

Society's Objective

The Society's primary objective is to promote the advancement of public education through the study of local history in Biggleswade.

The objective is achieved by:

- { holding monthly meetings and outings
- { distribution of a monthly newsletter
- { holding and supporting exhibitions
- { representation at county meetings
- { publication of historical booklets
- { supporting conservation and preservation

Membership is open to all who are interested in furthering this objective.

President and Life Vice President

The Society is honoured to have Ken Page as Life President. Our Life Vice President is Eric Lund.

Executive Committee for the Society Year of 2016 – 2017

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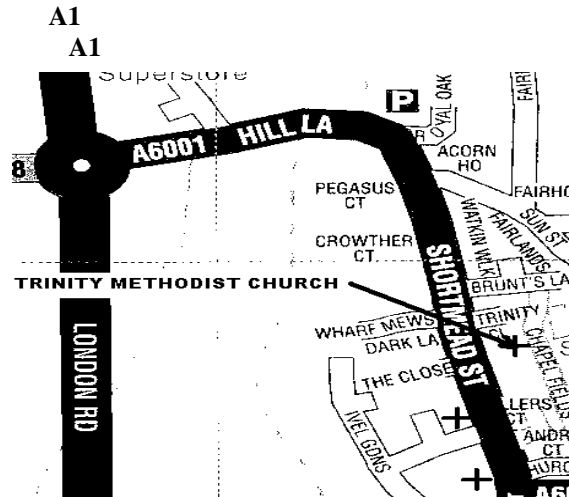
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Meeting Details

Meetings take place in **Trinity Methodist Church**, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade on the first Monday in each month, unless notified, and will start at **8.00 p.m.** (Doors open at **7.30**)

For the three meetings of June to August we arrange local walks or visits. The time and venues are separately detailed in the Meetings Schedule

For further details or for offers of talks or visits contact our Hon. Secretary.



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Going 40 Years



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Society Overview and Programme of Activities

www.BiggleswadeHistory.org.uk

Programme for 2016-2017 The Society's 41st Year

Meetings Schedule

- 4 April** AGM
- 9 May** 'Have I got Historical Newspapers For You' – Talk by David Smith.
- 6 June** Outing 'Panacea Museum Bedford' Members Only.
- 4 July** Outing: Potton Station. George Howe House. Members Only.
- 1 Aug** Outing: Tempsford Walk. Station Road History & Tempsford Hall. Steve Cooney. Members Only.
- 5 Sept** 'Up with the Lark – Agricultural Labourers' Talk by Ian Waller.
- 3 Oct** 'Victorian River Life, 1880 to WWI' Talk by Rodney Todman.
- 7 Nov** 'A Year in the life as High Sheriff' Talk by Colin Osbourne.
- 14 Dec** Christmas Party. Members only.

Events Schedule

Event scheduling will be progressive and details can be obtained from our website or from the Secretary. Please contact us if you would like us to attend your event.

On Our Website

www.BiggleswadeHistory.org.uk

The site contains a wealth of information about the Society and the history of Biggleswade. For observations or items for the website contact webmaster Mike Strange, via the site

Newsletters

We welcome history based information and articles about Biggleswade and its people for our monthly newsletter; please contact the Editor, Jane Dale.

Biggleswade Archives

The Society has accumulated a considerable quantity of ephemera, photographs and records pertinent to Biggleswade. These are available to the members only by special arrangement with the Hon. Archivist; also a quantity is always on display at local exhibitions.

We have an archive room that can be used for limited research work but the Society continues actively to seek a way of making the archives more accessible to members and to the public at a research room or heritage facility.

We welcome donation or loan of items of historical interest relating to Biggleswade, and are always pleased to receive photographs or cine film, which can be copied and returned. Please contact the Archivist if you have such items.

Society Membership

Subscription Details

The annual subscription, which commences on 1 April each year, is **£7.50**. We charge **£6.00** for postal delivery of the monthly newsletter but free delivery via email is available and also free hand delivery to most addresses in the town. Ask about our short trial membership offer available from 1 October.

Note that the visitor's fee to attend open meetings is **£3.00**.

If you would like to become a member of the Society please contact the Hon. Secretary for a membership application form or download one from our web site.

Publications

Copies of publications can be obtained by contacting the Chairman, or via our website, or from retail outlets at Howells of Hitchin Street, Langford Garden Centre & Jordan's Mill.

The following are Society Publications:

Old Biggleswade - A Collection of Photographs
Volumes 1 to 5 £2.00 each or
£8.00 the set

The Society has an index for these and will look up names & places for a small donation (free to purchasers of a set)

Heritage Trail Volume 1 £2.50
Bygone Biggleswade vols. 1-3 £2.50 each
or £7.00 the set

Biggleswade in Words & Pictures £1.50
True Tales Told of Biggleswade of Old £1.50
The Great Fire of Biggleswade £1.50
Bargain pack of all the above: £20.00

Townfolk of Biggleswade (Vols 1 to 4) £2.00 each

Packs of 3 notelet cards with envelopes. The cards show Biggleswade scenes reproduced from watercolour paintings in the Society's collection by the artist, Neville Howard Noller (1882-1978). Packs contain one of each scene or three of a kind. £2.00 per pack

The following is by the late Mary Webb:

Remember Your Manor
- about Stratton and Stratton Park House £1.50

Generous discounts on all the above titles, including the packs of notelets, are available to members purchasing direct from the Society.

The following are Ken Page's own publications:

Thirsty Old Town £4.50
Biggleswade Brewery £3.00

The following is by Ray Miller & Lee Irvine, published 2011 by the Veteran-Cycle Club and available via the Society's Editor, Jane Dale:

Dan Albone – Cyclist, Inventor and Manufacturer
434 pages A4 hardback, illustrated £20.00
(Discount included. Free local delivery. £5 postage)