

## 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

The Society is sad to announce that its Life President, Ken Page passed away on 20 January 2018.

## Committee for the Society Year 2018 – 2019

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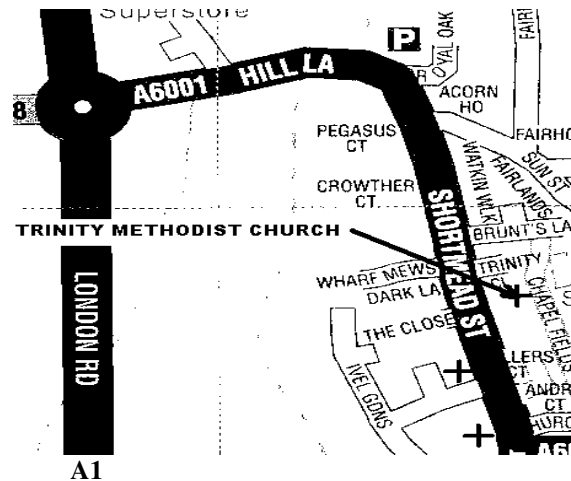
## Meeting Details

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 the Secretary.

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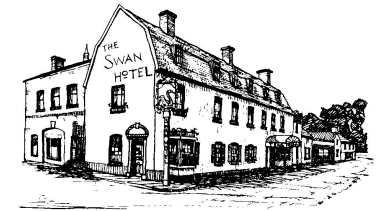
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# Biggleswade History Society

Established 1974



Registered Charity Number 298010

2018 - 2019

## Society Overview and Programme of Activities

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

## Programme for 2018-19

### The Society's 44<sup>th</sup> Year

#### Meetings Schedule

##### 2018

- 9 Apr** Annual General Meeting – Members only, followed by Open Forum and a presentation about the Biggleswade WW1 project.
- 14 May** Billy Lincoln's Films of Biggleswade presented by Edward and Hilary Street.  
**Please note:** This is on the 2nd Monday of the month due to the May Day Bank Holiday.
- 4 Jun** **Outing** – Evening visit to Bedford's Victorian Foster Hill Road Cemetery hosted by the Friends of Bedford Cemetery. Members only.
- 2 Jul** **Outing** – Visit to St Leonard's Church and Ongley Mausoleum, Old Warden, hosted by historian Christine Hill. Members only.
- 6 Aug** **Outing** – Details to be confirmed. Members only.
- 3 Sep** 'Warden Abbey – The Lost Plot' – **a talk** by Margaret Roberts.
- 1 Oct** 'Members' Miscellany' – a series of **short talks** by members on various subjects.
- 5 Nov** 'Churches in Bedfordshire' - **a talk** by David Longman.
- 3 Dec** Members' Christmas Party at Shortmead.
- 2019**
- 7 Jan** To be announced.
- 4 Feb** 'Wind & Watermills' – a talk by Robin Webb
- 4 Mar** 'The Life & Times of Lady Sandra Highsted' - **a talk** by Sandy Highsted.
- 1 Apr** Annual General Meeting – 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 much information about the Society and the history of Biggleswade. For observations or items for the website contact webmaster David Wheeler 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 by special arrangement with the 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 £10.00 per person as of April 2018. 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 short trial membership available from 1 October. Note that the visitor's fee to attend open meetings is **£3.00**.

To become a member of the Society contact the Treasurer for a membership application form, or download one from our website, or come to any meeting and enquire at the door.

### Publications

Copies of publications are available via our website, or by contacting Jennifer Topham.

Descriptions of all booklets are on the website.

#### Pricelist

##### The following are Society Publications:

Old Biggleswade - A Collection of Photographs  
Volumes 1-5 £1.00 each  
*We have an index for these and will look up names & places for a small donation.*

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Heritage Trail Volume 1               | £1.00      |
| Bygone Biggleswade vols. 1-3          | £1.00 each |
| Biggleswade in Words & Pictures       | £1.00      |
| True Tales Told of Biggleswade of Old | £1.00      |
| The Great Fire of Biggleswade         | £1.00      |
| Townfolk of Biggleswade (Vols 1-4)    | £1.00 each |

Packs of 3 notelets with envelopes. The cards show Biggleswade scenes reproduced from watercolour paintings in the Society's collection by artist Neville Howard Noller (1882-1978). **The** packs contain one of each scene or three of a kind. £1.00 a pack

##### The following is by the late Mary Webb:

Remember Your Manor  
- about Stratton and Stratton Park House £1.00

##### The following are by the late Ken Page:

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| Thirsty Old Town (Biggleswade's pubs) | £1.00 |
| The Story of Biggleswade Brewery      | £1.00 |

##### The following hardback book is by Ray Miller & Lee Irvine (publ. 2011 by the Veteran Cycle Club):

'Dan Albone – Cyclist, Inventor and Manufacturer'  
- 434 pages A4 generously illustrated. **Now only £15**  
(Free local delivery or add £5 for postage)

We also have a few limited edition copies from the first print run of 250 which come with a personalised certificate signed by the authors. **Price: £20.00**  
(Free local delivery or add £5 for postage. Please contact the Society's Editor to order one of these.)

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CHOOSE AN EXTRA £1.00 BOOK FOR FREE!  
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