



Biggleswade Community News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Dunton Wassail Saturday, 03 Jan, 2026 at 06:30 pm. Church Farm, Dunton, SG18 8RW

An evening of music, madness and mayhem. Hosted by Letchworth Morris, supported by Bedford Morris, Hicca Hoodlums, The Biggleswade Barnacles, The Barfront Guizers, Dunton Community Garden, and the Potton Community Orchard.

A completely free event for all the family!

Biggleswade Railway Station now has the long-awaited lifts and footbridge, providing step-free access to all platforms.

Govia Thameslink Railway has advised it has requested funding from the Department for Transport to ensure the lifts are staffed and available from the first train to the last, with a decision expected soon.

Richard Fuller MP said: "I am delighted that Biggleswade Station finally has step-free access. This is a huge win for our community and will make a real difference to passengers. Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign"

FESTIVE OPENING HOURS
BIGGLESWADE POST OFFICE



Monday 22nd Dec 9am-5.30pm
Tuesday 23rd Dec 9am-1pm
Christmas Eve Closed
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
Saturday 27th Dec Closed
Sunday 28th Dec Closed
Monday 29th Dec Closed
Tuesday 30th Dec Closed
New Years Eve Closed
New Years Day Closed
Friday 2nd Jan Closed
Saturday 3rd Jan Closed
Sunday 4th Jan Closed
Monday 5th Jan 9am-5.30pm
Back to normal opening hours



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 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.

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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



Biggleswade Community Group

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?



A big thank you to all BGN volunteers and newsletter distributors, including staff and students at Ivel Valley College. Wishing you a happy new year.

Erica Seruset Borgstrom is stepping down from her role as Deputy Chair of BGN after eight years of invaluable support. She will continue as a volunteer and has kindly agreed to be an Advisory Trustee to the Steering Group, so we won't lose her wisdom and experience completely. Thank you Erica for all you have done for us over the years.



Future Action Biggleswade

We have updated our [Web Site](#)

With event reports. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th January 2026; at Cafe Mocha and via Zoom. All welcome!



Biggleswade Community Garden On Saturday 10th January from 10.30 - 13.30 we will be gardening at Northfields and planning for a fruitful year ahead for 2026 followed by our AGM at the community centre. Feel free to come to one or the other or both! Refreshments provided.

Activities in The Bigg Theatre



Tuesdays

Chatty Tuesdays Weekly, 10.00am - 11.30am

Broadway Boogie Encore Weekly, 10.15am - 11.00am

The Singers Weekly, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesdays

Art Workshop 1st & 3rd Wednesday every month, 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Somewhere to Sing Weekly, 7.30pm - 9pm

Thursdays

Hartbeeps Weekly 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.45am

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

Bedfordshire Carers The Biggleswade Hub 3rd Thursday every month, 10am - 1pm

Fridays

Artventurers Weekly, 10.15am - 11.15am

Seated Movement To Music Weekly, 12.15pm - 1.15pm



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

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, Non-members £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.

Monday 3rd February - Derek Davies - The History of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. A fascinating insight into the charity which has been saving lives at sea since 1824.

SOME WARM PLACES

If you feel cold there are places offering a warm welcome.

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

Biggleswade Warm Space is a free friendly place in the Labour Hall Crab Lane Biggleswade SG18 0LN. Open Thursdays 2pm to 6pm and Saturdays 1pm to 4pm November to March. **See page 6 for more details.**



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

The Epiphany: Sunday 4 January

8.00 am Holy Communion ; 10.00 am All Together Communion

Presentation of Christ: Sunday 1 February

8.00 am Holy Communion

Candlemas 10.00 am All Together Communion; 3.00 pm Christingle

Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society



We have a short break now from "in person" talks, but we will resume on **Saturday 21st February 2026**.
www.bedfordshirealpines.com



YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB

There is a special half price subscription for anyone joining in January.

