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#### Forthcoming Events

#### November

2nd	Polish Remembrance 2pm
8th	Tree Planting on the Millennium Field
9th	Remembrance Service 10am for 10.15am
10th	Deadline for Lucy Price 9 - 16 year old Christmas Party
15th	Art Exhibition – 10am – 4pm
17th	Baginton Gardener Q & A
17th	Copy Date for December Newsletter
19th	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
21st	Film Night - The Amateur
21st	Deadline for Lucy Price 0 - 9 year old Christmas Party
22nd	Christmas Fayre 1pm - 4pm
27th	Parish Council Meeting

#### December

7th	Baginton Christmas Light Up 6pm
10th	Ladies Friendship Circle

#### **Regular Village Activities**

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

Contact: Becky email beckysquire@tinytalk.co.uk or visit www.tinytalk.co.uk/beckysquire

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

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

Contact: Sue Burgham 07949 067 875 or email 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

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

Contact: 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

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

Slimming World: Village Hall Thursday 9.30am

Contact: Michelle 07773 084510

Parish Council: Village Hall fourth Thursday of each month 7.30pm Contact: Tracie Ball 07957 589626 or email 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

Churchwardens: Dawn Richardson 024 76302667 and Catherine Weston 07907 119523

Village Hall, Frances Road

For bookings visit www.baginton-village.org.uk/village-hall

#### St John the Baptist Church in November

**November Services** 

Nov 2nd: No service in Baginton, but a united Holy Communion at

Bubbenhall at 11.00am

Nov 9th 10.15am: Remembrance Sunday service

Nov 16th: 10.00am: Holy Communion

Nov 23rd: 10.00am: Village Service on the theme of Christ the King

Nov 30th: 10.00am: A special service for Advent Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is a special occasion for Coventry, as the UK city that suffered most damage in World War II, apart from London. There was extensive bombing of Coventry on the night of the 14th November 1940, in the operation known as "moonlight sonata". Much of central Coventry was destroyed, including the glorious 15th century Cathedral church of Saint Michael. Baginton Aerodrome, as it was first called, had opened three years before the war and, when war broke out, became a fighter station known as RAF Baginton. Some of the fighter pilots who took off from RAF Baginton in the early months of the war would have been shot down over Germany and not returned. Our Remembrance Sunday service will end with two minutes silence at the memorial in the churchyard. The service will be attended by representatives of the British Legion and the Air Cadets. Coventry suffered much in WWII, but it has also played a key role in rebuilding relations between Britain and Germany, and the road signs now proclaim that Coventry is a "city of peace and reconciliation".

The Advent season has become well known as the time that leads up to Christmas, and many children now have Advent Calendars. Advent Sunday is the first day of the Christian year, and falls four Sundays before Christmas. The exact length of Advent varies from year to year depending on when Christmas falls. This year, with Christmas falling on a Thursday, it starts on Nov 30th and lasts 26 days. Advent is a sombre and beautiful season, about light shining in darkness, and hope arising out of despair. It is well summed up in these famous words of Desmond Tutu: "Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death". We will have a special service of readings, music and reflections at 10.00am on Sunday 30th November to reflect on that Advent theme.

for St John the Baptist Church

### Were You There?? Life in Baginton – Memories of School



"One year it was heavy snow - we didn't get sent home we got sent out to play"

In the school room there was an open fire that the milk used to get put beside but if anyone had 'an accident' the knickers would be put on the steel fireguard to dry out.

Miss Bryan who was the Infant School Teacher used to give us beautiful chocolate fudge that she made herself – that's if you were good.....

Some of the children had paper and pencils but I was using a slate and chalk, feeling very hard done by I asked if I could have paper but got told off for asking, this was for older children only and I was too young.

Mr Edwards accused me of cheating and as I hadn't, I kicked him! His false teeth fell out.

In the Christmas play the boy who played Joseph, bent over and his trousers split! ( we laughed quietly)

School dinners were served in Link Cottage 'Frogs spawn' and brown cake with custard.

