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Forthcoming Events

September

3 rd	Village Service - 10.00am
5 th	WI Meeting
6 th	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
7 th	Parish Council Meeting
7 th - 10 th	Heritage Open Days
9 th - 10 th	ERM Open Day
12 th	Baginton Walkers
13 th	RSPB Local Walk
16 th	Barn Dance
17 th	Copy Date for October Newsletter
22 nd	RSPB Indoor Meeting
24 th	RSPB Field Trip
25 th	Baginton Gardeners - Gardening with Wildlife in Mind
26 th	Coffee Circle
27 th	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
29 th	Film Night - Sully - Miracle on the Hudson

October

1 st	Village Service - Harvest Festival 5.00pm
2 nd - 6 th	Electric Blanket Testing
5 th	WI Meeting

Information on local attractions, services and events
can also be found on the Baginton village website at
www.baginton-village.org.uk

Regular Village Activities

Kaisho Karate – Village Hall – Monday/Tuesday from 5.30pm and Friday from 6.30pm
Contact: Jane Hemmings 07581 126279 or email janebooth1@hotmail.com

Baginton Gardeners – generally a Monday every other month 7.30pm – see Gardeners section in Newsletter for specific dates
Contact: Robert & Anne Taylor 024 7630 1104

Baginton Dog's Club – Village Hall - every Monday from 7.30pm
Contact: Kenneth Richardson 024 7630 2667/07535 033073

Parent & Toddler Group – Village Hall – Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30am
Contact: Steph Brown 07919 263226 Term-time only

Art Group – Village Hall – Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00pm
Contact: Avril 07837 785921

Children's Swimming Club – Tuesday 6.00pm @ Kenilworth Pool
Contact: Louise Minshull 07884 292220

WI – Village Hall - first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
Contact: Joan Harris 024 7641 6886

Village Hall Committee Meeting - second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
Contact: Doreen Ebbrell 024 7630 1205

Coffee Circle – Village Hall - fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm
Contact: Rose Green 024 7630 4962

Baginton Walkers – group walk – second Tuesday of each month 9.45am
Contact: Alan & Brenda Brown 024 7630 5509

Card-making Club – Village Hall – Wednesday 9.30 – 12.30pm
Contact: Olwynne Frankton 024 7641 0268

Kundalini Yoga – Village Hall – Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm
Contact: Geraldine Rowland 07811 385699 email gr@kundaliniyogacoventry.org.uk

Parish Council – Village Hall - first Thursday of each month 7.30pm
Contact: Phil Clark 07746 521087

Football Coaching for all aged 5 - 11 – Millennium Field – each Saturday 9.45 –11.00am
Contact: Justin Watt 07810 000999

Church - St John the Baptist – Sunday Service 10.00am
Contact: Reverend David Wintle 024 7630 1283
Churchwardens – Sue Williams 024 7630 7255 & Dawn Richardson 024 76 302667

Village Hall, Frances Road
Contact Della Thomas/Christine Hughes for bookings email baginton.vh@gmail.com

St John the Baptist Church

Services for September

3 rd	12 th Sunday after Trinity/ Education Sunday	10.00am	Village Service
10 th	13 th Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion
17 th	14 th Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion
24 th	15 th Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion

The children's church starts again after its summer break at the village service in September.

All are welcome.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH Baginton

is open during
Heritage Weekend
9th and 10th September



COME AND VISIT OUR LOVELY CHURCH
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN CHURCH

Times of opening

Saturday 9th – 1pm to 5pm

Sunday 10th – 1pm to 5pm

Afternoon Tea, Bring & Buy and Raffle

In aid of St John the Baptist Church 2.30pm to 4pm. Entry £3.50

Friday 29th September - Jean & Roy Palin, 28
Nightingale Lane, Beechwood Gardens,
Earlsdon, CV5 6AA.



For further information please phone Dawn Richardson 02476 302 667
Please come and support us.

Thought for the Month

Are you, like me, a worrier? There's plenty to worry about these days, isn't there? Plenty to keep us awake at night, from Donald Trump and North Korea to what the guests will think about the state of our house or the quality of my cooking.

