

# SPRINGBOARD

## Happy Christmas 2018

from the Spring Grove Residents Association



### St John's Church Regeneration Project Update

The first phase of the building project is complete. The church has been rewired and the heating and lighting system replaced to create a beautifully lit, warm church. All are welcome to visit and see the results of fundraising over the last few years.

In addition, the Church has received the excellent news that it has been awarded substantial funding from both the Garfield Weston Anniversary Fund and from the City Bridge Trust. This means that it will be able to carry out the second phase of the rebuilding project next year - providing improved facilities including toilets, kitchen, step free entrance and lobby, internal ramps, storage and hopefully new flooring, all of which will be able to be used for community events in the future. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the project.

### World War 1 Memorial Research

To mark the centenary of the armistice of WW1, Spring Grove resident and Local History Officer, Carolynne Cotton, researched the stories of the 83 local men listed on the WW1 memorial in St John's Church. Using information from the Kingston History Centre and many other sources, she has painstakingly pieced together details of the lives of the 83 named men and produced a map of where they all lived. Portland Road suffered the highest number of casualties (18) followed by Alfred Rd (12), but amidst all the tragedy, Carolynne unearthed one surprising piece of good news – of the 3 Cambridge brothers listed on the memorial, one actually survived until 1967!

*For those who missed the opportunity to view it in November, Carolynne's research can be seen in the in the Kingston History Centre and it will be displayed again in St John's Church, Grove Lane, throughout February 2019. The best time to view it at the Church will be Saturday mornings between 10am and 12noon.*

### Christmas Services at St John's

**Candlelight Carol Service** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. All are welcome at this community carol service featuring Christmas readings and favourite carols. It is followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**Crib Service** – 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Communion** – 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm - this first celebration of Christmas Day includes the blessing of the crib.

**Christmas Day Family Communion** at 10am. This service is for all ages with the blessing of the crib.

### Community Cafe

St John's Church is open on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 for anyone to drop in for hot drinks and a chat.

### Little Groovers

This parent/carer and toddler/baby group is run by local mums and will be running again from 11<sup>th</sup> December on Tuesdays 9.45am to 11.30am in St John's Church during term time. £1.50 per family including refreshments.

### Christmas at the Spring Grove Pub

The Spring Grove has a number of Christmas events including their Christmas Market on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, view the wares from a range of local businesses, while enjoying a glass of mulled wine!

### Make a date in your diary:

**Spring into Spring with the SGRA Barn Dance March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

All welcome. Look out for ticket details in the next Springboard.

## Spring Grove Fringe

The magnificent Spring Grove Fringe pantomime is now evolving. Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood are coming to a Parish Hall near you on 8/9 February. Put the date in your diary and look out for more details in the New Year.

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 Church on Grove Lane:

Monday: 8pm Morris Dancers <http://www.springgrovemorris.org/>

Tuesday: 9.45am-11.30am Little Groovers

Wednesday: 8.00pm Orpheus Choir (Term time only), <https://www.kingstonorpheuschoir.com/>

Sunday: 3pm-5pm 8218 Youth Theatre Group <http://www.8218youththeatre.co.uk/>

### At St John's Parish Hall on Grove Lane:

Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm Kingston Kindergarten – nursery care for children aged 2 to 5 rated outstanding by Ofsted. Tel 07741174801.

Mon: 8.00-10.00pm Badminton

Tue: 3.30-7.30pm Dance Stars – Children's ballet - Clare Rowland <[clare.rowland@dance-stars.com](mailto:clare.rowland@dance-stars.com)>

7.45-9.15pm Jui Jitsu - Marc Barton <[marc@jiujitsubrotherhood.com](mailto:marc@jiujitsubrotherhood.com)>

Wed: 3.30-6.15pm Perform – Children's drama - 'sophie@perform.org.uk'

8.00-10.00pm Spring Grove Fringe

Thu: 4.30-9.30 Jui Jitsu - Marc Barton <[marc@jiujitsubrotherhood.com](mailto:marc@jiujitsubrotherhood.com)>

Sat: 9.00-12.00noon Jui Jitsu - Marc Barton <[marc@jiujitsubrotherhood.com](mailto:marc@jiujitsubrotherhood.com)>

Sun: 9.00-12.00noon Rugbytots - Wes <[wes@rugbytots.co.uk](mailto:wes@rugbytots.co.uk)>

## Current SGRA Committee Members

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\*Jacqui Hardie and Emma Poole of Harper and Tweedie have joined as representatives of local businesses in the Spring Grove area. If you are a local business, and would like to get more involved in the community, please do pop along and see them at Harper & Tweedie, Unit 4, Princess Court, Horace Road or drop them an email at [rentofficer@harpertweedie.com](mailto:rentofficer@harpertweedie.com) or [jacqui@harpertweedie.com](mailto:jacqui@harpertweedie.com)

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And finally, thank you to the following local organisations who are supporting the SGRA Newsletter...




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