Fetching the milk in from the playground, it was in an orange crate, hexagonal shaped and the milk from my memory, came in triangular shaped cartons. Two people were sent to pick it up.

If you had a sweet in your mouth, you had to put it on a piece of paper with your name on, it was then put in a tin until playtime, you could have it back then.

If you fell over in the playground and grazed your knee, a big brown bottle of liquid came out and a cotton wool pad was soaked in the liquid and placed on your wound, it hurt a lot!!

We had to give a PE display to the parents and were all in formation. One of the boys went wrong and the teacher gave him a sharp slap across the back of his legs – they were bright red.

Many thanks to Louise, Rite, Della, Matthew and Rowena. These are just some of the contributions from them but they do start you thinking about school in Baginton and your own school days !!!

Many more of you went to school in the village School House and have stories to tell. If you can help I would love to hear them and any snippets of school life in Baginton that you have.

Long, short, funny, or informative I look forward to hearing them all. Many, many thanks in anticipation

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#### **Bagot's Castle**

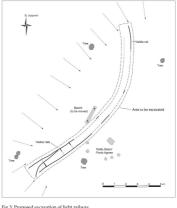
Hello Fellow Residents

By the time you read this the clocks will have gone back and we will have closed the gates on Bagot's Castle for another season. It's been a challenging but rewarding year. Challenging as we still need more volunteers to share the workload. Rewarding as we have managed another great season for visitors and had a good time as a community of volunteers.

We have now closed out the total visitors for the Heritage open weekends. We opened the doors for free for 383 Adults and 131 Children. Whilst overall the numbers were a little down on last year it was still good given the weather. We had great feedback from our Visitors too, on just how enjoyable Bagot's Castle is.

You may recall from last month's newsletter, we are exploring the old 24" rail tracks which remain abandoned from the original 1930s archaeological dig. With big thanks to Nicholas, who is our archaeological guide, we have now mapped 17M of rail track and will meet with Historic England in November to discuss the project. The plan is to expose the rails and explain to Visitors this important part of the Bagot's Castle story.

If you know of any photos of the 1930s dig featuring the rail wagons we would be excited to hear from you.



We will also seek funding to complete the Summer House Phase 2. We need to raise circa £30,000 to finish the viewing deck which will provide a great perspective of the monument. This is a key project to complete as we have a list of exciting other projects on the site to explore once the Summer House is finished.

Moving to the less glamorous activity on the site, we are gearing up for the winter maintenance programme. This involves a deep clear of brambles and growth to allow the Blue Bells to flourish in the spring. We will also be clearing the ponds. The ever present wet weather takes its toll on wood across the site. So, we will be looking at repairs on the Visitor Centre and the wooden retaining boards for steps across the site.

If you are interested in volunteering for maintenance or providing support financially please do contact us at admin@bagotscastle.org.uk.

With thanks

The Trustees - Bagot's Castle

#### Film Night

Come and join us for the Baginton Events Film Night at the British Legion Club on Friday 21st November at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



The film will be **The Amateur** starring Rami Malek.

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Date	Speaker	Topic
19/01/2026	Alan Robinson	Baginton Wildlife
16/03/2026	Chaz Friend	Wayside Willow
18/05/2026	Jenny & Sheila	Sustainable florist
20/07/2026	Baginton allotments	Chat to the growers down at the allotments
21/09/2026	Ken Flint	Microbial diseases of plants and how to avoid them
16/11/2026	Members air & share	My Garden over the year

**Become a member £20** plus £3 per meeting attended and receive 10% off at Russell's & Avondale nursery.

Everyone is welcome so just come along as a Guest for £7 per meeting. If you have any questions, please email Sue Burgham seburgham@gmail.com

#### **Editorial**

If you would like an item included in the Newsletter, you can email bagintonnews@gmail.com. We can accept posters 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 December Newsletter is Monday 17th November. 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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### Lucy Price Christmas Party

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We'd love for you to join us to celebrate and have some fun in the run up to Christmas with a game of bowling and an hour in the laser tag arena.

