



Biggleswade Community News

APRIL 2025



Email: editor@biggleswadecommunitynews.uk Tel: 01767 310163



The Third
Biggleswade
Beer & Cider
Festival 8-10th
May 2025

A joint venture
between East Bedfordshire
CAMRA and the Biggleswade
Conservative Club.
<https://biggbeerfest.org/>

Some Diary Dates



After last year's
incredible
success, you
are invited to
take part on
Sunday, May

25th for a 5K run!

Whether you're a seasoned
runner or just starting out, this is
your chance to challenge
yourself, meet people, & make
memories you'll never forget

Entry is £10 (Limited spots
available)



SAVE THE DATE!

For a celebration in
Biggleswade
Market Square 2

PM - 6 PM

Free Entry! Delicious Food &
Refreshing Drinks. Live Music
and Entertainment



Biggleswade
community carnival
parade will be on
21st June at 2pm.



Published by Biggleswade Community Group 01767 310163

Email: admin@biggleswadecommunitygroup.org.uk

Grab a paper copy or you can read it online at
www.biggleswadecommunitynews.uk

Biggleswade Community Group & Partners



Biggleswade Community Group exists for you our readers, to provide support and keep you informed.
www.biggleswadecommunitygroup.org.uk



Biggleswade Town Council provides funding to allow us to print paper copies of this newsletter and offer it free of charge to our readers.



Future Action Biggleswade Organises and Attends community events and encourages us to consider the impact of our buying decisions. www.fabweb.org.uk



Biggleswade Good Neighbours deliver this newsletter to their clients. Many are housebound and without Internet. Tel 07771 104255 or email

biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com



Biggleswade Community Garden Works to improve Biggleswade's green spaces and grow fresh food to share. Get in touch to learn more.

Email biggleswadecommunitygardens@gmail.com



Ivel Valley College Students distribute this newsletter to pickup points around Biggleswade.

Contact Dean Hawkins

dean.hawkins@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk 01767 512080



The Big Theatre As well as events, hosts a variety of community groups, meeting needs in Biggleswade.

www.thebigtheatre.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Carnival Group Organises the carnival parade plus a range of events

www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Safety Group works with the Police and other services to help reduce:-Criminal Damage, Burglary, Anti Social Behaviour, Fear of Crime, Youth Issues and Vehicle Crime. They also share information about scams, local events and safety issues. Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com



Community Group Update: We still need someone to organise social activities such as coffee mornings and outings. Working with partners we can all achieve more than a small group of volunteers can.

Good News! Biggleswade Town Council has given us a grant, to enable us to continue to offer our printed newsletters free of charge, to reach those who cannot access them online. Some of our partner organisations will also receive grants.



Biggleswade Community Carnival

We are taking bookings for Community Groups and Businesses to have stalls at the Duck Race.

The Carnival Parade will be the 21st June at 2pm. The theme is "The show must go on." Please get in touch to register as participants. Email hazel@biggleswadecarnival.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Safety Group are the newest addition to our list of partners. We look forward to working with them in the Community.

They need more volunteers to help with Street and Speed Watch and to help run stalls at public events.



Biggleswade Good Neighbours

Together with

Biggleswade Community Garden



Are holding a joint coffee morning at Northfields Centre on Saturday 12th April. (Details on Page 6)



Future Action Biggleswade Will have a stall at Ickwell May Day on Monday 5th May.

UPDATES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



Biggleswade History Society

Methodist Church, Shortmead Street,
Biggleswade, Doors open 7.30 for 8 pm start,
Non-members £4. No pre-booking required.
biggleswadehistory.org.uk

Monday 7th April Biggleswade History Society 50th Anniversary Celebration! Starting with a short AGM - all welcome!

Monday 12th May Gill Price - Highgate Cemetary - interesting and famous people buried in one of London's Victorian burial grounds.



Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society

After two trips to far flung places to hear about some lovely plants, our April talk takes us closer to home, when **Bruce Bennett** will take us on a tour of **the Alpine plants at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew**. Bruce has been visiting this historic garden regularly for many years

and has built up a huge collection of photos, so I'm sure we're in for a real treat. Why not come along on **Saturday 26th April 2025**, at **2.00 for 2.30 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. Annual membership is £10 for a single member and £15 for joint membership and members pay only £2 per meeting. www.bedfordshirealpines.com



Hi folks.. due to a wonderful algorithm issue, our original Facebook page is now closed down despite appeals, and we've had to re-launch!

We've used this opportunity to make a slight change to our name which we decided on, during our 40th birthday- we're now dropping the "Amateur" from our name and changing it to "Arts" which more represents our activities. Please bear with us whilst we re-populate the page and re-follow & like our new page to help us rebuild our community! Many thanks

Our next production "Come From Away" is at Biggleswade Academy Thurs 12 June - Sat 14 June

07584 251112 bats-theatre@hotmail.com





BIGGLESWADE TOWN BOWLS CLUB

Entrance and car park opposite 20 Glebe Road Biggleswade SG18 0PE.
Biggleswade Town Bowls Club welcomes new members, both ladies and gents aged between 12 and 80 plus with or without previous experience.

We will be holding FREE taster sessions on the following dates.

