



# Biggleswade Community News

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## OUT & ABOUT



*The March Hare in Dunton has been closed since John and Janice retired at the end of last year. Work is in progress to get it open again under new management.*

*Email [admin@themarchharedunton.co.uk](mailto:admin@themarchharedunton.co.uk) to request updates.*

## Stratton Community Farm

"Small groups of appropriately equipped volunteers have continued to remove hazards, move and organise materials, set up an office and clear up the results of six years of non occupation. Thank you to all involved ..... we are getting there...."



There are only six entry points to Biggleswade.. five by car, one by rail. Biggleswade Town Council are refreshing every point with new flower boxes..

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[www.biggleswadecommunitynews.uk](http://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](http://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.  
[enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:biggleswadecommunitygardens@gmail.com)



**Ivel Valley College** students distribute this newsletter to pickup points around Biggleswade.  
Contact Dean Hawkins  
[dean.hawkins@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk](mailto: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](http://www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk)



**Biggleswade Community Carnival Group** organises a range of events. [www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk](http://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](mailto:Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

We have booked a stall at the Christmas lights switch on to promote the activities of Biggleswade Good Neighbours, Future Action Biggleswade, Biggleswade Community Group, Biggleswade Community Garden and Biggleswade Community Safety Group.

The date for this is Friday 28th November and the stall will need to be manned from 12 noon until 8pm. We plan to split stints on the stall into hour long sessions.

If you are involved with any of these groups and would like to help please message John on 07840 180137, or email us at [biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com).



### Biggleswade Community Group

Thanks to a Town Council grant you can pick up a free printed copy of Biggleswade Community News each month at pickup points all around the town.

By partnering with appropriate local organisations we are able to work together and do so much more!

These pages feature them. Any suggestions for any others?



This year our Think As You Shop Event was on Saturday 25th October at the Bigg Theatre. It went very well!! There is a meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 18th November in Cafe Mocha; all welcome.



Thank you CPRE Bedfordshire for the recognition and support you have given to us at Biggleswade Community Gardens!

We were very lucky to receive Highly Commended in the 'Grassroots and Green Shoots' category and Runner-up in the 'Bedfordshire Choice' category, both plaques will be proudly displayed at our Northfields community garden.

None of this would have happened without the dedication of our hard-working volunteers and the support of our community so thank you everyone!



**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](http://biggleswadehistory.org.uk)

**Monday 3rd November** Crime in 19th Century Bedfordshire by Pamela Birch who delves into Bedfordshire Archives and takes us on a fascinating tour of the Victorian Quarter Session Records.

There are bound to be some 'orrible characters lurking in there, so come along and find out sentences they received when the long arm of the law caught up with them..

### Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society



Our November talk will be on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** and we are pleased to welcome **Bob and Rannveig Wallis** who will telling 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 also expert growers and very successful exhibitors, having won over 50 Farrer (best in show) medals at national AGS shows. As usual the talk is in the **Elgar Room** at the **Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade** at **2.00 for 2.30 pm**.

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.

[www.bedfordshirealpines.com](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> November. We hope to see you there.

The Ministers met up recently to exchange information and plan activities.



## YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB

Meetings continue this month at The Sullivan Room, Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JH at 7:30 for 8pm start on Thursday evenings.

6 November - Monochrome Digital Image competition - see prints we have produced with comments and suggestions from an expert judge.

13 November - David Tyler Memorial Natural History Lecture - Natural History of Upper Teesdale by Andy Sands (Non-members £3).

20 November - People digital image competition - see the people pictures we have taken with expert comments and advice from our judge.

27 November - Members' Evening - a series of short presentations by club members on a wide range of topics.

Visitors are welcome to attend meetings with a view to joining the club, which has now been running for over 50 years. There is ample parking and the bar is open for hot, cold and alcoholic drinks. For more information, please see our website at [biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk](http://biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk) or contact the Secretary at [secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk](mailto:secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk) or telephone 01767 316176

**Cambs and Beds HPS** is a friendly local group of the Hardy Plant Society. We meet on the first Saturday of the month from September to April at The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Rd, Biggleswade, SG18 8JH. We have a programme of excellent speakers planned.

