



Biggleswade Community News

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ABOUT OUR TOWN

We cannot ignore bad news, but we are seeking out good news to celebrate where we live and keep you updated.



After 8 years of campaigning the ribbon was cut at the official opening of the lifts at Biggleswade station.



“It was great to unveil the latest History Plaque, on the front wall of Trinity Methodist Church, with Rev Leslie Noon”

Cllr Jonathan Woodhead



NEW Soft Play for Under 5s at the Orchard Community Centre. Sessions on Thursdays 9.30am – 10.30am or 10.45am – 11.45am

It is in the Kings Reach housing development, in Biggleswade.

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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

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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?



Biggleswade Good Neighbours Volunteers continue to provide a great service especially for those who are housebound and without transport.



Future Action Biggleswade

We have updated our [Web Site](#)

With a summary of our achievements and plans. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at Cafe Mocha and via Zoom. All welcome!

Activities in The Bigg Theatre

Tuesdays

Chatty Tuesdays Weekly, 10.00am - 11.30am

Broadway Boogie Encore Weekly, 10.15am - 11.00am

Monthly Meditation Evening; 1st Tuesday every month 7pm - 8pm

Vinyl Revival; 1st Tuesday every month 8pm 'til close

Sea Shanty Session; 3rd Tuesday every month 7.45pm 'til close



Wednesdays

Somewhere to Sing Weekly, 7.30pm - 9pm

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

The Co-Working Lounge, 2nd & 4th Wednesday every month, 10am - 2pm

A Way With Words; Spoken Word Open Mic 3rd Wednesday every month, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

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 monthly, 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

Monday 2nd 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.

Monday 2nd March - Educating Biggleswade - Teachers' memories of our local schools from the 60s to 90s with Judith Emmerson and Rosemary Williams.



Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society

Our final ZOOM talk of the 2025/6 Winter Season is on

Wednesday 25th February when **Paul Cumbleton** and **Colin Everett** will tell us all about their **Odyssey with Bulbs**. Both Paul and Colin are expert growers and we'll hear all about South African bulbs (a speciality of Paul's) and fritillaria (a speciality of Colin's).

But before this ZOOM meeting we are back in the Weatherley Centre on **Saturday 21st February**, when **Martyn Denney** will tell us all about the flowers of Yunnan, a province in south-western China with a talk called **Yunnan Independently**. The talk is in the **Elgar Room**, doors open at 2.00 pm with the talk starting at 2.30 pm.

The cost per meeting for non-members is £6, 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 £3 per meeting.

For details of how to join the ZOOM sessions go to our website:

www.bedfordshirealpines.com



Representatives from our Six churches in our town meet to plan joint activities. This Easter, on Good Friday April 3rd, there will be a Walk of Witness and a service in the Market Square.

We are members of Churches Together in Bedfordshire

<https://www.biggct.org>



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:

- 5 February- Print Competition - with a critique by an expert judge.
- 12 February - Critique Evening - a friendly way to get digital image critique from our expert judge.
- 19 February - final round of our Challenge Cup competition with a visiting photographic judge to critique and score.
- 26 February - Presentation Straight Out of the Camera by Jim and Debra Bennett. (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.

There are places offering a warm 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.

On Mondays, for the winter months, St Peter's church in Station Road invite anyone to join them for a cuppa and chat, 10am to 12pm; All welcome.

Trinity Coffee Mornings - every Tuesday 9.00am - 12noon in Footprints (access from Chapel Fields) - In aid of 'All We Can'
Biggleswade Baptist Church, Community Coffee and Crafts
Thursdays 10:00am - 12:00pm.



SWIMATHON Saxon Pool Biggleswade

Sat 28th February 2026 SPLASH FOR CASH

Enter a sponsored team of up to 6 swimmers;
Raise funds for your charity or club and Rotary charities

Email bvhazell@gmail.com or call 01767 601813

Thurs 5th March
Noon – 1.30pm

Light Lunch



**Homemade Soups with Roll
Slice of Cake/Pie
with Tea or Coffee**

Only £6.00

at www.trinitymethodistchurchbiggleswade.co.uk

Trinity Methodist Church
Shortmead Street, Biggleswade
'Opening Doors for the Community'



Interested? Get in touch
biggwarmspace@outlook.com
Call or text 07597370464

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.

Location:

Labour Hall,
Crab Lane,
Biggleswade,
SG18 0LN

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 Preen CIC, Biggleswade Express, Biggleswade Town Council and many volunteers.



The Biggleswade Beer & Cider Festival will return 7-9th May 2026 for our fourth festival!!

We've some great opportunities for local businesses that wish to show their support for local breweries and real ale at a major volunteer run event in the heart of Biggleswade.

Contact support@biggbeerfest.org



Ceroc – Adult Social partner dancing. Every Monday night at the Weatherley Centre 7.45pm Beginners class. Complete Beginners very welcome.

On 23rd February we have Beginners Welcome Evening. Same venue but new starters can come along at 7.15 for a meet & greet of crew etc.



CREATIVE CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

Free Gift to Takeaway



Join us for a relaxed evening of creativity and connection. Make up to three beautiful handmade cards to take home with you for either **Mother's Day**, **Easter**, or a **Birthday** celebration, using a range of embellishments, 3D toppers and more. All materials and light refreshments included, no experience required.

Weds 4th March 2026

7.00pm - 9.00pm

The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JH

£27

Contact to Book



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COME ALONG TO OUR....

ALL FOR ONE

ignite studios - Biggleswade
16th 17th February 2026
9am till 3pm

Games - Fun - Craft - Dance
@ignitestudios_biggleswade
LET'S HAVE FUN!

IGNITE



**Introducing our
new Story telling
Saturdays with
Theatre of
Widdershins.**

Come and join Potton based Theatre of Widdershins for a story in a suitcase. Featuring a different story every month, with well known titles

**Saturday 7th Feb
The Princess & The Pea**

**Saturday 21st March
The Musicians of
Bremen**



**Beginner / Improver
Line Dance Classes With Lisa**

**Thursdays 10:30am - 12pm £7
The Weatherley Centre
Eagle Farm Road
Biggleswade
Beds SG18 8JH**



Email - thurleydance@gmail.com



WITH BIGG THEATRE

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 10am - 2pm

£17.50 per session (includes a drink)

The CO-WORKING Lounge
Hosted by Abi & Sarah



Abi and Sarah created the Co-Working Lounge; a relaxed and welcoming working space at the Bigg Theatre in Biggleswade.

They know what it's like to run a business, work from home, or freelance and miss that sense of connection you get from being around other people. So they wanted to create a space where you can work on your own projects, but still enjoy motivation, friendly conversation, and community along the way. The Co-Working Lounge is a calm, supportive shared workspace where you can:

Focus, create, and get things done

Work alongside like-minded local people

Enjoy connection without pressure or expectation

Have a hot or cold drink included in your ticket

It runs twice a month at The Bigg Theatre, 10am-2pm, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.



Are you self employed, running a Small Business or a Community Group? So am I. It can be very lonely. It is hard to effectively spread the word about what you have to offer and build a client base. I know! When I started out over 20 years ago I set up Ownbiz . A group of people helping each other by sharing their skills and experience. No charge and no catch! It worked well so I am planning to resurrect it. If that is of interest get in touch with me

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