Friday 9th, 16th & 23rd May 6pm – 8pm.

Coaching will be undertaken by an accredited bowls level 1 coach.

Flat soled shoes or trainers (no open toe sandals) needed.

All other equipment will be provided.

Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.

Any questions please contact: Sue 07766212288

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/biggleswadetownbowlsclub>

Here are our regular activities



Tuesdays

Chatty Tuesdays Weekly, 10.00am - 11.30am

Broadway Boogie Encore Weekly, 10.15am - 11.00am

The Singers Weekly, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Chair Yoga Weekly, 1.00pm - 1.45pm

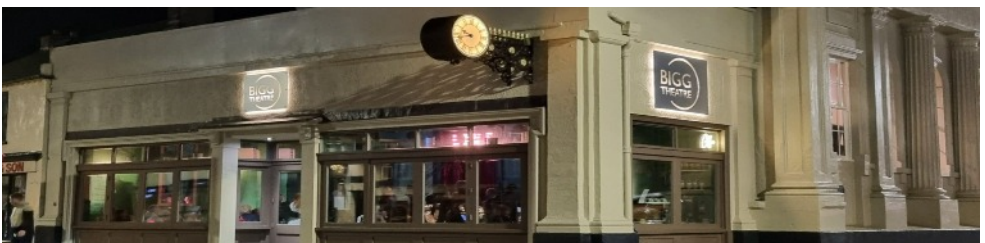
Wednesdays

Art Workshop Fortnightly, 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Somewhere to Sing Weekly, 7.30pm - 9pm

Thursdays

For Men to Talk 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10.30am - 12am



Biggleswade
GOOD NEIGHBOURS
together with
Biggleswade
COMMUNITY GARDENING

Enjoy a:
Gardening Session
Coffee & Chat
Easter Egg Hunt



SPRING
COFFEE
Morning

Sat 12th April
10 - 12
**NORTHFIELDS
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Thursday 3rd April

12 -1.30 pm

Light Lunch



Choice of homemade soups with roll and butter piece of cake / pie with tea /coffee / squash

All for £6 at

Trinity Methodist Church
Shortmead Street



**Sat 19 April
7.30pm**

The BIGG House Band with Soul Man, Gavin Skeggs, each month will feature a different special guest fronting the band, from West End stars to international jazz artists.

Exploring Silence

Wednesday 2 April, 7:45pm at St Peter's Church, Station Road,
A session where we introduce you to ways of getting into silence. We go through the steps of settling your body, then accepting your surroundings, then quietening your thoughts, as a route into the silence which you can experience in your own way but also with others.

www.exploring-silence.org EMAIL exploring-silence@hotmail.com

Rotary
Biggleswade

RACE NIGHT



Sutton Village Hall
High Street, Sutton, Beds SG19 2NE
Friday 25th April 2025
7 for 7.30pm
£20.00 per person/
Includes Fish and Chips Supper
Bring your own alcohol/drink
Sponsor a race (£30) and/or a horse (£2)
In aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance
To book call 01767 686106 or
Email: helenhopebedford@hotmail.com



Thurs 24th April 5 pm-9 pm
Market Square

Sat 26th
April 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Artisan Craft Market. Come to the Market Square and delve into the treasures on offer



Please support the
DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Fundraising
BARN DANCE

Advance tickets only £15 each

BBQ available

Saturday 19th July
7.30pm till 11pm
Doors open 7pm

Live music and caller with the **BULLENBUSH BAND**

Waffle

Licensed Bar

Dunton Memorial Hall
For more information and to book tickets, contact Heidi on 01767 601857
heidi-herbert@hotmail.co.uk

Save the Date
Easter Party
In The Park
Saturday, 19th April
Franklin's Recreation Ground

EXPEDITION FUNDRAISER
HELPING SUPPORT 3 STUDENTS ON THEIR EXPEDITION TO KENYA

DO YOU LOVE A **QUIZ?**

REGISTER YOUR TEAM AND JOIN IN THE **FUN**

FUNDRAISING QUIZ Night

AT STRATTON SCHOOL DINING HALL

FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2025

On Good Friday 18th April we will have a walk of witness. We leave from Dan Alabone car park at 10.30 am for a service in the Market Square at 11 am. All welcome to join in!

Churches Together in Biggleswade

A Little Help



Support Outside Work Hours

If you are a Carer who is also working, you may struggle to attend our Hubs or our Support Groups, during the day. For this reason we have created a monthly online Social Support Group. You are most welcome to join this group from the comfort of your own home on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7.15pm - 8.15pm



Movement to Music Seated dance-based exercise to music class for Over 60s. Fridays, 2-3pm £5pp (£3.50pp for Amplius residents) Copelands, The Baulk, Biggleswade, SG18 0PR. 07394 934911

Come and join our fun and friendly class that will keep you gently moving to good music, all with a smile on your face! A seated class perfect for those with limited mobility, or those who don't want the impact of a standing class

NOW WEEKLY

Beds RCC
Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

BIGGLESWADE WELLBEING HUB

Join us for...

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

Weekly Wednesdays 12 - 1 pm

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

Find out more:
deborah.taylor@bedsrcc.org.uk
07951938237

WELLBEING in BIGGLESWADE

Grand Union
Housing Group