

## 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 regrets to announce the resignation of their President, Rosemary Williams, with effect from September 2021.

## Committee for the Society Year 2021 – 2022

Chairman	Jennifer Topham	01767 313407
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Secretary	vacant	
Treasurer	Steve Williams	email only
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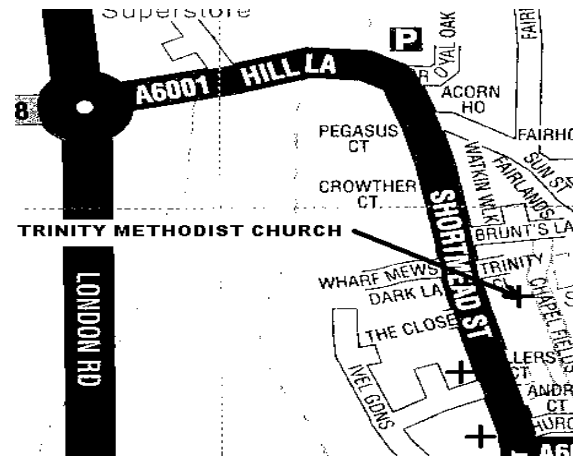
## Meeting Details

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 pm**)

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 Chairman.

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# Biggleswade History Society

Established 1974



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2021 - 2022

## Society Overview and Programme of Activities

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

## Programme for 2021 - 2022

### The Society's 47<sup>th</sup> Year

#### Meetings Schedule

2021/22

- 6 September** "My Life in Uniform" a talk by Bernard Newman
- 4 October** "Chicksands Priory" a talk by Damien O'Dell
- 1 November** "Biggleswade Workhouse" a talk by Rosemary Williams
- 6 December** "The BBC & Glen Miller" with David Fowler
- 2022
- 19 January The Archive Team
- 7 February "Back to Grass Roots" with Mary Dominey
- 7 March "Picture Postcards: an eyewitness to History", an illustrated talk by Mark Andrew Pardoe
- 4 April AGM plus "Introducing Artefacts" an evening of interest with Roger Quince

#### Events Schedule

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

#### On Our Website

[www.BiggleswadeHistory.org.uk](http://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 subscription, for the period September 2021 until March 2022 will be £7 per person.

We charge an additional £4 for postal delivery of the bi-monthly newsletter but free by email and hand delivery within town.

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

To become a member of the Society contact the Chairman 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 1,2,4)	£1.00 each
<i>Vol 3 scanned copy only</i>	

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~~