

## Directory of Biggleswade Organisations

*Here are details of a selection of the wide range of organisations that are available within the town. Many of them have Web Sites with more information. You can access these via Biggleswade Community Web – [www.biggleswade.org](http://www.biggleswade.org). This information is checked carefully at the time of going to press but if you spot anything that needs changing or adding please email [info@biggleswade.org](mailto:info@biggleswade.org) or phone 01767 310163. Thanks.*

**Adult Education** (Workers Educational Association, Biggleswade ) the group meets in the Labour Hall in Crab Lane on Tuesday mornings. Classes usually attract about fifteen to twenty and always start with coffee, tea and a biscuit. Call for details of forthcoming courses.

**Contact – Clive Bandy 01462 730147**

**Air Cadets** The RAF Air Cadets, based at Ivel Bury Shortmead Street is open to all young people aged 12-18. Parade nights are Mondays and Wednesdays, 7 – 9.30pm. The Air Training Corps is a military orientated and uniformed organisation. A cadet can learn how to fly in powered and unpowered aircraft as well as learn a wealth of essential field training skills such as navigation, first aid and much more!

**Contact – 01767 314558** or just pop in.

**Archery** Kestrels is a well-established target archery club based in Biggleswade & Sandy. It is affiliated to the Bedfordshire County Archery Association (BCAA) and the Southern Counties Archery Society (SCAS). The club caters for all types, from social archers to the competitive tournament archers and all bow types are welcome (except crossbows). There are a number of GNAS qualified coaches who can provide coaching and assistance to archers of all capabilities.

**Chairman – Martin Gascoigne 07920 080914**

**Army Cadets** Based at Biggleswade ACF Centre, Shortmead St, Biggleswade, SG18 0BB . Parade nights 7.30pm Mon & Thurs.

**Contact – 01992 582423**

**Art Society** Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Weatherley Centre. 7.15 for 7.30pm Unfortunately there is a waiting list for membership because of the limited space in the meeting room.

**Contact –** (via [www.biggleswade-art-society.co.uk](http://www.biggleswade-art-society.co.uk))

**Athletic Club** are always pleased to welcome new members, whether you are a beginner or experienced athlete. They take juniors from as young as 8 years old. They have several coaches and the training programme ensures that all abilities are catered for, allowing everyone to join in together. Whether you are a jogger looking for a running partner or an experienced athlete looking for competition, you are most welcome to join!

**Contact –** (via [www.biggleswadeac.org.uk](http://www.biggleswadeac.org.uk))

**Avenue Autism Support Group** Holds relaxed, informal support groups where families can go along and chat to other families who understand the highs and lows of living with a child with Autism. It is a positive friendly group where you can share tips, experience and knowledge. You can also view and buy helpful sensory and communication aids and pick up useful leaflets / hand-outs - all while enjoying a cup of tea. Meetings are every first Friday of the month 9.30 – 11.30am, every third Tuesday of the month 12.30 – 2.30pm

**Contact – 07425 551110**

## Badminton

**Biggleswade Ivel Badminton Club** (16+ only) Competitive badminton club playing in local Bedfordshire and Biggleswade leagues Approx. 40 members  
Club night - Tuesday 8pm - 10.30pm Match night - Thursday 8pm - 10pm  
Stratton Leisure Centre, Eagle Farm Road  
**Contact – 01234 823758**

**Biggleswade Junior Badminton Club** (Age range: 8-18) Saturday 14.00 - 16.00  
& 16.00 - 17.30 at The Recreation Centre Eagle Farm Road.  
**Contact – Mrs Janice Buckle, Secretary / Treasurer 01767 312053**

**BAG (Biggleswade Allotment Group)** An informal and Friendly Allotment Group. Aims to bring together fellow allotment holders, to help each other in all aspects of allotment gardening. Holds social events, including a summer BBQ, occasional speakers, seed swaps, newsletters every quarter. Membership includes affiliation with the National Allotment Society (National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners)  
**Contact –** (via [biggleswadeallotmentgroup.webs.com](http://biggleswadeallotmentgroup.webs.com))

