

Biggleswade History Society

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 of the Society. Our Life Vice President is Eric Lund.

Executive Committee

for the Society Year of 2011 – 2012

Officers

Chairman	Roy Chadwick	316669
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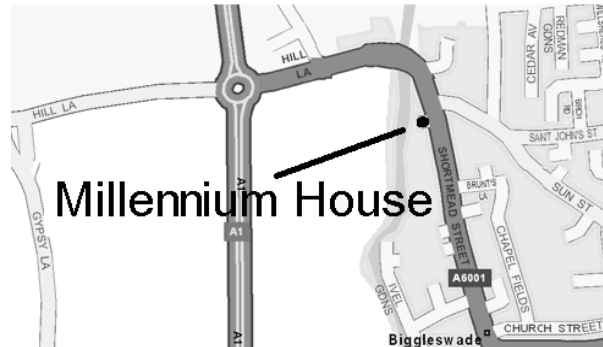
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Meeting Details

All indoor meetings take place in Millennium House, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade between September and May on the first Tuesday in each month and will normally start at 8.00 p.m. (Doors open at 7:45)

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.



From Shortmead St turn into Ivel Bury

Millenium House is on your right, park at the side or rear.

The Post Code is SG18 0BB

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Society Overview And

Programme of Activities

www.BiggleswadeHistory.org.uk

Programme for 2011-2012 The Society's 37th Year

Meetings Schedule

2 Aug	Out Visit to Shuttleworth Aircraft Collection – A private evening guided tour. Ticket price £9.00.
6 Sep	“Harris’s Fun Fairs” – Talk by Ken page.
4 Oct	Maps & Mapping – part 2 – a talk by Eric Lunn.
1 Nov	“Death Clouds” a talk by Geoff Sewell on the use of mustard gas in WW1.
6 December	Members Christmas Gathering.
10 Jan	Dan Albone Archive Display.
7 Feb	“The Archaeology & History of Biggleswade Common” talk by D McOmish.
6 Mar	“The Victorian way of Death” Talk by T Doig.
3 April	AGM +
1 May	“Biggleswade Old Steel Bridge” Talk by P Haworth.
12 June	Out Visit to St Mary’s Church, Gamlingay.
3 July	Out Visit Signals Museum, RAF Henlow.
7 Aug	Out Visit to Stondon Transport Museum.
4 Sept	“Pickwick’s Cambridge Scrapbook” Talk by Mike Petty.
2 Oct	“The Rise & Fall of the Cardington Airship” Talk by David Fowler.
6 Nov	“Poison & Powder” Talk by Michelle Bullivant.

Events Schedule

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

On Our Website

www.BiggleswadeHistory.org.uk

The website contains a developing wealth of historic Biggleswade information and details of the Society. For items or observations you have for the web site please contact Mike Strange.

Newsletters

We welcome historic-based information and articles about Biggleswade and its people for our monthly newsletter; please contact the editor, Jane Croot.

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 Archivist or Secretary; also a quantity is always on display at local exhibitions.

The Society does have a storage room that can be used for limited research work but continues to actively seek a way of making these archives more accessible to its membership and public in general at a research room or heritage facility.

The Society welcomes donation or loan of any items of historical interest related to Biggleswade. We would be particularly delighted to receive photographs or cine film; both of which could be copied and returned; if you have such items please contact the Hon. Archivist.

Society Notes

Subscription Details

The annual subscription, which commences on 1st April each year, is £6.50. We charge £4.50 for postage of the newsletter but hand delivery is available free within Biggleswade town or free by E-mail.

Note that for open meetings visitors are charged £2.00.

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

Publications

Copies of publications can be obtained from the Hon. Sec, via our web site or from retail outlets at Howells of Hitchin Street, Simply Oak and Langford Garden Centre.

The following are Society Publications:

Old Biggleswade - A Collection of Photographs
Volumes 1 to 5 £2.50 each or
£10.00 the set
The Society has an index for these and will look up names and places for a small donation - free to purchasers of a set

Heritage Trail Volume 1 £3.00
Bygone Biggleswade
Volumes 1 to 3 £3.00 each
£7.50 the set
Biggleswade in Words & Pictures £2.00
True Tales Told of Biggleswade of Old £2.00
The Great Fire of Biggleswade £2.00
Parish Map Postcards £0.20
Bargain pack of all the above: £25.00

Townfolk of Biggleswade (Vol 1,2,3 & 4) £2.50 each

The following are Ken Page’s own publications:

Thirsty Old Town £5.00
Biggleswade Brewery £3.50

The following were by the late Mary Webb:

Remember Your Manor -
The History of Stratton £2.00
Poems & Pictures £1.50
Character & Characters £1.45