.30pm

Come and browse for a good book and enjoy a freshly brewed coffee/tea/hot chocolate and home-made cake.

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER: BARN DANCE in ST JOHN'S CHURCH at 7.30pm

The Big Blazing Saddles Barn Dance is in aid of St John's Church Regeneration Fund so book your tickets for a really fun night out. Fancy booze, beer and wine, Wild West Sideshows and a great Live Band and Caller. Tickets are only £12 including supper, so please contact Katherine at stjohnsevents@hotmail.co.uk.

SATURDAY 1 NOV: ACOUSTIC MUSIC in PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 7.30pm

The Spring Grove Acoustic evening is part of the national **Oxjam music festival**, raising money for Oxfam. There will be the usual eclectic musical mix, and we're looking forward to another great evening. For more information contact your SGRA rep or email springgroveacoustic@gmail.com. Also on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/spunplugged>.

FRIDAY 28/SAT 29 NOV: ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, GROVE LANE at 8pm/7.30pm

Spring Grove Fringe presents *Oh What a Lovely War!* See the Great War presented in songs, battles and a few jokes in a production devised by Joan Littlewood and first performed in The Theatre Royal Stratford in 1963. Look out for posters and more details nearer the production dates.

OTHER HAPPENINGS IN OUR AREA

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE STREET CO-ORDINATORS Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood Police Team (SNT) has asked the SGRA to help find volunteers for each street in the SGRA area to act as a street co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Watch (NHW). The aim of NHW is to create a partnership between a local community, the police and the local authority in order to prevent crime and to set up a messaging system whereby residents can quickly receive messages about incidents, potential threats or share concerns with the police. The role of street co-ordinator is not onerous. It essentially involves establishing contact with residents in their street and then, when necessary, acting as a funnel for information up and down the messaging system.

If you would be willing to act as a volunteer, or if you would like more information please contact either jackie@springgrovekingston.co.uk or **PCSO Pat Reed from Grove Ward SNT on 020 8721 2588**, grove.snt@met.police.uk. Thank you, but we already have volunteers for Geneva and Horace Roads.

SPRING GROVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Spring Grove Residents' Association (SGRA) is a non-political organisation founded in the 1970s and encompassing approximately 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.

If you have recently arrived in the SGRA area we invite you, and indeed all residents including students, to join in the various social activities (plays, concerts, dances etc) which take place throughout the year in the Parish Hall and St John's church. We are a happy community and hope that you will come and enjoy some of the events listed above.

At the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the SGRA last May the following residents were elected to be Committee Members for the year:

FLOOD WARNINGS AND RIVER LEVELS

As we move into autumn here's a reminder that links to information about flood warnings, river levels and Kingston Council's flood planning documents can be found on the Links page of the SGRA website:

<http://www.springgrovekingston.co.uk/links2.php>

ST JOHN'S CHURCH REGENERATION

The ecclesiastical permissions for the Regeneration building work have now been granted, and hopefully the local planning permissions will come through soon. The church building committee and the architects will shortly be working on the detailed design plans for tender submissions to be received in a few months' time.

The various fundraising activities this year have raised £7,514 so far (bringing the total to £43,419) and the Book Fair and Blazing Saddles Barn Dance (see details above) will bring in more money. Also, the **Blossom Scheme** now has 49 Patrons who have pledged over £49,000 towards the Regeneration Fund, and the fundraisers target is to have 60 Patrons. If you would like to join the scheme, or would like to organise a fundraising event, or wish to make a donation, please contact Rev'd Vicky Maunder, 30 Bloomfield Road, 02085469882, or vicar@stjohnskingston.c.uk.

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS

The University has a central point for all community enquiries and complaints. Please contact the Community Enquiries and Complaints Officer using their on line form (www.kingston.ac.uk/99/community-enquiries-complaints-form/), if urgent please contact 07748 650330 (during office hours only).

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.

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.

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