



# Biggleswade Community News

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## **GREEN WASTE BINS COMING SOON !**

Central Bedfordshire Council inform us that these additional wheely bins are being rolled out area by area but residents cannot request a green waste bin UNTIL they have received Central Bedfordshire notification on their bins or through the door.

Smaller 140 litre black waste bins or larger 360 litre ones can also be applied for, but the latter are only for households with 6 or more persons of any age who appear on the Council's electoral role.

Temporary or permanent ASSISTED BIN COLLECTIONS are offered if your household has no-one able to put out the bin for collection. You can apply if you are in poor health, have a mobility issue or a disability or are elderly and struggle with the bin.

For larger bins or assisted bin collections, visit [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or talk to customer services on 0300 300 8302. You can also email them at [customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:customers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)



The official scheme has finished but there are two places where you can still eat and get the same deal.

**STRATTON HOUSE HOTEL** have announced that they are extending the £10 meal discount for the month of September. Tel: 01767 312442 or email [sales@strattonhouse-hotel.co.uk](mailto:sales@strattonhouse-hotel.co.uk)



**Nonno Joe's** are also continuing this for September on Wednesday's & Thursday's!

# ABOUT TOWN

## From Our Editors .....

We aim to cover matters of interest about our town, so if you are involved with a voluntary organisation or initiative please submit items for consideration. It is published monthly on the web or as printed copies available at various places around the town.

Phone 01767 448954 or email

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**NEXT DEADLINE**  
**Mon Sept 21**

## Good News!!

The town is gradually coming back to life with cafes, pubs and restaurants reopening.

There are plenty of places to eat The Pembroke Arms now has live music every Friday evening, serves lunches all week and will have a new evening menu soon. Many have some outside seating. Nonno Joe's is open again and has a patio at the rear. Of those that are still closed we understand that both the White Hart and Cafe Mocha will open again soon. You are advised to phone first to book to avoid being disappointed due to limited capacity.

The number of stalls in the Saturday Market is gradually increasing and it is good to see people gathering and sitting outside Surfin Cafe again.

On Kings Reach "Kings Corner" run by the Baptist Church will reopen on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings from September 8.

The owners of many buildings took the opportunity to renovate them during the closure period. These include The Pentecostal Church in Crab Lane plus Nonno Joe's and Surfin Cafe.

## The Weatherley Centre is open for business

The Centre has now reopened and able to provide a Covid secure environment with the required social distancing. It has 6 rooms available for hire, ranging from a small committee room for 8 to 12 people (pre Covid) up to the 350 square metre main hall. For hire rates and availability, etc. telephone 01767 315709

***See overleaf for details from organisations that meet there.***

## NEWS FROM ORGANISATIONS



### **Our Churches are very active online**

and are gradually opening their doors for services again so please contact them for updates.

**STOP PRESS:** Rev'd Guy Scott has been offered and has accepted the position of Vicar of Midsomer

Norton with Clandown in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. His last Sunday service will be the 27th September.

### **The Great St Andrew's Tea Garden Saturday 19th September**

This year's Country Fayre will be slightly different from previous ones as it is going to take the form of a tea garden, within the grounds of the Church.

The tea garden will be open from 10.30 in the morning till 3.30 in the afternoon, serving either tea and cake or afternoon tea.

Customers will approach along the central path in the church yard and will be shown to their table as family groups. There will be some light entertainment on hand and a couple of Harris's amusements to entertain the children.

***This year's charity is St John's Hospice Moggerhanger.***

**Sunday Club** This month The Baptist Church Sunday Club will restart for children age 3 to school year 6. It will entail videos and activity packs from the church office or by emailing [ellen@bbchurch.org.uk](mailto:ellen@bbchurch.org.uk) **Go56** will restart on Tuesday 15th September at 4:30pm for children in school years 5 and 6.



**IVEL FLIX**

It is hoped that film shows can resume in the new year, if restrictions ease. Meanwhile the equipment (a large metal wardrobe style cupboard full of heavy equipment) needs to be temporarily stored somewhere secure. Any offers?

**The Social Club** hall has been completely refurbished including all new furnishings, decorating and a fully equipped commercial kitchen for in-house catering. No date fixed yet for reopening.

# NEWS FROM ORGANISATIONS

## At the Weatherley Centre

**Weight watchers** are holding their usual 10am sessions on Wednesdays. Lisa Hillier Fitness have also resumed their **Zumba Gold classes** for active older adults at 10am on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Fridays. At 7.30pm on Tuesdays, there is **Glow Beatz**, a dance fitness class in a darkened room with disco lights and glow sticks, suitable for all abilities. All sessions are £7 and run on a booking system. For more information phone Lisa on 07782 100376 or via website at [www.lisahillierfitness.com](http://www.lisahillierfitness.com)

**Beatz Fitness** also returns on Thursday 17th September 7.30 – 8.30 £6 pay on the door.

## Ivel Sprinter returns to service this month

From September Ivel Sprinter will be recommencing nearly all their community bus routes. However, their Wednesday service to Cambridge has been delayed until October.



Timetables can be downloaded from their website at [www.ivalsprinter.org.uk](http://www.ivalsprinter.org.uk) Passengers are required to wear masks and, due to the coronavirus and social distancing, numbers will be restricted to 8 only per bus, though this will be reviewed regularly. The minibus can be

flagged down at any point on its route.

