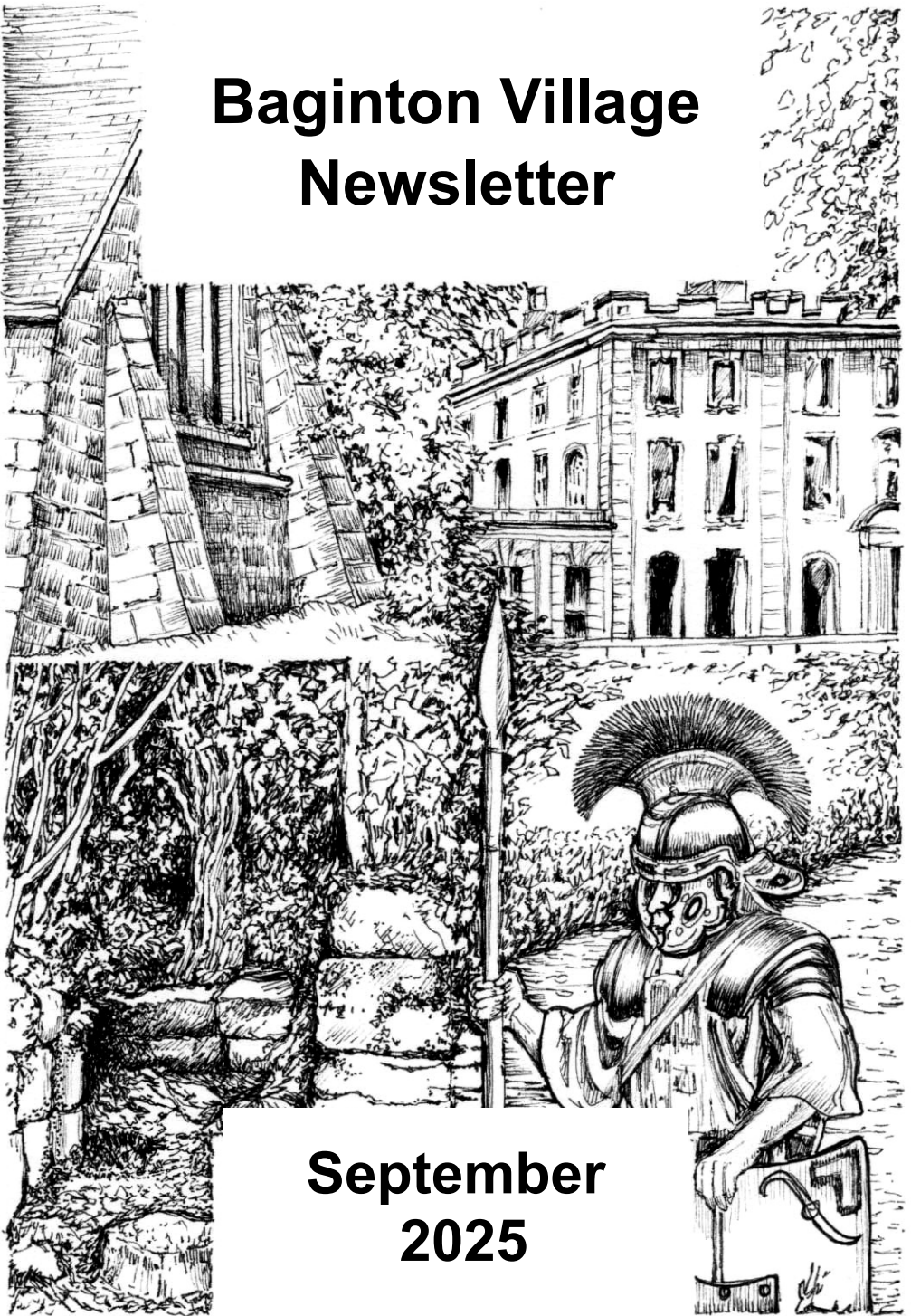


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# Forthcoming Events

## September

7th	Baginton Street Sale 10am - 1pm
7th	Junior Forest Church 2pm
9th	Baginton Walkers
12th - 21st	Heritage Open Days
14th	Service of Pilgrimage 4pm
15th	Baginton Gardener - Winter Colour
17th	Copy Date for October Newsletter
24th	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
25th	Parish Council Meeting
26th	Film Night - The Penguin Lessons

## October

8th	Ladies Friendship Circle
22nd	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am

Information on local attractions, services and events  
can also be found on the Baginton village website at  
[www.baginton-village.org.uk](http://www.baginton-village.org.uk)  
and the Baginton Village - Events Facebook page

