



# Biggleswade Community News

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## ABOUT OUR TOWN



There will be no duck race or carnival this year. The team of 8 volunteers is very small and has unfortunately experienced the unexpected and sudden death of 2 of of the their volunteers, both of which happen to be immediate family members which has hugely impacted time available to organise events.

Biggleswade Town Council held their Annual Statutory Meeting on Tuesday 12th May. IT was announced that Members were re-elected - Cllr Jonathan Woodhead as Mayor for the year 2026-2027 and Cllr Mark Foster was elected as Deputy Mayor.



The Chairpersons of the standing committees were also elected last night. Further information relating to the committees can be found here: <https://biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk/about-the-council/committee-membership/>

The Mayor will announce his charities over the coming days. Over the last year, MAGPAS Air Ambulance and Biggleswade Good Neighbours were the Mayor's chosen charities.



"It was a privilege to be invited to help unveil the amazing railway mural on the station path yesterday. Well done to Nicky Thomas, Colin Thomas, Rhiannon Barrow & many the others who worked with Thameslink to get this moving! Lovely to meet the artist, Rose Hill of Co Creative Connection too. Do go & see it! Thanks to Richard Southan for the amazing pictures"

*Cllr Jonathan Woodhead*

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or email [biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:biggleswadecommunitygardens@gmail.com)



**Ivel Valley College** students distribute this newsletter to pickup points around Biggleswade.  
Contact Dean Hawkins [dean.hawkins@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk](mailto:dean.hawkins@ivelvalley.beds.sch.uk)  
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**The Big Theatre** as well as events, hosts a variety of community groups, meeting needs in Biggleswade.  
[www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk](http://www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk)



**Biggleswade Community Carnival Group**  
[www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk](http://www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk)



**Biggleswade Community Safety Group** works with the Police and other services to help reduce crime:  
[Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com](mailto:Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com)



**Community Interest Company** Reuse Project, Shop, Safe Place, Advice & Welfare for the local community.  
[info@preencic.org](mailto:info@preencic.org)

**urgently need to find new premises!**  
**Please think about it and help to raise awareness.**



**Biggleswade Community Group** Thanks if you contributed to our [Just Giving Page](#) . We reached the target and will put the funds towards paying for equipment and fees for attending local events.



**Future Action Biggleswade** Our stall at Ickwell May Day went well.

In our last meeting, as well as our AGM we had a lot to discuss, including two events in June. Our "Great Little Green Fair" in collaboration with Biggleswade Library on Saturday 6th June (10:30am - 1pm) for Great Big Green Week. Also Our screening of the National Emergency Briefing film at The Big Theatre on Tuesday 23rd June at 7pm.m

The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st July 2026., at Cafe Mocha and via Zoom. All welcome!



We had our mural unveiling event on Saturday 2nd May at 11am at the station on Back Street. Info about all our events is at [www.biggleswadecommunitygardens.org](http://www.biggleswadecommunitygardens.org)



**Biggleswade Community Carnival Group** Our thoughts are with the Carnival Committee members who are going through a difficult time.



**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.

**Tuesdays: Weekly:** Chatty Tuesdays, Broadway Boogie Encore,  
**Monthly:** Meditation Evening. Sea Shanty Session. Vinyl Revival ,  
silent Book Club

**Wednesdays:** Somewhere to Sing ( during term time) **1st & 3rd week** Art Workshop **3rd week** A Way With Words Open Mic

**Thursdays:** Hartbeeps, **2nd & 4th week** For Men to Talk

**Fridays:** Artventurers, Seated Movement To Music



Is a small but very friendly café in Biggleswade town centre, opposite the White Hart car park, with a core of amazing regular

customers. We aim to share God's love with the people of Biggleswade. However, the current work force is ageing, and so we are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to commit to the café from July and continue the work. The business is a not-for-profit limited company.

We are looking for baristas, washer uppers, admin people, decision makers, general supporters – anyone with skills that may be useful. Full training given, email [Helen.horner@outlook.com](mailto:Helen.horner@outlook.com)



### An Update from the March Hare Dunton



We've been overwhelmed with the support and fantastic feedback from the community in our opening weeks. We have a live music event on 19th June with local band Ace & the Ventura's.

The brewery equipment is being removed this week and the kitchen

refurbishment will begin shortly afterwards.



Biggleswade History Society Programme

**Sunday 5 July** Summer outing - Tempsford RAF Museum & Archives with Tea Room 2-4pm

**Sunday 2 August** Summer outing - Daytime Visit to Wardown Park & Museum, Luton

**Monday 7 September** Horace Gale Revisited Part 2 with Alan Waring - Back by Popular Demand!

<https://www.biggleswadehistory.org.uk>



## **YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB**



Meetings at the Weatherley Centre have paused for our summer break, but we will still be meeting up for other photographic events. Weekly meetings will resume on 24 September with our Welcome Evening which will introduce the club to prospective new members and have a couple of short presentations by members and a display of digital images and prints.

This season the club has had some successes in interclub competitions winning the interclub battle with Ampthill & Bedford and with Kempston & Stevenage and came third in the much larger Bedfordshire Invitation Competition. Club members have had images accepted into national and international exhibitions and just recently three prints and seven digital images were accepted into the East Anglian Federation Annual Exhibition (open to 93 local clubs) which takes place between 2 and 17 May at the Apex Centre in Bury St Edmunds. Over the summer we are looking forward to a Studio Group session, Photo Walkabout - where we meet at a location and have an hour to take images on six subjects, revealed on arrival, and monthly outings to photographic locations.

The club continues to have images displayed in Cafe Mocha and will have an exhibition of prints at the Greenacre Centre, Stotfold from 17 July until 4 September.

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 resume on 24 September. For more information, please see our website at [biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk](http://biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk) or contact the Secretary at [secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk](mailto:secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk) or 01767 316176.

### **Biggleswade and District Choral society**

We currently have about 70 members and perform at least 3 concerts a year. New members are always welcome. You need to be 16 or older to join. Full membership costs £90 per year, payable in full or £100 in two stages of £50 each in September and January. Membership is FREE to students in full-time education. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings during school terms from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Shortmead St, Biggleswade.

If you are interested in joining come along to a rehearsal or send an email to [info@biggleschoral.org.uk](mailto:info@biggleschoral.org.uk) with the words BDCS Membership in the subject line and we'll get in touch.



## WHAT'S ON

Stratton School Presents...

# StratFest

**Arts Festival & Family Fun**  
Performances, Stalls & Activities





**Saturday 4th July 2026**  
11am to 2pm  
Stratton School

Entry cost **Adult: £5 Child: Free**  
Ticket costs includes performances  
Tickets available online and on the door



stratton.lives/stratfest

**DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION**  
The Pavilion, Dunton Recreation Ground, Horseshoe Close


# Tabletop BOARD GAME Night

**BAR OPEN**

*Free Entry*

Every last Friday of the month  
April - October  
7.30 till 10.30

Bring your friends!




**Paddington Bear Birthday Tea**  
27<sup>th</sup> June  
Book Now

Join us as we celebrate Paddington's birthday with a wonderfully fun afternoon tea experience! Expect delicious treats, plenty of surprises, and of course a few marmalade sandwiches sneaking their way onto the cake stand...book now for a magical afternoon !



Telephone (01767)312225

Wed 3 June	Blues Night
Tue 9 June	Bingo
Sat 13 June	Gertcha – Chas & Dave Tribute
Sun 14 June	George's Quiz (revised date)
Fri 19 June	Whisky Tasting
Sun 21 June	Sunday Roasts
Sat 20 June	Race Night
Mon 22 Jun	Bingo



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