**Band** The East Beds Concert Band rehearse 7:15 to 9:15 on Mondays during term time. Rehearsals take place at Stratton Upper School. There are three concerts a year and the band also plays at other events.  
**Contact** (via [www.eastbedsconcertband.org.uk](http://www.eastbedsconcertband.org.uk))

## Bowling

**St Andrew's Bowling Club** April - September - during daylight hours. The Green, Conservative Club, St Andrews Street. Competitive and leisure, outdoor. Flat green bowling activities, together with social events. Ages 11 upwards.  
**Fred McCarthy 01767 221243**

**Biggleswade Town Bowls Club** (affiliation: BCBA Bowls England) A mixed lawn bowls club, with around 100 members. The green in Drove Road Recreation Ground is open every day from 2.00pm until dusk from May to September. Council Owned Open to the Public.  
**Contact Secretary Terry Butt 01767 223379**

**Café Mocha (59 High Street)** is a not-for-profit enterprise serving good quality coffee, tea and other drinks and snacks. The cafe aims to support the community of Biggleswade and help people back to work. It provides an environment which is friendly and accepting, encouraging all sorts of people to spend time there. Wherever possible the items on the menu have the Fairtrade mark or are locally produced.  
**Contact – 07947 778800**

**Camera Club** Biggleswade and District Camera Club meets every Thursday from September – April at 8pm in Biggleswade Conservative Club. Biggleswade and District Camera Club (BDCC) is a photographic club for photographers of all ages and abilities. The club is a place to meet others with a shared interest and help all members improve their photographic skills and knowledge in a relaxed friendly environment.  
**Contact – Secretary, 01767 316176**

**Cancer Support Group** A support group for Biggleswade and the surrounding area. Meets every first Thursday of the month at the Weatherly Centre. 1pm -3pm. Has cancer touched your life in some way? All welcome.  
**Contact – Gina 07812 796581**

**Carers** Biggleswade Carers Choir meets every Wednesday at 1.45 p.m. at the Sea Cadets Hall Biggleswade.

**Contact – Sandra Rome 03001111919**

**Chamber of Trade** Represents and informs the businesses and business people in the Town. It seeks to promote their interests both within and outside of the town centre area – not just the retail sector but all businesses. The aim is to ensure that our town accommodates the needs of the business and their customers. This is achieved by liaising with relevant agencies such as Councils and Councillors at Town and District levels as well as with our MP.

**Contact – Membership Secretary Alan Dansey, 01767 310163**

**Cheerleading** BTCA is a cheerleading club in Biggleswade (Saxon Leisure Centre) for 5-12yr olds. Cheerleading with a difference - develop confidence, boost self-esteem and fight anxiety all whilst learning cheer skills.

**Contact –** (via [www.facebook.com/CheerWithTheBTCA/](http://www.facebook.com/CheerWithTheBTCA/))

## **Choirs**

**The Amici Singers** meet on Thursday evenings in term-time at: Trinity Methodist Church, in Shortmead Street from 7.45pm to 9.45pm. cost: 15 pounds per term. Female voice choir open to women 16 years and upwards. No auditions.

Conductor: Dr Douglas Coombes MBE

**Contact – Anne Bunker (Chairman) 01767 650630**

**Choral Society** currently has about 70 members and performs at least 3 concerts a year. The music is very varied. They sing classical and modern music, often religious works but with at least one concert a year of 'lighter' music. New members (over 16) are always welcome. No audition is required. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings during school terms from 8pm to 10pm at Trinity Methodist Church

**Contact – Chairman Archie Russell 01767 312966**

**Harmony youth Choir** is an award winning choir for young people from 9 to 18. They meet every Thursday from 4 till 5.15 at St Andrew's Church Biggleswade.

**Contact Yvonne Gray 01767 221379**

**St Andrew's Community Choir** is an award winning choir for ladies. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 till 9 at St Andrew's Church in Biggleswade.

**Contact Yvonne Gray 01767 221379**

**Churches** - 6 of the Town's Churches comprise "Churches Together in Biggleswade". Delegates meet on a regular basis to share plans and work on joint projects. Regular joint events include the Easter Walk of Witness, Fun days, carnival floats and Christmas activities.

