



Biggleswade Community News

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ABOUT OUR TOWN



Earlier this year the old chapel in the Drove Road cemetery was renovated. This beautiful historic building has reopened as a wellbeing centre. A calm, welcoming space for the community. Its peaceful setting among the trees and gravestones makes it an ideal spot for quiet reflection and creative expression.

Weekly sessions will include sound relaxation, yoga, meditation, along with art workshops and community groups as we settle in.

The open day will be held on Saturday 20th Sept, with yoga and sound bath sessions in the morning and the chance to explore the transformed space from 12:30 till 3pm.

<https://www.vibrance-soundexperiences.com>

The Old Chapel 122 Drove Road
Tel 07810 032472

Racket Sports Hire We're delighted to now offer badminton court and table tennis bookings. Each session is 55 minutes, and the hall is fully marked and fitted for both sports.



The Orchard Centre, Sullivan Court,
Erlensee Way, Biggleswade, SG18 8SZ

Email: orchardcc@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk

Telephone: [01767 348020](tel:01767348020)

To book simply click the [link](#) and follow the instructions!

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enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk



Future Action Biggleswade FAB (Future Action Biggleswade) campaigns for social and environmental justice: Thinking About People, Thinking Environmentally, Thinking Local 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 Bigg Theatre as well as events, hosts a variety of community groups, meeting needs in Biggleswade.
www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Carnival Group organises 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.
Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com



Biggleswade Community Group

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.



Fairtrade Fortnight begins on Monday 22nd September. The theme is "Brew it Fair", focussing on tea. We will support it (in advance) with a stall at St. Andrew's Country Fayre on Saturday 20th September 2025. See you there.

This year our Think As You Shop Event will be on Saturday 25th October. It takes place at the Bigg Theatre where refreshments will be available.



In addition to our programme of events, we host these 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: 1st & 3rd Weds each month, 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Somewhere to Sing: Weekly, 7.30pm

Thursdays

For Men to Talk: 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month,
10.30am - 12noon

Bedfordshire Carers, the Biggleswade hub: 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am - 1pm

Fridays

Grief Café: Postponed until further notice



St Andrew's Church Biggleswade Country Fayre – Celebrating 40 Years of Community Spirit!

Join us for the 40th Anniversary of the St Andrew's Church Biggleswade Country Fayre on **Saturday, 20th September**, from **10am – 3pm!** This beloved charity event is packed with family-friendly activities, all in support of the MS Trust and The Willow Foundation.

Enjoy a day full of excitement, including an action-packed arena with entertainment, a tea room, a BBQ and tasty bacon butties. Browse through a wonderful selection of local crafts and fresh produce, while letting the kids have a blast on the inflatables!

To mark this special anniversary, don't miss our exhibition inside the church, where we'll be showcasing 40 years of the fayre's history – a perfect way to reflect on how this community event has grown over the decades.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a long-time supporter, there's something for everyone at this landmark celebration!

Come along, enjoy the festivities, and support two great causes. See you there!

For more details, visit <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/> or @standrewsbiggleswade on social media



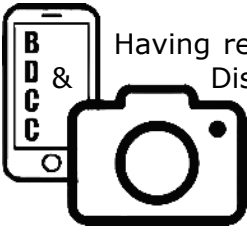
Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society After our summer break we're back in the Weatherley Centre for our next meeting, on **Saturday 20th September**, in the Elgar Room at the Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade. Our speaker will be **Kit Strange** – a regular visitor to our group. This time her subject will be "A Cavalcade of Bulbs"

Kit used to be a member of the Alpine Team at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and bulbs were her specialism there. As well as looking after Kew's extensive collection of Alpine bulbs, she has been on several plant hunting expeditions to photograph and collect specimens in the wild.

The cost 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.

www.bedfordshirealpines.com

YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB



Having recently celebrated their 50th anniversary Biggleswade District Camera Club are about to begin their 2025-6 season. The club consists of around 50 members whose interest in photography brings them together for a variety of activities.

From September to the end of April there are weekly meetings in The Sullivan Room, Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JH at 7:30 for an 8pm start until around 10pm and there is a bar! Activities include presentations of various aspects and genres of photography from visiting speakers including tuition on how to improve your own photographs, competitions judged by external impartial judges, social evenings and an opportunity for members to show their own photographic interests. In addition to the Thursday meetings there is a monthly outing to places of photographic interest, regular studio photography sessions, visits to interclub competitions, a monthly online critique session to help improve their photography, photo challenges and other social and photographic get-togethers.