There are also the village Facebook groups you can ask to join: —  
Baginton Current and Ex-Residents

Things For Sale In Baginton  
Baginton Church (St. John the Baptist)

## Regular Village Activities

TinyTalk Baby Sign: Village Hall Monday 10.30am (term time)

Contact: Becky email [beckysquire@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:beckysquire@tinytalk.co.uk) or visit [www.tinytalk.co.uk/](http://www.tinytalk.co.uk/)  
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Kaisho Karate: Village Hall Monday from 5.30pm, Tuesday from 5.00 & 6.00pm,  
Thursday from 5.30, 6.30 and 7.30pm

Contact: Jane Hemmings 07581 126279 or email [janebooth1@hotmail.com](mailto:janebooth1@hotmail.com)

Baginton Gardeners: generally a Monday every other month 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Sue Burgham 07949 067 875 or email [seburgham@gmail.com](mailto:seburgham@gmail.com)

Warm Hub Café: Village Hall 10am – midday every Tuesday

Art Group: Village Hall – Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Contact: Avril 07837 785921

Children's Swimming Club: Tuesday 6.00pm at Kenilworth Pool

Contact: Tom Duckham email [tomduckham@hotmail.com](mailto:tomduckham@hotmail.com)

Village Hall Committee: second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

Contact: [baginton.vh@gmail.com](mailto:baginton.vh@gmail.com)

Baginton Walkers: group walk – second Tuesday of each month 9.45am

Contact: Linda Bennett 07980 841981 or email [lindambennett.coventry@gmail.com](mailto:lindambennett.coventry@gmail.com)

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle: second Wednesday every other month 2.00pm  
(Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667 & Rosemary Sowter 07743 666685

Pilates with a Physiotherapist: Village Hall Wednesday from 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Contact: Jo Owen 07817 364460

Parish Council: Village Hall fourth Thursday of each month 7.30pm

Contact: Tracie Ball 07957 589626 or email [bagintonpc@gmail.com](mailto:bagintonpc@gmail.com)

Church - St John the Baptist: Sunday Service 10am or 4pm if it's a Family Service

Contact: Reverend Petrică Bistran 07572 193260 or email [revpbistran@gmail.com](mailto:revpbistran@gmail.com)

Churchwardens: Dawn Richardson 024 76302667 and Catherine Weston 07907 119523

Village Hall, Frances Road

For bookings visit [www.baginton-village.org.uk/village-hall](http://www.baginton-village.org.uk/village-hall)

# Heritage Open Days

**We have a wealth of heritage in Baginton so pop along to  
Bagot's Castle and St John the Baptist Church.**

**Friday 12th & 19th Saturday 13th & 20th + Sunday 15th & 21st**

**10.30am – 4pm (last entry to the castle 3.30pm).**

On the Bagot's Castle site there are river and woodland walks, picnic areas and trails and activities for children.

On Friday 12th September subject to numbers Sarah Horne, Chelsea Florist of the Year, will be holding one of her workshops in the Church creating arrangements specifically designed for St John the Baptist. From 12 - 4.00pm you are welcome to watch their progress whilst appreciating the unique history of your local church. The completed arrangements will be in the church over that weekend.

Please visit Sarah's website at [www.sarahhornebotanicals.com](http://www.sarahhornebotanicals.com) to view the details of the workshop if you are interested in flower arranging or participating in the class.

The following weekend 19th – 21st September

**We need your help!**

**We would like to display some of your  
photographs of 'times gone by'.**

Preferably of Baginton Village but any photograph with links to your heritage would be lovely. Each photograph needs a brief outline of the context and framed if at all possible, anything that is particularly precious can be scanned for display. Your name and telephone number should be clearly written on the back for return.

It would be great to see some of the history of our community and local residents. Please contact one of the following to arrange collection.

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Frances Parkes – 07721 092542 or 02476 511545

Cathy Weston – 07907 119523

Also open on **Saturday 13th only:** -

**Bridge View Light Railway** 11am until 3pm - Heritage themed Miniature Railway Open Day. Enjoy scenic train rides on our heritage themed miniature railway along the beautiful river Sowe in Baginton Village. We have miniature trains built from the mid 20th-century to the latest designs running on our volunteer run community railway.



**Rags to Riches Patchwork Exhibition** 11am until 3pm - the second exhibition of vintage & modern quilts from the Jane Cobbett Collection of Historical Textiles, displayed in the Library Garden at Avondale Nursery

At the time of writing the Roman Heritage Tour at the Lunt Roman Fort on Saturday 20th September is already sold out.

