



Biggleswade Community News

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How do we provide homes for the next generation?

Central Bedfordshire

“Your VOICE matters”

Why do we need a new Local Plan?

Government requires that Local Plans are kept up to date. The preparation of a new plan was agreed by Council in November 2023. This allows us to reflect on the increased emphasis, now placed on things like the environment, climate change and sustainability, high quality design, inclusivity and accessibility and health and well-being. It will allow us to strengthen our policies and set a strategy that is ambitious in these areas.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE LOCAL PLAN
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/newlocalplan



Have your say at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/newlocalplan by 23 September 2024

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www.biggleswadecommunitynews.uk



Future Action Biggleswade

fab@fabweb.org.uk www.fabweb.org.uk

On Saturday 6th July we held a "Think As You Shop" event in the Bigg Theatre, showcasing local / ethical / sustainable producers and retailers. We hope to have a stall at St Andrew's Country Fayre. See you there?

Biggleswade Good Neighbours

TEL 07771 104255



or email 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 A volunteer to deliver 20 newsletters in Upper Caldecote would be greatly appreciated.



Biggleswade
Community Gardens

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.

We are busy making good after some senseless vandalism! "We will not let this deter us," is the message from our volunteers.

We have our BBQ on Monday 26th August.

We are looking for more volunteers particularly to help with watering email biggleswadecommunitygardens@gmail.com



Ivel Valley College Contact Dean Hawkins - 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 should join us. Just ask! Together we can do more.

UPDATES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



Heritage Open Day

This year's theme is 'Routes, Networks, Connections' Displays include Berkeley cars, Biggleswade Fire Service, United Counties Bus Preservation Group, Dan Albone exhibition, children's activities. We hope to be joined by other organisations linked to the theme.

Sunday 15th September 11.00 am - 3.00pm at Bigg Theatre
Free Entry www.biggleswadehistory.org.uk



The Rotary Club of Biggleswade invites you to join their membership, combining fun and friendship with action to support the community at many levels. The Club meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at The Stratton House Hotel at 6pm for 6.30pm for a meal followed by business and/or a speaker. Contact – Rtn Helen Kapur 01767 260126 or email SecretaryBiggleswadeRotary@outlook.com



Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society

In August we welcome **David Charlton** – a regular speaker for our Group. This time he will be telling us all about the flowers of the Northern and Southern parts of Africa in a talk called "**African Extremities**". As well as

visiting Africa, David has led mountain flower walks for Collett's Mountain Holidays in the Dolomites in Italy, the Pyrenees and the Picos de Europa in Spain. He has also co-authored pocket field guides to the flowers of those areas.

The meeting will be on **Saturday 31st August**, 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

NEWS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



Wednesday 7th August 18.00. An evening walk of 3.5 miles (approx), starting at the Market Square. Allow 1.5hrs. Bring some water and dress appropriately. We will be walking mostly on paved paths or gravel tracks, although

there may be some rough paths. You can go at your own pace, and drop out when you want, you'll usually find someone at a similar pace. Meet by the war memorial.

Join us for Bedford Pubs By Bike! on **Saturday 24th August** Meet at Kings Reach Pub at 10:45 AM to depart at 11:00 AM sharp. We'll make our first stop at The Crown in Willington (near Danish Camp). Then, we'll pedal on to the Wellington Arms in Bedford. On our way back, there's an optional stop at The Bell Pub near Sandy Station.

Why join us? Scenic Route: Enjoy a mostly off-road, flat and very pleasant ride. Gentle Pace: We don't go fast, we're suitable for beginners. Great Company: Meet fellow cycling enthusiasts and make new friends. Pub Stops: Relax and refresh at some fantastic local pubs.

Details: Approximately 26 miles round trip

Not a fast ride, but riders should be confident enough to signal 90% off carriageway, with a few short road sections

Bring water, wear suitable clothing, and ensure your bike is working I'll have a roadside maintenance kit just in case. Riders attend at their own risk. **Come and join the fun.**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVER?



The Ivel Sprinter bus service provides much needed transport to people living in Biggleswade, Sandy, Potton, St Neots and surrounding villages, with buses running 6 days per week.

We need new volunteer drivers to help us maintain our services and give local people a friendly regular transport service. You will only need to drive once a month and full training and familiarisation with routes is provided. Currently we especially need drivers for our SATURDAY service. For more information go to our web site at www.ivalsprinter.org.uk or contact Chris Devlin by Facebook Messenger (07921 388599) or email ivalsprinter@chrisdevlin.co.uk

LOVE PLAYING TENNIS

looking to join a tennis club?
new to the area?

