



Kitchen Manager Kristen Bauer and Manager Hayley Taylor.



# SPOT OF TEA

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**THE PLACE:** British ex-pats Jean and Neil Bevan found a remedy for their homesickness: bring England to Canada. Their new shop **english&millar**, near the corner of Hurontario and Second streets in Collingwood, is like stepping off a London high street into a quaint tearoom. The store imports hard-to-find English toys, housewares, teas and gifts. Whimsical door stops, beautiful teapots, lovely hand lotions and sought-after framed prints are at the ready and available to purchase online. The rear of the space opens into a tearoom serving light lunches, high tea and, of course, a wonderful cuppa.

**THE STYLE:** Pure British. Owner Jean Bevan selects her favourite items from England and creates a cosy English-cottage feel. Manager Haley Taylor shows off iconic wares clad with the Union Jack, Dr. Who, Paddington Bear, bobbies, the Queen's Guard in their ceremonial bearskin hats, the Tower of London, the Underground, the Beatles and much more. The owners travel frequently to England to bring new items back, so the inventory is always changing.

**THE SPECIALTIES:** Two words: High Teal! Kristen Bauer manages the kitchen and her artful presentation includes a three-layer cake stand with three varieties of finger sandwiches, beautiful fluffy scones served with butter, jam and Devon clotted cream, English chocolates, petit fours and a china pot of tea. What a treat! The kitchen also serves light lunches with an English twist: a ploughman lunch with old cheddar, ham, bread, a Branston pickle and a hard-boiled egg. Find baked potatoes served with British toppings, and, of course, lots of sweets and a large selection of teas.



**WHAT'S HOT:** Not just paraphernalia, you'll find high quality, rare-in-Canada British houseware brands like Sophie Conran china, with its white, textured finish. London Pottery offers terrific basic teapots and cups. Cath Kidston's florals and prints brighten your table. Emma Bridgewater's beautiful and practical pottery fits into a relaxed, colourful, mismatched life. Linens from Designers Guild and Ulster Weavers are found with coordinating aprons, tea towels and tea cosies. If you are looking for a teapot, look no further. At english&millar, the kettle is always on.

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