## Baginton Walkers

Our August walk started at the Jacobean Hotel on the Holyhead Road and took us on a route around Coundon Wedge. Initially following the River Sherbourne we headed off towards Church Lane, the Commonwealth War Graves and All Saints Church.



Taking Staircase Lane and again following the Sherbourne we crossed the main road and followed one of the many paths which run across the Coundon Wedge open space back towards our starting point. Once there we were grateful for a cold drink and an excellent meal on what was one of the warmest days of the year!

The September walk will be a short one and will start on the 9th at The Three Horse Shoes, 3 Spring Hill, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BD.

Please meet in the car park at 11.00am.

## Change of Newsletter E-Mail Address

The Newsletter's old BTinternet email address will soon be out of service, so we have created a new email address for all articles and adverts to be used from now on, which is [bagintonnews@gmail.com](mailto:bagintonnews@gmail.com)



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# **“Come to Me... and Bring a Pillow”**

## **by Revd Petrică Bistran**

I hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable summer — maybe a holiday away, or at least a chance to spend time with friends and family. Rest is something we all say we want more of, yet we rarely manage it — unless you've reached those green pastures of retirement, which I often dream about, even though I still have a lot of asphalt to cover!

I am sometimes guilty of what I call “tired vicar syndrome.” It's when you're so busy that you put the milk in the cupboard and the cornflakes in the fridge — or say “Amen” at the start of a sermon instead of the end (yes, it has happened...).

But Jesus, who was busy saving the world, knew how to rest — and He invited His followers to do the same: “Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’” (Mark 6:31)

What a beautiful invitation! He doesn't say, “Go away, sort yourselves out, and get some rest.” He says, “Come with me... and rest.” Rest isn't apart from God; it's with Him. Rest is not a reward at the end of a busy week — it's the starting point. On Day Seven, our first full day on Earth, Adam and Eve were assigned to rest, enjoy creation, and enjoy God.

I will never again be offended if someone falls asleep during one of my sermons. What better place for a holy nap than in the house of God, in His presence, right? If you come to church next week and spot someone snoring gently in the pews, don't nudge them awake. Just smile, thank God for them, and maybe join in.

Jesus' invitation to rest is more than a Sunday afternoon nap (though I strongly recommend one) — it's an invitation to live from a place of peace and trust, knowing God is at work even when we are not. So may the gentle start of this new season be for you not a time of running on empty, but of resting in Him who said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Amen — and rest well!

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# Baginton Gardener

During our last meeting in July, Darren Rudge explained what to do, before buying plants, to end up with the “right plant in the right place”

His main tip was - **Do your research.**

Plants need four basic things to grow well, the right temperature, the right amount of light and water plus the right amount of food; each plant is different, so research the plant you want to buy and your garden

- **Never try to change nature**, it will always get the better of you, so grow with the conditions you have.
  - Test your soil - acid, alkaline, sand, clay, silt, peat, chalk, loam
  - What aspect are you wanting to plant,
  - Sunny or shady, windy or wet
- **Think about the ultimate size and shape of the plant**, both roots and canopy, will it still fit the space when it reaches maturity?
- **What do you want the plant for**, flowers, scent, or structure?
- **Maintenance**, how much does it need, do you have the time to give?

Ask yourself one of two questions

1. Where will this plant grow best, do I have these conditions in my garden?
2. These are my garden conditions, what will grow best here?

Darren's other golden nuggets of knowledge were

- Plant in odd numbers, it's more pleasing to the eye.
- Most plants will eventually adapt to where you plant them, as long as it's not too extreme.
- Plant your borders with Canopy plants, trees or large shrubs at the back, herbaceous perennials or smaller shrubs in the middle and ground covering plants at the front. Or for a more modern arrangement, consider John Brookes approach of "**Specials**" or focal plants, "**Skeletons**" to give structural. "**Pretties**" herbaceous perennials then "**Infills**" with bulbs and tubers.

- Test soil pH using kitchen ingredients. Mix a little soil with vinegar in one container, and baking soda in another. If the mixture fizzes or bubbles when vinegar is added, the soil is alkaline. If the mixture fizzes when baking soda is added, the soil is acidic. If it reacts to neither its pH neutral.



Our next meeting is on 15 September at the British Legion Club, Kimberley Road, Baginton @ 7:30pm when Geoff Hodge will be sharing his thoughts on the Winter Colour.

Become a member £20 plus £3 per meeting attended and receive 10% off at Russell's & Avondale nursery, plus discounts on "Kings" seeds, when ordered through the club by 1 October. Everyone is welcome so just come along as a Guest for £7 per meeting.