In summer we usually organise coach trips to interesting gardens and nurseries.

The speakers for autumn are as follows:

1st November Short AGM followed by Geof Hodge on Winter colour in the Garden

6th December Kerrie Lloyd Dawson on Border Bulbs throughout the Year. Plants for sale and Christmas refreshments.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings £4. For more information about our group and the programme go to our website [www.hpscambsandbeds.co.uk](http://www.hpscambsandbeds.co.uk)

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](mailto:bookings@duntonra.org.uk)

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Noon – 1.30pm**

**Light Lunch**



Homemade Soups with Roll  
Slice of Cake with Tea or Coffee

**Only £6.00**

That's the price! That's the price! That's the price! That's the price! That's the price!



**Trinity Methodist Church**

Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

'Opening Doors for the Community'

**FUNDRAISING CAR WASH**

**12pm - 4pm**



LOCATION  
BIGGLESWADE  
FIRE STATION

**Car Wash**

Saturday 1st November 2025



Donations welcome

What do you know about that we don't?

Email us

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Or Phone

01767 310163

**Events in**

**Biggleswade Market Square**

**Remembrance Sunday**



9th November  
10am - 2pm

**Christmas Fair & Light Switch On**

28th November  
- 12pm - 9pm



# The BIGG House Band

New Orleans Soul & Funk

Friday 7 November

Doors 7.30pm, Music 8pm

The BIGG Theatre Auditorium

Tickets £19.50

Get Ready to Groove with The BIGG House Band



If you're looking for a night full of killer grooves, timeless classics, and world-class musicianship, this is the gig you've been waiting for! See [www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk](http://www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk) For details of this and other events.



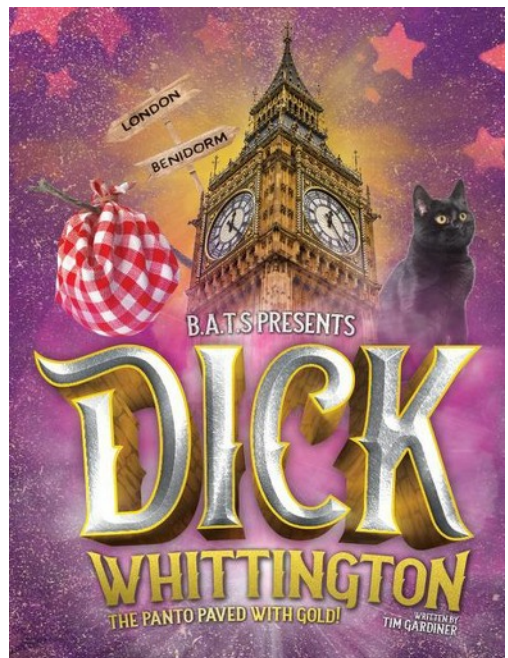
## Biggleswade Phoenix Explorer Scouts Christmas Fayre

Fun For all the Family. The event is on Sunday 30th November from 11am until 3pm at the Scout HQ in London Road.

Christmas grotto;  
Christmas games; stalls;  
tombolas; raffle and cake stall.

Christmas refreshments

Jacket potato lunches.



Fri, 12 Dec 2025 at 7:30 pm -

Sun, 14 Dec, 2025 at 3pm

Biggleswade Academy Mead End.

[www.batstheatre.com](http://www.batstheatre.com)



We're delivering a full programme of free Training for Carers, funded by Central Bedfordshire Council, running through to March 2026.

These sessions are designed to build confidence, knowledge and wellbeing for unpaid Carers — covering everything from Carers Rights and Emergency Planning, to Moving & Handling, Funding Care, Respite Options, and more.

Workshops take place across Central Bedfordshire in Dunstable, Biggleswade, and Marston Moretaine, with some sessions also available online for ease of access and to support those who cannot travel.

If you work with families, please share this opportunity with anyone providing unpaid care.

These sessions offer practical information, guidance and support to help Carers in their everyday roles.

<https://carersinbeds.org.uk/>



### **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

healthcarehomes.co.uk



*Committed, compassionate, caring*

**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