For those new to the area, for the past 25+ years the Ivel Sprinter has been running weekly routes to Cambridge on Wednesdays and St Neots on Thursdays, with a 2 hour stay. They also run routes twice a week to Sainsburys, Biggleswade from local towns and villages. The Biggleswade trip is on Fridays. There is ample time to do your shopping and even have a coffee in the café, before you are collected for the return journey.

If you would be interested in driving voluntarily for a minimum of once a month they would be pleased to hear from you. Phone Martin Wilson on 07850 232931 or look on their website. Drivers just need to have a D1 on their licence.

## HAVE YOUR SAY



### **Biggleswade Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation – October 2020**

Biggleswade Town Council wish to make residents aware of a further Public Consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

It will draw on views shared during our first Public Engagement Events held in March 2019 and the survey responses received.

It will focus on presenting a list of key priorities for the Neighbourhood Plan as identified through analysing the survey responses.

Biggleswade Town Council wish to gain further feedback from residents which will help shape the Neighbourhood Plan.

Biggleswade residents will be informed in due course of the dates and details for this next public consultation.

#### **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

A Neighbourhood Plan is a way for the local community to influence planning policy within the area. It can be used to develop a shared vision for the neighbourhood including where new homes, shops and other facilities should be built and what they look like.

**Your views are important to help shape the way that the Neighbourhood Plan will develop.**

***Biggleswade Town Council Tel: 01767 313134***

***Email: [enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk)***



Central  
Bedfordshire  
Council

We're [updating the electoral register](#) for Central Bedfordshire. You can help us to do this safely and efficiently by following the steps we've sent you.

# EVENTS

## WARDEN ABBEY



The Community Vineyard

[www.wardenvineyard.org.uk](http://www.wardenvineyard.org.uk)

Tel: 07981 113714

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Vineyard guided tours restarted in August and must be booked in advance. The tour including wine tasting will be mostly outside, so please wear suitable clothing.

NEW Picnics with self-guided tours. Advance bookings only. Take a blanket and picnic and enjoy this ideal opportunity to relax in the beautiful and tranquil setting of the vineyard with family and friends



Shuttleworth, Old Warden Aerodrome.  
Bedfordshire SG18 9DX

01767 627927 open daily 10.00-17.00, with a 'site-entry' fee.

The Engineering workshop, restaurant, gift shop, and Play Area remain closed.

Weds 2 Sep Join the Head Gardener for a guided tree walk in The Swiss Garden

Thurs 3 Sep or Thurs 17 Sep Wellbeing workshop & Tai Chi

Sunday 6 September – Drive-in Airshow (Vintage)

Saturday 19 Sep 2020 FAMILY FUN - A BBQ Evening with bar.

Sunday 27 September – Drive-in Airshow (de Havilland)

Monthly **Sunday Antique and Vintage Fairs** are held at the Weatherley Centre are from 10am-4pm £2 on the door.

this month it is on 20th September

Phone 01480 832432 or email [info@madisonevents.co.uk](mailto:info@madisonevents.co.uk)



The Remembrance Day ceremony will go ahead in some form and there will be Christmas lights. We hope to update you on the arrangements next month.

## EVENTS

### 'Looking back in lock down dance project

At Bedfordshire based Imagination Arts, we provide dance opportunities for those who are rarely offered them. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been providing online sessions for older people and those with a long-term condition and/or disability. We are now moving into our 'return from lock down stage with our COVID-19 secure classes.

The 12 week course starts on Wednesday 9th September 7-8 pm in the Elgar Room at the Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade. Cost is £7 payable on the night or you can book the 12 sessions in advance at £60. Age is 18+ and numbers will be limited due to social distancing.

This project is aimed at those who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by Physical Health, Bereavement, Mental Health, Employment pressures or other reasons. We particularly welcome NHS staff, carers, key workers, etc. so if you know of anyone or any organisations within these groups, please let them know.

As a dance company, we will use the class as a creative outlet for our emotions and circumstances surrounding COVID-19, to encourage people to express their feelings through movement and dance, rather than keeping them bottled up and potentially causing more damage to their mental health.

For more information telephone Hannah Reynolds on 07714378887 or email [hannah.imaginationarts@yahoo.com](mailto:hannah.imaginationarts@yahoo.com)



### Friday entertainment at The Pembroke Arms

**Tel 07850 904020**

**Sept:** 4th Simon Baker; 6th (Sunday one off); 100 Foot Drop; 11th Max Ryan; 18th Nick Moyster; 25th Helen Lester

**Oct:** 2nd Martin John; 9th Northern Soul Vinyl Special; 16th Rock Formation; 23rd 100 Foot Drop; 30th Jenny Salmon

## NEED A LITTLE HELP?

If you use the Internet there is plenty of useful local information available. A good place to start is our community site [www.biggleswade.org](http://www.biggleswade.org)



We have two very friendly Local Radio Stations. Both are a good way to keep up with local events and issues. Also a friendly voice for company and somewhere to contact by phone text etc, Tune your radio to 104.8 or 95.5 FM.



Facilities such as The Market Square, play parks, etc are looked after by Biggleswade Town Council  
The office is open 9 - 5 Mon to Thurs and 9 - 4.30 Fri. At Old Court House, Saffron Road, SG18 8DL Tel: 01767 313134

email: [enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk)

**The North Central Community Policing Team** work with the local residents and partnership agencies to identify and deal with issues and incidents in Biggleswade. If you are affected by any anti-social behaviour or drug related issues please report it at <https://crowd.in/yyPv5c> or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Central Bedfordshire Council

A first point of contact for information and reporting many problems and issues. They are responsible for matters such as highways, trading standards, waste removal, social services etc.....

**0300 300 8000** [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)