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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. The main way that we do that is via our Newsletter which is easy to read and understand and is available free of charge online and offline.



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. Please join us and spread the word. All welcome!



In addition to our programme of events, we host these regular activities:

Tuesdays

Chatty Tuesdays Weekly, 10am - 11.30am

Broadway Boogie Encore Weekly, 10.15am - 11am

The Singers Weekly, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Chair Yoga Weekly, 1pm - 1.45pm

Wednesdays

Art Workshop First & third Wednesday each month, 12pm - 2pm

Somewhere to Sing Weekly, 7.30pm

Thursdays

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

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

Fridays

Movement To Music Fridays, 12.15pm - 1.15pm

Opening Hours

Monday: Closed. Tue – Fri 10am – 2pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm. Sunday Closed

On event evenings our bar is open from 6.30pm.

During bank holidays our opening hours may differ slightly.



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 6th October Time Flies at Old Warden

by Debbie Land The life of Richard Shuttleworth and his family, the heritage of Old Warden and its legacy today including video footage of the Shuttleworth aircraft.

Monday 3rd November Crime in 19th Century Bedfordshire

Pamela Birch dives into Bedfordshire Archives and takes us on a fascinating tour of the Victorian Quarter Session Records.

Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society



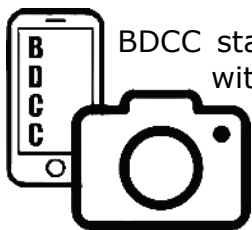
Our October meeting is on **Saturday 25th October** in the **Elgar Room** at the **Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade** at **2.00 for 2.30 pm**. This meeting is the Group's Annual General Meeting, and after the formal business, Liz Livermore will give a short talk on the flowers which can be found in late summer on Monte Baldo in Italy. There is no charge for admission to the AGM.

November sees the start of our new season of talks and it is also the beginning of the 40th year since the Group was founded. Our November talk will be on **Saturday 29th November** and we are pleased to welcome **Bob and Rannveig Wallis** who will tell us all about the flowers they encountered in Kyrgyzstan -Land of Nomads. Bob and Rannveig have been members of the Alpine Garden Society for many years and have travelled extensively searching out plants in the wild. They are expert growers and very successful exhibitors, having won over 50 Farrer medals at national AGS shows. Further details of this talk next month.

. www.bedfordshirealpines.com



5 Churches in the town meet up to plan joint events. Look out for us at the Christmas Light Switch On event on Friday 28th November. We hope to see you there.



YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB

BDCC started our 2025/2026 season on 25th September with a members evening.

Our first speaker of the season is David Steel whose presentation is entitled "My Type of Photography" This is on Thursday 2nd October.

Our second speaker of the season is Kevin Pigney whose presentation is entitled "Passion for Scapes" This is on Thursday 30th October.

Both lectures are in The Sullivan Room, The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8JH Entry is £3.00, payable at the door.

St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade

As part of the Royal College of Organists "Play the Organ Year 2025" October 11th 2025 11.00-16.00

Join us to hear — and play — our historic pipe organ, aka 'the King of Instruments'. All are welcome to this free event, featuring music for all ages and tastes, followed by the opportunity to play this remarkable instrument — open to all, regardless of keyboard experience or ability!

There will be two short talks and demonstrations of the organ at 11.30 and 14.00. The organ will be available the rest of the time with supervision if required.

Refreshments will be available all day in the chapter house. A raffle in aid of "the Friends of St Andrew's" will take place at 15.30. Come for all or part of the day. Register for a time to play the organ by contacting our organist; Dr Robert Butcher 07733226027 robertdocbutcher@gmail.com

Saffron Health Partnership, Biggleswade

The appointment and in person system is changing from 1st October, 2025. Appointments and requests need to be made online, but if you do not have access to online, you can phone **01767 316346** and the reception staff will complete an online form for you.



BEAUMONT PARK

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Last Tuesday of each month 10:30-12:00
Come join us for a chat, coffee and music!

