

THE POINT

Thank You For Supporting Tea In The Park

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the Afternoon Tea In The Park last month.

Unfortunately due to a combination of electrical supply issues for the Park plus uncertainty about the weather we were forced to make a



last minute switch to the Hall in Middle Street but we were overwhelmed with the support from everyone who came along and made a fantastic sum of £1,490 for Gardening Group funds.

Thanks also to everyone who helped on the day, donated prizes and produce for the various stalls and to Kevin for the music.



Strawberry Tea at Garden House - 8th August

Garden House Care Home are holding a 'Strawberry Tea Fundraiser' on Friday August 8th from 2pm to 4pm. They are inviting friends, families, neighbours and local residents to join them for an afternoon of fun!

There will be a raffle, baking, and small fundraising stall as well as plenty of yummy homemade scones with strawberries and cream!

All proceeds raised from our Strawberry Tea Fundraiser are going to our charity of the year, the brilliant Spittal Improvement Trust who do so much great work in our local area.

So, save the date and join them on Friday 8th August from 2pm to 4pm - they can't wait to see you all there!

Find them at 174 Main Street, TD15 1RD.



Berwick U3A

Come along to the Community Centre on 13th August to renew or join the Berwick U3A for the year 25/26.

Find out more about what the group has to offer and sign up between 11am - Noon.

Web: <https://berwick-upon-tweed.u3asite.uk/>



RNLI Lifeboat Fête Sunday - 10th August Noon-4pm

The local RNLI station will be holding their annual fête at the station on Carr Rock on Sunday 10th August from Noon until 4pm with lifeboat displays, funfair, food and drink, live music, children's activities and much more.

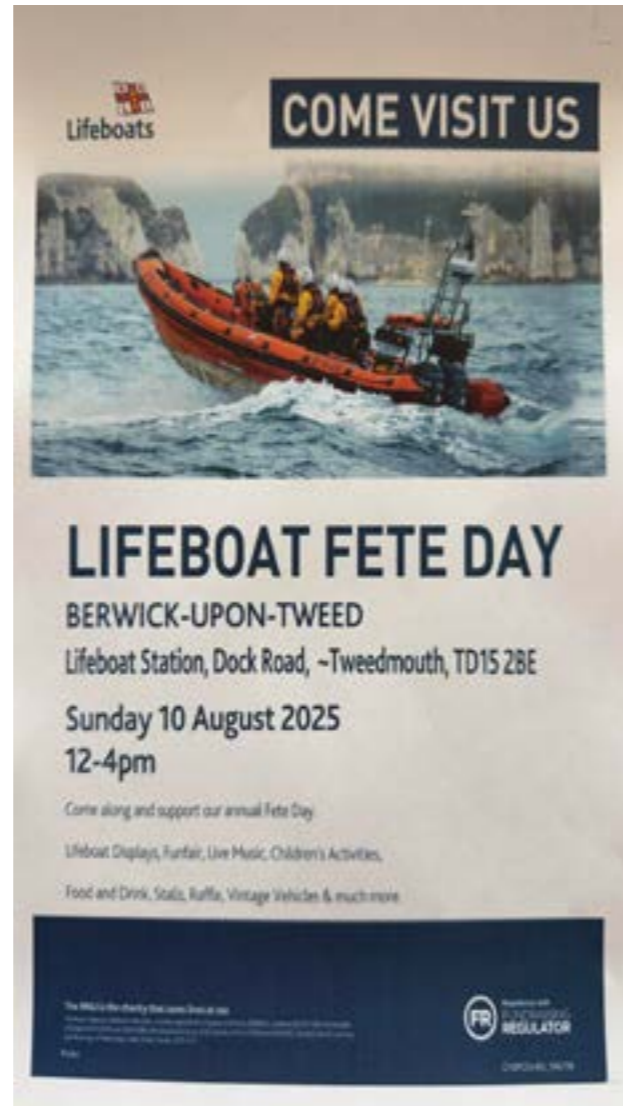
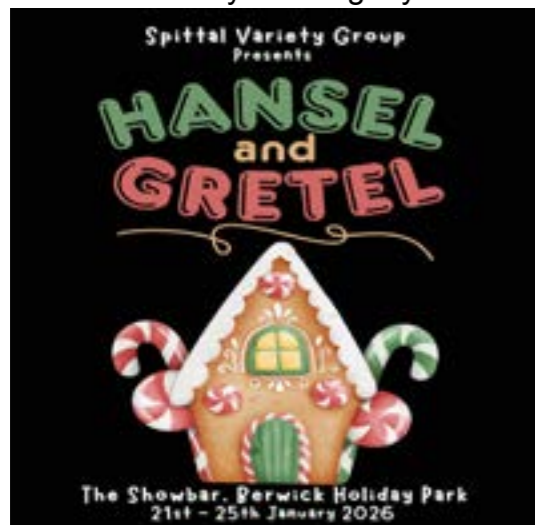


A great cause to support and a long-standing fixture in the Spittal community.

