

Working in Spittal, for Spittal

THE POINT



We have traced the Red Lion back to 1810, but it may be older. Originally the inn was the right hand side of the current building. In 1827 it was advertised for sale as an inn and two cottages, these later became knocked into one large pub.

The pub closed its doors on 31st July this year.

We wish to thank Joan and Michael for their many years of service to the community and wish them, and Darcy the dog, all the very best for their future.

NEWS FROM THE TRUST

Things have begun to settle down in the Community Centre, although we need more hirings. So now is the time to look for the funding that will be needed for some of the bigger works that need to be done. With winter fast approaching, the number one job is to reduce the amount of heat loss through the considerable number of windows throughout the building. The most challenging ones will be those that are in what was the Worship Area. The total amount of these works is around £34,000. We have already sent applications out and we look forward to letting you know how things are going in our next issue.

Mike Greener, Secretary SIT. 07752 403409

TELESCOPES



The Berwick Community Trust have installed two telescopes for the price of one, on Spittal promenade. The equipment is located opposite the play park, so you can finally see what that speck is on the horizon or check if it's a whale or a tree trunk.



CREATIVITY
UNWRAPPED

BERWICK HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Fri, 8th - Sun. 17th
September

To find out what's happening in and around Berwick, visit <https://berwickhods.org.uk/>

Heritage Open Days is England's largest community led festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and

organisations. Every year in September it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see hidden places you would not normally have access to and try out new experiences - and it's all FREE.

Our annual free festival of fun and fascinating events returns in September with the theme, Creativity Unwrapped. We're inviting local organisers to explore England's history of creativity in all its forms.

WHAT'S ON



heritage open days

SPITTAL HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2023

SELF GUIDED TOUR around Spittal with about 200 different information posters from Fri. 8th - Sun. 17th

LIFEBOAT STATION, CARR ROCK
10- 4 on Sat. 16th / 11-4 on Sun. 17th

PHOTO DISPLAYS & MINI MUSEUM in the Community Centre, (St Paul's)
1-4 on Fri. 15th 10-4 Sat. 16th.
1-4 on Sun. 17th

REFRESHMENTS, BOOKS AVAILABLE

For other online and in person events, see
<https://berwickhods.org.uk>

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
Main Street, Spittal



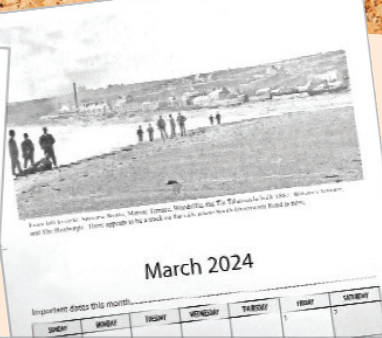
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

4pm SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER
Followed by Harvest Tea.

Donations for the Food Bank welcome.



December 2024



March 2024

Calendar 2024 OLD SPITTAL



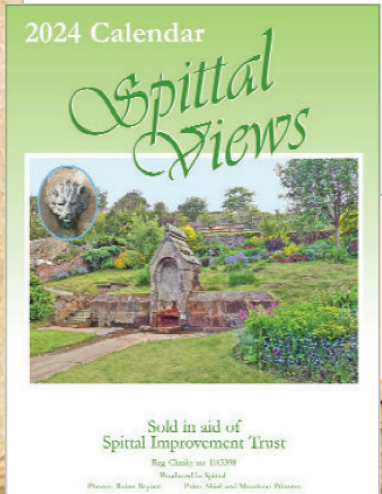
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2024 SPITTAL CALENDARS NOW OUT

Sold in aid of the Spittal Improvement Trust.
Sold in the Spittal Food Store, Main Street, Spittal, opposite St. John's Church and Grieve's at the bottom of Church Street, Berwick.

Prices may vary.



2024 Calendar

Spittal Views



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GARDENING NEWS.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's

"Spittal Gardening Group
Doorstep Floral Competition"

First Prize - 16 West Street

Second Prize -
28 North Greenwich Road

Third Prize -
8 St Helens Terrace

Highly Commended -
Enfield Cottage, Fenmore,
7 St Helens Terrace,
11 St Helens Terrace, 3 Island View
& 145 Main Street

The gardeners are always out and about keeping all the areas tidy and well weeded and cared for.

We have been planning ahead re buying more bulbs and future planting. Many of the roses in Middle Street rose garden are well past their best so 15 new rose bushes have been ordered. These will arrive in November when they will replace the oldest and most tired bushes.