\*Please note - Children must be residents of the village and have lived here for a minimum of 6 months\*

The exact time will be confirmed once all forms are returned and the booking has been made but we are aiming for approximately 12pm start. With this in mind, please return forms by Monday 10th November.

CONTACT: VICKY 07539 085499 17 HOLLY WALK



#### Please complete <u>one</u> form per child. For additional children, please provide information overleaf or on a separate sheet of paper.

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#### **Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle**

Everyone enjoyed a fish and chip lunch at our meeting on 8 October. Members were able to chat and catch up since our last meeting.

We arrange monthly lunches to local restaurants, and in November are taking a shopping trip to Boundary Mills.

Our meetings in the village hall are bi monthly at 2pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Come along one afternoon, you will be made very welcome, visitors  $\pounds 3$ , and if you would like to become a member the annual subscription is  $\pounds 25$ .

At our next meeting on the 10 December, we will be celebrating Christmas with a buffet lunch provided by the members. Roy Tumber will be entertaining us with his festive show Rhyme Nor Reason, 'Tis the Season.

For information please contact Rosemary Sowter 07743666685 rosemary.sowter12@btinternet.com

#### Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

Stoneleigh hall may not yet be 'decked with boughs of holly' but on Thursday afternoons it resounds with Christmas music in preparation for our Charity Concert on Thursday 11 December starting at 1.30pm. This year we are supporting two local charities for the visually impaired, Warwickshire Vision and The Vision Hub.

In addition to the concert, the choir is doing something completely new. We are joining with the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir to sing Carols in the Community to which you are all invited. Together we propose to sing well known carols outside the club in Stoneleigh village for about half an hour from 7pm on the evening of Wednesday 17 December and we hope that residents of Stoneleigh and surrounding areas will come and join us. Afterwards we are invited into the club for refreshments. Please come and help make this a success which could become an annual event.

In addition to the above, the choir will be making its annual visit to Waverley Day Care Centre on Thursday 4 December. Always a fun afternoon. They will also be singing at Stoneleigh village church on Sunday 21 December as part of the Carols in Church service.

The ladies of the choir made many delicious cakes for a recent afternoon tea and raised a pleasing £205 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Information and contact details may be found on our website www.stoneleighladieschoir.org.

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The club has been part of our village life since the early 1950s. It is a family club. We are told on a regular basis by people who moved into the area that they did not know we were here. They cannot believe how cheap our drinks are and the good facilities; Pool table, 2 Dart boards, Snooker table, Skittle Alley, TVs and a concert room. The concert room is ideal for parties, weddings, wakes and meetings. We have a number of events throughout the year. Check out our Facebook page for upcoming events. https://www.facebook.com/BritishLegionBaginton

The club has Sky Sports; when we are able to, we will be showing Coventry City Matches, but not the ones that kick off at 3pm on a Saturday. There are two TVs so we can show two different matches at the same time. For certain matches we have offers on drinks.

Over recent months we have had outside caterers coming to the club - Pie Nights, Pizza Nights, Greek Nights and they have all been very successful and popular.

Last Friday of the month it's Film night for only £4.

**Sunday 2nd November** is Polish Sunday. The local Polish community plus a large number of Standard Bearers, Air Cadets and Sea Cadets march from the club at 2pm; then there is a small service at the graves of the Polish Airmen in Baginton Church. Then back to the club for refreshments.

**Sunday 9th November** is Remembrance Sunday. We march from the club at 10am to the church for the service and laying of wreaths. Then back to the club for refreshments.

We're proud to support the **Poppy Appeal** once again this year, and we invite our wonderful community to join us in honouring those who have served. Poppies and a range of other appeal items are now available at the club. Every donation helps the Royal British Legion continue its vital work supporting veterans and their families.

Whether you're popping in for a drink or just passing by, please consider picking up a poppy and showing your support. Together, we remember.

