



Biggleswade Community News

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JUNE NEWS & EVENTS



Cllr Jonathan Woodhead is the new Mayor of Biggleswade for 2025-2026.

Cllr David Albone is Deputy Mayor.



Duck Race & Family Fun Day

8TH JUNE
Dan Albone Car Park
opens @12noon 1st Race @2pm

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Funfair rides;
bouncy castles;
games; races;
arts and crafts;
food & drink.
And of course
duck races !!

The Future Action
Biggleswade stall
will be supporting
this national
event.



Our next
production
is "Come
From Away"
at

Biggleswade Academy.

from Thursday 12 June
to Saturday 14 June

07584 251112

bats-theatre@hotmail.com

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Future Action Biggleswade organises and attends community events and encourages us to consider the impact of our buying decisions. 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 organises the carnival parade plus a range of events. www.biggleswadecarnival.co.uk



Biggleswade Community Safety Group works with the Police and other services to help reduce:-Criminal Damage, Burglary, Anti Social Behaviour, Fear of Crime, Youth Issues and Vehicle Crime. They also share information about scams, local events and safety issues. Biggleswadecsg@gmail.com



Community Group Update

We will be at the Duck Race event on the FAB stall supporting Great Big Green Week.

We are hoping to arrange another coach outing following the success of last year's. Contact us if you are interested in a day out with others from Biggleswade. Call Alan on 01767 310163

Biggleswade Community Carnival Group



The duck race will be on Sunday 8th June

The Carnival Parade Day is Saturday 21st June

We also have the pool party on Saturday 14th June

Email hazel@biggleswadecarnival.co.uk



Future Action Biggleswade . At the recent AGM we reviewed another successful year and discussed plans for this year. We will be taking part in Great Big Green Week; with a stall at The Duck Race Fete on Sunday 8th June. On Saturday 25th October we will have another "Think As You Shop" event at The Bigg Theatre. Appropriate local businesses are offered a free stall.
www.fabweb.org.uk



Biggleswade Community Garden

We have been shortlisted for an award! CPRE Bedfordshire (the countryside charity) hosts the Living Countryside Awards 2025 and we have been shortlisted for an award under the "Grassroots and Green shoots" category as a community group making a difference to the environment. The judges have visited us.

As a result, we have also been entered into the Bedfordshire Choice Award category where people can vote for Biggleswade Community Gardens: <https://www.cprebeds.org.uk/news/voting-now-open-for-the-2025-bedfordshire-choice-award>

Voting is open until 30th June and is very easy- takes one click!



All are welcome to join us for a litter pick of the Winston Crescent area based on Northfields Community Centre from 11am on Saturday 7th June. All equipment provided. We will be holding our AGM there the same day at 12.30pm.

This will be followed at 1pm by a barbecue for our volunteers. Please let us know for catering purposes, if you intend to join us for this on 07771 104255 or biggleswadegoodneighbours@gmail.com.



Bedfordshire Group - Alpine Garden Society

In June, we won't be having a meeting with a speaker, instead we will be visiting one of our members gardens. This takes place on **Saturday 28th June** and is a Members only event. But if you would like to join the Group, you would be very welcome. Annual membership is £10 for a single member and £15 for joint membership and members pay only £2 per speaker meeting (instead of the non-member price of £5). For further details e-mail the Secretary on bedfordshire@alpinegardensociety.org.

We'll be back in the Weatherley Centre in July, and welcome **Diane Clement**, a regular speaker for our Group. Diane is an accomplished grower and a very successful exhibitor in Alpine Garden Society Shows. More details of this meeting next month.

www.bedfordshirealpines.com

FOOTBALL PITCHES FOR HIRE

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAMS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A VENUE?

**RECREATION GROUND
HORSESHOE CLOSE
DUNTON**

**FIELD WITH
CHANGING ROOMS
AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
FROM JULY 2025**

**REASONABLE
TERMS
NEGOTIATED**

**AVAILABLE FOR
EVENING & DAYTIME
TRAINING**

**SEPARATE PLAY AREA
FOR CHILDREN**

DUNTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION
For more information, and to apply
Contact: Xander at
duntonrecreation@gmail.com

**STORAGE CONTAINER
FOR EQUIPMENT**

**CAR
PARKING**

**TABLES & SEATING FOR
SPECTATORS**

The duck race on Sunday 8th June in Dan Albone Car Park will provide a great opportunity to talk to representatives from local organisations. It is from 12 noon until 5pm with something for all the family, including food, games and entertainment.