Then I mustn't forget to worry about the children and grandchildren, about climate change and the plight of the starving. Worry because the roof's leaking or the car's broken down. Worry about money. I used to be a martyr to worry, until one day, it came to me like a revelation: stop worrying and pray instead.

All the energy that you're putting into worrying, I said to myself, is wasted energy, because worrying does no good whatsoever. It just makes you miserable, and it can even make you ill, literally sick with worry. So pray about the world, your family, your car and house, your money problems. Then you can give yourself permission to stop worrying about the problems, because you've handed them over to God. Let him deal with them.

Now I'm a pretty sceptical person, so, having given myself this helpful talking-to, I immediately asked myself: Pray instead of worrying, eh? And what good do you think that is going to do you? Well, I answered myself, well, it may not do any good, in the sense that God probably isn't going to answer my prayers with universal peace, reformed children, a miraculously healed roof, a brand-new car and a cheque for £100 000, but praying's got to be a whole lot more positive than worrying. Worrying is negative, but prayer is positive. Prayer calms you, brings you closer to God, gives you the serenity and strength and insight to deal with the things that were making you afraid.

Prayer taps into a source of strength you didn't know you had. Because when you pray about the things you fear, you're no longer alone in facing them. When you pray, you're allowing God to come to your side and help you. That's what makes all the difference. Whatever tragedies, illnesses and griefs may lie ahead, we'll be able to cope with them if we let God be with us and help us.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philipians 4:6

Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer. Hopefully there will still be a few more sunny days and pleasant evenings ahead before the autumn chill arrives.

Since my last report at the start of July, things have been a little quiet in Baginton. We didn't have a Parish Council meeting in August. In line with other Parish Councils, an extraordinary meeting would be called if anything of significance were to arise during that period, so a contingency plan exists to cover all eventualities.

Charity Request

In May, I asked if anybody wished to become the Chairman (or Chairwoman) of the Baginton United Charity. It's a small Charity that has assets of around £5300 and an income of £130 per annum. The proceeds are used to support the elderly in the Parish. Last year, the Charity paid out £28 for refreshments to qualifying residents at village events. Previously, it has supplied food parcels at Christmas. The current Chairwoman is looking to step down after almost 13 years. If anybody is interested in the Chairman's role, please let me know. There are several other members on the Charity committee to give support and I will help wherever I can. The Committee meets a couple of times each year, just to confirm that their assets are invested wisely and to decide how to support qualifying residents.

Contact me if you need more information (Tel: - 07746 521087 or e-mail bagintonpc@gmail.com). Looks good on a CV, but over 21's only.

When was Baginton Parish Created?

I have received the information below.

In 1932, Coventry County Borough donated 308 acres of land to Warwick Rural District, thus forming Baginton Parish.

Can anybody confirm or refute this statement?

All comments welcome.

Facebook

Can I remind residents that articles in this Newsletter are usually written 2 or 3 weeks before publication. If you want more up-to-date reports, follow Baginton Parish Council on Facebook.

2016 / 17 Accounts

I am happy to say that the accounts have been successfully audited by Grant Thornton, with no matters to report. The approved accounts and auditor's report are now on the website.

Private Phone Numbers

If your phone is set to withhold your contact number, please remember that if you call me and I am unable to answer, you need to leave a voice mail with your contact details or I will have no way to call you back. I only work 9 hours per week for the Parish, but I promise to get back to you if you leave a message. Apologies to the resident(s) who called several times in August and who may think I am ignoring them. If you're not sure, leave a message anyway.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 7th September 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

Film Night

Baginton Events presents

Sully: Miracle on The Hudson at the British Legion Club on Friday 29th

September at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at £3 each from Baginton Village Stores, Baginton Oak and the British Legion.



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Manipulation for Fun and Profit ... Reflects Hermes

We've known for years and years that sellers try and persuade us to buy things we don't want or need. Our awareness goes back to that seminal book *The Hidden Persuaders*, by Vance Packard written if I remember correctly in 1960s. It is still available, (thanks Amazon).