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# Baginton Parish Council

Hello Residents

My name is Tracie Ball, the new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer for Baginton Parish Council. I succeed Phil Clark, who served the Council and residents for many years. I wish Phil a happy retirement and appreciate his long-standing contributions.

I am pleased to join Baginton Parish Council and look forward to contributing. I aim to bring the same commitment as my predecessor and apply my experience in both private and public sectors to benefit the village and its residents.

I'm committed to being accessible for residents' queries and assistance. You can contact me via phone or WhatsApp at 07957 589626, or by email at [bagintonpc@gmail.com](mailto:bagintonpc@gmail.com). While I aim to respond promptly, I may not always be able to answer calls immediately—please leave a message and I'll return your call as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with the Parish Council, a dedicated group focused on providing quality services and facilities for the village. I'm eager to contribute to these efforts and add value to all Parish Council activities, supporting Baginton's community for the long term.

An ENews has been established for Baginton residents to distribute information related to the village. Advertising content will not be included. If you would like to receive these updates, please email [bagintonpc@gmail.com](mailto:bagintonpc@gmail.com). Personal information provided will remain confidential and will not be shared. Facebook will also be used to post relevant information to the village, so please follow us.

## Mobile Library Service

The Mobile unit visits Holly Walk in Baginton each month from 09:15 to 09:35am. We are on the “Kenilworth C” route, which will operate on the following dates: -

24 September	22 October	19 November
17 December		



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# Bagot's Castle – September 2025

Dear Fellow Residents

We can't believe two summer months have flown by so quickly since we last updated you. We continue to make steady progress at the Castle with decent Visitor numbers and keeping the site in reasonable order.

It's been a busy few weeks with lots of animal highlights. A red Deer has been spotted down by the river - a majestic being to say the least. Experts amongst you may be able to tell what type of deer it is, we would love to know. We have also had a beautiful pair of swans nesting who have successfully hatched and raising seven Cygnets. There is also evidence of an Otter which would be fantastic. If we do have Otters on the site, it would be as a result of the river clearance we have done and continue to do minimising the plastic waste across the site.

The Trustees thank, as always, the diligent volunteer community. Without them we would struggle to keep the Castle going. The next big events on the horizon are the Heritage Open Days on the following dates:

Friday 12 September: 10:30 – 16:00

Saturday 13 September: 10:30 – 16:00

Sunday 14 September: 10:30 – 16:00

Friday 19 September: 10:30 – 16:00

Saturday 20 September: 10:30 – 16:00

Sunday 21 September: 10:30 – 16:00

Refreshments will include home-made cakes by our volunteers, Tombola and a Craft Stall. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of Bagot's Castle.

We will be working with Petrică and the Trustees of the Church to make these weekends a celebration of Bagot's Castle and St John the Baptist Church - Church and Castle together. If you are minded to get fit, be part of a great community and help maintain our beautiful village then please contact us at [Admin@bagotscastle.org](mailto:Admin@bagotscastle.org) to volunteer. Have a wonderful summer

The Bagot's Castle Trustees



## Editorial

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We can accept adverts in Word, pdf, jpeg, png or similar format. Articles can be submitted as text in an email, Word or other word processing document.

The copy date for the October Newsletter is Wednesday 17th September. Should you wish to have something included in the Newsletter but you are unable to send your contribution electronically, please drop it off at 1 Market Corner FAO Anne or 45 Mill Hill FAO 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 (07926 433394) and Ann Bush (024 7630 3515)



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# Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

So happy to report that we finished our summer term on a high. On a beautiful summer's evening the choir performed music from the 60's and 70's to a full house which raised just over £1000 for the Music Man Project, a charity supported by our late Musical Director, Seb Farrall.



We start this term by welcoming our new Musical Director, Susan Morris, who has kindly agreed to take us on following Seb's untimely death. With so many of Seb's choirs seeking new leadership, we feel incredibly lucky that she has agreed to join us.

Sue has many years' experience and was indeed the MD of the choir at St. Michael's Church in Coventry for over 25 years. She has also taught in the Performing Arts Service, Adult Education leading choirs and teaching singing, ukulele, keyboard and performing arts to people of all ages as well as delivering KS2 Music Curriculum in primary education. Currently, Sue works freelance as a teacher of singing and piano and leads the choir for Myton Hospice which is made up of staff, volunteers and carers who have performed all over the country.

