

# SPRINGBOARD

MAY 2012

**SATURDAY 2 JUNE: The Spring Grove Queen's Diamond Jubilee Street Party in Bloomfield Road and St John's Church grounds from 12 noon to 6pm.**

Organised by the SGRA, St John's Church Regeneration Fund and Kingston Kindergarten Nursery mothers, the aim of the Street Party is to raise funds for the Church Regeneration Fund and for the SGRA Parish Hall Fund and Community purposes. A timetable for the day's events and details of all the activities is overleaf.

If this Springboard gets to you on time don't forget the **table top sale on Sunday 27May at 11am to 1pm** in the Parish Hall, Grove Lane - organised by Kingston Kindergarten mothers raising funds for St John's Church.

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## SGRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Report of meeting held on 26 April 2012

Guests at the AGM included Ed Davey MP, the Rev. Jonathan Wilkes, representatives from Kingston University, the Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and Councillors Chrissie Hitchcock and Marc Woodall. There were approximately 50 residents present.

In his Chairman's speech **Alan Leeds** reported on the community events held in the past year, including plays, quizzes, musical evenings and barn dances - raising money for charity and local causes, including St John's regeneration fund. The committee continued with its regular activities by keeping contact with councillors, MP, university, police and other local residents' associations, attending the open meetings held by the police and university, monitoring planning applications in the area, organising events, delivering Springboard to local residents, running the website and attending Kingston Conservation Area Advisory Committee meetings.

**Karol Smal**, the Treasurer, reported that receipts totalled £625 for the year – with expenditure of £530. The accumulated fund is now £845.

All of last year's committee members were willing to stand for re-election and were elected. The committee for 2012/13 will be listed in the next Springboard.

**Rev. Jonathan Wilkes** outlined the latest position regarding St Johns Church and the Parish Hall. Following the discussions that have taken place since January's announcement that the Parish Hall might have to be sold, it has been agreed that so long as the Church is able to secure funds for new heating, lighting and disabled access it will not look to sell the Hall. The plans for the regeneration of the Church, which would be of benefit to the greater community will go on - and any help to raise funds would be greatly appreciated by the Church.

Another issue considered was the constitution of the Parish Hall Committee. For up to 20 years Joan McConn and Gordon Bell have been our community representatives on this Committee. However, following legal advice it appears that committee members must be "bona fide" members of the Church of England and so both Joan and Gordon have stepped down. Rev. Wilkes accepts that other people in the local community who qualify could be on the committee.

We thank **Joan McConn (Hall Manager)** and **Gordon Bell (Hall Treasurer)** for the considerable amount of time and effort they have put in over the years to help make the Hall such a wonderful centre of our community.

**Ed Davey, MP** told residents that he continues to hold two surgeries every week – one at Berrylands on Monday mornings and another at various venues and times (<http://www.edwarddavey.co.uk/web/?q=advicesessions>). He outlined recent successes and campaigns on local issues including health, education (new health centre and a new primary school at the Surbiton Hospital site) and policing (hopefully no major front-line cuts), but was saddened by the misguided closure of Kingston Magistrates Court. He also talked about his priorities at the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

**Anne Barr (KU)** reported on developments over the last year with more University funded police patrols, student night buses and a "good neighbour" education programme. If there is a problem the initial point of contact is Hema Kukadia on 8417 3662 or 07748 650330. **Mark Horne (KUSU)** said the last complaint about Union bars was more than 6 months ago and that he was also proud of the volunteering efforts by students (some have volunteered to help with the Street Party).

The Grove Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team outlined their priorities in view of reduced numbers, and the local Councillors offered to answer questions from residents, but there were none. The meeting was closed.