So it is no surprise that in cyberspace it is still going on – clever and less clever ways of manipulating you. They range from adverts that leap out at you and scream “Get this new thing” or annoying promotions that follow you as you scroll up and down. You don't get that reading an old fashioned book or magazine do you? There is every chance you have been hoodwinked into taking some action that you neither wanted to do, nor were even aware of doing.

Cyberspace is, of course, no more or less ethical than the world of flesh and blood, so it shouldn't surprise us when we find the moral compass has gone on blink. The really important thing is not to imagine this has to be the new normal.

Jesus urged us to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. Good advice for the first Century when Rome and Herod were competing to persuade people to do what they wanted – Herod did it by providing diverting games, Rome did it by shields and swords. Still good advice for the 21st Century.

Hermes

Thank You!

The Weston Family would like to thank everyone involved in putting on the Party in the Park this July. It was excellent! All your hard work is really appreciated.

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Coventry Railway Museum to Close

Press Release - Tuesday 11 July 2017

The trustees and volunteers of Electric Railway Museum have announced that the Coventry attraction will close later this year at its current location. Situated on Rowley Road on land close to Coventry Airport and the Warwickshire village of Baginton, Electric Railway Museum occupies a site earmarked for commercial development.

Landowners Coventry City Council have not renewed the Museum's lease and, despite concerted efforts by the trustees and volunteers behind the scenes, an alternative location for the attraction has not been found. The trustees have said that the closure announcement is "not a done deal", but unless an urgent solution is found over the coming weeks, the Museum will open to the public for the final time on Sunday 8 October.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Electric Railway Museum aims to promote the heritage of all electric trains in the UK through traction and rolling stock restoration, display and operation, along with work in gathering historically relevant technical and photographic archives. The trustees have said that it is "devastating" to think that the West Midlands region could potentially lose this "unique cultural asset", particular with Coventry and Warwickshire having a long history of being a centre of excellence for engineering.

Electric Railway Museum currently houses the largest private collection of electric trains in the UK and is the only railway museum in Great Britain dedicated to electric traction. A registered charity, the work of the Museum is entirely run by volunteers and funded through donations from the public. Despite only open to the public on selected days throughout the year, the Museum attracted more than 2,000 visitors to the region in 2016, and is on course to exceed that figure in 2017.

Electric Railway Museum Chairman, Ian Brown CBE, FCILT, said: -
“The closure of Electric Railway Museum in its current form is a real blow to the railway preservation movement and, unfortunately, it is unlikely we will be the last heritage centre to have to overcome such challenges in the near future. However, this is certainly not the end of the line for Electric Railway Museum and, even if a physical base has not been secured by October, we will remain as a residual – yet virtual – operation, and will continue to own our core assets.

“We are already actively working with the railway heritage sector and external partners to ensure that locomotives and vehicles currently on the site are not endangered, with a view in the longer term to establish a new location for our core collection and privately-owned items. Electric Railway Museum remains determined to ensure the continued preservation and display of electric rail vehicles and we look to the wider transport and heritage community at this time to help us chart a way forward to achieve this.”

The Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and joint venture partners Roxhill are hoping to move forward with revised plans for the Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway scheme. Electric Railway Museum is currently situated within the proposed site for this new development.

Railway historian and Electric Railway Museum Trustee, Graeme Gleaves, said: - “Despite increasing visitor numbers, the cost of a whole scale move is way beyond our funding capabilities at this point in time. We have been deeply humbled by the support – both financial and physical – that is already flooding in to help in the relocation of the Museum’s collection, and we are exploring all possible avenues in order for us to continue on with our unique preservation work.

“For the time being, it is business as usual, and we look forward to welcoming the public to visit Electric Railway Museum on one of our upcoming Open Days, which will be held on Sunday 13 August, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September for Heritage Open Days and, for the very last time, on Sunday 8 October.”

“As ever, there’ll be lots for families to enjoy during our remaining Open Days this year, including rides on our 7 ¼ inch gauge miniature railway, shunting demonstrations and the opportunity to explore our unique collection of electric railway vehicles and artefacts.”

