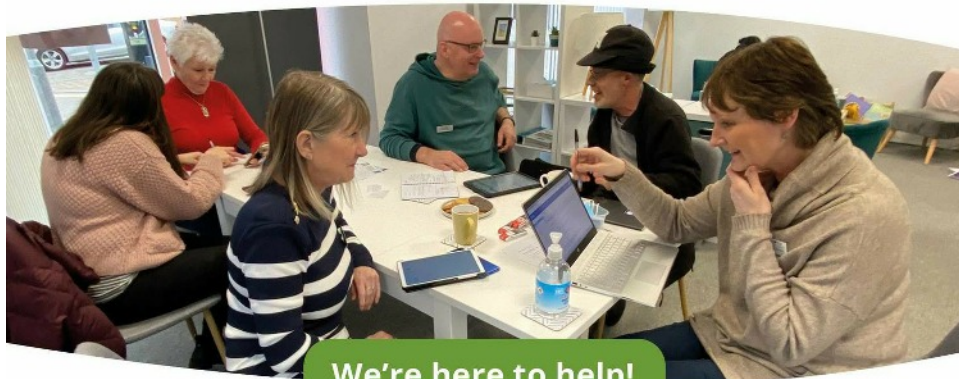


## A LITTLE HELP

New free IT support sessions have started at Biggleswade Library on Thursdays 1pm to 3pm! For more information, visit [ywb.org.uk/IT](http://ywb.org.uk/IT)

# You Can Do IT!



We're here to help!

Learn to use your phone or tablet

Get help using websites and online services

Find out how to use phone apps

Get FREE and Friendly Support using a phone, tablet or computer and do more online!

Find us at: [ywb.org.uk/IT](http://ywb.org.uk/IT) or contact:

**Katharine: 07399 115865**

**Voicemail: 01234 838771**

Areas supported by Katharine: Amptill, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Flitwick, Houghton Regis, Leighton Buzzard and Sandy



Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity is a registered charity (1061538). Registered office: The Old School, Cardington, Bedford, MK44 3SX

The **Connolly** Foundation



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### ABOUT OUR TOWN

#### IN THE MARKET SQUARE

**Maker's Market** 12th July - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Come along and support the traders!

**Artisan Craft Market** 25th July - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Delve into the treasures on offer



**Big Eats** 30th July - 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm and every last Thursday



CBC want your views on new facilities planned for Ivel Valley School [HAVE YOUR SAY](#)



**More Inside!!!**

**Tell us about your events**

**and we will tell others!**

**2 Hours and no obligation to shop in Asda.**

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## Biggleswade Community Group & Partners



**Biggleswade Community Group** exists for you, our readers, to provide support and keep you informed. [www.biggleswadecommunitygroup.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](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)  
01767 512080



**The Big Theatre** as well as events, hosts a variety of community groups, meeting needs in Biggleswade.

[www.thebigtheatre.co.uk](http://www.thebigtheatre.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.**

## WHAT'S ON

### G&M Growers car boot sale

Upper Caldecote, Near Biggleswade SG18 9BU

Every Sunday until December, also open bank holiday Mondays, weather permitting.

Gates open 7am for sellers and 7.30am for buyers.

Sellers any vehicle £10. Buyers £1 before 9am after 9am 50p under 16s free. No need to book just turn up on the day.

Please note: cigarettes, tobacco and alcohol must not be sold.

Tea and ice cream vans and toilets all on site. Dogs welcome but must be under control and on leads at all times

Angela and the team look forward to seeing you all next Sunday 28th June weather permitting Tel 07841619568 or 07538341136.



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.live/stratfest

### MARCH HARE DUNTON

Quiz night! Sunday 12th July at 7pm with Crystal.

£10 per team of up to 6 people. Sign up in person at the pub!

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to be advised on the night depending on uptake.

Get your thinking caps on and we'll see you on the 12th!

## WHAT'S ON



**The Dunton Garden Party**

**Save the Date**

**Saturday 12th September**  
2:00 - 5:00

**Lots of family fun!**

BBQ, cream teas, pimm's & prosecco  
raffle, stalls, children's activities  
live music & demo's  
and lots more!

Church Farm, Church Street, Dunton SG18 8RR  
[www.duntongarden.org](http://www.duntongarden.org)