Shortmead Street, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 0AT
Call to book your place 01767 313131

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Light Lunch at Trinity Methodist Church, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

Thursday 2nd October 12-1.30pm

Choice of homemade soups with roll and butter, piece of cake / pie with tea / coffee / squash
All for £6



Stratton School is Celebrating 75 years

To mark the special anniversary, we are holding a family event at Stratton School on Saturday 4th October between 12 – 4.00pm. there will be a variety of food vans, stalls, an exhibition of memorabilia and a big raffle. There will also be a variety of performances which will include some past students.

All money raised will go to FOSS the school's PTA.



Come along and enjoy a day of celebration and shared memories.

For more information Visit:

<https://stratton.school/75-years-of-stratton-school> or
contact Stratton75@Stratton.school

DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION Presents



**A
CHILLI
NIGHT in
NOVEMBER
with Quiz**

Join us on
Friday 14th November, 7pm
(food served 7.30)

for
Chilli con Carne with Rice or Jacket Potato,
just £15

Advance tickets, available to buy up to and including
7th November

Dunton Pavilion, Horseshoe Close, SG18 8RY

For more information, and to book tickets
Contact Heidi at bookings@duntonra.org.uk

Biggleswade & District Choral Society
presents

Oktoberfest

The German Romantics

featuring Schubert's Mass in G
and works by Beethoven, Brahms, Bruckner and Mendelssohn

Musical Director: Simon Berridge

Organist: Justin Waters

Accompanist: Anne Wright
with Guest Soloists

St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade SG18 0AT
Saturday, 18th October 2025 at 7.30pm
Concert tickets: £15 (inc refreshments)

Ticket office and further details see www.biggleschoral.org.uk



BIGGLESWADE BAPTIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CRAFTS

Join us for a welcoming coffee
morning with plenty of
refreshments and craft.

Thursdays 10am-12pm



Biggleswade
Baptist Church

adele@bbchurch.org.uk

Beginner WELCOME EVENING

Monday 6th Oct 2025

The Weatherley Centre
Eagle Farm Rd, Biggleswade SG18 8JH

LAUGH, SMILE & LEARN TO DANCE ALL AT THE SAME TIME
EVERYONE IS WELCOME



If you know of anything that you would like included in our November edition, get it to us and we will try to fit it in.

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Fancy a Cuppa and a Chat? Try one of these:

TUESDAY

Trinity Church Coffee Morning 9am - 12noon

BIGG Theatre Chatty Tuesdays Weekly, 10am - 11.30am

Dunton Recreation Association, 11am – 12noon

Café Mocha 9am to 4pm

WEDNESDAY

Café Mocha 9am to 4pm

THURSDAY

Community Coffee Morning 10.am- 12 am Biggleswade Baptist Church

Pop-Up Coffee Shop 10 a.m – 11am St Mary Magdalene Dunton

Café Mocha 9am to 4pm

FRIDAY

Café Mocha 9am to 4pm

SATURDAY

Coffee Shop at St Andrew's Church 10am



Our trained volunteers can help to resolve a wide range of problems including issues with debt, benefits, employment, relationships, housing and consumer matters. Our advice is free and confidential. Please contact us by completing our online form or by telephone, see below for details. One of our advisers will then telephone you to do a brief first assessment.

You may be given the information you need, sent information via email, asked to provide more details, offered a further call with an adviser redirected to another organisation that is better suited to help you.

The best way to contact us is by emailing us via our online form. Please let us know if we can leave a voicemail message if you are not available when we call. If you can't use the [online form](#), call us on 01767 601368 or 01525 402742 during our Telephone Advice Times.

You will get through to one of our receptionists, who will take your details and arrange for an adviser to call you back. If you phone outside our telephone advice times you can leave us a voicemail and we will call you back. Please leave your name, number and postcode and tell us if we can leave a voicemail message on your phone when we call you back. We aim to respond to voicemails within a week but this may not be possible. If your enquiry is urgent (for example, if you need a food parcel), please make this clear and explain why.