Elsewhere, members of the public will be able to climb aboard the Class 457 and one of the Class 309s, complete with the museum display (Museum 309), a café – serving hot and cold beverages, snacks and light bites – and the Electric Railway Museum shop.

Visitors will be able to see the Victoria Line Signalling Centre, which showcases how trains were controlled on the London Underground line when it first opened in the late 1960s. The display, which opened to the public last September, is housed inside the passenger accommodation area of the Museum’s Class 308 EMU vehicle and features the Victoria Line push-button control desk and line diagrams from the original control room at Cobourg Street.

Volunteers will be on-hand to explain more about Electric Railway Museum’s diverse collection, which also includes British Railways Classes 307 and 308, as well as the power car for the record-breaking Advanced Passenger Train Prototype (APT-P), on loan from the National Railway Museum.

Electric Railway Museum was formed in 2007 to bring about the urgent need for a permanent home where the rich and lengthy history of electrically powered trains could be presented to the public on one site.

The collection of electric trains at the Museum’s Baginton site represents over a century of technological progress and includes examples of commuter trains, battery-electric locomotives, underground carriages, high speed express units and some of the specialist line side equipment that made them work, such as signalling and current collection apparatus.

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Baginton Gardeners

Our July talk entitled “Death in the Garden” by Michael Brown was a fascinating tour of how some garden plants are potentially poisonous and how, historically, humans have used that potential to bring illness and death to their enemies.

I think it's important that we make sure children know about the risks and are warned not to touch or eat anything they find in the garden without permission. When in doubt leave it alone. As ever there is plenty of information on the internet about the poisonous plants likely to be found in UK gardens and the countryside.

Here in Baginton the mixture of sun and rain this summer has resulted in a huge crop of fruit in our garden. We've been picking, eating, giving away and freezing large quantities of raspberries, blueberries, red currants, black currants, plums, damsons etc. If you want to have fresh fruit in your garden next year, now's the time to visit our local garden centres for advice on what to grow and how to grow it.

A few members went to the Ball Colegrave Public Open Evening on the 19th July. The displays of plants were beautiful and interesting. We got the chance to see some of the new varieties which have been developed for 2018 and vote for our favourites, as well as browse the craft stalls and listen to music.

We've now started measuring the height of the entries in the tall sunflower competition but the results won't be announced and prizes awarded until our annual Christmas Dinner. The pumpkins will be measured in September.

Our annual subscription is still £10 per year+ £1 per meeting attended, but as there are only 2 meetings remaining in 2017 why not come to these as a visitor at £3 and if you enjoy them join us next year.

Meetings scheduled for the rest of 2017 are: -

Baginton Gardeners 2017 speaker calendar

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
25 th Sept	Lucy Hartley	Gardening with Wildlife in Mind
20 th Nov	Gardeners Question Time	

For more information please contact Anne or Robert Taylor on 02476301104 or e-mail anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk.

Heritage Open Days

The aim of this National event, taking place 7th – 10th September, is to make available buildings and gardens not normally open to the public, either free of charge or where the admission charge is used for charitable purposes. Information on all those attractions that are opening in the surrounding areas can be found on the Heritage Open Days website www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Attractions in Baginton taking part are: -

- **Bagot's Castle** - Thursday and Friday noon – 4.30pm, Saturday 10.00am – 5pm, Sunday 10.00am – 5pm
- **The Electric Railway Museum** – 10.30am – 4.30pm Saturday and Sunday
- **St John the Baptist Church** – 1pm – 5pm Saturday and Sunday
- **The Lunt Fort** - 10am – 4pm Saturday

Odd Jottings

Two or three weeks ago a note came through my door about people parking on the footpath in Holly Walk and how action would be taken if this did not cease. I did wonder if that note had also been distributed along Coventry Road, as certain regular Offenders are still blocking the whole of the pedestrian way and also creating a hazard for residents entering or leaving this road.

Have you noticed how often Experts are quoted as saying totally opposite things, like one will say Alcohol in any form is disastrous for your life then a couple of days later one is saying Alcohol will lengthen your lifespan, while in all probability neither of them have any true knowledge of the subject on which they claim expertise.