Spittal Variety Group News Update

We have received a NODA nomination in the Performance Awards for our 2025 pantomime, Aladdin. All the hard work that went into producing the pantomime has paid off and it's lovely to have this recognised.

We are also delighted to announce that our 2026 pantomime will be Hansel & Gretel. A new pantomime for us, this timeless classic captures the traditional fairytale but with a twist! will be performed at the Show Bar in Berwick Holiday Park from 21st to 25th January. Put the dates in your diary and we'll let you know in due course when & how you can get your tickets.



VJ Day - Information Needed!

As you will probably know by now, this year will be the 80th Anniversary of the final end of WWII.

Following on from VE Day in May we will be commemorating VJ Day on 15th August. We will be compiling a list of names of people from Berwick and North Northumberland who were either imprisoned or died in the Far East.

We hope to display these names as part of the commemoration, and we want to know if you can add to the list – it is very important that we try not to miss anyone out.

The list is mainly Northumberland Fusiliers at



the moment but will also include the King's Own Scottish Borderers as well.

In addition, we are looking for information on what happened to those who were imprisoned after they returned - what did they do; did they marry, any anecdotes which could be included in booklets about individuals.

Any help you can give would be much appreciated. Information can be sent directly to us at:

berwickarchives@northumberland.gov.uk

Or feel free to bring information to the Town Council Office on Marygate.

The present list can be viewed in Berwick Record Office and the Town Council Office during their opening hours - it is also available on this link.

<https://www.berwick-tc.gov.uk/widescope/resources/admin/list-of-prisoners-lb-4-07.pdf>

Linda Bankier
Berwick Archivist

Berwick Swan AND Wildlife Trust Open Day - Saturday 16th August



Berwick Food & Beer Festival - Fri/Sat/Sun 15th-17th August



Northumberland Coast - National Landscape

Northumberland Coast National Landscape team has published its annual review for 2024-25.

This report provides information about projects, achievements and aims across the National Landscape. Delivering for place, people, nature and climate, highlights include the efforts of Conservation Team volunteers, the success of the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, planning casework, and recent projects Generation Green 2 and Nature Calling. Partnership Chair Patrick Norris said: "The work of the National Landscape team ensures that the Northumberland Coast remains a special place - now, and for future generations - as well as a haven for the wildlife making a home here or passing through."

You can download the annual review over at Northumberlandcoast-nl.org.uk/resources.



**Northumberland
Coast
National
Landscape**

Volunteers Needed - Schoolreaders

If you have some time to spare, a good grasp of English, and if you enjoy spending time with children, you could become a Schoolreader. Our volunteers are drawn from all walks of life, Our volunteers get enormous pleasure from seeing the difference that a few hours of their time can make to a child's reading ability, confidence and enjoyment. Find out more at schoolreaders.org

Schoolreaders
Inspiring Reading • Increasing Life Chances

Volunteers Needed!

One in four children leave primary school unable to read to the expected standard. This will have a negative impact on their secondary education and future life chances. Children's literacy charity Schoolreaders is recruiting volunteers across Northumberland to listen to children read in primary schools. If you have some time to spare, a good grasp of written English, and if you enjoy spending time with children, you could become a Schoolreader.

Volunteers are asked to listen to children read once a week in term time and to commit to a full academic year, though of course holidays and weeks off on occasion are no issue. You can find out more on our website, or by giving us a call on 01234 924111.

If you can spare just an hour a week to listen to children read, you can help to change their life-story.

To find out more about Schoolreaders please visit www.schoolreaders.org

Schoolreaders CIC Registered Charity Number: 1120157 Registered in England and Wales

Dates for your diary

Sunday 10th August - Lifeboat Fête Day Noon-4pm at Lifeboat Station, Carr Rock.

Friday 12th - Sunday 21st September - Berwick Heritage Open Days - various venues

Saturday 7th December - Christmas Coffee Morning 10am-Noon Middle Street Hall

Spittal Improvement Trust Online

SIT Website - spittal.org.uk

Spittal Community Centre Website

<https://hallbookingonline.com/spittal/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/spittalisgreat/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/spittalisgreat/>

Twitter/X

<https://www.x.com/spittalisgreat/>

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