

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 2022 – 2023

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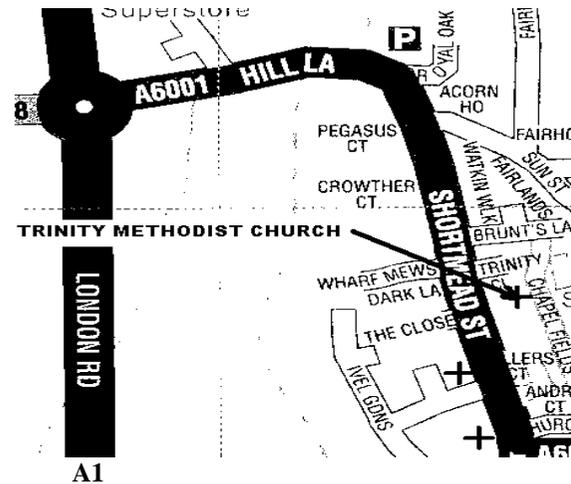
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Meeting Details

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 pm**)

For the three meetings of June to August we usually 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.



The Post Code is SG18 0AP

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Biggleswade History Society

Established 1974



Registered Charity Number 298010

2022 - 2023

Society Overview and Programme of Activities

www.BiggleswadeHistory.org.uk

Programme for 2022

The Society's 48th Year

Meetings Schedule

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
9 May	“Kill or Cure: Dr T.J. Walker, Victorian Surgeon” by Liz Davies
6 June	Visit to St Mary's Church, Cardington - with Revd. Stephen Smith
4 July	tba
1 August	“Granny's Handbag, Granddad's Briefcase”
5 September	“Bedfordshire & the Sailing Navy 1660-1815” – a talk by Dr David Davies
3 October	“Bedfordshire Church's part 111” with David Longman
7 November	“Brass Rubbings” a talk with Jean Collins
5 December	“Up the Cut” a talk on canals with Derek Harris

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
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 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 donations 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 April 2022 until March 2023 will be £10 per person. We charge an additional £6 for postal delivery of the bi-monthly newsletter, £2.50 for hand delivery within town with e-mail being free.

Note that the visitor's fee to attend open meetings is **£4.00**. 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
Vol 3 scanned copy only

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. £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*

Videos

Three Towns – Potton, Sandy & B'wade £15.00
Billy Lincoln's Films - amateur footage of life in Biggleswade in the 1930's £2.00