David Hower rang me up the other day to enquire as to whether I could find any pictures or information on the Alvis Armoured car of the Nineteen Thirties. My problem there is that everyone I once knew had ceased to exist. I have only managed to find him one picture so far. This leaves me trying to find the offspring of the departed, so should anyone with an interest in Military History have anything lying about, please contact one of us. I do know quite a lot about those vehicles as I have previously covered in a much earlier Odd Jottings. I did have some photos, but gave them up to an Archive and have now lost contact.

That's the lot for now – the Ule is turning - yours James A.

Baginton RBL Club

Family, dog friendly club,
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Large TV for sporting events and WiFi.

BINGO Tuesday 8pm win up to £100 a house.

Concert Room for Hire

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Opening Hours

Monday - 7pm to 11pm Tuesday - 7pm to 11pm

Wednesday - 6.30pm to 11pm Thursday – Closed (except Auction Day)

Friday - 7pm to 12midnight Saturday - 6pm to 12midnight

Sunday - 12noon to 4 pm

By prior arrangement opening times can be amended to suit

Interested in playing Pool? There is a new Pool team being formed, so come along and sign up.

Auction First Thursday every month held by Picker Pips Auction House. Over 300 Modern, Vintage, Antique Lots. See their Facebook page for full details. Auction Days Club open 5.45pm to 11pm

Auction days continue to be a success. If you have any unwanted items which you would like to sell, bring them along to the club on the afternoon of the sale or contact Gordon at the club.

Our new darts team entered the Kenilworth Summer Darts League. With some success, we are currently 2nd in the league and have reached the cup final. Good social night, making lots of new friends. We have just signed up for the winter league. If you are interested, pop along, to the club and have a throw. Match night is Monday.

Crib and Dominoes section, used to be very popular. We are looking to rekindle it. The Kenilworth League plays on a Thursday evening. Anyone interested pop along to the club. Our plan is like the darts; have practice evenings and internal competitions before entering the league.

50/50 Draw At approximately 8pm every 3rd Saturday. Participants pay £4 a month and are allocated a number. 50% of takings goes to the winner and 50% goes to the up keep of the club. The more that join the bigger the prize money. Come and join us, Come and join us, better odds than the lottery.

Film Night, takes place on the Last Friday of every month, 7.30pm start.

Only £3. Sit in comfort with friends with your favourite tipple

Saturday 7th October. **Muve-On**. A popular local six piece band including keys & Sax. Come along and listen to classic covers from The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Santana and Steely Dan to U2, Coldplay plus many more besides We are lucky to get them as they are fully booked until after Christmas. Check out their Facebook site.

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Party in the Park

Thank you very much to everyone who came along to the 7th Party in the Park, which was the most successful yet in terms of attendance and feedback.



It is only possible to put on this event with help from various local businesses and organisations and we would like to thank the following for their support: -

Baginton
Stores
Coventry
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Smiths Nurseries

City Vinyl
Stableprint
Printers

Every year the floral displays at the event get better and better and extra special thanks goes to Smiths Nurseries for their time and provision of these fabulous stage decorations. Without these beautiful potted flowers and shrubbery our staging would have looked very plain.

A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who gave their time - whether it was helping to put up marquees on the Friday, decorate the stage, stock the bar, serve on the pig roast or stand on the gate exchanging tickets for wristbands. There are too many to mention individually, but we thank you for giving your time to help make this event what it was. We hope to be able to count on your support for next year's event.

Our costs of putting on the event each year are in the region of £8,000+ by the time that sound, acts, toilets, staging and lighting have all been paid for. Proceeds from the Baginton Bonfire and all monies taken on this event whether it is from the bar, pig roast or gate admissions are ploughed back into Baginton Events to enable this event and other events to take place. Baginton Events has also contributed £1,000 towards funding the new Millennium Field Gates.

This year we introduced our Film Nights, which take place on the last Friday of the month at the Baginton Club. We have shown a variety of films and these nights are proving popular with those who attend. It is just £3 to come and watch a film, so why not come along and join us.