**Contact – Chairman Alan Dansey, 01767 310163**

**St Andrew's Parish Church** – St Andrew's is a diverse and active church with an electoral roll of about 300. Worship is in a variety of different styles, but mainly uses the more modern of the "Common Worship" service formats. They have a strong musical tradition ranging from a robed choir with organ, to a music group and a youth band. There is a bell-ringing team which rings for the main services on Sundays. There is a thriving Sunday school and crèche which meet on Sunday mornings at 10.00 am at the same time as the main Holy Communion Service. On Saturdays, there is a Coffee Shop so that people can drop in for a chat after their weekly visit to the market. **Contact – 01767 312243**

**St Peter's Catholic Church** - The Church is part of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton. You and your family are warmly invited to go and worship there at any of the Sunday or weekday services. From the centre of Biggleswade make your way towards the railway station; after about 150 metres you will see the Police Station followed by St Peter's Catholic Church on your left. There is space to park behind the church.

**Contact – 01767 312013**

**Trinity Methodist Church** - Trinity Methodist Church is a warm and welcoming Christian fellowship, serving the local community because of God's love. It is located in Shortmead Street, a short walk from the Town Centre. Sunday morning worship (10.30am) is traditional 'Free-Church' style in a relaxed atmosphere. A shorter service (usually Holy Communion) is also held earlier on the second Sunday of the month, with more contemporary and informal worship at 6.00pm on the fourth Sunday. 'Thursday Lunch' (first Thursday of month) preceded by a short service and followed by concert. Messy Church is a free fun family session, including a lunch every third Saturday at Trinity Biggleswade.

**Contact – 01767 312156**

**Biggleswade Baptist Church** - Biggleswade Baptist Church (sometimes known as BBC) is a vibrant church. There are about 120 people on the formal membership list, around 200 people attending our services on a Sunday and several hundred more attending a wide range of activities during the week. Sunday services are usually at 10.30 am and 6 pm. The church offers particular care to the whole town through its food bank project, and Listening Space; and in the summer its Holiday Club for children.

**Contact – 01767 312667**

**Biggleswade Pentecostal Church** - Comprises a varied group of people who follow Jesus. Sunday Services are at 5pm, in Crab Lane and there is a fellowship meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7.30. On Thursday Mornings there is an open invitation to drop in for a cuppa and a chat between 10 and 12.

**Contact – 01767 600061**

**Newlife Church** – A church community in and around Biggleswade, working in partnership with Newfrontiers a worldwide family of churches. Sunday celebrations take place at Edward Peake Middle School in Potton Road Biggleswade at 10:30am. They have regular 'life' groups meeting throughout the week in the evenings and some daytime groups.

**Contact – 01767 686220**

**Community Safety** - Biggleswade Community Safety Group includes Streetwatch, Speedwatch and Neighbourhood Watch

**Contact** (via Facebook - <https://facebook.com/BiggComSafety/>)

**Community Spirit** - "A group that believes in good deeds and making a difference to our community and beyond. Too much misery in the world and it only takes people like you and me to change it."

**Contact** (via Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/364455320562499/>)

**Conservative Club** - Facilities include a Bowls Club, Snooker Club and Tennis Club. Also you can try your hand at cribbage or dominoes or just go along to one of the film nights, games nights or quiz nights. There is a flourishing Women's group which meets on a regular basis. Local Conservatives are invited to join by completing a membership application form from a member of staff (or print one from the Web Site). Normally applications should be supported by 2 existing club members but this is sometimes waived for people who are new to the area.

**Contact – 01767 312225**

**Cricket Club** Biggleswade Town Cricket Club, based in Fairfield Road, pride themselves on having a vibrant youth section, and run youth teams from Under 10's through to Under 16's with both boys and girls being taught and encouraged by the team of coaches. Has multiple adult teams competing in league cricket on Saturday's and Sunday's throughout the season.

