



Biggleswade Community News NOVEMBER 2026



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OUT and ABOUT



The Biggleswade Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place at 10:45 am on Sunday, 8th November in the **Market Square**, hosted by Biggleswade Town Council and the Royal British Legion

Remembrance Day 2026 Schedule

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service:

Sunday, 8th November 2026 at 10:45 am in Biggleswade Market Square. A British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter will be present during the service.

Armistice Day Service: Wednesday, 11th November 2026 at 10:45 am Biggleswade Market Square

Remembrance Weekend at Shuttleworth House:

Saturday, 7th November and Sunday, 8th November 2026 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm, free entry)

Activities: Features WWI and WWII history exhibitions, a two-minute silence on Sunday at 11:00 am, guided house tours (priced at £15), make-a-poppy activities, and live piano music. More details on page 7



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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.

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



Biggleswade Community Group Our main funder is Biggleswade Town Council. However we have a Fundraising Page for people to get us a donation when they shop online

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/biggleswade-community-group



Future Action Biggleswade (FAB) is delighted to announce that it has successfully renewed its Fairtrade Community status for a further three years.

The news follows FAB's Fairtrade Fortnight activities at St Andrew's Country Fayre on Saturday 19th September, where the group marked its commitment to fairer trade with a stall featuring its ever-popular Fairtrade Banana Tower Building Competition, using Fairtrade bananas to raise awareness in a fun and engaging way.

During the Fayre, FAB submitted its application to renew its Fairtrade Community status, first awarded in 2024. Following a review by the Fairtrade Foundation, the group is pleased to have received confirmation that its status has been renewed for another three years. Fairtrade Community status recognises FAB's ongoing commitment to promoting Fairtrade and encouraging people to make choices that support farmers and workers around the world. Fairtrade helps producers secure fairer prices for their products, supports better working conditions and provides additional funds that farming communities can invest in their own priorities.

Through its stalls, events and community campaigning, FAB encourages local people to think about the people behind the products they buy and how choosing Fairtrade can help make global trade fairer.

FAB is proud to continue championing Fairtrade in Biggleswade, working towards a world where the people who grow our food and produce the goods we use can earn a decent living and build a more secure future.



We have a fundraising quiz night at 8pm in The Rose Pub on Monday November 2nd. £3 per person.



The Bigg Theatre Check out the events and other activities here. www.thebiggtheatre.co.uk Or call in for a coffee and a catchup.



The Biggleswade Barnacles meet on the third Tuesday of the month (between 8.00pm and 10.00pm), at The Bigg Theatre in Biggleswade, to sing sea shanties and other traditional songs. The rehearsals are led by Simon Bales with the emphasis on group singing. All are welcome to join in and release their inner sailor. No experience is needed. Song sheets will be provided. Those that fancy leading a verse or two will be given the opportunity to do so. Our mission is to sing songs and to enjoy ourselves!

We also meet on the first Wednesday of the month at The Golden Pheasant in Biggleswade for an informal sing around.

We have had a lovely year singing our shanties at country fetes and church fayres in and around Biggleswade. Most recently we sang at the Sea Sunday service in All Saints Church, Sutton. What a lovely time we had.

Details of the Biggleswade Barnacles can be found on the Dunton Folk web site <https://duntonfolk.com/biggleswade-barnacles.php>.



The March Hare Dunton The kitchen is now open 12-2.30 and 5-8 Monday to Friday, 12-7.30 on Saturday and 12-5 on a Sunday for traditional pub food and Sunday roasts.

Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society



Our November meeting is on **Saturday 21st November** in the **Elgar Room** at the **Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade**. We welcome back **David Charlton** who will be telling us all about the plants he saw whilst on a lecture tour of North America in a talk titled **"Mountain flowers and gardens from Oregon to Alaska"**.

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

The 2026-27 season is under way and so far, there have been 4 meetings with a good variety of competition, tuition and presentations.



The winner of the first competition of the season was Roger Bradshaw with his monochrome image - *The Stonemason*.

Runners Up were *Quintet* by Cathy Holgate, *Snipe* by Mark Glenister and *West Pier, Brighon* by Geoff Phillips who also scored 20 out of 20.

Meetings for November are as follows:

- 5 Nov - Challenge Cup Digital Image Competition Round 2 - this is for monochrome images on any subject.
- 12 Nov - Dave Tyler Memorial Wildlife Lecture - *Finding My Way Into the Wild* by Riannon Lawler. Visitor admission £3.
- 19 Nov - People Competition - for digital images of a person or people.
- 26 Nov - Members' Evening - a chance for club members to show what they have been doing.

