

## A Little Help



**FREE**

**Becks RCC**  
Bedfordshire Red Cross Community Charity

**BIGGLESWADE WELLBEING HUB**

Join us for...

- Refreshments
- Crafts and board games
- Signposting to local services
- Coffee and a chat ...and more!

12th June  
3rd July  
17th July  
31st July  
10am-1pm

Adults only, but babies in prams welcome  
Northfields Community Room, Biggleswade, SG18 0ND

Find out more and check the next dates:  
deborah.taylor@bedcc.org.uk  
07951 938227

WELLBEING IN BIGGLESWADE

Grand Union  
FUTURE GROUP

**3rd July** – Deaf awareness / basic BSL (delivered by a client of mine who is deaf and a friend who uses BSL to support)

**17th July** – Potton Veg Box Scheme

**31st July** – Sandy Helping Hands (Counselling Service) tbc



We're saying thank you to fantastic local volunteers at our

**Cheering Volunteering**  
in Central Bedfordshire

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By invitation only.  
Limited numbers.

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## IVEL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

Are you recently bereaved?

Have you been struggling with coming to terms with your loss?

Would it help to talk to someone?

For more information telephone

**07704 734225**

(Monday - Friday 9-6pm)

And speak to one of our

**Bereavement Support Volunteers**

*Sharing your loss can make the burden of grief easier to manage*

We exist to reduce isolation and draw attention to what help is available. If you know anything that we don't, tell us so that we can spread the word and tell others.



**Biggleswade Community News**  
JULY 2024

Email: [editor@biggleswadecommunitynews.uk](mailto:editor@biggleswadecommunitynews.uk) Tel: 01767 310163

## THINK AS YOU SHOP

*A Showcase Of Thoughtful Shopping*

*Think Green, Think Local, Think Fair*

Saturday 6th July 2024

9:30am – 12:30pm

**FREE ENTRY**

The Bigg Theatre

High Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0JL

*Think Green, Think Local, Think Fair*

Stallholders already booked:

Saxon Gate Flowers  
Lynn Dougan's Creative Crafts  
Biggleswade Community Group  
FAB (Future Action Biggleswade)  
Chilli Ranch

Biggleswade Community Gardens  
Gales Bees  
Potton Community Orchard  
Biggleswade & District Camera Club

Organised by  
FAB (Future Action Biggleswade)  
[www.fabweb.org.uk](http://www.fabweb.org.uk)

For enquiries, including booking a free stall,  
please contact [fab@fabweb.org.uk](mailto:fab@fabweb.org.uk), 07910 211824



## A Message from our Partner FAB

Are you involved with a local ethical company and would like a free stall?

Do you fancy getting a chance to see inside the BIGG Theatre - a great venue and meet some local companies and organisations that you may not be aware of?

If so see you there!

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Grab a paper copy or you can read it online at  
[www.biggleswadecommunitynews.uk](http://www.biggleswadecommunitynews.uk)



**Future Action Biggleswade**

[fab@fabweb.org.uk](mailto:fab@fabweb.org.uk) [www.fabweb.org.uk](http://www.fabweb.org.uk)

On Saturday 6th July we are holding a "Think As You Shop" event in the Bigg Theatre, showcasing local / ethical / sustainable producers and retailers. Go along between 09.30 and 12.30 to meet local suppliers and find out what is on offer.

**Biggleswade Good Neighbours**

TEL 07771 104255

or email [biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com)



If you receive this newsletter through your door it will almost certainly have been delivered by a volunteer from Biggleswade Good Neighbours. If you would like to help with deliveries or join the team to provide help to those who need it, contact us on 07771 104255 or email [biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com) A volunteer to deliver 20 newsletters in Upper Caldecote would be greatly appreciated.



We are a local group working to improve Biggleswade's green spaces and grow fresh food to share. You can join us on the dates below.

**July:-** Sunday 7th, 9:30am: Gardening at Chestnut Avenue

- Saturday 13th, 12:30pm: Harvesting & Gardening at Northfields

We are looking for more volunteers particularly to help with watering and we have our BBQ on Monday 26th August.

SG180HD or email [biggleswadecommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:biggleswadecommunitygardens@gmail.com)



**Ivel Valley College** Contact Dean Hawkins - [dean.hawkins@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk](mailto:dean.hawkins@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk) - 01767 512080

Our students distribute newsletters to pickup points around the town.

*We work with the above partner organisations to spread the word about activities and services that we offer. If you are involved with a Community Group perhaps you can join us. Just ask! Together we can do more.*



36 High St, Biggleswade SG18 0JL

[info@thebiggtheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@thebiggtheatre.co.uk)

Monday Closed; Tuesday & Wednesday 9 am-4 pm

Thursday, Friday Saturday 9 am-11 pm Sunday Closed

**Regular Daytime Activities**

**TUESDAY:** Chatty Tuesdays Weekly, 10.00am - 11.30am  
The Singers Weekly, 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Chair Yoga Weekly, 1.00pm - 1.45pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Art Workshop Fortnightly, 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Community Catalyst Monthly, 1.00pm - 3.00pm

**THURSDAY:** Senior Dancercise Weekly, 10.00am - 11.30am

**FILMS**

Rush (15) Friday 5th July, 7.30pm

Mean Girls 2024 (12A) Saturday 6th July, 7.30pm

Next Goal Wins (12A) Sunday 7th July, 2pm

*Tickets available online in advance or from the theatre bar on the day.*

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

Something for everyone including Music, Dance, Poetry, Comedy ...

*Call in for details or check [www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk/whats-on)*



**Antique & Vintage Fair**

Biggleswade Weatherley Centre  
Eagle Farm Road

9.00am - 4.00pm on Sun 21st July | Sun 20th Oct | Sun 17th Nov | Sun 15th Dec

**Car Parking:** There is ample free parking available right outside the venue. There is also easy access for wheelchair users and those with pushchairs.

