#### A LITTLE HELP



Bedfordshire Police is taking firm action against the illegal use of e-scooters and other e-vehicles in public places.

# THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

These vehicles are not road legal unless part of an approved rental scheme - there is currently no such scheme active in Bedfordshire.

Privately owned e-scooters and e-bikes cannot be insured, making their use in public spaces illegal.

If you are caught riding an e-scooter, e-bike or any other offroad vehicle in a public road or any other public space, your vehicle may be seized and destroyed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REPORT NUISANCE VEHICLES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.BEDS.POLICE.UK



# Biggleswade Community News DECEMBER 2025



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There are plenty of activities to choose from in this edition. Whether you are a family, a couple or just you there is no need to be lonely. You are special and we are here for you! Love Biggleswade Community Group



Biggleswade Town Council Christmas Fair & Light Switch On 28th November 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Kick off Christmas with the Annual Christmas Light Switchon in Biggleswade. Family fun-packed day for all. Join us for a magical day of festive fun as Biggleswade comes alive with Christmas cheer!

Light Switch on around 7pm

Enjoy:

A visit from Santa Live performances

Gift stalls Food & drink

BSL interpreter Lots of fun for all ages!

Don't miss the Christmas lights switch-on and help us kick off the festive season in style!

This year for just £1, you can decorate your own Christmas bauble, which will be hung on the Christmas tree in the Market Square.

Limited numbers available – don't miss out! Get your bauble from the Town Council offices today! For more information, call: 01767313134 or email: enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk

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# **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.

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 <a href="mailto:biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com">biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com</a>



**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.

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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

### **Christmas in Biggleswade Churches**

**Sunday 7 December** 10-30 Gift Service (vouchers for Women's Refuge) TRINITY

**Sunday 14 December** Candlelight Carol Service 4pm (mince pies & coffee) TRINITY

**Wednesday 17 December** 6.00 pm onwards Carols on the Church Lawn with mulled wine and mince pies ST ANDREWS

**Thursday 18 December** 6.00 pm onwards Carols Sullivan Court, Kings Reach, SG18 8SX 7.00 pm onwards Collings Crescent Play Area, St Andrews Park, SG18 0PZ ST ANDREWS

**Saturday 20 December** MESSY CHURCH - 10-30 (families welcome) TRINITY

10.30 am – 12.00 noon Nativity Tableau, market square ST ANDREWS

4-5pm Christingle & Christmas Story (particularly suitable for children and families) BAPTIST

7.30pm Biggleswade & District Choral Society Concert ST ANDREWS

**Sunday 21 December** 10-30 Morning Christmas Service TRINITY

6.00 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols ST ANDREWS

6.30-7.30pm Carols By Candlelight BAPTIST

#### **Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve**

6pm Communion (mince pies & coffee) TRINITY

6pm Crib Service and Nativity 11.30 pm Midnight Mass ST ANDREWS 6pm Children's Christmas Mass; 9 pm Christmas Carol singing

10 pm Early Midnight Mass ST PETERS

### **Thursday 25 December Christmas Day**

10.00 am Festival Parish Communion ST ANDREWS

Morning service 10-30 (at Henlow Methodist) TRINITY

10 - 11 am All age Christmas Day Service BAPTIST

11am Christmas Mass ST PETERS





#### WHAT'S ON



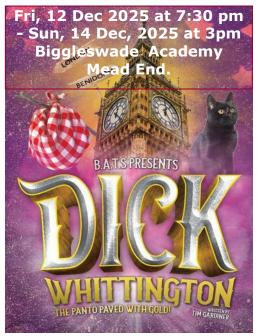


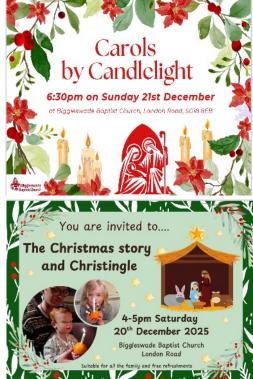
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SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 12-2-30

TOMBOLA. CAKE STALL. GAMES

Available from





#### **UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERS**



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

By partnering with appropriate local organsiations we are able to work together and do so much more! These pages feature them. Any suggestions for any others?



**Future Action Biggleswade** Look for our stall at the Light Switch On Event. Stop to pick up a Newsletter and chat with members of our partner organisations.



**Biggleswade Community Garden** 13th Dec will be our Christmas party at Northfields, food available and all welcome!

# The Bigg Theatre



Christmas Craft Market Saturday 13 December

The BIGG Christmas Ceilidh with Govannen Saturday 13 December





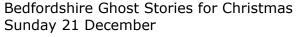
A Swinging BIGG Band Christmas Monday 15 December

Two Turtle Doves Friday 19 December Snow





White Rose Red Bear Brown Sunday 21 December







A Christmas Carol A Dramatised Reading Monday 22 December

#### **UPDATES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**



# **Biggleswade History Society**

Our next meeting on Monday 5th January will be at The Bigg Theatre, High Street, Biggleswade. The topic will be 'The Haunting history of The Bigg Theatre and West End

Ghosts by Natalie Doig". Doors open 7.30 for 8 pm start, Nonmembers £4. No pre-booking required. biggleswadehistory.org.uk The award-winning Weird in the Wade podcaster brings spooky tales of the building's past and famous theatre ghosts.



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

We have a programme of excellent speakers planned.

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



On Mondays, from December 2025 onwards (for the winter months) St Peters church in Station Road invite anyone to join us for a cuppa and chat, 10am to 12pm; All welcome.



## **Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society**

We have a short break now from "in person" talks, but we will resume on Saturday 21st February 2026. To fill the gap we are holding a series of on-line talks by ZOOM, the first will be

on Wednesday 10th December. For details of the speakers and subjects, and how to join these sessions go to our website www.bedfordshirealpines.com

### River Ivel Community Energy - Powering Up Our Local Future



We offer free, practical advice on saving energy and money, reducing damp, improving insulation and understanding heat pumps. Often, small changes make the biggest difference.

We have grown our work across Bedfordshire thanks to generous Lottery Funding. We have launched several new Community Energy projects, including two large rooftop solar installations that will provide clean and affordable energy to local buildings.

Our thermal imaging camera is available to borrow. It can help you spot where heat escapes so you can keep your home warmer for less.

Meet Your Local Energy Champions at our regular pop-up at Preen in Biggleswade. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates about these projects, community benefits, and upcoming share offers. These will be great opportunities for local people to invest in renewable energy close to home.



Community energy is about working together for positive change. We are a small team of local volunteers who live and work in the community. If you can spare some time or skills, we would love your help. We offer training and support and a chance to make a real difference.

info@riverivelcommunityenergy.com https://riverivelcommunityenergy.com



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:

- 4 December Faces and Figures; a digitally projected presentation by professional photographer Dave Stewart. (Non-members £3).
- 11 December two print competitions in one evening. In the first half the People Competition and the second half the set subject Committee Cup competition with the subject The Natural World, with comments and suggestions from an expert judge.
- 18 December John Clark Memorial Humorous Image Knockout Competition and Christmas Quiz.

Visitors are welcome to attend meetings with a view to joining the club, There is ample parking and the bar is open for hot, cold and alcoholic drinks. For more information, please see biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or contact secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or telephone 01767 316176.