

Baginton Village Newsletter



May 2024

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Forthcoming Events

May

- 1st Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 2nd Parish Council Meeting
- 5th Village Service
- 14th Baginton Walkers
- 18th Copy Date for June Newsletter
- 20th Baginton Gardeners - Bulbs, Corms and Tubers
- 29th Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 31st Film Night - The Great Escaper

June

- 2nd Village Service
- 6th Parish Council Meeting

Information on local attractions, services and events can also be found on the Baginton village website at 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

Regular Village Activities

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: Elayne Meakin 024 7501 3147

Baginton Dog's Club: Village Hall Monday from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667

Community 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 @ 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: Alan & Brenda Brown 024 7630 5509

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle: second Wednesday every other month 2.30pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667 & Rosemary Sowter 024 7667 3381

Pilates with a Physiotherapist: Village Hall Wednesday from 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Jo Owen 07817 364460

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

Contact: Phil Clark 07746 521087 or email bagintonpc@gmail.com

Church - St John the Baptist: Sunday Service 10.00am

Churchwardens: Dawn Richardson 024 76302667 and Catherine Weston 07907 119523

Village Hall, Frances Road

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

Malcolm Tracey

Malcolm Tracey, our father, passed away peacefully on the morning of Thursday 11th April 2024 after being ill for over 4 months. 91 years young

He moved into the village in May 1982, the year the Pope flew into Baginton, with his wife Jean and children Gordon and Diane.



He was an active member of the village serving a number of years on the Parish Council, Lucy Price committee, British Legion committee (current Branch President) and an active member of the village church. Over the years he put a lot of time and effort into the village, making lots of friends. He loved the village.

Gordon Liggins and Dad raised the money for the village war memorial, which was made and erected by Alf Berry and Fred Sharpe. Over the years, on too many occasions to mention, he defended the village and its residents.

His wife, our mother, Jean died 22 years and a day before him and is buried in the church and he will be laid to rest alongside her. Dad remarried to a lovely lady, our stepmum, Hazel Jean and they were together for nearly 20 happy years.

The funeral will be on Wednesday 8th May 1.30pm St. John the Baptist Church Baginton and afterwards at Baginton RBL Club.

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Gordon and Diane



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Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Baginton Annual Assembly Report

It is a statutory requirement that every Parish in England must hold an Annual Assembly between the 1st March and 1st June, that is open to all electors, charities and community groups who live or operate within that Parish.

This year, the Baginton Annual Assembly was held on 11th April at the village hall and a full set of the meeting minutes and reports are available on the Baginton Village website at www.baginton-village.org.uk

A condensed summary of key points is presented below: -

- The Village Hall is financially performing well, allowing for a full refurbishment of the toilets, installation of LED lights in the car park, a new fire alarm system and security cameras. The Warm Hub on Tuesday mornings is a great success, as is the introduction of the on-line booking system. Total expenditure during a very busy year was £60,000 and is money well spent to keep our Village Hall running. Other successes include the King's Coronation party and the well-received inaugural Race Night.
- The Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity is also performing well. Open to all Baginton children and young adults up to the age of 25, they spent £40364 last year supporting those in need of financial aid. This included £17650 on academic grants for university and A-level courses, £1200 on driving lessons, £3833 on school trips and outings, plus £2736 on swimming lessons and £300 on school uniforms. Further examples of grants are available within their report along with details of the Charity.
- Baginton United Charities closed in December 2023, passing £7858.79 to the Lucy Price Relief in Need Charity, thus keeping the benefit within Baginton. The Charity Chairman reported that after 12 months of advertising the Charity in the newsletter and website, they had received no requests for assistance. Bank charges were becoming excessive and the Trustees felt that closure was the best option.

- The Lucy Price Sunday School Trust confirmed that like the previous two years, there was nothing new to report over the last 12 months.
- The Parish Council reported 11 meetings last year. At the May 2023 elections, we said goodbye to Councillor Julie Keightley and welcomed Councillor Andrew Parkes. In September, we sadly lost Councillor David Hewer and welcomed Councillor Craig Biggerstaff. A total of 21 planning applications were considered, with the Council raising objections for 2. Liaison with Police was high, with issues raised about racing cars and anti-social behaviour. Public Space Protection Orders are being sought to help manage the situation. The Chairman thanked all those involved with these and many other activities undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council for the benefit of our residents.
- Warwickshire County Council reported a difficult year, especially over the very wet autumn and winter. Properties, roads and land had flooded in areas where they had never flooded before. Council resources were diverted to keep drainage courses, culverts and grips clear to maximise surface water management. Availability of aggregate to rebuild road edges damaged by HGVs and to fix potholes had also caused problems over the last year. A programme of roadside lining had started to better define road edges in poorly lit areas and reviews were being undertaken of road signage to better improve vehicle and pedestrian safety.