A warm and friendly welcome awaits you, with help and advice freely given. Thanks to various recent grants we have the latest projection and studio lighting equipment. It doesn't matter what camera or cameraphone you have and you don't have to be an expert to join. Many of our members have started as beginners and gone on to achieve fantastic results and everyone can learn something from seeing the work of others.

The new season begins on Thursday 25th September with a Welcome Evening where you can find out a little more about the club, see a display of some of our prints and digital images watch some presentations and have a chat with members. There is no commitment to join at this stage. Just come along to two or three meetings as a visitor, free of charge, although there is a £3 charge when we have a visiting speaker.

For more information see biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk



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 1st September 'My Years Working at Horace Gale Ltd' by Alan Waring - The Biggles FM presenter shares interesting and amusing anecdotes of his time working at the electrical shop in town.



Light Lunch at Trinity Methodist Church, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

Thursday 4th September 12-1.30pm

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

All for £6

BIGGLESWADE

PRESERVED BUS RUNNING DAY

Sunday 14th September 2025

- Free rides out on classic & preserved buses between 10am & 4pm
- Buses link local visitor attractions including The Shuttleworth Collection, Jordans Mill and Stotfold Watermill
- New routes serving Langford, Henlow, Clifton & Shefford
- Stops at a selection of local pubs on route.

This event is organised by the United Counties Preservation Group with the support of Biggleswade Town Council, the visiting bus owners and Grant Palmer Ltd.

Souvenir timetables will be on sale at Café Mocha in Biggleswade from the start of September.



DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION

FAMILY FUN DAY
7th Sept
1pm - 5pm

BAR OPEN

Penalty Shootout

Teddy Tombola

Plate

Smashing

Book Sale

Raffle

Dunton Recreation Ground, Horseshoe Close, Dunton. SG18 8RY
For more information, please contact glynis.keech@gmail.com



CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Together with **YOU** and artist Rose Hill, we are creating a colourful, and vibrant mural for Biggleswade.

FREE workshop, learning creative skills in **COLOUR**, and **COLLABORATION**

This workshop is open to everyone of all ages, to create artwork that illustrates Biggleswade's strong community spirit.

WHEN
SATURDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER

Start time **12 PM** Finish Time **2.00 PM**

WHERE
Northfields Community Centre,
Northfields, Biggleswade,
SG18 0HD

HOW TO JOIN
Email Rose at helo@CoCreativeConnection.com to show your interest.

Act fast as there are **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL All materials provided

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

www.CoCreativeConnection.com



FAMILY FUN DAY **SAT 6 SEP**

FREE ENTRY Join us as the new rugby season kicks off!

3 SENIOR MEN'S HOME MATCHES ON THE BIG SCREEN

RED ROSES V AUS

2 BOUNCY CASTLES

LIVE MUSIC

BAR & THE BIGGY CAFE OPEN

Matches from 1:30pm
Red Roses KO: 5pm Live music: 5pm
BIGGLESWADE RUGBY CLUB, SG18 9RA



Bedfordshire Steam & Country Fayre

12th, 13th & 14th September 2025

If you are organising an event or an activity tell about it
Then we can tell our readers.



Call 159 is a new initiative to support people who have fallen victim to a scam, or have been approached by fraudsters. If you are asked to move your money away from your account or feel pressurised into making a payment, STOP! Think, 'fraud?' Call 159.

This line is not for general banking enquiries. To stop fraudsters monitoring your call history, try to call 159 from a different device you may have communicated on with them. When you call you'll be connected to a system which will redirect you to your bank. The sooner you report fraud, the sooner your bank can take the right action for you.

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Did you know?

You can line your food caddy with...

Newspaper

Paper bags

Plastic bags

Biodegradable bags

Food waste only

Central Bedfordshire Council

Find low cost alternatives at
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/food-waste

The advertisement features a central image of a black food waste bin with a lid. To the left of the bin are a stack of newspapers and a brown paper bag. To the right are a clear plastic bag and a green biodegradable bag. The background is a light orange with faint food-related icons. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The bottom of the advertisement has an orange banner with white text.