

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 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 pleased to announce the appointment of its new President, Rosemary Williams, on 1 April 2019.

Committee for the Society Year 2019 – 2020

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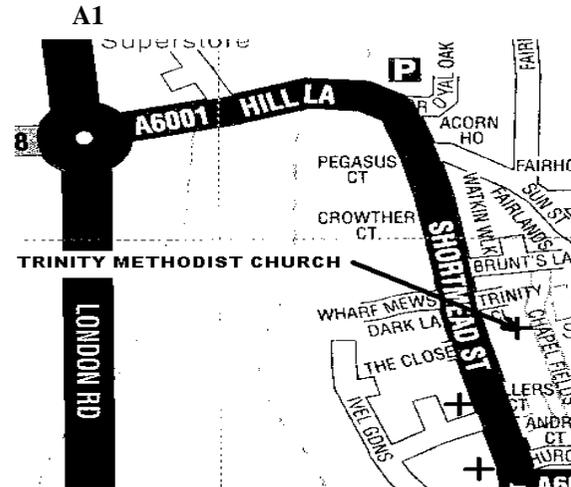
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Meeting Details

Meetings take place in **Trinity Methodist Church**, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade SG18 0AP 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.



The Post Code is SG18 0AP

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Biggleswade History Society

Established 1974



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2019 - 2020

Society Overview and Programme of Activities

www.BiggleswadeHistory.org.uk

Programme for 2019-20

The Society's 45th Year

Meetings Schedule

2019

- 1 Jul** Members only evening visit to Ashwell Village & Museum. Meet at 6.30pm £3.50 per person. FULLY BOOKED
- 5 Aug** Members only evening visit to the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. Meet at 6.00pm. £8.50 per person inc. refreshments
- 2 Sep** 'A Ticket to Ride' – a talk by Judith & Chris.Rouse of the Wyvern Railway Society.
- 7 Oct** 'The Nursery Rhyme Detective' – a talk by Vic Botterill about the origins and secrets of nursery rhymes.
- 4 Nov** 'My Life in Uniform – a talk by Bernard Newman
- 2(?) Dec** Christmas Party. Date & venue to be arranged.

2020

- 6 Jan** The Old Printing Trade – a talk by Ted Martin
- 3 Feb** Member's Evening
- 2 Mar** Bedfordshire Churches part 11 – an illustrated talk by David Longman
- 6 Apr** AGM
- 4 May** Path to Honour: An Investiture" – an illustrated talk by Michael O'Brien

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 bi-monthly newsletter; please contact the Editor or Chairman.

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 **£3.00** for postal delivery of the bi-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, download one from our website, or come to any meeting and enquire at the door.

Publications

Copies of publications are available at meetings, via the 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.

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 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)

The following by the late Mary Webb is out of print:
Remember Your Manor
- about Stratton and Stratton Park House ~~N/A~~

The following by the late Ken Page are out of print:
Thirsty Old Town (Biggleswade's pubs) ~~N/A~~
The Story of Biggleswade Brewery ~~N/A~~

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(includes packs of notelet cards)