The planning has already started for the 2018 Party in the Park event with the date having been set for **Saturday 14th July**. Please put the date in your diaries and book your holidays around it. Tickets for this will go on sale on 1st January.

Future Dates for your Diary

Film Nights - Fridays 29th September, 27th October and 24th November 2017

Baginton Barn Dance - Saturday 16th September 2017

Baginton Bonfire - Saturday 4th November 2017

Big Lunch - Sunday 3rd June 2018

Party in the Park - Saturday 14th July 2018

“Baginton Events” is a small group of villagers who meet regularly to plan, organise and fund raise events for our village. We receive no funding from the local council or any public body and we are heavily reliant on volunteers to help at our events. We would be very pleased to hear from anybody who is willing to help. Please contact gayleattheoak@aol.com to offer your assistance.

Editorial

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter, you can contact Doreen Ebbrell on 024 76301205 or email bagintonnews@btinternet.com
Costs are £12 per page per issue or £6 per half page per issue, with 10 issues of the Newsletter a year.

The copy date for the October Newsletter is Sunday 17th September. Copy should be sent to bagintonnews@btinternet.com Should you wish to have something included in the newsletter but you are unable to send your contribution electronically, please drop it off at Baginton Village Store FAO Anne or Julie and it can easily be written up.
Please note that views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editors.

Julie Keightley (7621 0163) and Ann Bush (7630 3515)

Baginton Village Store and Post Office Staff Vacancy

A part time position has arisen for a Retail Assistant to work up to 20 hours a week (including alternate half day Saturdays) and to cover shifts within the Post Office following full training.

The position is customer facing and requires the ability to deal with various types of financial transaction, so you will need to be methodical with good attention to detail and be willing to learn. The Post Office position is subject to CRB clearance.

The role includes the preparation of hot and cold food and an understanding of hygiene is required. A level 2 hygiene certificate would be a distinct advantage but not essential as training will be provided and the relevant qualification achieved with the first 6 months of employment. An understanding of windows based systems and the internet would also be an advantage.

Further details and application forms are available in the store at 1-2 Market Corner, Baginton or contact us on 02476 304916 or e-mail sales@baginton-store.co.uk

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Baginton Walkers



July Walk - How fortunate we are to live so near to some lovely, mostly unspoilt, countryside. Barely 10 minutes drive away, we parked at Hunningham, visited last month as part of our circular ramble from Cubbington. This month, setting off in the opposite direction but renewing our acquaintance with the River Leam, we completed a figure of eight by exploring another anti-clockwise route linking Hunningham with the interesting villages of Eathorpe and Wappenbury.

Rain, welcome to the gardeners among us, threatened at first but coats were soon superfluous as we walked through a farm, admiring what looked like, on the surface at least, a particularly good and extensive crop of potatoes, then headed for a large field bordering the river. Following the valley, we climbed our only stile (mostly now replaced by gates) and joined a spongy lane (needing attention from Severn Trent?) into Eathorpe with its cottages and old mill. Precisely on the stroke of eleven we found a fine spot in a long field for our coffee stop, watching swallows feeding on the wing and skimming the water. These birds would soon be on their long flight back to Africa.

Further footpath signs directed us along the edges of fields of ripening corn and barley and through pastures into Wappenbury, where we located the grave of Sir William Lyons, founder of Jaguar Cars, and other family members in the churchyard of St. John Baptist, alongside a very attractive thatched cottage. Sir William, of course, resided in the more palatial hall passed nearby and we noted other desirable residences, just receiving their mail from "Postman Pat", in the neighbourhood.

Leaving the village, a substantial and extended footbridge took us back over the River Leam and pointed the way back by the side of further healthy looking crops to our starting point, Hunningham's Red Lion. Here we were promptly served our pre-ordered lunches, dined in style and speculated about the provenance of the fine old table around which we were all seated. We realised how lucky we had been when rain set in for the rest of the day. Our gardens certainly needed it.