# STREET PARTY TIMETABLE

## ENTERTAINMENT

The stage outside the Spring Grove pub will feature live music from classical to pop and rock:

From 12noon Background music

12.30-1pm Kingston Cello Ensemble - A sextet of cellists performing light classics

1.15-2pm The Mayflies - Summery jazz-pop with more chords to the mile and sparkling vocals

2.15-2.45pm Phillippa Lusty - A fabulous singer with a voice as enticing as her name

3pm The Loyal Toast followed by the Raffle Draw & announcement of Cake Competition prizes

3.10-3.50pm Wild Street Party - Local band formerly known as We're So Pretty & Wild \*\*\* Party

4-4.30pm Barn & Line Dances - Dance your socks off to tunes called by the inimitable John & Liz

4.30-5.30pm PlanB - We had the name first - it's Kingston's local covers band

## KIDS' ACTIVITIES...

1. Bollywood stall with henna hand painting and Indian jewellery
2. Hair braiding
3. Face painting
4. Beat the goalie
5. Decorate your own crown/shield
6. Dressing up stall, plus have your photo taken with a full-size cut out of the Queen!
7. Cake and cookie decorating
8. Hook a duck
9. Coconut shy
10. Outdoor play toy area, courtesy of Kingston Town SureStart Children's centre

## CAKE COMPETITION

Calling all Domestic Gods and Goddesses (big and small)... Show off your baking skills and be in with the chance of winning a prize... We'll be holding a cake competition in the afternoon tea tent then selling the cakes to raise money for the St John's Church Appeal.

Categories are:

Best cake

Best cupcake

Best kids' cake (made by a child)

Best decorated cake or cookie

Prize giving at 3pm

All cakes very gratefully received (even if you don't want to enter the cake competition). Please label cakes with your name and number and please indicate clearly if they contain nuts.

You can leave them in a specially designated area in the church on the day of the party.

For further info please contact Sarah Goodwin at [sarah2goodwin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah2goodwin@yahoo.co.uk)

## DRAMA WORKSHOPS

If you're coming to the Street Party why not sign your child up for a drama workshop (run by the local Drama Workshops, [www.dramaworkshops.biz](http://www.dramaworkshops.biz)). The kids will have great fun and you can have some time to enjoy the bands, have a drink and relax. Drama Workshops are run by two professional actors for 4-8 year olds. There will be two 45-minute sessions, depending on demand, from 1pm. Sessions include games, improvisation, story telling, characterisation, movement, a themed class and lots of fun. They will be held in the church or Parish Hall tbc. Each session is £5 per child and all proceeds go to St John's Church Regeneration fund/Parish Hall Floor Fund. If you're interested please email or text Emma Poole on [emmakatherinepoole@hotmail.com](mailto:emmakatherinepoole@hotmail.com) or 078101 85204.

## REFRESHMENTS

Delicious food and drink will be available throughout the day. There will be a barbecue; teas, coffees and homemade cakes and a bar serving Pimms and a selection of drinks to quench your thirst.

**Sponsors** A big thank you to all the businesses and individuals who have offered to sponsor the street party and increase the amount we can raise towards our aims. So far these include KFH Estate Agents, Dairy Crest, the Antoinette Hotel, Burgess Glass, Young's Brewery, FW Paine, Locate IT and McCluskeys Off Licence. If you wish to make a donation it is not too late! Please contact Karol Smal on [karolsmal@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:karolsmal@blueyonder.co.uk) or 8549 8424.

**Volunteers** Many thanks to all who have offered so far. Your support is much appreciated, but we still need to recruit willing helpers particularly for setting up and clearing up at the end. If you can spare some time or need more info please contact Karol Smal - 8549 8424 or [karolsmal@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:karolsmal@blueyonder.co.uk) or Emma Poole - [emmakatherinepoole@hotmail.com](mailto:emmakatherinepoole@hotmail.com) or 078101 85204.

**Updates** For updates on what's happening please visit [www.facebook.com/royalweddingstreetparty](http://www.facebook.com/royalweddingstreetparty) or check out the St John's Church website [www.stjohnskingston.co.uk](http://www.stjohnskingston.co.uk) and the SGRA website [www.springgrovekingston.co.uk](http://www.springgrovekingston.co.uk).