



Biggleswade Community News

JUNE 2022



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JUBILEE in BIGGLESWADE

Thursday June 2 There is a Jubilee Cream Tea £4 at Trinity Methodist Church, in Shortmead Street from 2-4 pm.

In the Market Square from 7.45 pm there will be food and drink on sale, entertainment on stage and beacon lighting at 9.20 pm.

Sunday June 5 There will be the biggest ever street party in the Market Square all day. Plenty of food and drink plus family friendly entertainment.

It is **Pentecost** and St Andrews Church will host the usual Churches Together afternoon service at 5 pm, hopefully outdoors. As it is also the Platinum Jubilee it will be preceded from 3pm by a picnic with tea and cakes that can be bought.

We understand that street parties are planned around the town so join in and let's celebrate!

CARNIVAL Don't miss the Parade on Saturday June 18 and the Duck Race on Sunday June 12. Details of all events are on Page 7. Programmes and raffle tickets are on sale now from Sapphire Health and Beauty and other town centre locations.

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NEWS FROM BIGGLESWADE ORGANISATIONS



IVEL FLIX COMMUNITY CINEMA

The last of the films planned for this season was shown in May. Ivel Flix was established in November 2003 to give people of all ages the chance to watch films together on a big screen. Over the years audiences have fluctuated and costs have risen but we kept going until now. It filled a gap in the town with no cinema before the days of streaming and home entertainment on demand. Sadly the volunteer committee have decided that it has reached a point where it is no longer viable to continue for the small number of people who attend. A big thank you to all who have displayed our posters and helped with our publicity.



Biggleswade has a large and thriving Scout Group that provides a fantastic range of activities for our young people. What they can offer is only limited by the number of adult helpers. Maybe you would be interested in joining the team? contact gsl@biggleswadescouts.org.uk for details.



BIGGLESWADE SOCIAL CLUB

Church Street, Biggleswade SG18 0JS tel: 01767 312409

The next Craft Fair will be on 18th June supporting local businesses 10am to 3pm.

Each month the Social Club holds a Bingo Night and a Pool Knockout Evening. Dates are arranged around other bookings.

SOME DATES

Saturday June 4: Dunton Fun Day

Saturday June 11: Book Launch at Cafe Mocha (see page 7)

Sunday June 12 to 26: Carnival Fun (see page 7)

Sunday June 12: Not Strictly Jazz at Fairfield House. £20 ticket incl wine, soft drink and refreshments. For tickets telephone Sarah on 01767 312176

Saturday June 18: Dunton Car Boot Sale

Friday July 1: Street Food Heroes in Biggleswade Market Square



This newsletter is distributed by Good Neighbour's (BGN) volunteers to all their clients. If nobody at your address now has any connection with BGN and you want your details to be removed from our records, please let us know on 07771 104255 or biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com.

We are finally able to announce a few upcoming dates with more details to follow.

Annual General Meeting followed by social- June 22nd (evening)

Coffee morning with clients - 9th July (morning)

Special event for BGN volunteers - 11th July (morning)

The Weatherley Centre
Room hire for all events



Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade
SG18 8JH

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE



The last **Antiques Fair** of the Season takes place on the 19th June, 9.30-4pm. Café open.



Castle Comedy presents their **BIG JUNE SHOW** Doors 7.30 pm. Show starts 8pm. Finish 10.45pm. Hosted by Paul Revell. Tickets £15.40 incl. booking fee www.castlecomedy.co.uk/biggleswade-home

Featuring **HAL CRUTTEN** who has performed twice at the Royal Variety Performance, hosted TV's Live at the Apollo and Have I Got News for You.

Also appearing is **GLENN MOORE**, an Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee who has appeared on Mock the Week.



HISTORY SOCIETY: On Monday 6th June, there is a visit to Cardington Church with Revd Stephen. Meet at the Church door for 7.30pm start. £3 per person. Non members £4.

www.biggleswadehistory.org.uk

ABOUT THE TOWN



BIGGLESWADE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.

The referendum on the Biggleswade Neighbourhood Plan is still on track to put to Biggleswade residents and businesses in July 2022.

Urban Vision CIC (Community Interest Company) has been our Town Council's advisers throughout the development of the Town's Neighbourhood Plan and below is Item 3b from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 26 April 2022.

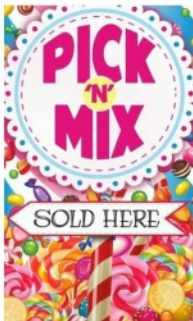
"Mr Dave Chetwyn of Urban Vision CIC has submitted technical responses to the Examiner's questions and the Town Council is awaiting further developments"



Congratulations
to
Grant Fage on
his appointment
as our
Town Mayor



**Traditional Sweet Shop
with a modern twist**



*An impressive
selection of
sweets for all
tastes and
occasions.*

Abbots Walk
Biggleswade
SG18 0LF



*"It all began with a love
of growing flowers"*

Beautiful seasonal garden flowers
grown in Biggleswade



Cut flowers available April to October,
grown in harmony with the environment



Gift bouquets delivered free in Biggleswade



Flower workshops throughout 2022



Hours by Appointment - phone 07881 688533
or email saxongateflowers@gmail.com



Visit our website for more details

Find us on Facebook

www.saxongateflowers.co.uk



SAINT ANDREW'S FESTIVAL

A weekend of concerts and other events in and around St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade, organised by CollectIvel - a collective of freelance musicians and performance artists. The theme of the festival this year will be around Bach and jazz as musicians and artists get "Bach to normal" after a pandemic-enforced break in their careers!

