



Biggleswade Community News

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**Days Out
By Bus**
Bedfordshire
2026/27

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NEW FOR 2026
TRANSPORT TRADERS STANDS

BIGGLESWADE BUS RUNNING DAY

SUNDAY 20TH
SEPTEMBER 2026
10AM - 4PM

FREE BUS SERVICES TO
LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

OUT and ABOUT

**Bedfordshire
Steam & Country Fayre**

18th, 19th & 20th September 2026

Old Warden Park, Nr. Biggleswade, SG18 9EJ

**JORDANS
Mill**

**CRAFT
FOOD
FAYRE**

Southill Road, Broom, Biggleswade SG18 9JX

**SATURDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER**

Located in the front car park
and throughout the grounds

10AM TO 3PM

The new Days Out By Bus leaflet includes a map of all bus services in Bedfordshire and is available free of charge in the library and Café Mocha.



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www.biggleswadecommunitygroup.org.uk



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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



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
www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Safety Group works with the Police and other services to help reduce crime:
Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com



Community Interest Company Reuse Project, Shop, Safe Place, Advice & Welfare for the local community.
info@preencic.org

urgently need to find new premises!

Please think about it and help to raise awareness.



Biggleswade Community Group Our main activity is the Monthly Newsletter. We are grateful to Town Council for funding our printed copies and have applied for a grant to continue to offer them free of charge.



Ivel Community College students distribute our newsletter around the town. They say *"We are very proud to be able to support such an excellent and important communicate for the community. In this current climate of IT and social media, the printed word is still invaluable for many to access information, support and advice - and for our students to be part of that communication chain by delivering the News booklet, helps them develop their social and communication skills, much of which is embedded in our curriculum"*



If you receive this newsletter through your letterbox it is most likely because you, or somebody at your address, either is or has been a Biggleswade Good Neighbours client or volunteer at some point.



Future Action Biggleswade FAB will be at St Andrew's Country Fayre on Saturday September 19 at the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. During this we will be both renewing our Fairtrade Community status and applying for our "Connecting Fairtrade" badge.



PREEN Is a "not for profit organisation" providing a valuable and well used service for local residents. Sadly we are about to lose it as no premises will be available!!!



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



Biggleswade Community Carnival Group
www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk

The carnival events team are looking for new volunteers for the duck race along with stall holders etc

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

7th September - Horace Gales Revisited with Alan Waring - Back by Popular Demand! - Alan brings more tales of his time at Horace Gales in the 1970s and 80s.

5th Oct - 'Over to You' - A Members' Contributions Evening. Our members will be giving their own short presentations about the historical topics they are passionate about.

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Heritage Open Day on Saturday 12th September - we will have a stall on the market from 9am until 3pm. This year's theme is Everyday Histories - Exploring Daily Working Life Through the Ages.

Our exhibition will include local businesses including Kayser Bondor, Cincinnati Milacron and Greene King and we will be asking people to come along and share their memories of working in Biggleswade. There will also be children's activities.

Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society



After garden visits in what has turned out to be a very hot summer, we are back at the **Weatherley Centre** for our **September** meeting. The meeting will be on **Saturday 19th September (Note: this is the THIRD Saturday)**, when **Barry Hennessey** will tell us all about

the Landscape and Flowers of the Patagonian Lake District. Patagonia is an area in South America, spanning Chile and Argentina well known for its stunning scenery and great diversity of flora.

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.

www.bedfordshirealpines.com



YOUR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB

For more information, please see our website at biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or contact the Secretary at secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or 01767 316176.

Biggleswade Camera Club is starting our 2026-27 season later this month, beginning with a Welcome Evening on Thursday 24 September at 7:30 for 8pm start in The Sullivan Room at The Weatherly Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade. You will be made very welcome.

There will be a brief introduction to the club, what we do and how being a member could help improve your photography. There will be a display of prints and digital images taken by members of the club, followed by two presentations from members. There will be a chance to meet other members of the club and the committee and to ask any questions. There is no charge to attend this meeting and we are happy for you to attend 2 or 3 meetings before joining. Should you wish to join, there is an annual subscription which covers all meetings from September to April and attend other activities which take place throughout the year. Hot, cold and alcoholic drinks are available from the bar.

There are a number of additional groups within the club including a Zoom Critique Session to get advice on your images, a regular Studio Session, a monthly outing and a Photo Challenge with a new theme each month.

If you would like any further information

Please see the website at www.biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or email us at secretarybdcc@biggleswadecameraclub.co.uk or telephone 01767 316176.

The 2026 St Andrew's Country Fayre Is on Saturday, 19th

Come along to St Andrew's Church grounds, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0AT. All welcome and entry is FREE.

This popular event has been held for the last 40 years raising funds for different charities. It is a classic community fair featuring an array of craft and produce stalls, outdoor games, children's inflatables a popular tea garden/café an all-day arena entertainment programme, and a barbecue.

The indoor church exhibition this year focuses on "**Calmness in Crisis**", featuring a variety of community poster displays and individual creative contributions exploring how to navigate challenging times.

All proceeds from the 2026 stalls, grand raffle, and activities will be split between **Cruse Bereavement Care** which is for those who are struggling with grief and **Home-Start** that supports families with young children going through challenging times.

A Community Safety Officer will be at Saxon Pool and Leisure Centre in Biggleswade on Tuesday 1 September 2026



Pop along and speak with our Officer between 1.30-2.30pm about YOUR safety concerns in YOUR area

Central Bedfordshire

A Community Safety Officer will be at Biggleswade Library on Tuesday 1 September 2026



Pop along and speak with our Officer between 15.30 -16.30 about YOUR safety concerns in YOUR area

Central Bedfordshire

Biggleswade Preserved Bus Running Day

**Sunday 20th
September
2026**



- Free bus rides operating between 10am and 4pm
- Free links to Jordans Mill, Southill Tea Rooms & The Bedfordshire Steam Rally / Shuttleworth Collection.
- Follow our 'Ale Trails' to great pubs in the local area.

Organised by the United Counties Preservation Group with support from Biggleswade Town Council.

If you don't tell us we can't tell our readers!

A LITTLE HELP



Please come along to a drop-in session at Biggleswade Library on Tuesday 1 September between 1.30 and 2.30pm or at Saxon Pool and Leisure Centre between

3.30 and 4.30pm. Our officer will be there to talk about your community safety concerns. No appointment is needed and everyone is welcome to talk about your community safety concerns. Website: safercentral.org



Hi I am your editor Alan Dansey and one of the Trustees of Biggleswade Community Group. I have lived in Dunton since 1981 and played an active role in the local community.

I am an experienced IT and Online Marketing professional. I should have retired ages ago but enjoy what I do so much that I am still working hard. Though limited by mobility problems.

I believe in people helping people so would love to hear from you to see if I can help you to raise awareness of your small business or community initiative. Call me on 01767 310163 for a chat or email me awd1@awdansey.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

No promises but if you need to find someone to help with a product or service I may be able to help. At the moment a friend of mine is available to help an additional client in Biggleswade with care needs.



She trades as Nkay Care and I can vouch for her.

www.nkaycare.org.uk Bridget Nkiru Abraham 07375 536363

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