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.



The 41st annual **St Andrew's Church Country Fayre** took place on Saturday, 19 September 2026 at [St Andrew's Church](#) Biggleswade. The community day featured traditional stalls, games, tombolas, and a rolling programme of live entertainment. The event successfully raised **£5,000** for two charities. The proceeds were split equally between **Home-Start Bedfordshire** (supporting young children and families facing health, bereavement, or domestic abuse challenges) and **Cruse Bereavement Support**.



Thurs 5th November
Noon – 1.30pm



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5.30PM UNTIL LATE
 THE WEATHERLEY CENTRE, BIGGLESWADE

3-COURSE INDIAN BUFFET INCLUDED
BHARATANATYAM & BOLLYWOOD DANCERS
DJ & MC • LIVE DHOL • PHOTOGRAPHER • LICENSED BAR

TICKET PRICES

PHASE 1: ~~£30~~ **SOLD OUT**

PHASE 2: **£35** – UNTIL 4 OCTOBER OR ALLOCATION SOLD OUT

PHASE 3: **£40** • FINAL RELEASE: **£45**

CHILDREN AGED 5-15: **£15** • UNDER 5s: **FREE**

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PUB QUIZ NIGHT

AT THE ROSE PUB

NOVEMBER 2ND
Monday 8pm

£3
per person

BIG Prize Raffle max 6 per team

All proceeds go to the Biggleswade Community Gardens!



Join us on
December
11th for the
famous
Thursford

Christmas Spectacular in Norfolk, a non-stop show of singing, music, dancing and variety that is often compared to the great West End shows. Choose a matinee or evening performance and travel in comfort on one of our executive coaches. Pick-up points Sandy, Biggleswade, Baldock, Letchworth, Hitchin and Stevenage.

<https://www.cozy.travel>

Remembrance Weekend at Shuttleworth House



Join us as we remember those who defended our country. This Remembrance weekend, Shuttleworth House will open its doors to let you explore a range of history exhibitions - including the House's time as a convalescent home during both WWI and WWII, guided tours* from our hugely knowledgeable volunteers as well as make-a-poppy activities for the young at heart. Our bar will also be open both days serving cream teas, coffees and light refreshments. On Sunday we will be observing a minute's silence as a mark of respect. **Guided Tours are £15 per person.*



Biggleswade tabletop gaming club, TABLETOP LEGENDS is celebrating our one-year anniversary with a BIG gaming event on Sunday 15th November at the Potton Hall for All. We have a day of Board Games, Role-Playing Games, Social Deductions

games and Tabletop War Games; along with a miniature painting competition, games vendors, food trucks, live art and a LEGENDARY raffle with over £2000 of games to be won. Entry is only £5 and all proceeds go to Mind BLMK.

<https://www.tabletoplegends.org/event-details/anniversary-event>



Biggleswade Christmas Light Switch On.

Friday 27 November.
Noon till 9pm. The
lights will be switched
on at 6pm.

There will be food and drinks stalls, charity stalls, craft stalls and lots of entertainment throughout the day and the evening. The funfair will be set up in Station Road. **Volunteers needed to litter pick.**



Biggleswade History Society

Methodist Church,
Shortmead Street, Doors open
7.30 for 8 pm start, Non-
members £4.

No pre-booking required.
biggleswadehistory.org.uk

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 2 November "100 Years of Auntie! An illustrated history of the BBC" by Dave Andrews.

A LITTLE HELP

 NEW SESSIONS IN BIGGLESWADE

Yoga is Self-Care

I'm a British Wheel of Yoga Teacher with over 20 years of experience teaching and I'm also a Mental Health Nurse. I'm offering a free, regular class to local Carers in my own Biggleswade home. I have a room set up for this specifically with mats and props and could probably fit 7 people.

The benefits of practising Yoga are well known and perhaps particularly relevant as the role of being a Carer can be physically, mentally and emotionally exhausting. At the moment I have some flexibility regarding day/time of class.

Please contact me via text or Whats App on 07867 553892 or sheryl.yoga@hotmail.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you. Sheryl



Dementia clinics in partnership with Nationwide Fairer Futures



Dementia UK is offering free, confidential clinic appointments with a specialist dementia nurse, known as an Admiral Nurse in Biggleswade Nationwide Building Society on 17th, 18th, 19th November 2026. You don't need to be a Nationwide customer. Everyone is welcome.

To book your appointment, 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 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



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