

THE POINT

Apologies for there being no newsletter for the past three months and for this one being late



SPITTAL KNIT & NATTER

As well as creating items to be donated to various good causes the Spittal Knit & Natter group also sell their items at various local events and they have recently donated £125 to **Berwick's Cancer Cars - The B&DCSG**, and also £25 to **Berwick Animal Rescue Kennels (BARK)**, from money raised at various Christmas events.

The group meets in the front room of the **Spittal Community Centre** every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm. Tea, coffee, biscuits, and occasionally cake, are provided. It's £3 per session, and all are welcome.



SPITTAL GARDENING GROUP

The Group have had their first meeting of the year. Work has started again on the flower beds and the park and the spring bulbs are in their splendid glory. The roses for the Middle Street bed are ready for planting and some of the overgrown shrubbery has been pruned back.

The shrubbery behind the old tennis courts, which were behind the Amusement Arcade, is looking great thanks to Rob Smith, and I believe some helpers. It's planned to plant some new trees and shrubs there. It's a great pleasure to see the bulbs there once more. They have survived despite being well hidden for years. The bed is now called 'Rob's Bed'. Well done to Rob.

We've been talking again about having an 'Open Gardens Day'. There are some lovely gardens in Spittal, and it would be lovely to share them. We are looking to have the 'Open Gardens Day' on the 21st of June. If you are interested in showing people around your garden, then please get in touch. More details and how to enter will be in our next newsletter.

Spring is now with us but so are the chilly days as well, but you can still enjoy the park and flower beds.

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Heritage Open Doors (HODS)

SIT will be taking part in HODS again in September. As 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2 part of this year's display will be looking back at the effect it had on Spittal. We would appreciate it if you could tell us of your family memories, or if you have any photos from the war.

If you have and would allow us to scan any photos or memorabilia we would appreciate it.

Our contact details are on the back page. For more on HODS see the link below: <https://www.berwickhods.org.uk/>

2026 Spittal Calendars

Each year we put together two calendars, Spittal Views and Old Spittal.

It will soon be time to put together the photos for the 2026 calendars. We have enough photos for the Old Spittal issue, but we always struggle to get good ones for Spittal Views.

If you would like to submit a recent photo or two so that we can choose the best ones for 2026, then please get in touch.

We will be looking for photos that are high resolution, sharp and that avoid large empty expanses of sky or sand. Also that they do not show people's faces!

Ross Hume

Local resident and violinist Ross is performing at St Andrew's Church, Wallace Green on Saturday 17th May.

Born and bred in Berwick, he fell in love with the violin at the age of nine when taster sessions were offered to young people in schools. He has studied at the University of York and London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Berwick Music Society are delighted to showcase Ross's talents as a local artist of the highest calibre. His programme will include music by Beethoven and Wieniawski. Tickets and info: <https://bit.ly/42vxPOJ>



The Promenade Cafe Bar

We have a new café in Spittal. It is called '[The Promenade Cafe Bar](#)' and it is at the rear of the Roxburgh Hotel on South Greenwich Road. It has been opened by Graham and Allison Exley, and they are delighted to open it.

They said "It's taken 3 months to renovate the new seating and serving area along with installing a full commercial kitchen. We would like to thank our brilliant staff and local tradesman who worked so hard to get us over the line.

In addition to hot and cold drinks we are offering homemade soups, cakes, tray bakes and other sweet treats as well as fresh made to order sandwiches, toasties, baguettes, panini and baked potatoes. New items will be added regularly".

They are open daily (currently 10am until 3pm) for their guests and the public but will be extending their hours as they train their team.

We wish them well on this venture.



Thank You!!

Our Spring Coffee Morning on Saturday April 12th raised £409 for Trust funds.

Thank you to all who attended and everyone who donated time or items to help us on the day.

Our Annual Tea In The Park is planned for Sunday 6th July and hopefully the weather will be kinder than last year. Check social media and future Point editions for more information,

Spittal Community Centre (SCC)

Hilda House Community

A resident who lives at the 'Hilda House Community' in Spittal held an event in the SCC in March to celebrate 'International Women's Day' and was pleased to gather together 50 people for the event. The global theme was 'Accelerate action towards equality for women'. "What a lovely, heart-warming, emotionally charged and important morning it was!" wrote one participant, following a time of listening to women speaking to the countries they were representing. This included Ukraine, Uganda, USA and South Africa.

