

Working in Spittal, for Spittal

THE POINT

NEWS FROM THE TRUST

Don't worry if you think you have missed our February edition of our newsletter. We didn't get enough content to put one together.

As you see, our AGM will be taking place on the 23rd April and we have to announce this at least six weeks in advance. Anyone can attend but if you want to be elected to our committee you have to notify us at least two weeks beforehand. We will also be holding a SIT Trustees meeting following the AGM. Again, if you want to become a Trustee you will need to notify us two weeks in advance. If you want to consider joining either of the above but would like to know more about either of the roles then please get in touch. Contact details are on the back page.

Things are going well with the Spittal Community Centre. We are getting a steady increase in a variety of bookings. Some of these are one off's, others are for a longer term. It's just as well that things as a whole are going well but slowly as we obviously haven't done this kind of thing before!

Mike Greener, Secretary SIT. 07752 403409

SPITTAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST

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NOTICE OF AGM

SPITTAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST'S AGM

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

AT 7pm IN THE

SPITTAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

MAIN STREET, SPITTAL

All are welcome.

GARDENING GROUP

On the 6th February, the Gardening Group were invited along to St John's Church to join with their own gardeners to celebrate St Dorothy's Day. So, who was St Dorothy? She is a Christian martyr and saint who is believed to have lived in the 3rd century. According to tradition, she was a young woman who devoted her life to God and was martyred for her faith. She is known for her patronage of gardeners and florists and her story has been celebrated in art, literature, and liturgy. You will soon be seeing members of the Gardening Group out and about once again as we move into, hopefully, the warmer weather at the start of another season of gardening.

*Mau Watkins, Chair Spittal Gardening Group
07748 076527*

EAST STREET AIRGUN SHOOTINGS

There have been shootings of wildlife in East Street including the killing of a blackbird. If you have any information on who is doing, this or similar incidents, Curtis Ritchie, the wildlife officer for Berwick Police Station can be contacted with this reference NP-20240120-0619



WHAT'S ON

Spittal Improvement Trust's

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

23rd March 10 am -12 noon

Spittal Community Hall
Middle Street, Spittal TD15 1RZ

**REFRESHMENTS * RAFFLE
EASTER EGG TOMBOLA**



ST JOHN'S CHURCH
Main Street, Spittal

EASTER MORNING
Sunday 31st March

There will be a joint churches service on the beach at Spittal at 8am, followed by breakfast in St. John's, Spittal.
Donations will be invited for Christian Aid to add to the Lent lunches giving.

SPITTAL'S INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

10am
to
1pm

SAT 16th March
FREE ENTRY
Refreshments

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

Indoor Car Booters must
book in advance. Email
spittalicbs@gmail.com



SEE
SPRING
FROM
22 MARCH

TWEED & COAST
**Nature
Trail**

14 SPRING information boards
starting at Corobation Park,
Berwick and ending on the cliff at
Spittal.

See www.tweedandcoast.org for
further information including audios,
kids quizzes, geology trail and what
to look for.

TWO CONCERTS IN THE SPITAL COMMUNITY CENTRE AUDITORIUM

The first of these is:

'Night of Guitars' on Friday 5th April.

This promises to be a night of fiery guitar playing from the duo Solea, and renowned classical guitarist Stewart Kelly.

Get ready to be blown away by the electrifying performances of three of Scotland's most talented guitarists. Solea will be playing tracks from their new album "Sketches" and Stewart Kelly will perform a solo set of classical music. After the interval, the trio will then come together to perform a set for the evening's finale.

Tickets are now on sale on Eventbrite. You can book now by using going to this link:

<https://shorturl.at/NU139>.

We look forward to you joining us for a 'Night of Guitars' at the Spittal Community Centre!

Then following with:

'Old King Coal' on Friday 12th of April

'Fools Gold' makes a very welcome return to Spittal with Carol and Steve's new show 'Old King Coal', an unashamedly nostalgic retrospective of life in the North of England in days gone by.

The stories and songs are a mixture of well-known and original and all feature the fascinating stories and histories you didn't know that hide behind them. And it's not all about coal either. Places, events, and characters of the North all rub shoulders with tales of the pit.

As with all Fool's Gold shows, Old King Coal is a mixture of live acoustic music played on a range of instruments, featuring the amazing stories and histories that created the songs, all backed by projected images. The songs are both original and very well-known. There's plenty for audiences to identify with and join in with, audience participation is always a big part of their shows! There are funny moments and much more poignant tales too, but there is always something for everyone.