JOIN US
BETWEEN
6pm-7pm
TUESDAY
EVENINGS

Biggleswade Tennis Club

FREE

**Introductory coaching session
starting**

EVERY TUESDAY

weekly coaching sessions for all levels that
deliver the best experience from our LTA coaches

6-7pm for beginners

7-9pm for advanced/experienced players

club tournaments club matches
social events

The best carpet courts

The best beer garden in Biggleswade

**WE
OFFER**



Find us at:

Biggleswade Conservative Club
Shortmead Street, Biggleswade.
SG18 8BA

Contact Julian: 07545 8985 
or Rachel: 07903 720522 for details



Summer Games Activity Trail 20th July - 1st
September. Sprint, Balance, Limbo, Jump and Sail
your way through the 10 mini challenges at each trail
point, noting your score on the trail sheet as you go
along. Add up your scores at the end and head to the
Mill Shop for your prize!



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

ST ANDREW'S COUNTRY FAYRE 2024

Saturday 21st September

10am-3:30pm



This year we will be raising funds for Water Aid and NOAH supporting humanitarian crisis' - locally and internationally.



We are excited to have so much planned as normal for people to see and do. With regular appearances from schools and dance groups in the arena. To stalls and games such as tombolas, raffles and inflatables. As well as food including a tea garden, Bacon Butties, Jacket Potatoes and of course a BBQ.



Chair Yoga in Biggleswade Library

Friday 2 August
2-3pm

Friday 9 August
2-3pm

These sessions are led by qualified yoga teacher Sarah Claypole and are suitable for all abilities and ages.

Places are limited so booking is essential. Book your place at the library helpdesk.



BIGGLESWADE LIBRARY On 13th August from 13:30 to 14:15 Learn the art of African Drumming in a fun and interactive musical session! Led by expert, Martin Hanson, the young musicians will work together as a team to focus and explore the many different drum sounds and beats. Perfect for releasing any stress or tension! Suitable for ages 5 years and over. Tickets cost £3 + £1 for siblings

Rhymetime Wednesdays from 10.00 to 10.30; Lego Club Fridays from 4.00 to 5.00; Rhymetime Saturdays from 10.00 to 10.30; Rhymetime with a Story Fridays from 2.00 to 2.30

WHAT'S ON



Conservative Club
St Andrew's Street
Biggleswade SG18 8BA

Sat 3 Aug

Bubounce 🎷

Sun 4 Aug

Kara's Family Kara-oke 🎤

Wed 7 Aug

Jazz Night 🎷

Fri 16 Aug

Sing-along: Sing! 🎤

Sun 25 Aug

Family Fun Day 🎪

**BUBOUNCE
PLAYING AT THE CONCLUB**



SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

8.30PM

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT THE BAR
MEMBER £5
NON-MEMBER £7**

PLEASE NOTE NO RESERVATIONS FOR SEATS
PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR EVENING!!

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

HISTORIES YOU WILL LOVE



come along and be
entertained by Kevin
varty on Saturday
3rd August 2024 for
Witchcraft in
Northamptonshire
and Bedfordshire

an overview of the art of witchcraft, the
parts played by Northamptonshire... and
Bedfordshire witches you may never have
known about

**you might not want to walk home
alone**

£5.00 per person, 8pm start, tickets available
at the bar

Still the best traditional beer pub in the area

east Beds CAMRA RURAL PUB
of the year 2024, east
Beds CAMRA PUB of the year
2022 and 2023, Bedfordshire
CAMRA PUB of the year 2022

The March Hare Brew Pub, 34 High Street,
Dunton, Bedfordshire
SG18 8RN 01767 38121

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**The Coffee
Shop**

**BIGG
THEATRE**

is Open
Tuesday -

Saturday, 10am -
2pm and from
6.30pm on event
nights.

We serve specialty
coffee and we've
teamed up with the
family-run

Hertfordshire Cake
Company to supply
all our cakes, bakes
and muffins. If you

fancy something
stronger, alongside
the usual bar
offering, we have

some great beers on
tap from
Hertfordshire based
Mad Squirrel
brewery.

A Little Help

Experience Exceptional Care with Anytime Care 2020

Anytime Care 2020 empowers individuals to live independently at home through personalised, high-quality care. But don't just take our word for it.



Hear from one of our loyal clients, Sheila Beard who has experienced care first hand.

"I appreciate the outstanding service provided by Anytime Care 2020. Their dedication and support have made a significant difference in my life."

Sheila Beard

Sheila's story is a testament to the excellence and compassion that Anytime Care 2020 delivers. We are here to support you and your loved ones with the highest quality of care, ensuring comfort, safety and peace of mind.

Our Services include:

- Live- in Care
- Complex Care
- Personal Care
- Home Support
- Post-Hospital Discharge Assistance
- Elderly Care

Be Our Next Success Story!

If you or someone you know could benefit from our services, please call us on 07541 501681 or email bedford@anytimecare2020.co.uk. Our CQC registration and 18 years of experience ensure you receive reliable and trustworthy care.

Get in Touch Today!

Contact us now to learn more about how we can assist you and your family. Let's make a positive difference together.

Biggleswade Community Group exists 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.