**Contact – Matthew Twigg, 07772 438150**

**Dance** C Wren Dance classes are every Wednesday at Stratton Leisure Centre ( 3-5yrs, 6-9yrs, 10+yrs) A chance to learn a variety of dance styles to modern music hits  
**Contact 07590 455063**

**Fairtrade Association (FAB)** (Fairtrade Association Biggleswade) is a group of people who want to see more availability and awareness of Fairtrade products. They are actively working towards achieving Fairtrade Town status for Biggleswade. Activities include maintaining lists of companies using Fairtrade products and retailers that sell them. They have events, stalls and displays to raise awareness. Regular planning meetings are held and anyone with an interest is invited to attend.

**Contact – Chairman Neil Spencer, 07910 211824**

**Films (Ivel Flix Film Group)** during the winter months films are shown once a month on a big screen at Biggleswade Academy in Mead End. The facility is run by a small group of volunteers on a "not for profit" basis. Please get in touch if you would like a copy of the programme or want to volunteer to assist.

**Contact – Alan Dansey, 01767 310163**

**First Aid Club** Sat 9.00-1.00 St John's Ambulance Brigade Crab Lane Biggleswade. Raises money to stage First Aid courses half-term or Saturday (day courses). Age range: 10 upwards. No membership fee. Donations accepted. Disabled access.

**Contact – Desmond Ball 01767 313790**

**Flower Club** (Biggleswade & District Flower Arrangement Society) The club has about 75 members. here are 8 demonstrations per year, a practice, an open meeting in November and a Christmas arty in December. Meetings are held at The Weatherly Centre on the fourth Thursday each month at 7.30pm

**Contact – Mrs Rosemary Wilson, 01767 314371.**

**Football Clubs:** There are two football clubs in the town.

**Biggleswade United Football Club** The club was formed in 1959 and has football teams running from Under 7's – Under 15's and also a Senior Squad. Also a growing number of women's teams. The club's ground is based at Second Meadow and has a capacity of approximately 2000 people.

**Contact – Club Secretary, Tracy James 07714 661827**

**Biggleswade Town Football Club** (The Waders) was founded in 1874. They field a full range of adult and youth teams. Their purpose built stadium with impressive facilities is in Langford Road. Pitches are available for hire including flood lit all weather facilities. The large function suite is an ideal setting for wedding receptions, parties, celebrations and business conferences.

**Contact – 01767 318202 (available 2 hours before kick-off of home matches) / 07785 297688**

**Freemasons** Ivel lodge has over 50 members and meets every second Thursday between October and April at the Biggleswade Masonic Centre in St Andrews Road

**Contact - Roger Bunker rogerbunker@btinternet.com**

**Gardening Club** Biggleswade & District Gardening Club is a large, friendly and very active gardening club with a full programme of events. The regular meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of each month (except August) at the Weatherley Centre. There is a varied range of guest speakers, some with advice and suggestions for improving our own gardens and some introducing us to gardens we can go and visit. There are at least two outings in the year and a two or three night weekend trip.  
**Contact – Mr A Gray (Chairman) Tel: 01767 221428**

**Good Neighbours** A group of Biggleswade residents who volunteer their time to assist any resident of Biggleswade who does not have close family or friends to help them. If you need help with small tasks such as gardening, light DIY, lifts to and from the doctors or even befriending, please get in contact. They are always looking for new volunteers to so if you'd like to become a Good Neighbour let them know!  
**Contact – 07771 104255**

**Green Wheel** – Friends of Biggleswade Green Wheel is a group of local residents who, supported by BRCC, care for & enhance the walking & cycling routes & green spaces around Biggleswade.  
**Contact – (BRCC) 01234 832617**

**Guides** Biggleswade has a full range of Guiding sections catering for girls of all ages from 5 upwards.  
**Contact – Register your interest in Girl Guiding at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).**

**History Society** The Biggleswade History Society meets monthly at the Trinity Methodist Church in Shortmead Street. Usually 7:45 p.m. for 8:00. on the first Monday of the month. Speakers provide a variety of talks and presentations. During the summer months there are guided visits to places of interest. Membership is open to all who are interested in furthering this objective. Meetings are free of charge for members. Visitors are welcome to attend most meetings,  
**Contact – Chairman Sandra Ransom, 01462 813724**

