



Biggleswade Community News

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ABOUT OUR TOWN



Did you know that we have this great resource in Biggleswade? Many people do and they rely on it. We have similar aims and are now partnered with them. See page 3.



Biggleswade Town Council comprises 15 elected Councillors, who remain in office for four years. Each year, Councillors elect a Town Mayor, who also holds the position of Chairman.

They all work hard to make Biggleswade a great place to live! We support them in our local community and are grateful to them for providing us with funding that enables us to produce our printed newsletters.

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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 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 crime:
Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com

preen Community Interest Company Reuse Project, Shop, Safe Place, Advice & Welfare for the local community.
<https://www.facebook.com/PreenCIC/>

Please keep us updated and support them all.



Biggleswade Community Group

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



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



Future Action Biggleswade Plans to be out and about, meeting people and sharing ideas at local events, including:

- Ickwell May Day – Monday 4 May 2026
- Great Big Green Week at the Carnival Duck Race – June 2026
- St Andrew's Country Fayre – September 2026
- Think As You Shop – October 2026
- Biggleswade Christmas Lights Switch-On – November 2026

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at Cafe Mocha and via Zoom. All welcome!



Preen urgently need to find new premises! If you value their services shout about it! Biggleswade needs them and we don't want to lose them!!!

Activities in The Big 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

Fridays

Artventurers Weekly, 10.15am - 11.15am

Seated Movement To Music Weekly, 12.15pm - 1.15pm

UPDATES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



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 March Judith Emmerson and Rosemary Williams - 'Educating Biggleswade' - Two retired teachers talk about the history of our local schools and share their memories of teaching from the 60s to 90s.

Monday 13th April Damien O'Dell - How Bedfordshire Won the War - This talk is about the many brave and intelligent men and women (some famous, others less well known) of this county who made such a great difference in our contribution to World War II. It covers spies, propagandists, inventors, the RAF, Army and Naval heroes and heroines etc.

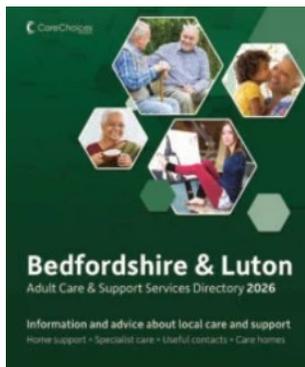


Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society

www.bedfordshirealpines.com. Our March meeting in the

Weatherley Centre is on **Saturday 28th March**, when the Group's Chairman, **Bruce Bennett**, will be telling us all about the Flowers of the Dolomites. The Dolomites are a mountain range in Northern Italy and form part of the European Alps. As well as a wealth of mountain flowers, the Dolomites are famous for their stunning landscapes and jagged peaks of magnesian limestone. The talk is in the **Elgar Room**. Doors open at 2.00 pm. The cost for non-members is £6, which includes a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. Or join the group. Annual membership is £10 for a single member and £15 for joint membership and pay only £3 per meeting.

For details of how to join on ZOOM see www.bedfordshirealpines.com

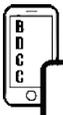


Your guide to adult care services in Central Bedfordshire, Bedford Borough, and Luton.

It contains a comprehensive list of all the care homes, nursing homes, homecare and live-in care services in the area, as well as information and advice on the local support available, including: paying for care, accessing social care services, different support options available, and finding help to live at home

<https://www.carechoices.co.uk>

Get your copy at Cafe Mocha



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 March - What the Judge Saw - a presentation on competition photography by EAF Judge Ben Pike. (non-members £3).

12 March - 3-Way Battle vs Stevenage and Kempston - see some of the best digital images & prints from these 3 local clubs.

19 March - Themes Competition - digital images on the subjects of Fantasy/Creative, Time, Travel & Woodland.

26 March - Captured Moments in Print - a presentation by Derek Doar. (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.

IVEL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

Are you recently bereaved?

Have you been struggling with coming to terms with your loss?

Would it help to talk to someone?

Sharing your loss can make the burden of grief easier to manage.

Please don't grieve alone.

Speak to one of our Bereavement Support Volunteers

07704 734225

Monday-Friday, 9-6pm
This is a free service.



Representatives from our Six churches in our town meet to plan joint activities.