We would also like to welcome new members to the choir. We are starting with a bumper number of over 40 ladies who come to Stoneleigh Village Hall on Thursday afternoons (in term time) and enjoy good company and singing for the joy of it. If you are interested in giving us a try, visit our website on [www.stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk](http://www.stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk)

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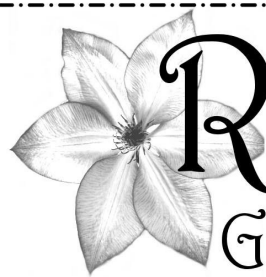
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Children and young people in Warwickshire can find support at Kooth.com - a free, safe and anonymous online community for mental health and wellbeing.

Under 17s experiencing a mental health crisis can contact the Rise Crisis Team on 0808 196 6798 (select option 2) at all times, though it is an advice-only service overnight from 8pm to 8am.

NHS 111 – call 111 and select the mental health option and they will tell you the right place to get help or you may be able to speak to a trained mental health professional over the phone.

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Age UK Advice Line - [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) or call 0800 678 1602 (8am to 7pm 365 days a year)

## **Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle**

Our meeting on 13 August was very enjoyable. Show and Tell with tea and cake. Members brought along treasured and interesting items to talk about. The items were very varied; crafts, photographs, memorabilia, a good book. It was good to share memories and experiences.

We meet once a month at local restaurants for lunch. Our trip in April to Boundary Mills was successful so we are organising another trip there in November.

We meet in the village hall, bimonthly at 2pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you join us you will be made very welcome, so come along as a visitor £3, and if you would like to become a member, full membership is £25pa.

Our next meeting is for members only. Wednesday 8 October 1.30pm - Fish and Chip lunch.

For information please contact:

Rosemary Sowter

07743666685

rosemary.sowter12@btinternet.com

## **St John the Baptist Church**

### **Services for September**

**7th September** 2pm Junior Forest Church (all ages welcome)

**14th September** 4pm Service of Pilgrimage

**21st September** 10am Holy Communion

**28th September** 10am Village Service (Lay Led)

## **Styvechale Open Gardens**

A HUGE thank you for your support of Styvechale Open Gardens.

This year we had record attendance and raised £3800 for various charities.

Next year Styvechale Open Gardens goes LARGE as our number of gardens opening increases from 7 to 18 and we also have 3 local schools participating in this NGS event.

The date for your diary Sunday 7th June 2026



St John the Baptist Church  
Baginton

**A Service of Pilgrimage**  
**Sunday 14th September 2025**  
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# Were You There??

We have lived at The Old School House for almost 10 years now. In the first few years we had a number of people wandering into the garden or stopping to chat on their way past, telling us stories of when they attended the school.

These anecdotes and stories are becoming few and far between as people pass away or move away. Our village is changing but I would really love to gather those memories before they are gone completely.

Many of you went to school in our School House and have stories to tell. If you can help, I would love to hear your stories and snippets of school life in Baginton and collate them into a booklet of some kind.

Please let me have your stories to share with the rest of the community and to keep for the future residents. Do contact me so we can agree how best to record your memories to suit you and any photographs would be appreciated and scanned, I do not need to keep them.

Long, short, funny, or informative I look forward to hearing them all.

Many, many thanks in anticipation

Frances – 07721 092542. Landline – 02476 511545

## Film Night







Come and join us for the Baginton Events  
Film Night at the British Legion Club on  
Friday 26th September at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The film will be **The Penguin Lessons** starring Steve Coogan who plays a disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 and finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.

Tickets are available in advance from the Club priced at £4 each or you can pay on the door.

## Waste Collection Services Baginton,

This property has a food waste collection every week, a garden waste collection every fortnight, a recycling collection every fortnight, and a refuse collection every 3 weeks.

	 <b>Food Waste</b>	 <b>Garden Waste</b>	 <b>Recycling</b>	 <b>Refuse</b>
Monday 25/08/25	✓			
Monday 1/09/25	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 8/09/25	✓			
Monday 15/09/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 22/09/25	✓			✓
Monday 29/09/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 6/10/25	✓			
Monday 13/10/25	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 20/10/25	✓			
Monday 27/10/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 3/11/25	✓			✓
Monday 10/11/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 17/11/25	✓			
Monday 24/11/25	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 1/12/25	✓			
Monday 8/12/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 15/12/25	✓			✓
Monday 22/12/25	✓	✓	✓	
Tuesday 30/12/25	✓			
Monday 5/01/26		✓		
Tuesday 6/01/26	✓		✓	✓
Monday 12/01/26	✓			
Monday 19/01/26	✓	✓	✓	



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