**Jive** A1 Rock N Roll Club runs every Wednesday at Biggleswade Social Club 7.30pm to Midnight. Jive the night away with DJ Houndog Jim. You can also learn to jive yourself as the very friendly and welcoming "Jivers" are always willing to teach. The club has a fantastic Dance floor, Cheap Bar and great Atmosphere.  
**Contact – 01767 312 409**

## **Karate**

**Biggleswade Karate Club** trains at Stratton Recreation Centre, Orchard Close. Karate is for everyone from the age of 5 right up to 65.  
**Contact – 07730 666796**

**Shotokan Karate Club** meets every Friday 6-8pm at Orchard Centre Kings Reach  
**Contact – Steve 077010 068 608**

**Labour Hall** The North East Bedfordshire Constituency Labour Party (CLP) and its Biggleswade Branch are based at The Labour Hall, Crab Lane, Biggleswade. Both the CLP and the Biggleswade Branch meet once per month and the branch is closely linked to the Labour group on Biggleswade Town Council. The hall is also used for other activities and meetings.  
**Contact – 01767 318676**

**Labour Party** North East Bedfordshire Labour Party meet at The Labour Hall, Crab Lane, Biggleswade. Contact Andy Hancock 07500 119 360) for meeting dates.

**Liberal Club** Biggleswade Liberal Club and Association is based in the Historic Georges Hall in the town centre at 67 High Street.

**Contact – 01767 312382**

**Lions** Biggleswade Sandy Lions are part of Lions Clubs International. Lions are men and women of all ages from all walks of life who give time to serve those less fortunate than themselves in the local and world-wide community To finance projects they raise funds by organising and running events such as Concerts, Bookstalls, Stands at fairs, Christmas Sleigh Runs, Car Boot Sales , Coffee Mornings and Social Evenings. They meet On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM in The Biggleswade Sea Cadet Unit, 4 Station Road Visitors are most welcome

**Contact – Club President, Lion Keith Lewis, 01767 262 433**

## **Line Dancing**

**Tuesday Night Line Dancing.** Every Tuesday Night 8pm - 10pm at Biggleswade Social Club, £2.00 per session All proceeds going to charity

**Contact – 01767 312 409**

**Lisa's Line Dance** - Monday's 7:00pm – 8:00pm (Zumba); Thursday 7pm – 8pm (Clubbercise), 8:00pm – 10:00pm (Line dancing). The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, BedsSG18 8JH

**Contact – Lisa 07966 988802**

**Mayflower Social Club** Wednesday & Friday 14.00 - 16.00 Chapter House St Andrew's Church Shortmead Street. Get together for people of 50 and over. Tea & chat, table games, speakers, card making, chiropodist, bingo & beetle drives, summer outings. No membership fee. Disabled access.

**Contact – Sybil Milman 01767 314318**

**NCT (National Childbirth Trust)** Biggleswade, Sandy & District branch of the NCT- the UK's leading charity for parents. A very active and friendly group run by a committee of parents for members and their families. Aims to provide a mixture of social, fundraising, and educational events for both children and parents

**Contact – 0300 330 0700**

**Netball** Stratton Swifts is a friendly netball team formed a few years ago by ladies looking to get back into netball after a break. The team comprises ladies of various ages and backgrounds, their common interest being a love of the sport! Whilst they do play competitively in the local league, they welcome all ladies to their training nights on Thursdays. In the summer period our session runs from 7 - 8.30pm on the courts outside Stratton School in Biggleswade.

**Contact Jo Hilditch 07747 563 216**

**RNLI** - Biggleswade Fundraising Branch. A team of community fundraising volunteers in and around Biggleswade who devote their time to raising vital funds for the RNLI. Volunteers always welcome; as little as two hours a year collecting would be truly amazing!

**Contact - Stephanie Field Branch Chair 07763 896464**

## **Rotary Club**

**Rotary Club of Biggleswade.** The Rotary Club of Biggleswade attracts business people of both genders to their membership, combining fun and friendship with action to support the community at many levels. The Club meets on Tuesday lunchtimes at The Stratton House Hotel at about 12.30 pm for a light

lunch followed by some short business and a speaker.  
**Contact – Rtn Tim Leitch 01767 627426**

**The Rotary Club of Biggleswade Ivel.**

Currently meets in 'The Green Man' at Stanford, Bedfordshire. every Wednesday from 700 pm, for a meal, followed by a speaker on the fourth Wednesday of each month there is a business meeting and if there is a fifth Wednesday there may be a change of venue for something different. Activities centre on these main areas - Service & Community Support, International Support, Opportunities for Young People, Entertainment and Social.

