

Working in Spittal, for Spittal

THE POINT

SPITAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

'Josey' will be the first event open to the public in the Community Centre on Saturday 18th November at 3pm. So, we hope you will please join us as we celebrate the life and legacy of Josephine Butler.

This production has been commissioned by the November Club, who are based in Morpeth. It has been written by singer/songwriter Katie Doherty, and it features the voices of women from across Northumberland.

Josephine, born in Millfield, Northumberland in 1828, and she became a significant Victorian social reformer and advocate for the rights of women. There are so many issues, some not wholly different from those that concerned Josephine nearly 200 years ago, that women of today are passionate about and motivated to change in much the same way as Josephine Butler. Find out more about this incredible woman with a historical talk led by Bryony Taylor, a researcher and arts event producer currently researching a PhD at Northumbria University. Audiences will then be able to listen to '*Josey, the Indignant Daughter*', in shared listening experience.

The production is being created with digital support agency The Space. This is the first time November Club has released an audio musical, exploring issues of activism and gender equality in an innovative way. The digital venture will lead to a full live version of the musical in 2024 that November Club will work to bring to communities and venues across the North East and beyond.

Tickets are free for '*Josey, the Indignant Daughter*' but bookable as numbers are limited. Please go to this link to book a seat - <https://shorturl.at/sIV01> - where you can also make a donation if you would like to help support the next stage of their work.

NOVEMBER
CLUB

JOSEY



"Fascinating subject matter that's both thought provoking & relevant. Such catchy tunes too!"

Historical Talk and Listening Party
Celebrating social reformer Josephine Butler

SPITAL GARDENING GROUP NEWS

Bulb planting in the Park had to be postponed until the damage done by the recent storms had been tidied up. Then clearing the leaves was another busy job however, the leaf mould bin is looking good! At last, there has been time to plant a quantity of tulip and narcissus bulbs and we now look forward to Spring to appreciate the hard work done by the gardeners.

The Spa Well is also looking great in readiness for Remembrance Day on the 12th November.

Considering the dreadful weather we have been having the Village is looking good. Thank you to everyone for their dedication in making Spittal a village to be proud of.

Mau Watkins

Chair-Spittal Gardening Group 07748 076527.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2023



This years' Service of Remembrance will be taking place at the Spa Well on Sunday 12th November at 12:30pm.

The Mayor of Berwick and his Civic Party will be attending the service, which will be led by Rev. Rachel Hudson.

And the knitted poppies are out once more on the front of the Community Centre and at the Spa Well.



Below is a list of the names of all of those mentioned on the War Memorial.

We would like to thank Debra Jerdan for allowing us to show these.



10 NOV | **ST JOHNS CHURCH, SPITTAL** | **7:00 PM**

TOMBOLA AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

SWEET DELIGHTS, 3BUSYBEEPRINTS, FLANIMALS, BRAINBOX, JJ CRAFTS, AURELIA BEA SILVER, HIDDEN TREASURES, MAMA & MINI CREATIONS, ENCHANTED SCENTS, SMALL BERRY CO, BERWICK AND BORDERS CARERS

Church Gathering - Spittal Community Centre

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SUN 12 NOV

Sunday, 12 November 2023
10:30am - 12:00pm
Spittal Community Centre

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd Dec: SIT Christmas Coffee Morning 10am to 12pm in the Community Hall on Middle Street.

10th Dec: Berwick Concert Band's Christmas Performance at 3pm in St John's Church.

17th Dec: Christmas Music for all from the Thursday Singers at 3pm in the Community Centre.

17th Dec: Christmas Carol Service St John's Church at 4pm.

17th Dec: Christmas Candle Lit Carol Service in Scremerston Church at 6pm.

23rd Dec: Crib Service in St John's Church at 4pm.

NEED A VENUE?

You can book any room within the Spittal Community Centre through our website www.spittal.org.uk

On the main page, click on 'Spittal Community Centre' on the top bar and it will take to our online booking page.

Choices, changes, and the community

He is precious you know having lived in Spittal
For many years, worked for the Council and now
Retired he sits watching the rising tide going in and out
Blowing away the sand and wood of all kinds washed up
In drift wood and sawn-off trees which folks gather up
In high-speed remembering the rising fuel costs and not knowing what
Comes next, or the times he bent his back to shovel it up and
To put in the back of a council truck in the summer many trippers and such
Will enjoy the sun and fun of a clean beach with buckets and spades
And little tents to change in and soak up what is left of the sun and sea
He remembers the fishing and clearing the mud, his beard and whiskers to keep them trim
Now say he is old what a character he is as he remembers times past
Don't let the grass around the area grow into something so long that
In the name of preservation of wild life and nature that it looks wild and forgotten
Holiday cottages take over where fishing folk lived and the character of the place is gone
Where sweat and muck were common sights
and people came home with bags on their backs which were not suitcases or holiday
luggage just bate bags to keep them going or reels of rope or fishing gear
which meant their living was so dear to feed empty mouths and keep the homestead going
the fish that were gutted and sent for sale or thrown back to greedy gulls who were never
full and reminds us so much as the boats came in how luck we were then to get fresh fish
that were not wrapped up in plastic sheaths or dumped in a freezer for 'before sell by date'
why oh why are we trying to preserve the environment or the wild life or
claim 'Climate Change' when what we are doing is damaging us still
Yes, how he remembers when paddling in the sea with great waders on and
catching fish for tea
He looks at children now playing!
examining seaweed by its now made into things you can eat
So just take note when building new cottages and things that the original character should
be preserved so that when he looks around as others do it does not look like a chunk of
Hollywood or some new town but attracts those from far and wide to see not how
They have changed so much but the community spirit is the same where everybody helped
each other and even strangers out for the day would nod and speak while he smoked his
pipe with shanty songs sung out loud.

Anne Bradley

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**To avoid disappointment, please note that the
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