Police Advice on Car Security

There has been a noticeable increase in vehicle crime recently, including theft from vehicles, theft of number plates and theft of vehicles themselves. Police have issued the following advice: -

- Always lock it - even if you are only turning your back for a moment or two.
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- Park in well-lit and busier areas.
- When buying a vehicle, always check the DVLA V5 document and make sure the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the vehicle is the same as on the document.
- Be aware of carjackers - always drive with the doors locked and leave enough space between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you to enable you to get out of a tight spot.
- In an emergency, always call 999, to report something else, contact 101 or report an incident online.

Next meeting: Thursday 2nd May from 7:30pm at Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

BAGINTON PARTY IN THE PARK

Party in the Park 2024

Party in the Park takes place on 13th July and this year's tickets are available to purchase online from Eventbrite. Just go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Baginton Party in the Park.

A reminder that adults need a valid ticket to gain entrance. Children under 16 are free to get in when accompanied by an adult and each child will need a free ticket.

No ticket = no entry.

Party in the Park only happens each year with the help of lots of volunteers so if anyone is available to help either with the set-up, on the day itself or for the clear-down, then please email bagintonevents@gmail.com outlining when you can help.

We look forward to seeing you all there for what promises to be a great night.



Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle

Our April meeting was a floral event. Thanks to Gabrielle Back for demonstrating a floral arrangement in a mug. We all enjoyed the workshop chatting and sharing flowers and foliage.

There will be no meeting in May. At our next meeting on Wednesday 12th June at 2.30pm, Ruth Lowe will be talking about 60's fashion icon, Mary Quant. Ruth will be displaying clothing and items designed by Mary Quant. Many of the items from her extensive collection were loaned to the V&A Museum London for an exhibition they held last year.

We meet at the Village Hall at 2.30pm and we extend a warm welcome to new members. From attendance figures, it seems that changing our meetings to afternoons is proving to be successful. Our lunch club continues to flourish with a good selection of local venues.

Come and spend the afternoon with us, visitors £3; if you enjoy it and would like to join us subscriptions are £25 per annum. Outings are an extra cost, but we try to make them as affordable as possible.

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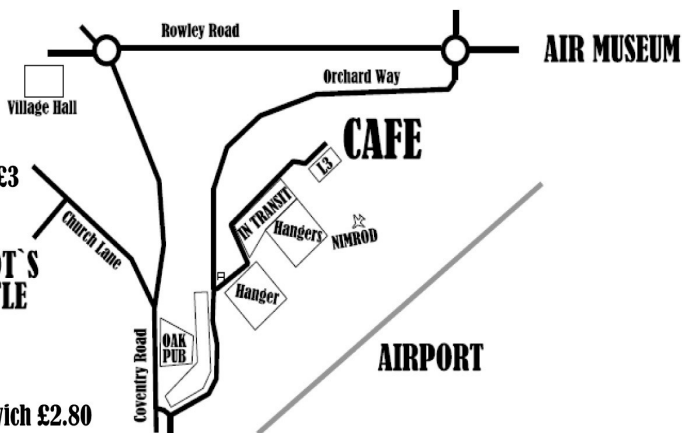
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St John the Baptist Church

Services for May

5 May 10am 6th Sunday of Easter, Village Service

12 May 10am 7th Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

19 May 10am Pentecost, Holy Communion

26 May 10am Trinity Sunday, Holy Communion

Your Church Needs YOU!

We would like to thank all those who have so far volunteered to open their gardens to help us fundraise for your village church. It's very much appreciated.

If anyone can contribute to keeping the church open, such as with building skills (the roof and walls in particular need attention); as our architect (ours has retired); as our accountant (ours is going to retire next year); with keeping the grounds; or you have any other practical skill that you would be willing to share with us, please get in touch.

We want to be here for you, and we hope to be introducing our new vicar to you very soon.

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Plans are under way to arrange a

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Saturday 7th September from 2pm

so save the date and watch this space for more information.



Bagot's Castle – May 2024

Bagot's Castle opened its gates for the first time this Season on Good Friday, which was the first day of our annual Easter Event. This was the best year ever on record for attendance, with us running out of eggs on the Saturday lunchtime. Despite us not having any eggs, the children still wanted to do the Easter Trail without an egg at the end. Our cakes and hot dogs were again very popular, with us just having enough for the last day on the Monday. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us; it was not easy for us all involved. Thank you.