**Contact – Mrs Jan Hichisson 01462 700482**

**Royal Artillery Association** exists to look after the welfare of and foster comradeship between members of the Royal Artillery both serving and retired. The Biggleswade Branch meets at 14:30 on the first Wednesday of every month at The Sea Cadet Hall in Station Road.

**Contact – Secretary, Kathy Cobb, 01767 315808**

**Royal British Legion** Biggleswade Branch Meetings are on the last Wednesday of Month at 2.30pm in The Conservative Club.

**Contact – Ann Fowler, Secretary 01767 262318 / 08457 725 725**

**Rugby Club** are based at their ground in Langford Road. They field 3 adult teams plus youth and mini sides. They have clubhouse facilities available for hire.

**Contact – The Clubhouse, 01767 312463**

**Skateboarding and In-Line-Skating** Biggleswade and District Three Style Association. Skatepark near Saxon Pool Saxon Drive Biggleswade open 8.00-21.00

**Contact – Ken Lynch 01767 681739**

**Scouts** Biggleswade has a long established and very active Scout Group comprising a full range of sections for all ages plus a strong adult leader team. The HQ is in London Road Biggleswade and one of the Cub sections meets at Trinity Methodist Church. There is always an opportunity for more adults to get involved either as trustees or leaders.

**Contact – Chris Wells, 07920 269896**

**Sea Cadets** is a nationwide voluntary uniformed youth organisation, open to all young people aged 10 to 18. The remit of the Sea Cadets is to provide fun, friendship, adventure and learning new skills based on waterborne and land based activities. The unit meet in The Old Police Station in Station Road and parade times are: Sea Cadets: Tuesday and Friday 19.15 - 21.30; Juniors Tuesdays 19.15 - 21.30; and Band Thursdays 19.00 – 21.00

**Contact – 01767 314973**

**Shortmead House** is a privately owned house with extensive grounds at the end of Fairfield Road. There is a publicly accessible area with woodland, water and a wealth of environmental activity, which is part of a major project to restore this twenty acre site to its former glory. It is supported by The Friends of Shortmead and volunteers help out on the estate with a variety of jobs (not necessarily needing plant knowledge)

**Contact – 01767 313663**

**Snooker club** At the Conservative Club has two thriving Snooker teams playing in the local league. **Contact Barry Camp on 01234 347526**

**Social Club** (formerly Biggleswade United Working Men's Club) is a friendly welcoming

family club. New members are always welcome, just call in and fill out a form from behind the bar. which will be presented to the committee at the next meeting. Open Mon - Thurs 4pm - 11pm Fri and Sat 11am - midnight and Sun 12pm – 10.30 pm. Regular entertainment nights on Saturdays. Function room for hire - very cheap rates!  
**Contact – 01767 312409**

**Squash:** Biggleswade Squash Club in Langford Road offers four newly refurbished squash courts accompanied with an excellent bar and viewing area. It offers 8 squash leagues with varying talent and has two mens squash teams playing in the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire league divisions. Membership includes monthly Club nights allowing several games of squash with food afterwards at £10.00 per head.  
**Contact: Chris Moss on 07785 380333; Clubhouse 01767 312463**

**Swimming (BWSC)** Biggleswade Swimming Club is a club for all swimmers who wish to take part in competitive swimming. ( Full details are available on the Web)  
**Doug Kerr, Head Coach : 07792 097424**

**Tae kwon do** Edward Peake School, Potton Road, Thursday: L'il Dragons 5.30pm; Beginners 6.30pm; Yellow-Red Tags 6.30pm; Red upwards 7.15pm. Saturday: L'il Dragons 9.30am; Beginners 10.30am; Yellow-Red Tags 10.30am; Red upwards 11.15am. Senior Instructor: Mr M.Owen IV Degree ITF  
**Contact – Mr M Owen 07810 808422**

### **Talking Newspaper**

A free weekly audio version of the "Biggleswade Chronicle" is produced by volunteers for those with visual impairment.