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:

8 January - Panel Competitions - for a panel of 3 prints or 4 digital images with a critique by an expert judge.

15 January - an evening of presentations by members of the club.

22 January - round 3 of the Challenge Cup for digital images with a visiting photographic judge to give comments and scores.

29 January - My Photographic Journey a presentation by Duncan Woodhead. (non-members £3).

In addition the club has regular outings, online critique sessions, practical studio sessions and a monthly Flickr Challenge

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 or contact the Secretary
at secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk
or telephone 01767 316176.



BATS (Biggleswade Arts and Theatrical Society) has over 50 active members. We usually perform three productions every year covering a wide range of theatrical styles. We are also available to perform outside shows and have music and drama material and murder mysteries available for all occasions

We are always looking for new members (especially men) prepared to don the greasepaint! If actually treading the boards is not your forte, **members** are also **needed** to help with the various other activities necessary to ensure "the show goes on".

We usually meet at the Trinity Methodist Church Hall on Shortmead Street, Biggleswade at 8pm on a Monday. If you would like information regarding BATS please don't hesitate to contact us via our email: bats.theatre.society@gmail.com or phone

Chair – Kay 07584 251112 Secretary – Gareth 07958 519246.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Interested? Get in touch:
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Call or text 87597378464

BIGGLESWADE WARM SPACE

What is it?
Biggleswade Warm Space is a free, friendly environment where anyone can drop in to escape the cold, enjoy a hot drink and connect with others. Whether you're looking for warmth, company, or just a quiet place to relax—we're here for you.

What's On Offer?

- Friendly volunteers and conversations
- Hot drinks, oven and microwave
- Washing machine and drying facilities
- Board games, books, and Wi-Fi
- Support and signposting to local services

Opening Hours
Thurs 2pm to 6pm
Sat 1pm to 4pm
November to March

Biggleswade Warm Spaces has been supported by Piven CIC, Biggleswade Express, Biggleswade Town Council and many volunteers.



Isle 'Ave A Shanty

Friday 16 January

Doors 7.30pm

Show 8pm

Tickets £16.00

An evening of sea shanty fun from Isle 'Ave A Shanty. The Biggleswade Barnacles will be joining them for a couple of songs.

You are guaranteed to have more fun than you have had since you last spliced your mainbrace or shivered your timbers!



Big Love UK

Fleetwood Mac Tribute

Saturday 31 January 2026

Get ready to relive the magic of Fleetwood Mac like never before with Big Love UK – one of the most electrifying 5-piece tribute bands on the scene today.

Your new bus route to Cambridge starts 5 January



Hop on the new X75 from Biggleswade, Sandy and Potton



The Kings Reach, Potton Road, SG18 0EL
Biggleswade. Wed, 31 Dec 07:00 pm Bar
closes at 12.30

An evening of celebrations. Our 3 course meal is served from 6pm and gives you a table for the whole evening. Background music and from 9pm our favourite hits, dancing a must!! Nearing midnight grab a glass of fizz & countdown to bring in 2026. £10 per person deposit is required upon booking



Wednesday 31 December From 8pm
Tickets from £35.00

Ring in the New Year in style at The BIGG Theatre with an unforgettable night of Live Music, Dancing and Good Times!

Doors open at 8pm, The BIGG All Stars Party Band will be onstage from 9.15pm, playing two full sets and counting us down into the New Year at midnight. There will be music to dance to in the bar and theatre before and in between live sets. Bar and Dancing until 1am.



BIGGLESWADE
COMMUNITY
SAFETY GROUP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Do you want to make a difference to your
community and make new friends?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR STREETWATCH AND SPEEDWATCH

Be part of our amazing group of volunteers who
work closely with Police, Fire, Central Bedfordshire
Council, Biggleswade Town Council and other
organisations to help keep Biggleswade safer.



WWW.BIGGLESWADECOMMUNITYSAFETY.CO.UK