**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!



**LANGFORD VILLAGE**

**DUCK RACE**

RAISING MONEY FOR  
**1st LANGFORD SCOUT GROUP**

**11TH JULY**  
AT THE LANGFORD VILLAGE FETE

**DUCKS £3 EACH**

**CASH PRIZE**

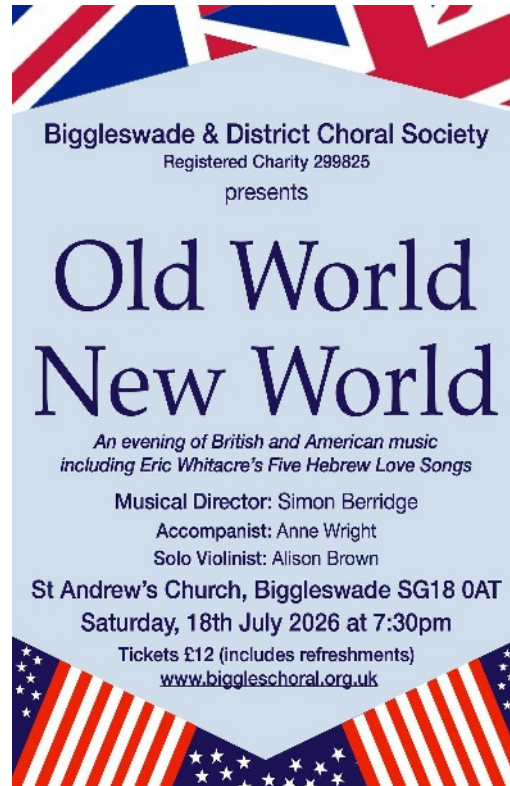
BUY YOUR DUCKS ONLINE → SCAN THE QR CODE

OR

BUY YOUR DUCKS AT THE SCOUTS' STALL AT THE FETE!

**RACE STARTS AT 2PM**

**SUPPORT OUR SCOUTS - HAVE QUACKING FUN!**



**Biggleswade & District Choral Society**  
Registered Charity 299825  
presents

**Old World New World**

An evening of British and American music  
including Eric Whitacre's Five Hebrew Love Songs

Musical Director: Simon Berridge  
Accompanist: Anne Wright  
Solo Violinist: Alison Brown

St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade SG18 0AT  
Saturday, 18th July 2026 at 7:30pm

Tickets £12 (includes refreshments)  
[www.biggleschoral.org.uk](http://www.biggleschoral.org.uk)

## UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERS



**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.

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



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.



Biggleswade Good Neighbours held their AGM on 29th May and all members of the steering group agreed, and were affirmed, to continue for another year. The only changes were that Margaret Curry has been officially appointed as secretary and the requirement for there to be a deputy chair has been removed from the constitution. Wendy Presland and Erica Borgstrom were warmly thanked for serving in these two roles respectively for a number of years.

Following the 2026/7 HMRC update, the approved tax-free mileage rate for volunteers using their own cars for charitable and voluntary work has been increased to 55 pence per mile for the first 10,000 business miles. This is now applicable to all BGN volunteers for the mileage they travel in giving lifts etc, starting and finishing at their homes.



**Green House Project** Preen is a hidden gem in the heart of our town. See page 4 for a summary and an invite to see it for yourself.

## UPDATES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



Dementia UK, in partnership with Nationwide Fairer Future, is offering free, confidential clinic appointments with a specialist dementia nurse, known as an Admiral Nurse; in **Biggleswade Nationwide Building Society on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>,**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026.**

You don't need to be a Nationwide customer. Everyone is welcome.

To book your appointment, please visit [dementiauk.org/nationwide](http://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](mailto:nationwide@dementiauk.org). For immediate support, contact Dementia UK's Helpline on 0800 888 6678 or book a phone or video appointment at



## What is Preen?

Nearly 7000 sq ft containing domestic reuse goods donated by the local community. Every month we receive around 60 tonnes of donations including furniture, furnishings, white goods and electric appliances, toys, books, clothing, bedding & curtains, craft supplies, pet stuff, garden pots and equipment, DIY spares and loads of bric a brac - if it's useful we'll save it.

Open to the public and there's extra help for homeless, vulnerable and low income households who can't afford what they need. We are a "not for profit community business" that uses the stuff we get and the money we make to support local individuals, families, schools and community groups to make life in Biggleswade a little bit nicer. There's always something new to look at and we welcome all visitors to browse or buy - and maybe donate their useful stuff. Car parking on site - feel free to message us if you need help or info.

You can reach them by phone at 01767 600 332 or email them at [info@preencic.org](mailto:info@preencic.org)

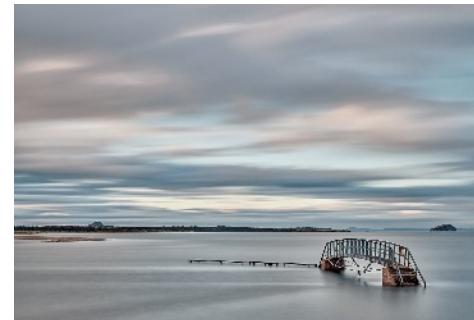


## YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB

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.

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 with a couple of short presentations by members and a display of digital images and prints. Last month we met in Hitchin for our annual Photo Walkabout where each photographer is challenged to take images on six subjects in an hour followed by a drink and get-together. This will be followed by a Zoom meeting to look at everyone's results. We have also taken part in our monthly Photo Outing - this time a walk along the river from Grantchester into Cambridge.

The 2025-26 season ended with our annual Print and Digital Image of the Year Competitions for the best images from the season. The winner of the Print of the Year was Ian Gostelow with *Bridge to Nowhere* and the runner up was Mark Collins with *Male Stonechat*.



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. 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 telephone 01767 316176.

*If you are a contact for a local organisation tell us your news and we will tell our readers.*