PRESENTS

Singing for Victory: The Forces' Sweethearts of WW2 by Melody Flyte

SUNDAY 6TH JULY. 4.00PM AT THE BIGG THEATRE HIGH STREET

To commemorate 80 years since the end of WW2 we have commissioned a tailor-made event funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, with a speaker and 1940s tribute singer Melody Flyte who performs with an ENSA uniform and vintage mic.

Act 1 will be a talk about the lives and experiences of three 'Sweethearts' - Gracie Fields, Joyce Grenfell and Vera Lynn - who went out with ENSA (Entertainments National Service Association) into the theatres of war to sing for troops behind the lines and in the hospitals. It will feature performances of WW2 songs including We'll Meet Again and the White Cliffs of Dover.

Act 2 will be full of well-known songs from the 1940s including Chattanooga Choo Choo and Bless 'em All alongside lesser-known songs popular during the war including When the Lights go on Again.

The Bigg Theatre is fully accessible and the coffee shop and bar will be open before the performance. Doors will open to the auditorium at 3.30.

Tickets are £3 for Biggleswade History Society Members and £5 for the general public.

Tickets available in person (cash only) from Howells Newsagents, Hitchin Street and The Bigg Theatre. They will also be on sale for cash and card payments on our stall on Saturday 5th July in the Market Square during the Council's Victory Weekend event (subject to availability).

If you would prefer to pay online please contact rachelhowlett50@hotmail.com for details.



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If you are involved with a local organisation get in touch and share details of what you offer. If you don't send us your updates we cannot publish the details for you!



Light Lunch at Trinity Methodist Church, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade: Thursday 5th June 12-1.30pm

Choice of homemade soups with roll and butter, piece of cake/pie with tea/coffee/squash. All for £6

Strawberry Cream Tea Thursday 19th June 2pm - 4pm
Come and join us for Strawberries and Cornish Clotted Cream
£6 in aid of Embrace (Bedford & District Cerebral Palsy Society)

Please support the
**DUNTON
RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

Fundraising
BARN DANCE

Saturday 19th July
7.30pm till 11pm
Doors open 7pm

Live music
and caller
with the
**BULLENBUSH
BAND**

Dunton Memorial Hall
For more information and to book
tickets, contact Heidi on
01767 601857
heidi-herbert@hotmail.co.uk

Advance tickets only
£15 each

BBQ available

Licensed bar

RAFFLE



**The
Dance**

**Insomnia
Show**

delivers the best euphoric dance tunes, house classics and rave anthems re-voiced into fresh new arrangements for the 21st century. **Friday 6 June Doors 7.30pm - Show 8pm**

Lavelles The Ladies Of Motown is an all-singing, all-dancing show, celebrating a hugely popular and iconic era of music. **Saturday 7 June Doors 7.15pm - Show 8pm**

The full 10-piece Bigg House Band is joined by the extraordinarily talented Helena Debono in a celebration of the iconic jazz singer, Ella Fitzgerald **Friday 27 June Doors - 7.15pm Music 8pm**

Summer Singalong



at The Bigg Theatre
with "The Singers"
Tuesday 22nd July
at 11.30 am

Everyone welcome
to join us!
Donations to The Bigg Theatre



Funfair rides; bouncy castles;
games; races; arts and crafts;
food & drink And of course
Duck Races !!



SUNDAY 6TH JULY – 4.00PM
For details visit
www.biggleswadehistory.org.uk



About the Town

Beaumont Park Care Home Receives Overall 'GOOD' Rating in Recent PAMMS Assessment



Inspectors praised the team for delivering compassionate and respectful care, and for creating a supportive and inclusive environment where residents are treated with kindness and as individuals.

The assessment also showed that team members have a clear understanding of each resident's individual needs and communicate in a supportive and straightforward way. Inspectors praised the respectful manner in which care was given, alongside the positive feedback from residents and their families.

Activities and wellbeing at Beaumont Park were also recognised as a key strength. The programme includes quizzes, bingo, themed events, armchair exercises, coffee mornings, and visits from entertainers, churches and local schoolchildren.

Animal visits – from rabbits and reptiles to Shetland ponies – were also mentioned, along with the home's thoughtful approach to personal interests



**Healthcare
Homes**

To find out more about Beaumont Park, visit www.healthcarehomes.co.uk

NEW & IMPROVED GYM AT SAXON POOL & LEISURE CENTRE COMING IN JUNE

We are busy improving the gym so that you have an even better space to work out in! This will include:

- A variety of brand new resistance and pure strength plate loaded machines
- Dedicated stretch area
- New functional training area
- New look and feel

*Saxon Pool and Leisure Centre, Saxon Drive,
Biggleswade, SC 18 8SU*



The Yorkshire Grey in London Road is shut until Monday 23rd June for major renovations.