Let's hope there are a few more summery days to enjoy our gardens.

Once again thank you all for your support throughout the year.

*Chair Spittal Gardening Group
Mau Watkins 07748 076527*

MOSAIC SIGN

The mosaic is making progress but we are short of blue and white pottery pieces from the beach to use in the sky. If you would like to donate some pieces and put them in the mosaic please contact Irene on 07742 937918.



HERITAGE GROUP

The Mini Museum was officially opened by Spittal born resident Elsie Turnbull (middle) and Kathy Thomson (left) who has the scissors at the ready. The beautiful bow was donated by the florist Buds of Berwick.

Elsie's son, Robin is holding a photo that Elsie has kindly donated to the Mini Museum of her and her mother. They are standing on St Paul's steps at a wedding in 1951. This was before the steps were altered to allow for an accessible ramp.

Elsie's mother, born 1900, followed the tradition of using her title and her husband's name, so she was known as Mrs George Allan. She wore the fox fur because the wedding was in September. Photos were taken as guests arrived at St Paul's for the wedding of Margaret Lyall who married Jim Hardie. Margaret was a teacher at the Spittal school and also took Sunday School classes. Her father owned a grocery store (where 86 Main Street is now). His other daughter, Alice, married David Black, who ran the shop. David also tuned pianos and Alice gave piano lessons in their home at Spa Well.

Do you have anything you would like to donate?

A past resident from Spittal remembers a sign with 'Bailey Wall' fixed to an old wall running across the bottom of The Brae (the path between West and Middle Streets, before it crosses over into Prince's Opens). I contacted the Priory Museum in Durham to see if there was a map of the Leper Hospital in their possession as the area used to belong to Durham Cathedral. Unfortunately they were unable to find anything. Do you have any ideas of where to find details that might show the tower built to protect the hospital c1369, that may have had a bailey wall around it?

We are talking about a new project; a Spittal Heritage Trail with permanently fixed boards. Let us know what you think should be included and if you would like to be involved.

Raine Bryant, SIT Heritage Group.

HOW OUR SEASONS ARE DEFINED

We often talk about it beginning to feel like autumn when the nights start to draw in and temperatures start feeling cooler. There are two separate dates which could be said to mark the start of Autumn in calendars. One is defined by the Earth's axis and orbit around the Sun and the second is a fixed date which is used by meteorologists for consistent spacing and lengths of the seasons.

Meteorological seasons are derived by splitting the year into four periods made up of three months each. These seasons are split to coincide with our Gregorian calendar, making it easier for meteorological observing and forecasting to compare seasonal and monthly statistics. By the meteorological calendar, the first day of Autumn is always 1 September; ending on 30 November.

However, usually, when we talk about the first day of Autumn, we are referring to the Astronomical Autumn which is defined by the Earth's axis and orbit around the Sun. This year Autumn begins on 23rd September and ends on 22nd December. The astronomical calendar determines the seasons due to the 23.5 degrees of tilt of the Earth's rotational axis in relation to its orbit around the Sun. Both equinoxes and solstices are related to the Earth's orbit around the Sun.

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At Spittal's Seaford Park, Sea Road, may be held for a few more weeks weather permitting; then classes will close for the winter

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UPDATE FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH



During August we have been replacing the carpet and expanding the floor space at the back of the church, ready to **welcome you all.**

Please come and have a look.

OPEN - Doors are open during the daytime, most days. A place to simply be. Our gardens are always there for you to enjoy.

Youth, Children & Families

- Mondays 5.45pm (Starting 4th September)
YOUTH GROUP 10-14-Year-olds Games, exploring faith, & friends.

- Tuesdays 9am (Starting 5th September)
COFFEE, CHAT & PLAY Free play, snacks, songs & Bible story.

Parents & Carers with Babies & Preschool Children

- Sundays 4pm when the banner is up (Starting 17th September)

TEATIME CHURCH

Informal worship and learning together.

Families with children (and anyone who wants to join in)

Wednesday Worship

10am HOLY COMMUNION Spoken Service.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 4pm SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Donations for Food Bank welcome.

Followed by Harvest Tea.

Audrey MacLaren - 07812 657368

www.besst.org.uk

NEED A VENUE?

3 different sized
rooms available.

Book the

SPITAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact SIT

Let us know if you have a public event in Spittal that you would like included in the October 1st edition newsletter.

To avoid disappointment, please note: that the deadline is September 18th.