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#### **Baginton Christmas Light Up**

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The Warm Hub cafe at the village hall will be open after 6pm for Mulled wine, Tea, Coffee, Squash and Mince pies and a selection of Cakes.

The Church will be lit up and open for a Christmas Tree Display (see article later in this Newsletter).

Get your lights up, have a wander around the village then come and join us at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome, including dogs.



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#### **Farewell to the Baginton Village Newsletter**

After many years, we are announcing that the village newsletter will be coming to an end and the December 2025 issue will be the last one. This long-standing publication has served the community well — sharing news, celebrating milestones, and keeping everyone informed.

Originally published as a single sheet, the newsletter has chronicled everything from local fêtes and fundraisers to personal achievements, local council updates, and heartfelt stories. It has been a labour of love by a number of volunteers over the years who have given their time, energy, and passion to make sure every issue was worth reading.

However, as times have changed, so too has the way we communicate. With most people now receiving information digitally — through email, social media, and websites — the printed newsletter has gradually become a less efficient way to reach the community. As an increasingly old-fashioned form of communication, it's no longer sustainable in the way it once was.

This decision wasn't made lightly. We know the newsletter holds a special place in many hearts — especially among those who've grown up reading it or contributed to its pages. We also recognise the need to move with the times and to move to more immediate ways of keeping everyone informed and engaged.

While the newsletter may be ending, we encourage everyone to stay connected through the various Facebook groups, Baginton ENews, village website, notice boards, Residents WhatsApp, and other platforms. These tools allow for faster updates, broader reach, and more interactive engagement.

To all the editors, contributors, advertisers, distributors, and readers over the years — thank you. Your support made the newsletter more than just paper and ink.

Remember that information on local attractions, services and events can also be found on the village website at www.baginton-village.org.uk; the Baginton Village - Events Facebook page; and the Baginton RBL Club 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).

And WhatsApp and email groups: -

Baginton Community WhatsApp – 07583 266624 (Gary Colville) from where you can also join the "Advertising only" group.

Baginton ENews – bagintonpc@gmail.com (Parish Clerk, Tracie Ball)

Warwickshire Connected - www.warwickshireconnected.com (messaging service from Warwickshire Police).

#### **Struggling With Mental Health?**

You can talk to someone about it.

Whether you're concerned about yourself or a loved one, mental health charities, organisations and support groups can offer expert advice: -

Samaritans - www.samaritans.org or call 116 123 (lines open 24/7)

Calm - www.thecalmzone.net or call 0800 585858 (5pm until midnight 365 days a year)

Mind - www.mind.org.uk or call 0300 1233393 (9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)

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.

Wellbeing for Warwickshire - www.wellbeingforwarwickshire.org.uk or call 0800 616171 (lines open 24/7)

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#### **Mobile Library Service**

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### The Resurrection, The Truth and The Light



#### The Resurrection:

St John the Baptist Church is resurrecting the **Christmas Tree Display** from several years ago. Anyone from Baginton is invited to enter; individuals, families, groups and clubs.

Decorate a small Christmas Tree in any style you choose, to be displayed inside the church. It could be any height up to 1 metre, but should not need any maintenance once at church. Christmas trees should be delivered to the church between 6pm and 7pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, or between 10am and 11am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. It may or may not have a title but should have a name or contact number discreetly added.

The Trees will be on display from the Baginton Christmas Light up at 6pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December until the end of the Village Carol and Crib Service (4pm – 5pm) on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December when they can be collected.

Each visitor will have one vote for their favourite Christmas tree – a prize for the most votes!

#### The Truth:

The truth is that St John the Baptist Church is the historical place of worship in Baginton. Many of our residents were Christened or married here and have families members buried or interred here. It is a place of real interest and family history and it is ours, the communities, please support it.

#### The Light:

St John the Baptist church will be turning on its Christmas lights as part of the Baginton Village Christmas light up, fast becoming a tradition of our village. This will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm please do include the church in your walk around the village and enjoy the lights and atmosphere there.

#### Any questions?

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