



THE POINT

*We wish all of our readers a very
Merry Christmas*

News from the Trust:

Yet another year is drawing to a close and to use a well known saying 'Where has all the time gone!'

The main thing that has dominated Spittal Improvement Trust's (SIT) year is of course the Spittal Community Centre & Hall (SCC). We will have been using the building for two years at the end of next month and, as we are all volunteers who have never before been involved in such an enterprise, we are pleased at the way the SCC has been steadily attracting more groups using the building. We have quite a few groups who are with us throughout the year, for which we are grateful to, and some that come for perhaps just one time only. All of whom keep us in a good position to continue. However, we cannot get complacent about what it takes to keep the SCC going. The housekeeping side of things are currently being carried out mainly by committee members. This means that someone is checking the building over every day of the week.

There are still potential possibilities for the use of the SCC that we have not had the time, or volunteers, to put in place. This includes a café; we already have a book library that is bursting with books for those that want to just sit and read. There are also board games and jigsaw puzzles. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

We have previously reported in this newsletter the problems being encountered with the winding mechanism of the clock located in the SCC. Berwick Preservation Trust were approached to see if any grants would be available to us for replacing the existing mechanism for an automated system. Following a meeting at the SCC, the Preservation Trust have agreed to offer a grant to cover the shortfall in monies raised to date which will now enable us to accept the quotation from Smiths of Derby, who have been maintaining the clock for many years and are also a well-known clock restoration company. Spittal Improvement Trust would like to thank the Berwick Preservation Trust for this offer, especially as the neighbours are missing the hourly chimes! We would also like to thank the Church Synod, and for those who donated online, for their donations, without which we could not have continued. It will take some time to put the new system in place, but we hope the clock will be chiming once again by the end of January.

On this good note, I would like to thank everyone who has helped us out this year, and I would like to personally wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Mike Greener, Secretary SIT

Spittal Gardening Group:

The gardening year is over once more. All the areas have been tidied and readied for the Winter break. There are still some roses to come from the nursery but other than that all the bulbs are in and now we look forward to the wonderful Spring display.

The Christmas trees are up in the Park and on the street and they look beautiful. These are purchased by the Gardening Group. Our thanks go to Karl Storey for loaning his truck to pick them up and to the gardeners' husbands for decorating them

The shrubbery along the back of the old tennis courts on South Greenwich Road is looking good thanks to the hard work of Rob Smith and his team. He tells me that loads of bulbs are showing through so that will be a welcome sight come Spring!

It just remains to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and best wishes for 2025 and to thank you for your support throughout the year which helps make our gardening projects possible.

Mau Watkins
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Spittal Improvement Trust invite you to join them
for



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



**Saturday 7th December
10am-12pm**

at Spittal Community Centre,
Middle Street, Spittal

**Coffee & Tea, Mince Pies, Shortbread,
Raffle, Chocolate Tombola, Tombola &
Gift Stalls**



There's a lot going on in December!

Christmas CONCERT

With
BERWICK CONCERT BAND
Conducted by Gordon Campbell

DECEMBER 8, 2024 3pm
St John's Church, Spittal

Tickets £5 on the door, in aid of the
church's East Window replacement fund

CAROL SERVICE

WITH

WALK ON NATIVITY

Sunday 15th December

10.15am for a 10.30am start

Followed by Festive Refreshments

Spittal Community Centre, Main Street, Spittal,
Berwick Upon Tweed, TD15 1QY

All Welcome



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THURSDAY SINGERS

Returning for our third
CAROL CONCERT with
friends 'EDROM STRINGS'
(including Spittal's own
Ross Hume). Cameron
Robertson will be
singing and local
musician Robin Turnbull
will accompany us all.



**SUNDAY
15th DEC
FROM 3-4 PM**

All profits
to the **FOODBANK**
and **SALVATION
ARMY**

You're invited to join in and soon be wrapped up in
the warmth of festivities! **ENTRY BY DONATION**
Spittal Community Centre, Main Street, Spittal

The Thursday Singers are returning for their third carol concert, with friends 'Edrom Strings' (including Spittal's own Ross Hume). Cameron Robertson will be singing, and local musician Robin Turnbull will accompany us all. You're invited to join in and soon be wrapped up in the warmth of the festivities! Entry is by donation with all funds shared between the Berwick Foodbank and the Salvation Army.

FOOL'S GOLD

THE CHRISTMAS SHOW!

Spittal Community Centre
Fri 20 Dec 7.30 pm
 Adult £10 U16 £5 Family (2 + 2) £22
 from
 Eventbrite, Spittal Food Store & on the door
Raffle & Refreshments

SPITTAL'S

Table Top Sales

10am to 1pm
SATURDAYS
 19th October
 16th November
21st December

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 Christmas Show has all the usual ingredients of a Fool's Gold Show - the songs -performed live, the fascinating stories behind the songs, the images to bring it all to life - and of course, a big helping of Christmas! You will know the songs - but you may not know the stories that hide behind them, and be warned, it is very hard NOT to join in!

Christmas Candlelight Service

Sunday 22nd December
 4pm Service Starts
 Followed by Festive Refreshments

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New Year's Eve Family Ceilidh
2-4pm
Tuesday 31st December
Spittal Community Centre
Light refreshments
Tickets: Adults £5 Kids £Free

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From Berwick Tai Chi

Merry Xmas and a great New Year to all Berwick Tai Chi & U3A Tai Chi members.



Thank you for a great year of Tai Chi in 2024. It's been wonderful to see you enjoying and improving your Tai Chi. I look forward to sharing your Tai Chi journey in 2025.

My very best wishes to you all,
Pete. berwicktaichi@gmail.com

Hilda House Community Women's Spirituality Book Club

A special time for creative conversation between women wishing to discover more about spirituality and empowerment within the warm hospitality of Hilda House in Spittal. The Hilda House Community embodies a gentle Christian ethos, working towards combating misogyny and patriarchal injustice.

The Book Club will be on the first Monday evening of the month. Our Winter/Spring book is 'Wisdom Calls' Transformative Ways for Insightful Living (Helen Warwick Sacristy Press 2023).

Dates for the Book Club are 3rd February, 3rd March and 7th April. Coffee from 6:45pm for 7pm to 9pm.

Contact Elizabeth Baxter at communityhildahouse@gmail.com for more information.



Christmas Services 2024

Sunday December 15th

**St Peter's, Scremerston
6pm**

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December

**St John's, Spittal
4pm**

Crib and Carols Service

Tuesday December 24th

**St Boisil & St Bartholomew,
Tweedmouth**

4pm Carols by Candlelight

St Peter's, Scremerston

7pm First Communion of Christmas

Wednesday December 25th

**St Boisil & St Bartholomew,
Tweedmouth**

10am Christmas Communion

"Come let us adore him"

Santa is on his way !



Have you been good ?

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