



Biggleswade Community News

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ABOUT OUR TOWN



Easter Greetings. You are all invited to join us on Good Friday for our Walk of Witness and the service in the Market Square. Why not go to one of the Churches on Easter Sunday as well? Details on Page 5.



The Yorkshire Grey and The White Hart in Biggleswade have achieved "Best Bar None" status. This demonstrates high standards of safety and professionalism. Premises in Central Bedfordshire undergo a rigorous assessment, giving us confidence that they are well-managed, are committed to high standards and operate in a responsible manner. That includes making sure that customers and staff are safe and ensuring that the premises are clean and tidy.

The scheme is supported through initiatives such as the radio link system, which lets venues communicate with each other and our CCTV control room about incidents or suspicious activity. Training sessions and campaigns, such as spiking awareness, further strengthen safety measures.



Owners & managers of licensed premises in Central Bedfordshire are invited to find out more about becoming Best Bar None accredited.

please email BBN@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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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

We are grateful to Biggleswade Town Council for contributing to the cost of printing our monthly newsletters. We have applied for another grant and are awaiting a decision.



Preen urgently need to find new premises! If you value their services please think about it and help to raise awareness. Biggleswade needs them and we don't want to lose them!



Biggleswade Good Neighbours Our volunteer Allan has had to step down from his role with Biggleswade Good Neighbours. Amongst other jobs he has been distributing newsletters to BGN clients and volunteers in the Saxon Gate and Kitelands areas. We thank him for this and everything else he has done and wish him well. If anyone would like to be involved with the monthly distribution of Community Newsletters, or any other volunteering roles, please contact us on 07771 104255 or biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com

Jenny of Mommykins Cards has very kindly donated a second batch of home made cards to be sold in Café Mocha in the High Street, with 50% of the proceeds going to Biggleswade Good Neighbours. Thank you very much Jenny.



Future Action Biggleswade We have booked a stall at Ickwell May Day on Monday 4 May
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at Cafe Mocha and via Zoom. All welcome!



Biggleswade Community Carnival Group

"Thank you for your enquiries about Biggleswade Duck Race and Carnival. Sorry at the moment we are not able to confirm what our plans are as our volunteer committee members have personal commitments to deal with. We will keep you updated".



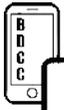
The Big Theatre As well as a cafe and a programme of events this is also the home for a wide range of regular activities. See page 7



What are your plans for Easter? If you have not been to Church for a while, now would be a good time to pay us a visit. Just pick a Church and join us at one of our services. You would be very welcome! Look Here: <https://www.biggct.org>

For the Good Friday Walk of Witness we will start from Millers Coffee Shop in Kings Reach and walk behind the cross to the town centre. There will be a service in the Market Square, probably followed by buns!

We set out from Kings Reach at about 10am to arrive at Stratton School at about 10.25 and the Baptist Church at about 10.40. We will arrive in the Market Square for the service at 11am. Please join us in Kings Reach for the start if you can; but if not go straight to one of the other locations. See you there!



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:

2 April - Committee Cup Competition - projected images will be assessed by a visiting judge - the set subject is Winter

9 April - Deception in Landscape Photography - a presentation by Jane Goodall (non-members £3)

16 April - AGM

23 April - Print and Digital Image of the Year competition and Awards - judging of the best images of the year

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. It is not too late to join the club. Meetings at the Weatherley Centre continue until the end of April and resume on 24 September, but you can now join at a reduced subscription which lasts until the September. Trips and other activities continue. For more information, please see our website at biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or contact the Secretary at secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or telephone 01767 316176.



BIGGLESWADE TOWN BOWLS CLUB

Entrance and car park opposite 20 Glebe Road Biggleswade SG18 0PE.

Biggleswade Town Bowls Club welcomes new members, both ladies and gents, aged between 12 and 80 plus, with or without previous experience.

We will be holding free introductory sessions on the following dates.

Friday 15th, 22nd, & 29th May 6pm – 8pm.

Flat soled shoes or trainers (no open toe sandals) needed.

All other equipment will be provided.

Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.

Any questions please contact:

Sue 07766212288

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/biggleswadetownbowlsclub>



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 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.



COME FOR A MEAL at BIGGLESWADE RUGBY CLUB

11 April - Book your place at our upcoming pre-match lunch! Great food, great company, great rugby! Places are limited – don't miss out!

PAY in full with ref APR MEAL - BRUFC
Sort Code 30-90-79 Acc No 00014292.

MESSAGE Sam on 07835 414195 to complete your booking.

Thurs 2nd April

Noon – 1.30pm

Light Lunch



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

Only £6.00

For Full Details Please Contact Us

**A short 20 minute service will be held in
the church at 11.30 for those interested**



**Trinity Methodist Church
Shortmead Street, Biggleswade**

'Opening Doors for the Community'

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

LEARN TO DANCE!



EVERY MONDAY EVENING
BEGINNER CLASS STARTS - 7.15 PM

NO PARTNER REQUIRED,

THE WEATHERLEY CENTRE,
EAGLE FARM ROAD, BIGGLESWADE, SG18 8JH.

LAUGH, SMILE & LEARN TO DANCE - EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Activities in The Bigg Theatre



Tuesdays

Chatty Tuesdays Weekly, 10.00am - 11.30am

Broadway Boogie Encore Weekly, 10.15am - 11.00am

Silent Book Club, 1st Tuesday of the month. 5.45pm - 7.45pm

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

The Silent Book Club, Every first Tuesday of the month.

5.45pm - 7.45pm in The BIGG Theatre Bar

No assigned reading. No homework. No snobbery. Just bring your book - any book. Grab a drink from the bar. Discuss books. Make new friends. Enjoy some time away from the hustle and bustle of every day life with the golden hour of silence just for you and your latest read.

Silent Book Club ® is a global community of readers, with more than 1000 chapters in 50 countries around the world led by local volunteers. Often with traditional book clubs there's the scramble to finish the selected book, and the pressure to have something smart to say. Wouldn't it be great to have a book club where you could just enjoy books, friends, and drinks—without any homework? At Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading. All readers are welcome—ebooks, audiobooks, textbooks, comic books.



Dementia clinics in partnership with Nationwide Fairer Futures

We are offering free, confidential clinic appointments with a specialist dementia nurse, known as an Admiral Nurse



At Biggleswade Nationwide Building Society 31st March, 1st and 2nd April 2026. You don't need to be a Nationwide customer. Everyone is welcome.



To book please visit **dementiauk.org/nationwide**, scan the QR code or speak to a Nationwide colleague in your branch. If you are unable to book online send a text message with the word: **APPOINTMENT** to 0747 872 4000, and we will call you to help make a booking.

If you have any questions about the clinics, please contact nationwide@dementiauk.org. For immediate support, contact Dementia UK's Helpline on 0800 888 6678 or book a phone or video appointment at dementiauk.org/book



The Town Council offices are open Monday to Thursday 09:00 to 17:00 and Friday 09:00 to 16:30. Our enquiries inbox is monitored regularly. We will endeavour to respond to your enquiry within three working days.

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