**Contact – Listener Liaison Officer 07840 504940**

### **Theatre**

**BATS** (Biggleswade Amateur Theatrical Society) was founded in 1984 and has been performing drama, comedy, musicals, pantomime etc, ever since. They usually perform three times a year, including a pantomime. New members are always welcome, both Performers and "behind the scenes" helpers. Normal age range is 13 to 113 but youngsters are welcome for certain productions They meet every Monday & Wednesday at the Methodist Church Hall in Shortmead St. at 8.00 p.m. and you can pop down any time.  
**Contact – Secretary, Caroline 07872 339601**

**Dreams Theatre School** for 5-16 year olds meets on Saturday mornings 10am-12pm at the Stratton Upper School Recreation Centre. Classes consist of two hours of acting, singing and musical theatre. There are acting games, exercises and activities as well as vocal technique. Singing technique is part of class along with Dance and Musical Theatre. Once a year they perform in a show and there are also other opportunities throughout the year.  
**Contact – 01462 700191 / 07813 204196**

**Toddlers** Biggleswade Babes Toddler Group. Runs Friday mornings 10.30am-12 at Biggleswade youth centre, Mead End. 0-5 years.  
**Contact – (via [www.facebook.com/groups/biggleswadebabes](http://www.facebook.com/groups/biggleswadebabes))**

**Town Twinning** Biggleswade has been twinned with Erlensee for 16 years. The Twinning Association is run by independent volunteers. The major annual event is an exchange visit (in Erlensee or Biggleswade). There is also a regular and varied programme of social events in and around Biggleswade. Membership is open to all – individuals or families, Biggleswade organisations are also encouraged to apply to become affiliated.

**Contact – Secretary Margaret, 01767 449413**

**Townswomen Guild.** Biggleswade Ivel Evening Townswomen Guild meets 2nd Monday each month at 7.30pm at the Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Has a variety of speakers, outings, members evenings, walk on a monthly basis and meals out, meetings to arrange craft or other things, attend federation meetings and much, much more!

**Contact – Secretary - Ann Taylor 01767 314173**

**U3A** is an organisation for retired people to help them to develop their interests or to find new interests. There are fortnightly meetings of the main body plus meetings of various special interest groups.

**Contact – 01767 313289**

**Vision To Inspire Youth Club** - for ages 8-16 meetings on Saturdays

**Contact Shanine 07455 175391**

**Water Adventure Cadre (WAC)** meet at The Preen Centre Shortmead Street, Friday 7-9pm, open to young people aged 10+.

**Contact – Pat Desborough 07986 387503.**

**Water Polo** Biggleswade Water Polo (affiliated to Biggleswade swimming club, ASA). Training every Monday 8.30pm at Saxon Swimming pool. More players always welcomed. Being able to swim is the only requirement.

**Contact – 07812 202878**

**WI** Biggleswade W.I. is a social bunch of ladies, who enjoy each other's company while listening to a wide variety of interesting speakers. They meet every third Monday in The Weatherly Centre at 10 am for two hours. They also hold a number of different clubs, from a Choir, Knit and Stitch, Art, Ladies that Lunch, Walking Group Workshops and Group Meetings.

**Contact –** (via [www.facebook.com/BiggleswadeWomensInstitute](http://www.facebook.com/BiggleswadeWomensInstitute))

**Youth Club** Biggleswade youth club, Mead End (no need to book just drop in). Monday 7pm to 9pm for 12 to 18 years olds; Wednesday 7pm to 9pm for 12 to 14 years olds Young people can take part in a range of activities such as cooking, art and crafts, music, drama, dance, games, sport, or just chill out

**Contact - Angela Chappell 0770 253 2239**

### **Zumba**

Lisa's Zumba meets at The Weatherley Centre Biggleswade Mondays 7-8pm

Lisa's Zumba Gold meets at Biggleswade Social Club Wednesdays 10am-11am

Lisa's Clubbercise meets at The Weatherley Centre Biggleswade Thursday's 7-8pm

(No need to book just turn up)