P.S. Memo to walkers – The Wappenbury Churches sign. Google reveals that there is another church. Further down the lane, we should have looked for the Catholic Church of St. Anne.

August walk

Having postponed the walk for a week due to inclement weather our group of 10 adults, 2 children and 2 dogs met up at The Golden Lion Easenhall on a sunny day to explore more of Warwickshire's beautiful countryside. From Easenhall, where a phantom horseman is said to ride the streets at night, we were soon enjoying a superb view across open countryside as we crossed the fields of Apple Tree Farm and were greeted by a wary group of cattle asserting their ownership of the terrain. The track led us to the shade of Brick Kiln Spinney until we emerged onto a driveway, which ran alongside the fields of Newbold Revel College. No students to be seen, only a good array of exercise equipment on display with the college in the background.

We turned off this easy path along a track to join a recently harvested field where our route was more obvious (on our exploratory walk we had struggled to identify the path) but the ground underfoot was uneven and needed vigilance: unless you were our youngest member who skipped happily along oblivious of our caution. After about 3/4 mile our route led us into the cool shade of a railway bridge where on the other side, alongside the field, an overgrown stream emerged. This soon proved irresistible to our four legged friends one of whom decided to leap in for a swim, but then struggled to get out as the bank was so steep. However, under the elegant Brinklow Arches supporting the Oxford Canal, the path ran alongside the stream on a fenced section, at the end of which our doggy friend was persuaded to climb up the bank to re-join us.

A steep flight of steps enabled us to join the canal for an easy walk along the towpath, where we met a number of moored craft and even more narrowboats chugging along. The first of these, named "Sanity" (!) was offering handmade fudge for sale, but didn't reduce speed to allow us to sample their wares. However, we soon paused for a coffee break where the towpath rose onto a footbridge over the disused Brinklow arm spur. Once rested and refreshed, we continued along the canal side through the cool of All Oaks Wood and Brickyard Spinney on either bank as we met with an occasional angler and later three maintenance men with trimmers clearing some of the vegetation on the rather overgrown and muddy bank.

As we emerged from the trees into more open farmland, we were greeted by a herd of young heifers checking us out over the fence and across the canal a lonely rather bored looking heron. At bridge 28 near Cathiron Lane we climbed a flight of steps leading to a rather overgrown bridleway (no room for both horses and pedestrians) which led under the railway to a

branch in the path. Here we crossed the recently harvested fields to reach Easenhall and a tasty lunch in the garden of The Golden Lion.

For our next walk on Tuesday 12th September we will meet at 9.45am the Bull & Butcher, Common Lane, Corley: SP279850. If you need a lift or more information please phone Brenda Brown 76305509.

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PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH at THE OAK



Everyone at The Oak would like to invite the pensioners of Baginton Village to a 3 course festive lunch on **Thursday 7th December at 12.30pm.**

There is no charge for the meal at this event, you simply need to be a pensioner living in the village of Baginton and able to provide proof of status, which is required at the time of booking.

Bookings are required by no later than Friday 25th November and can be done by any of the following methods: -

Phone: The Oak on 02476 518855
E-mail: thebagintonoak@aol.co.uk
Rose Green: 02476 304962

Once again, we look forward to welcoming you to The Oak and celebrating Christmas with you.

Chris & Gayle Goodwin

Baginton Community Orchard



Most of the orchard trees are maturing well and some are fruiting quite heavily this year. Some visitors to The Millennium Field managed to sample the cherries before the birds had their fill and the apples, pears and plums are ready to pick.



Please feel free to have a munch as you wander around or take a few home for a pie. However, please be considerate of others and take only what you need.

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A Message from Gordon Liggins

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my family's condolences to Nora and family on the sad loss of John. Nora, John and family have been great friends, with special attention to our son, Gareth. John was part of the original team that obtained the Village Hall, and along with Nora looked after it for over forty years.

R.I.P John

WI News

As it is the 90th anniversary of the forming of the Baginton WI we celebrated by going to Attingham Park in Shropshire, which is a National Trust property. We toured the house, which was steeped in history with paintings showing the various occupants, and were told of the different improvements made by some of them.