Fair Trade, local businesses, our gardening group, local crafts stall and other organisations were represented, alongside a Girl's Band led by Darcy Martin, the Salmon Queen, who, with her attendant Jessie O'Mara, opened the event, and other live global music. "All kept us on our toes and gave us much to think about", said the Revd Elizabeth Baxter, Chair of the 'Hilda House Community', which is in process of registering as a Charity. Hilda House are a pastoral and educational community, especially working towards combating patriarchal injustices for all, with a particular focus on women and girls. So, as well as enjoying a happy event they were challenged to continue their work.

Elizabeth stated that Berwick Town Council generously funded the event, and Spittal Community Centre provided a welcoming space for this celebration of women and girls. They are already looking forward to next year's event. You can contact Elizabeth: elizabethbaxter@gmx.co.uk.

Pop-up Productions

We had a new group in the SCC at the beginning of this year called '[Pop-up Productions](#)'. Directors Lisa Summers and Laura Catterall have produced a number of shows under the umbrella of Berwick Operatic Society including 'Oliver', 'Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat', 'The Sound of Music', 'Fame' and 'Grease'.

They have formed Pop-Up Productions to continue providing opportunities for local children to experience the magic of musical theatre and will 'pop-up' in local venues whilst The Maltings undergoes refurbishment.

Their first musical, 'Cats', which had four showings at the end of March, promised to be a modern and fun interpretation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic. And it certainly was!

They said "We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for the help we received whilst we rehearsed and performed our production of "Cats: Young Actors Edition" at your venue. We were made to feel so welcome and nothing was ever too much trouble, and the Auditorium was always lovely and clean. Thank you also for sharing our promotional posts on Facebook. Spittal Community Centre has proved a great venue for us to use and we look forward to returning for our next production!". And we would certainly look forward to seeing them again at the Centre.

Their directors contact numbers, should you need to get in touch with them, are - Lisa Summers (07902 398210), and Laura Catterall (07585 034727).

Table Top Sales

Our final Table Top Sale will be on Saturday 26th April.

Doors are open at 10am for the public.

We will have the very popular bacon rolls, cakes and tea and coffee.

We will resume again in the Autumn.

Tables must be booked in advance by emailing

spittalicbs@gmail.com



10am to 1pm
SATURDAYS
18th January
15th February
15th March
26th April

SPITTAL
COMMUNITY HALL
MIDDLE STREET, SPITTAL
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED
TD15 1RZ

FREE ENTRY
Refreshments

Table Top Sellers must book in advance by
emailing: spittalicbs@gmail.com

Fool's Gold - Siren Song

Fool's Gold will be bringing their style of music once again to the Spittal Community Centre.

Their performance is at 7:30pm on Saturday 24th May.

The Siren Song show explores the enchanting world of the sea in a captivating performance featuring live acoustic music, intriguing stories and stunning visuals making it perfect for all audiences.

Join Fool's Good to explore the ocean's mysteries and beauty in a musical journey filled with fun, sound, video and storytelling.

Make sure you experience the magic of 'Siren Song' together - an event not to be missed!

Tickets will be available at Spittal Food Store from the end of April or can be bought online at ticketsource.co.uk/spittal-improvement-trust



Beach Wheelchairs

The container for the Beach Wheelchairs recently had a make over.

To use one of the chairs you can register with [Beach Access North East](https://beachaccessnortheast.org) on their website. Once registered you will have a member number, please note this number as you will need it when you call the booking line.

The booking line number is **0300 999 4444** and choose the option for Spittal/Berwick. You will be met by a volunteer at the site who will allow you access to the equipment.

The location is Spittal Park and Splash Park – W3W ///modern.twigs.value.

Disabled toilets are located close by at the rear of the Pavilion building and they have a key for these facilities.



Dates for your diary

Saturday 26th April - Indoor Car Boot Sale
Saturday 24th May - Fool's Gold Siren Song
Saturday 21st June - Garden Open Day
Sunday 6th July - Tea In The Park
Sunday 13th July - Sea Sunday at St John's
Friday 12th - Sunday 21st September - Berwick Heritage Open Days
TBC December - Christmas Coffee Morning

Spittal Improvement Trust Online

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