Join us for a fascinating and fun evening in the company of 'Old King Coal'.

Tickets are now on sale on Eventbrite. You can book now by going to this link:

<https://shorturl.at/bdqY7>

Tickets also available from Spittal Food Shop.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2024 YET?

"I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots.

Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport. You have to be driven there.

I have made several trips there thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable. I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

Sent in from a 'THE POINT' reader in Ontario, Canada.



TWEED ESTUARY FOLKLORE -

We have had a request from Andrew Phillips, who is the Vice Commodore of Berwick Sailing Club, with reference to the white navigational tower in the mouth of the Tweed Estuary.

The Sailing Club make reference to this as Laudens, Lowdens, or Loud 'un, and no one knows why! It's a bit of a mystery. The Harbour Master refers to the tower as "The Monument."

Firstly, would anyone have any clues as to why the tower was called Laudens/Lowdens/Loud 'un? And secondly, can anyone remember dates of when there were fog horns attached to the lighthouse and the navigational tower.

Any information will be gratefully received.

Please send replies to:

aphillips966@btinternet.com

WAYPOINT CHURCH: WHO ARE WE?

Waypoint Church started in 2017, in East Ord Village Hall, by Jonathan and Jenny Mackwell who had moved into the area, and a small group of locals who they had gathered through sharing the amazing love of Jesus. Waypoint Church isn't part of a traditional Christian denomination, it receives no finances or resources from a central body, but we are affiliated to a network of similar community churches throughout the world.

Like other Christian churches, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God, that it is as relevant today as when it was first written. We have seen the truth in action where Jesus proclaimed: "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

In the seven years since we started, we have grown from three to around fifty adults.

We have a large children's Sunday school, called WayKids, and a youth group, and God has supplied the finances needed all the way through.

As a Church we believe in God's power at work today, as people have encountered Holy Spirit, we have seen lives transformed, and people healed in the name of Jesus, physically, mentally, and emotionally. We have seen many experiencing God's love and power for the very first time.

We meet at Spittal Community Centre every Sunday morning and have smaller gatherings during the week for study, prayer, worship, and social activities. Our worship is lively, modern, and reverent. The teaching is Bible-based, relevant and thought-provoking. We have times for listening to God, and times for anyone to receive prayer.

Whether you see yourself as a Christian or not, if you have questions about life, just want to try something different, looking for community, or you are just inquisitive, come and check us out. You will be made welcome at 10.15 am on Sundays, to enjoy a cup of coffee, tea and snack. The service begins at 10.30am.

To find out more check out our website and livestream: www.waypointchurch.uk

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive 'THE POINT' monthly by email let us know by emailing mikegreener84@gmail.com.

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UPDATE FROM
ST JOHN'S CHURCH



SPITTAL SEASCAPE

Last year people in Spittal, and especially the RNLI and the Coastguard, were so encouraged by our Sea Sunday event. This year we want to spread the blessing over a longer time by creating a seascape installation in the gardens at Spittal below the west windows, where everyone can see it as they pass. It needs to be in place by Sea Sunday on Sunday 14th July.

Rachel saw something similar when she was in Devon that she and Chris felt really showed the richness of God's creation above and under the water.

Rachel has passed the tiller to Anne Wadey and already the Spittal Knit & Natter group are hard at work creating brightly coloured fish, dolphins, turtles, lobsters and all sorts of amazing creatures. People have volunteered to help from as far away as Morpeth and Ripon. So if you can knit, crochet or sew, please contact Anne (07999 541538) if you want to get involved. She has lots of patterns from very easy to rather challenging and can supply yarn if needed.

If you prefer working with bigger tools such as hammers, saws and paint brushes instead of needles, you can also get involved. Speak with Anne or contact Alan Hume or Jonathan Frank, as this is the team that will make our project very specific to Spittal.

Anyone is welcome to get involved whether you are connected with the church or not. Even with the effects of climate change, the undersea world is completely amazing and wonderful.

LENT is traditionally a time for decluttering our lives. You might like to choose an item in your home that you could give to someone else as a gift or sell to raise money for charity. You could also gather up clothing or other textiles no longer fit for use, bag them up with a 'Rags' label and take them to a charity shop which can sell these items to make money.

Then enjoy the space you've created!
Ros Richardson. www.besst.org.uk

Let us know if you have a public event in Spittal that you would like included in the April 1st edition newsletter.
To avoid disappointment, please note:
that the deadline is March 18th.