<https://www.biggt.org>

This Easter, on Good Friday April 3rd, there will be a Walk of Witness and a service in the Market Square.

We have links with other churches in the County and are members of

[Churches Together in Bedfordshire](#)

Thurs 5th March
Noon – 1.30pm
Light Lunch



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

Only £6.00



Trinity Methodist Church
Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

'Opening Doors for the Community'

DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION



BAR OPEN

FOOD SERVED 7pm

Quiz & Raffle



**SATURDAY
28th March
6.30 till late**

Tickets - £12.50 per head
(Fish, Sausage, Pie, Scampi & chips)

**Dunton Pavilion, Horseshoe Close
Dunton, SG18 8RY**
Contact Heidi on 07730376560
Please state food choice when purchasing ticket

RUN THE WADE 2026
Sunday 24th May
5K & 10K ROUTES
Entries Now LIVE!
 Choose: **5K or 10K** (Two laps of the 5K course)
Bigger - Better - In the Town Centre!

FESTIVAL OF SPORT & FITNESS
 Market Square – Sunday Afternoon

Supported by 

Showcase Your Sport • Demonstrate Your Skills
 Promote Your Club • Recruit New Members
 Be Part of the Action!

Promote it. Show it. Share it. Don't Miss Out!

To Get Involved, Contact:
Ian Campbell
 Community Development Manager
ian.campbell@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk

Biggleswade Town Council Present

MAKER'S MARKET

FRESH - LOCAL - FUN



Every second Sunday of the month.

Sunday 8 March 2026. 8am - 3pm.
Biggleswade Market Square

Support your local economy.
 Bring a reusable bag!

FARM Biggleswade Market Following
www.biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk
 Save the Date! ... See more

Ignite Studios, Church Street,
Biggleswade, SG180JS

HOLIDAY CLUB!

Dance, Sing, Act,
Musical Theatre and
Perform!



Only £27 a day!
Or
Only £72 for all
3 days!

Monday 30th March
Tuesday 31st March
Wednesday 1st April




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.

For further information please contact support@biggbeerfest.org

BIGGLESWADE IN BLOOM 2026

Residents, businesses, schools & community groups –
Join in the **Biggleswade in Bloom 2026** competition!

Categories include:

-  **Residents** – front gardens, back gardens, container displays, wildlife-friendly gardens.
-  **Businesses** – shopfronts, cafés, pubs.
-  **Community Groups & Schools** – communal gardens, allotments, special planting projects.

Why take part?

- ✓ Brighten our town
- ✓ Support pollinators
- ✓ Win Awards & Prizes
- ✓ Grow community spirit!

HOW TO ENTER:
Pick up an entry form at:
 www.biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk  enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk





The Hub @ Biggleswade runs every first Wednesday of the month from 10am till 1pm at Ignite Studios , Church St, Biggleswade SG18 0JS

The Hubs are designed to give Carers in-person access to our services, information, and staff. We invite you to join us, benefit from peer support, and connect with our dedicated Support Workers, who are here to provide guidance and encouragement.

Mini pamper treatments such as footcare, haircuts, or massages will be available at the Biggleswade Hub from 10am to 1pm. You do not need to be attending the Hub session to book a treatment—appointments can be made via the [Appointments portal](#). Please ensure your treatment booking does not clash with any Hub groups you wish to attend.

On-site café: There is a café on-site where you can choose from a range of refreshments with the first one on us! Take a break from your caring role, meet others in similar situations, share experiences, and pick up useful carer coping tips. The Hub is open to all Carers—come along anytime within the 3-hour session!. The person(s) you care for are now able to join us at the hubs too as well as children in the school holidays in which an activity box will be provided! **We look forward to welcoming you all!**

There is no charge to attend the Hub. Carers in Bedfordshire is a charity and relies on donations.



Village and Community Agent

julie.balaam@bedsrcc.org.uk 07534 484750

Hi, I'm Julie Balaam, your Biggleswade Community Agent. I can help you access the services and support you need.

These might include: Feeling safe at home, Becoming healthier, Pensions and benefits, Support for carers, Transport options, Joining a local group, Local volunteering opportunities, Housing issues, ...or anything else!