To start this mini Festival, on Friday 1st July at 7.30pm we will be welcoming Simon Berridge, Tom Stewart and Wayne Morris to perform 'Places to go: from Bach to Jazz'; for voice, trumpet and piano.

On Saturday 2nd July at 12.30pm, we welcome award-winning organist William Whitehead for 'Bach and Friends'; a lunch-time concert on the organ of St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade.

This will be followed at 7.30pm by 'Bach and the Art of Jazz' featuring Martin Feinstein, world renowned flute and recorder player who returns to Biggleswade to join with CollectIvists in a programme of Bach and beyond...



The festival finishes with a picnic concert outside the church on Sunday 3rd July at 3pm featuring the Alec Harper Quartet - a four-piece jazz group consisting of friends and titans of the UK Jazz Scene. For this programme they will perform a selection of jazz compositions from their

favourite artists including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Jelly Roll Morton and many more. The repertoire selected is focussed mainly on the period of jazz history spanning the 1920s-50s but some exceptions could make their way into the set. After all, jazz is full of surprises! Bring a rug, chairs and a picnic, and join us for the fun-filled festival conclusion...

For more and how to buy tickets visit <https://www.collectivel.org> where you will also be able to take the opportunity to read more about our work, to listen to audio and video clips of previous events, including the first St Andrew's Festival held last year...

FRANKLINS TEA ROOM AND FARM SHOP COMPLEX

Trumpetons Farm, Thorncote Green, Sandy SG19 1PU
01767 627644 www.franklinsfarm.co.uk



At the moment and for various reasons, some of our local rural tea rooms and eateries are only open on certain days. We were pleased therefore to be recommended The Dairy Cafe attached to the popular Franklins Farm Shop on this working farm at Thorncote Green. Open 7 days a week (closes 3pm on Sundays) it offers a wide range of cakes plus all day breakfast, and their menu is expanding.

From their large farm shop, via home delivery or click and collect, people travel from far and wide to buy the farm's home grown free range meat and poultry. With ample parking, and situated deep in the Bedfordshire countryside it is still only 3 miles from Biggleswade!



You reach it either by driving past GM Growers into Upper Caldecote then on to Ickwell (with its large village green and attractive thatched houses) straight on a little way past Northhill Church to the hamlet of Thorncote Green.

Alternatively you can take the Sandy to Bedford road off the A1, and turn left onto the Hatch road.



Also on the same complex is The Flower Mill florist and flower school, specialising in wedding flowers (see their Facebook page for more details or phone 01582 882261) a dog groomers and The award winning Willow Tree Gin

Distillery open every Friday evening.

www.willowtreedistilling.co.uk



We are now delivering copies of this newsletter to various places in our surrounding villages, and are pleased to add The Dairy Shop to our route which includes Northill, Southill, Broom and Jordans Mill shop, with coffee somewhere along the way, perhaps at the historic Cock Pub in Broom. An inspiring journey through some of the loveliest villages and countryside Bedfordshire or even the UK can offer, and all on our Biggleswade doorstep!

BIGGLESWADE CARNIVAL

Sunday June 12: Duck Race

Monday June 13: Darts Tournament

Tuesday June 14: Bingo Night

Saturday June 18: Carnival Parade Day

Tuesday June 21: Quiz Night

Sunday June 26: Kids Disco, Raffle Draw & Finale

More information from hazel@biggleswadecarnival.co.uk

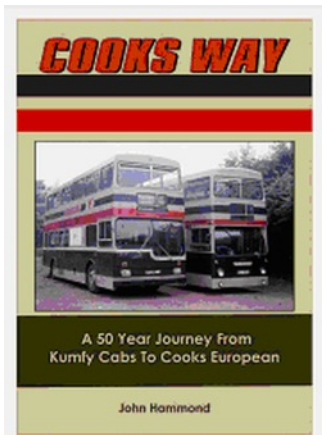


BOOK LAUNCH AT THE MOCHA CAFÉ 11TH JUNE

You are invited to attend the launch of John Hammond's Book 'Cooks Way' at the Mocha Café on the 11th June between 10am to 3am. Copies will be available at £10.

Charles Cook began a taxi service in Biggleswade in 1946 and acquired his first bus in 1947. This began 50 years of local coach operation by the Cook family. Charles operated his first continental holidays to Paris in 1951; later expanding across Europe, even reaching behind the 'Iron Curtain'. Locally Cook's operated a bus service from Biggleswade to Stevenage (we don't have that in 2022!).

In his private capacity Charles became the first mayor of Biggleswade, following local government changes in 1974, and remained a Town Councillor for 27 years.



A LITTLE HELP

Central
Bedfordshire

£150 ENERGY REBATE PAYMENTS URGENT MESSAGE CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

By the time you read this all direct debit Council Tax payers in our area should have received their £150 energy rebate. Unfortunately, people are increasingly being scammed on the phone by fraudsters purporting to be their local council.

Central Bedfordshire's way of allocating the £150 to those people who do not pay their Council Tax by direct debit, is to contact people and request just enough information for them to send the householder a voucher for £150 that they can then cash at their local Post Office.

No need to divulge any bank details and therefore no risk of fraud. Please stay aware of any telephone calls, ever, asking for bank details over the phone. Banks and Councils will never cold call and ask for these details. **STAY SCAM AWARE.**

IVEL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE

Are you recently bereaved?
Have you been struggling with
coming to terms with your loss?
Would it help to talk to someone?
For more information telephone

07704 734225

(Monday-Friday 9am - 6pm)
And speak to one of our

Bereavement Support Volunteers



Free and Confidential
(Donations Welcomed)

*Sharing your loss can
make the burden of grief
easier to manage*

Please don't grieve alone

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