

THE POINT

We hope you've had the chance to see the Knit & Natter Group's tribute to VE Day on the Main Street post box.



4th Berwick Guides have space for new members

Do you know a girl aged 10-14 years who's excited to discover new adventures, make new friends and learn skills that will last a lifetime? 4th Berwick Guides provides a welcoming, safe environment to have fun, and we'd like to invite more girls to join us. We meet every Wednesday evening in Spittal. As well as weekly activities, we enjoy extra opportunities such as camping, day trips and special Girl guiding events. So, whether she's born-to-bake, enjoys the outdoors or likes to try new things, at Guides she can discover new passions and develop her interests. If you'd like to find out more, please email berwickguides4th@gmail.com or to join up now, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Thankyou
Gillian Ridley
Volunteer Leader
4th Berwick Guides

SPITAL GARDENING GROUP

Spittal Gardening Group are planning a Gardens Trail in June this year, visiting all the different garden areas cared for by the group and a few hidden gardens, not usually open to the public. Are you a keen gardener? Do you enjoy visiting other people's gardens and picking up ideas for your own garden? Do you enjoy showing friends round your garden? Could you join our Garden Trail? If you live in Lower Spittal and have a garden you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you. If one of your neighbours has a lovely garden, however small, please put them in touch!

Contact: Judith Ward, Secretary, Spittal Gardening Group 88 Middle Street, Spittal, 07530 844362, or speak to any member of the Gardening Group. You'll usually find us in Seafield Park on Monday mornings or the Middle Street Rose Garden on Wednesday mornings.

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Gareth Davies-Jones

A Troubadour Journey - Lindisfarne to Durham : 141 miles, 8 concerts, recording soundscapes, reading books, writing and shaping ideas, talking, wandering and wondering !

From Sunday 8th June Gareth will be walking from Holy Island with a guitar on his back along St Oswald's Way and The Way of Light, arriving into to Durham Cathedral on the eve of Midsummer Friday 20th June. Along the way he will be singing songs at venues where he stops and getting into conversation about why we feel drawn to pilgrimage, what the stories of the faith of forbears tells us and how the history and culture of these Northern places has shaped and moulded us, moulded him. To find out about the concerts and "Foot Notes" (a new songwriting initiative) visit his website tour page where you'll find advance booking options, timings and more information.

www.garethdavies-jones.com/tour

**Singer-Songwriter
Gareth Davies-Jones**
Live In Concert

Spittal Community Centre
28A Main St, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1QY
MONDAY 9TH JUNE 7.30PM

A Troubadour Journey from
Lindisfarne to Durham

TICKET LINK

A FOOT NOTES Project
A new venture combining songwriting
and pilgrimage, to highlight through
music the history of culture and faith
along our ancient highways and byways.

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Little Strikers

Little Strikers early years football offers a safe and nurturing environment which encourages all aspects of mental and physical development. At Little-Strikers every child matters. Our sessions are designed to develop essential skills such as agility, balance, co-ordination, number & shape recognition, social skills and much more in a fun safe environment. Plus, they do not charge any membership fees!

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Coldstream Guards 375th Anniversary Celebrations

The Coldstream Guards celebrate their 375th Anniversary this year and hope that YOU will line the streets of Berwick on Tuesday June 10th to welcome them home. In 1650 five companies of Sir Arthur Hazelrigg and Colonel Fenwick's soldiers merged in Berwick to form Monck's Regiment of Foot, joining Oliver Cromwell's New Model Army, so beginning the Regiment's long association



with Berwick upon Tweed. The Regiment was billeted in Berwick until 1659 when it moved to Coldstream. During those years, and amongst many other enterprises including clearing the midden heaps of Berwick, it was the men of the Regiment who took the stone from the ruined Berwick Castle in order that it might be reused to build the Cromwellian Church that will hold the service on June 10th.

In 1660, their Colonel, George Monck marched the Regiment from their billet in Coldstream to St James's in London from where they secured the City of London and ensured the dissolution of Parliament and the fresh elections which were to herald

the Restoration of His Majesty King Charles II. It led the author, Thomas Gumble, to refer to the Regiment as that 'Small Company of Men who God made the instrument of Great Things'. In recognition of the part they played, in 1661 the Regiment famously laid down its weapons at Tower Hill in the name of Parliament and picked them up again in the name of the King. As a result, no other Regiment in the British Army can claim such a long period of continuous service.

As such it enjoys a rich and proud history; one that speaks to the courage, determination, loyalty and self sacrifice of a Regiment which since that first battle, have fought in or deployed on almost every major campaign or war that this country has engaged in. It fought with Marlborough in the War of the Spanish Succession, with Wellington through the Peninsular Wars and whose holding of Hougemont Farm was as so instrumental in his victory at Waterloo, with Raglan in the Crimea, with Roberts in the Boer War, with Haig in the First World War and with Alexander and Montgomery in the Second. Since then it has conducted operations in Malaya, Borneo, Palestine, the Canal Zone, Aden, Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Bosnia, the Gulf War and most recently in Afghanistan and in Iraq; and from where No 1 Company have just returned. Less celebrated, it took its place in the British Army of the Rhine during the Cold War, provided short term training teams all over Africa, notably in support of counter poaching, and trained hundreds of Ukrainian soldiers. And to build on that, this October, 1st Battalion deploys to Cyprus as part of the UN forces there.

But it all began in Berwick 375 years ago and there can be no better place to give thanks for this remarkable record of endeavour and of spirit than in the Church of Holy Trinity with St Mary that it's men helped build.

June 10th marks an historic week, after their march through Berwick they will Parade on the Friday before The King at Windsor and then again on the Saturday for Trooping of The Colour at Horse Guards Parade London. Guardsmen in Scarlet tunics and bearskins will march from Berwick Station behind their Band.

- 10.30am Tuesday June 10th – Arrive Railway Station.
- 1045 - March from Station to Town Hall via Castlegate and Marygate.
- 1100 - Parade Town Hall – Mayor and other VIPs present.
- c.1115 - March to Holy Trinity with St Mary.
- 1200 - Service of Thanksgiving.
- 1300 – March to Town Hall.
- 1315 – Civic Reception in Town Hall.
- c.1430 – March to Station. Route Marygate and Castlegate.
- 1514 – Depart Railway station.

From Alan Hughes.

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



Benefice of Scremerston, Spittal and Tweedmouth

Sunday, 11th May, there will be Morning Worship at 10 am at Tweedmouth.

Monday 12th May: Interviews for new incumbent – please pray.

Monday 12th May – Youth Group 5.45pm

Monday 12th May – Monday Prayer in Tweedmouth Church 9am

Tuesday 13th May – Coffee Chat and Play

Wednesday 14th May – Holy Communion at Spittal at 10am

Forthcoming events:

10th May – Celebration of Julian of Norwich – contact Elizabeth Baxter for more info: communityhildahouse@gmail.com

11-17th May – Christian Aid Week. See: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

9th June – Concert at Spittal Community Centre – Gareth Davies-Jones (Singer Songwriter) at 7:30pm. See poster attached.

23rd - 27th June: LifePath – Save the date and consider how you may best support - practical, prayer or financial support. More details of the 13th run of this amazing event at Brinkburn Priory to follow.

13th July – Sea Sunday at Spittal – save the date. God bless, Judith

Dates for your diary

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

SIT Website - spittal.org.uk

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