

Working in Spittal, for Spittal

# THE POINT

COMMUNITY  
CENTRE  
OPEN DAY  
All invited



11am  
to 3pm  
Sunday 7th  
May 2023

It has been a while since we published The Point, mainly because we have been waiting to give you some good news. That has now arrived! We took over the Berwick United Reformed Church, you may know it better as St Paul's Church, on 1st February and it is now the Spittal Community Centre. Initially we are on a 5yr lease, and we are hoping to raise enough funds to buy it within that time.

We have been carrying out a lot of work since moving in to make the building with current Health & Safety and Fire Regulations for its new role within the community. Some of the previous groups that used the building are already back in and we are hoping that new groups will be coming in over the next few months.

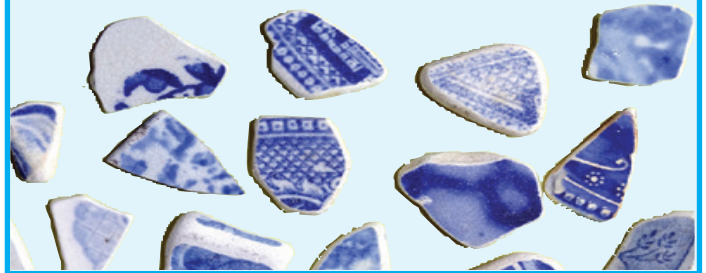
We are under no illusions that keeping the building viable will be a big task for us. This is your Community Centre, and this is why we are having this open day so that everyone has a chance to come and have a look around and see what we are hoping to do. So please drop and give us your views, we will even have tea and coffee available!

Mike Greener

## SPITTAL COMMUNITY MOSAIC

...need your input please come along to the Open Day and have a look at the ideas and have your say about what we should put on our 'Welcome to Spittal' mosaic structure. It will be built from bricks found on Spittal beach, many of which have the maker's names on them, The front will consist of a mosaic of pottery pieces found on the beach.

If you would like to join the group please contact Irene, 07742 937918.



## 2023 SPITTAL TIME CAPSULE

On May 9th, 2pm at Spa Well the capsule will be buried to Commemorate the King's Coronation. It will tell Spittalers when it is opened in 2073 about the village through photos and text from individuals, businesses, two schools and community groups. We very much hope that some of the school children coming to the burial will still be in the village in 50 years time and able to retrieve the contents.

Raine Bryant

## NEED A VENUE?

Parties Leisure groups Meetings  
Entertainment Talks

### SPITTAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact SIT at the end of this newsletter

### SPITTAL GARDENING GROUP

The Gardening Group were delighted to receive The Mayor's award for 2023. Several of the committee attended the presentation in the Town Hall where we received a framed certificate (on display in Spittal shop) and a metal plaque to put on the wall in the park. These were both presented by the Mayor Councillor Mike Greener.

The flower beds throughout the village have looked beautiful with the superb show of daffodils and tulips.

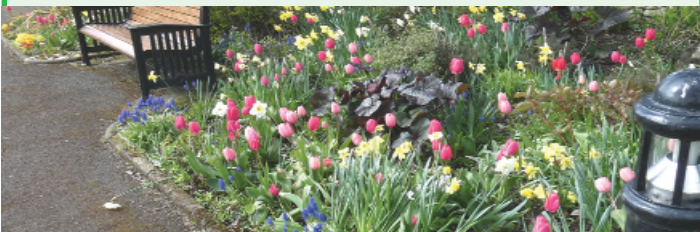
It has been a very chilly time but the gardeners are back out in each area tackling the weeds which never seem to be far away and planning the planting for this season.

The Spring Fair raised over £500 for gardening funds and our next event will be "Afternoon tea in the Park" on July 16th. Let's hope the weather is kind to us again.

We have been given a retired salmon coble to use as another "Floral boat" We have to decide where to site it. Any suggestions would be welcomed.

I'd like to thank everyone who supports us throughout the year especially with the tombola and raffle prizes and, of course, by attending our events.

*Mau Watkins, Chairman  
Spittal Gardening Group, 07748 076527*



### RNLI FUNDRAISING GROUP

Since the Ladies Guild folded following COVID there has been little or no fundraising done for the local lifeboat station. A group of ladies have got together to address this and already have some events planned. We would be delighted to welcome any new volunteers - ladies or gentlemen.

*Mau Watkins, 07748 076527*



### JOY AND CHARLES BEEBY - A SAD FAREWELL

15th April 2023

The end of an era as Berwick's all weather boat leaves the station for the last time.

0800 the crew assembled

0815 photos taken

0915 Joy and Charles Beeby is launched for the last time

0920 she steamed to the Old Bridge escorted by lifeboats from St Abbs, Seahouses and Eyemouth. A piper played a lament and she was saluted by a large crowd who had gathered on both sides of the river and on the Carr Rock and pier

0930 a final salute from the crew as our all weather lifeboat head for the open sea and finally to Hartlepool, a sad farewell. The crew on board are Robert Frost, PeterMcColl, Phil Paterson, Richard Cox, Michael Percy, Richard Peat

Joy and Charles Beeby served the station for 30 years with 221 launches, 9 lives saved, 187 persons aided. The last two service calls 5th April 2023, Medivac to Holy Island saving a woman in the sea.

Special thanks to the New Fundraising Group for serving tea and coffee.

*Gordon Blackett*



The deadline for inclusion in the June 1st edition is May 16th.

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