**Facilities:** Superb cafe serving food and drinks all day.

## WHAT'S ON



Multi-stage community music festival and fete style stalls.

Watch students from Stratton, Edward Peake and community organisations perform a variety of acts including choirs, bands, solo artists, cheerleading and musical theatre. All entertainment is included in the ticket price.

There will be charges for bouncy castle and activities

Entry Adult - £5, Child - FREE

Tickets can be purchased on the door, or in advance at <http://stratton.live/stratfest>

Stratton School Presents...

# StratFest

06-07-24

Arts Festival & Family Fun  
Performances, Stalls & Activities

Saturday 6th July 2024  
2pm to 5pm  
Stratton School

Entry cost Adult: £5 Child: Free  
Ticket costs includes performances  
Tickets available online and on the door. 500 max capacity

stratton.live/stratfest



Wellbeing Arts & Craft Performance Refreshments Family Fun

## COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATE



All of the work of running the group is carried out by our volunteers without any cost.

We continue to produce this newsletter each month and print paper copies. These are popular and available to all including people without a computer or internet access. There are pickup points around the town and villages and we are adding more all the time. Good Neighbours clients get it delivered to their door.

We are grateful to our funders including Biggleswade Town Council; without them we could not continue. However it does not cover the full cost and our reserves are dwindling! We need more income sources. Any ideas? Space is limited and we always need careful editing to get everything in. However we can usually include an advert from a suitable business or organisation, if sponsored with a donation.

What do you know that we do not? We keep discovering things that we did not know about. Hidden Gems! Please send your suggestions for content. Tell us and we will tell everyone - readers and visitors to our web sites and Social media... Good publicity!

Nearly 30 of our readers have booked to go to Great Yarmouth on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. We need to decide whether to offer further outings. Are you interested?

You can contact us on 01767 310163

Email: [admin@biggleswadecommunitygroup.org.uk](mailto:admin@biggleswadecommunitygroup.org.uk)

## GETTING OUT AND ABOUT



Pick up a copy of this leaflet from the Library or Cafe Mocha, for help with planning a day out by bus.

It features a whole range of Bedfordshire attractions that are worth a visit. Most Single fares are capped at £2 until 31st December 2024 and there is free travel for under 5's and concessionary pass holders.



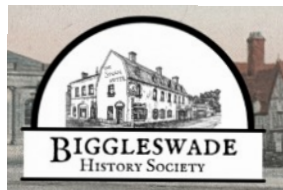
**Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society**

For our July meeting we welcome **James Miller**, with a talk entitled "Gothenburg Botanical Inspiration". After working and studying in a number of gardens around the world, including RHS Wisley, James now runs his own horticultural consultancy. So why not come along and hear all about Gothenburg Botanical Garden, a beautiful garden in Sweden with an extensive collection of Alpine plants.

The meeting will be on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July**, at **2.30 for 3.00 pm**, in the **Elgar Room** in the **Weatherley Centre**.

The cost per meeting for non-members is £5, which includes a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. But, of course, you're more than welcome to join the group. Annual membership is £10 for a single member and £15 for joint membership and members pay only £2 per meeting.

More details on our website: [www.bedfordshirealpines.com](http://www.bedfordshirealpines.com)



**Biggleswade History Society**

Meet in the Methodist Church, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade. Doors open 7.30 for 8 pm start, BHS members free, non-members £4. No pre-booking required. [biggleswadehistory.org.uk](http://biggleswadehistory.org.uk)

**Upcoming Events**

2nd July (Tues) 1:30 pm - Social Visit to Jordan's Mill. A tour is available - please let us know if you would like to join it.

5th August (Mon) 7pm - Visit to All Saints Church, Southill

2nd September "The History of St. John Ambulance" - a talk by Gill Price

We host monthly meetings and outings, attend town events, distribute a regular newsletter, publish historical booklets and support local conservation projects.

**Membership:** To find out how to become a member please contact us for details about the Society. Gift Subscriptions are now available at a cost of £18 which will cover the period 1st January 2024 to 31st March 2025 (15 months) to include all meetings and newsletters. Please contact the Treasurer or Chairman for further details.

**St Peter's Church, 7A Station Road, Biggleswade**

*your local Catholic Church.*



Parish Priest Father Prasad Kasireddy invites you to join us in our Masses and Services. Weekends Saturday 6.30 pm and Sunday 11am with coffee and tea afterwards.

Weekdays Monday and Friday Mass at 9.30 and Wednesday at 9.30 a Celebration of the Word and Eucharist. Rosary at 9am before each Service.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm -8pm Friday Evenings.

Please come along to any of our Services, and you are sure to be greeted with a Warm Welcome.

**St Andrew's Parish Church**



We have a team of 11 going out to South Africa on a Mission Trip in July. The team includes 5 young people and will be visiting St Andrew's partner community of Mafambisa as well as other 'Care Points' in the region.



The team will spend their time visiting these care points, helping the care workers prepare food for the children, visiting the children's homes with the care workers, playing with the

children and doing a few jobs as well.

Hands at Work, the charity that will be 'hosting' the team work in 8 sub-Saharan African countries to encourage local communities to care for and look after the many many orphaned and vulnerable children caused by the Aids crisis.

The team will aim to support and encourage the care workers as they seek to care for the children in their community. But they will also find the experience life-changing as they interact and come to know these inspiring people.

**Bookings are open for St Andrew's Holiday Club** that takes place between 13th - 16th August with a service and BBQ for everyone on Sunday 18th. Go to

[www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk](http://www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk)

To book your place. This year the theme of the Holiday Club is "Deep Sea Divers" and the children will spend their time diving into stories of Jesus life.