The kitchen was staffed by a lady and man dressed in the appropriate costume of kitchen workers. The table was laid with many wonderful pies and biscuits. These were real, but were weeks old and therefore inedible; however, there was one plate of biscuits which were made with lemon, rose water and nutmeg, which we could taste. They were delicious. The other table was laid ready for the staff dinner and each plate was named with the occupation of that member and the salary the earned per year. Many of us went into the gardens while others enjoyed the sun in the courtyard, after having lunch.

Next month we have our garden party, which Joan Harris has once again allowed us to hold in her garden.

Are you thinking about joining us? Why not come for a taster evening to see if you enjoy yourself. The cost is £3 for the evening. Membership for 2017 is £37.50.

We are a friendly group and will make you very welcome
Dawn Richardson

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Get your Electric Blanket Tested

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service is providing **FREE OF CHARGE**, safety testing of electric blankets at venues in all five Warwickshire County districts and boroughs this coming October. The service will also be testing kettles, irons, toasters and Christmas lights, again free of charge. This service is available to anyone aged 50 or over and resident in Warwickshire.

Book today by calling the Trading Standards Service on 01926 414080 (office hours) or email: ebttesting@warwickshire.gov.uk Bookings are taken on a first come first served basis. Appointments are limited so book now!

Monday 2nd October: Rugby Library

Tuesday 3rd October: Nuneaton Fire Station

Wednesday 4th October: Leamington Town Hall

Thursday 5th October: Atherstone Library (9 am to 12pm) and Coleshill Library (1 pm to 4 pm)

Friday 6th October: Briars Croft Stratford upon Avon

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Bagot's Castle – September 2017

September is here already. This month we will be taking part in the Heritage Open Weekend and sites participating in the event open their gates free to the public.

This year we will be open on the following days: -

7 September Thursday	midday – 4.30pm
8 September Friday	midday – 4.30pm
9 September Saturday	10.00 – 5.00 pm
10 September Sunday	10.00 – 5.00 pm

We look forward to seeing you over this event, where we will have lots going on, i.e. Face Painting for children on the Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 2.00 – 4.30 pm games for children, picnic areas and children's trails.

We will also be having a tombola to raise funds for the restoration of the Summer House, which will be our project for next year.

Please come along and support us.

School holidays will soon be over and the children will be going back to school. If you are at a loss as what to do with the children during the last couple of weeks, we would be able to open up on either a Monday or Wednesday and a Friday afternoon, but we would need advance warning so please contact us through our website www.bagotscastle.org.uk Perhaps Mums could get together and bring the children and have a picnic in the grounds and let the children take part in our Children's trails – we have three trails suitable for children from the age of 4 up to teenagers. A great way to learn about the history of the site and the castle. For Group Bookings we will do a discount.

We also have a very own Bagot's Castle Activity Pack priced at £1.00 which will keep the children amused.

Admissions Prices to Castle are as follows: -

Full Admission	£4
Concessions	£2

Family Ticket
Children Under 5

£10 (2 Adults and up to 2 children)
Free

As I always mention, we are looking for volunteers. Help with the general maintenance of the site would be especially welcome. If you are interested, please contact us through our website or pop along any weekend when we are open and have a chat. There is no commitment - help when you can; once a month, once a week, just when you have a spare couple of hours - your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.
David Hewer, Custodian of Bagot's Castle

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Coventry and Warwickshire Local Group



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www.facebook.com/RSPBCovWarks

Local Walk: **STW Shustoke Reservoir, Warwickshire**

Wednesday 13 September, 9.30am at car park.

By car, email: covbirding@btinternet.com for more information.

Indoor Meeting: **Assam – The Country and its Wildlife**

Friday 22 September, 7.30pm at Baginton Village Hall

Admission £2 Group members, £4 Non group members

Field Trip: **NWT Cley Marshes, Norfolk**

Sunday 24 September, 7am by coach from

Cox Street/Lower Ford Street

Coach fare £20 Group members, £23 Non group members

Book by email: covbirding@btinternet.com