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THE POINT

Heritage Open Days Friday 11th - Sunday 20th September

We will once again be opening up the Community Centre for this year's Heritage Open Days programme. Times will be:

Friday 18th 1pm-4pm
Saturday 19th 10am-4pm
Sunday 20th 1pm-4pm
Please come along to view photo displays and other information.

There are also guided walks taking place across the week starting at Sandstell Road car park on:
Monday 14th at 2pm
Thursday 17th at 2pm
Sunday 20th at 2pm
Pre-booking preferred - for more info visit:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105

The usual self guided Secret Spittal walk will also be in place with interesting facts and figures about the buildings around the village.

Life In Spittal In The Past Friday 11th September 7pm

Come along to the Community Centre for this talk by Berwick Archives staff to find out more about Spittal in the past.
What did PC Carr encounter on his rounds and who was Robert Cooper Clements? All will be revealed! More info:
https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/life-in-spittal-in-the-past.html



Tweedmouth Middle School - photo exhibition Saturday 12th at 10am

Tweedmouth Middle School opened fully in September 1976 in the former Secondary School building. It closed its doors in July 2026. Come along to the Community Centre and see some of the photos given to the Archives. Can you identify anyone or share your memories of the school?
https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/tweedmouth-middle-school-a-trip-down-memory-lane.html



Spittal Of The Past - A Fork Made In Spittal

This fork was made locally at Black's Foundry, historically known as the Sea View Works, on Main Street in Spittal, now displayed in the Mini Museum, Spittal Community Centre.

The works were established in 1855 by blacksmith and manufacturer Thomas Black. The business originally produced tools for railway construction before developing into a successful iron and brass works. By 1851 it employed 50 men and 15 boys and supplied tools both locally and as far afield as Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

During the First and Second World Wars the foundry made spades for digging the trenches. Black's Foundry closed in 1953, which means this fork is at least 70 years old. However, as its exact date of manufacture is unknown, it could be considerably older if it was made many years before the works closed.

The fork is a lasting reminder of Spittal's industrial heritage, the skilled people who worked at the Sea View Works and the practical tools they produced.

The former works later became home to Martins the Printers in 1956 and remains part of Spittal's working history today.

Donated by the Burn family, in memory of the late Ann Burn.



Knit and Natter Group

This August we have sent adult hats and baby cardis/jumpers to Knit for Peace to be distributed where needed.
Also Lynda popped in to collect some bright beanies which she is taking to the Elephant Sanctuary in Thailand- cue Fashion Show from our members below.
They are for the wives of the mahoots (elephant keepers) who work in the kitchens preparing the food.
Thanks as always to everyone who donated wool to us - as you can see it's put to very good use.









Tai Chi Autumn Programme begins Thursday 17th September

Summer draws to a close, and autumn is upon us, so Tai Chi heads indoors again after a great summer programme of outdoor sessions.
For those new to Tai Chi, it's slow and gentle exercise that doesn't leave you breathless, yet improves overall fitness and balance. The number one goal of our group is to enjoy Tai Chi whilst gaining these health benefits, so why not try a taster session before signing up to the group.
Starting weekly from Thursday 17th September 2026, Spittal Community Centre session times are as follows:
Thursdays:-
Seated 13:00 - 14:00
Fridays:-
Beginners 09:30 - 10:30
Experienced 10:45 - 11:45

We also run other Tai Chi sessions on Tuesdays & Thursdays in Berwick, so please email for details if you are interested.

Contact Pete on berwicktaichi@gmail.com.

Slate Souvenirs On Sale Now At Spittal Food Store

Created by local resident David Letham who will be donating money raised to Berwick Animal Rescue Kennels.





Dementia Disco at Northern View September 19th 5pm-7pm



Garden House Supporting B-A-R-K Charity

Garden House Care Home chose Berwick Animal Rescue Kennels as their charity of the year and have been raising funds including two dog walks recently along the Prom with residents and four legged friends - watch out for future events.





Table Top Sales restarting October

The first of this Winter's Table Top sales events will be on Saturday 24th October. Email **spittalicbs@gmail.com**



10am to 1pm

SATURDAYS

24th October
21st November
30th January
27th February
27th March

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

2027 Calendars Now On Sale

Pick up your copy of our 2027 calendars for £6 at Spittal Food Store.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 2nd September - Tap Day at Bear Claw Brewery 12pm-9pm
Friday 11th September - Life in Spittal in the past 7pm at Community Centre
Saturday 12th September - Tweedmouth Middle School photos Community Centre 10am
Friday 18th - Sunday 20th September - Heritage Open Days at the Community Centre
Saturday 24th October - Table Top Sale at Middle Street Hall 10am-1pm
Saturday 5th December - Christmas Coffee Morning at Middle Street Hall 10am-Midday

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To avoid disappointment, please note that the deadline for the October 2026 issue is September 18th.

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