

SPRINGBOARD



CHRISTMAS 2017



Season's Greetings from your Residents' Association. There's a lot going on in the Spring Grove area over Christmas and New Year and we also have some dates for your diaries for early 2018.

Christmas Tree Sale on Saturday 9th December 11.30am – 2pm in the car park of St John's School, Portland Road, KT1 2SG. Non-drop Nordman Fir Trees. £40 to £60. Sale organised by St John's PSA and the school receives 25% profit of all trees sold.

Christmas Community Choir - The Spring Grove and St John's Community choir - absolutely everyone is welcome to join this almost scratch choir, to sing carols at the Candlelight Carol service on Sunday December 17th at 6pm. 3 short choir practices will be held on Monday November 27th at 8pm, Sunday December 3rd at 11.30am and Monday December 11th at 8pm, all in the church.... Just turn up, or for more info contact Mimi: mimifagan@gmail.com

Christmas Services at St John's Church, Grove Lane

- **Christingle Family Service** in support of the Children's Society – **Sunday 3rd December at 10am.** Everyone will be making Christingles during the service as we start the countdown to Christmas. All welcome. If you are a Children's Society box holder please bring your box to be emptied after the service.
- **Candlelight Carol Service** – **Sunday 17th December at 6pm.** All welcome at this lovely community carol service of the Christmas readings and your favourite carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
- **Crib Service** – **24th December at 4pm.** A service celebrating the nativity story for all ages. Children are invited to come dressed up as angels, shepherds or kings.
- **Midnight Mass** – **24th December at 11.30pm**
- **Christmas Day Family Communion at 10am.**

Everyone is welcome! St John's is a member of Inclusive Church. <https://inclusive-church.org.uk/>

Some 2018 dates for your diary

Spring Grove Fringe Panto: **ZORRO THE PANTO** Fri Feb 2, 8.00pm and Sat February 3, 2.30 and 7.30 pm
The Spring Grove Fringe is proud to present the zippily zany ZORRO. Written especially for the SGF, starring all your favourites. **Tickets** on sale from Billetto.com from 1 January or contact sgfkingston@gmail.com. £8.00 per adult, £4.00 per child, £20 per family ticket (2 adults + 2 children).

Bill's Quiz 2018 – The Legendary Multi-media Film and Music Quiz. This highly popular and glorious cornucopia of conundrums will be held on **Saturday March 10th** in St John's Church. Get your team ready, tickets on sale in February.

Barn Dance – Our annual Spring Barn Dance, in the Parish Hall, Grove Lane. A fun occasion when all members of our community can come together for a great evening out. Likely to be **late Feb / early March** - date, time, ticket info etc. closer to the time.

SGRA AGM – April 2018 - The Annual General Meeting of the Spring Grove Residents' Association, in the Parish Hall, with invited local guests / speakers and election of Committee. Date, time to be advised.

Other Local News

St John's Church Regeneration – This is a project to upgrade the building so that it will be a great space for community events as well as for services. In phase 1 over £200,000 has been raised with the aim of replacing the electrics and failing heating and lighting around summer 2018. The Church's team are also applying for grants to pay for improved access to the building and fully accessible toilets. For more info, to join the mailing list or get involved please contact the vicar, Vicky Maunders: vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk or 020 8546 9882. She'd love to hear from you and sends thanks to everyone who is supporting the project.

Villiers Rd Traffic Calming Measures: Following the consultation earlier this year the council works to slow traffic in Villiers Rd are now complete. If you would like to make the SGRA aware of any comments you have please email sgra@springgrovekingston.co.uk or contact a committee member.

New Bakery - Lallapolosa - just opened at 26 Bloomfield Road (where the florist was). Baking and selling award winning cakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, bread, tarts and quiches; also hot drinks and lunches. PLUS baking courses! Opening hours Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm.

The Chip Club – New name and under new management! Our favourite local fish and chip shop on the corner of Villiers and Alfred has changed hands recently, still serving the best fish and chips in Kingston!

Spring Grove Acoustic – relaunched in 2017, we have been lucky to have some tremendous musicians playing in the Parish Hall for us, raising money for a variety of charities (ERCI – refugees in Greece, Love Kingston and ActionAid for Rohingya refugees). To be added to the mailing list call Phil on 07749 663809.

Weekly Activities in The Parish Hall and St John's Church - there are a number of groups and classes meeting weekly in the Parish Hall and Church you might like to join:

At St John's Parish Hall on Grove Lane:

Mon	8.00-10.00pm	Badminton
Tues	3.30-7.30pm	Dance Stars – Children's ballet
	7.45-9.15pm	Jui Jitsu
Weds	3.30-6.15pm	Perform – Children's drama
	8.00-10.00pm	Spring Grove Fringe
Thurs	4.30-6.15pm	Jui Jitsu
Sat	9.00-12.00pm	Jui Jitsu
Sun	9.00-11.00am	Rugbytots
	6.30-8.00pm	Neo Nunchaku (1 st 2 Suns mthly)


At St John's Church on Grove Lane:

Mon	7.30pm	Morris Dancers
Tues	9.00-11.30am	Little Groovers
	7.00-8.00pm	Yoga with Georgie
Weds	8.00pm	Orpheus Choir (Term time only)
Thurs	7.00-8.00pm	Yoga with Georgie
Sun	3pm-5pm	8218 Youth Theatre Group

Current SGRA Committee Members are:

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 or suggestions contact sgra@springgrovekingston.co.uk. Any resident wishing to join the committee or help with activities please contact Alan Leeds on 07751 936595 or Jackie Steinitz on 07985 406931.

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