Our display of Bluebells is about 2 weeks earlier this year; on the weekend of 20th and 21st April we should have a good display. Hopefully this display will last for 3 - 4 weeks so please come along and visit us.

Baginton villagers - just a reminder to take advantage of our special resident's pass for the Season. With proof of address, the standard ticket price gives Baginton residents readmission for the season (except for special events) during our opening times.

We are looking for volunteers to help with meet and greet for this season – if you have a morning or afternoon to spare over the weekend (a shift is for 3 hours) we would love to hear from you. Either get in touch by popping in or via email delia@bagotscastle.org.uk

Thank you for your support.

Trustees of Bagot's Castle

Baginton Gardeners

A busy time in the garden and luckily the weather seems to be improving!

Monty suggests we should be: -

1. Dead-heading daffodils and tulips; if growing in pots leave them for four to six weeks then let them dry off to plant next year. Store in a dry cool place and plant again in September to November.
2. Pull out tree seedlings before they get a hold.
3. Clean patio pots and window boxes ready for your summer planting.
4. Pinch out geraniums and fuchsias in the greenhouse to make bushier plants.
5. Refresh compost in pots; either scrape off the top layer or knock plant out gently and replace as much as possible.
6. Feed and seed lawns and then scarify them.
7. Sow herbs indoors.

The dates for Baginton Open Gardens have been set for Saturday 22nd June and Sunday 23rd June - anyone who might be considering opening their garden can contact Catherine Weston on 07907 119523 or Elayne for more information.

Our next meeting is on Monday 20th May when Gordon Malt will be talking about bulbs, corms and tubers. The remaining meetings and topics are:-

Date	Speaker	Title
20/05/24	Gordon Malt	Bulbs, Corms and Tubers
15/07/24	Lucy Hartley	Ecology in the Modern Garden
16/09/24	Geoff Hodge	Propagation – Plants for Free
18/11/24	Quiz	

Meetings take place bi-monthly at the British Legion Club, Kimberley Road, Baginton at 7.30pm and visitors are always welcome. Visitors pay £4 per meeting.

Membership for 2024 remains at £12 pa plus £2 per meeting and includes a 10% discount on FULL price items at our 4 local Garden Centres (Smiths, Russell's, Avondale and David Cheshire).

Baginton Nurseries will open from Easter to Autumn (Thursday-Sunday), but cannot offer 10% reduction as its prices are already wholesale.

If you have any questions or need more information contact Elayne on 02475 013147 or by e-mail elaynemeakin@gmail.com

Film Night

Come and join us for the Baginton Events Film Night at the British Legion Club on Friday 31st May at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



The film will be **The Great Escaper** starring Michael Caine as Bernard Jordan, who escapes from his care home to attend the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in France. Tickets are available in advance from the Club priced at £3 each or you can pay on the door.

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No Mow May 2024 - it's a growing trend!

Warwick District Council (WDC) is committed to No Mow May and having had the time to reflect on and resolve the issues encountered last year, is bringing it back again this year.

Not only will it be supported across the District Council's parks and open spaces, but WDC is encouraging residents to join them once again and leave their own gardens and spaces to grow without a mow during the month of May.

Why is WDC committed to No Mow May?

WDC declared an Ecological Emergency in 2022 and last month agreed a new programme of actions which will guide WDC in creating a district that is rich in nature by halting biodiversity loss and putting nature on a path to recovery, with a particular focus on WDC's own land and operations. A part of this programme is to support No Mow May.

The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world! Leaving grass and wild plants to grow naturally throughout May gives wild plants, insects, and other wildlife a much-needed boost ahead of summer, as well as tackling pollution, reducing flooding and urban heat extremes, and locking away atmospheric carbon below ground.

What's new?

Last year was the first time WDC supported this initiative and feedback received from residents has been used to guide the initiative this year. As always, safety is paramount and there will be a change to the way highway verges are managed to maintain visibility.

Council housing estates, children's play areas, sports pitches and cemeteries will be excluded, and WDC will continue to mow these locations.

Councillor Will Roberts, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, said: "Participating in No Mow May is an important part of our Biodiversity Action Programme and despite the heavy

rainfall affecting our grass cutting already this year, we are fully committed to going ahead with it and have the support of our colleagues at Warwickshire County Council.

“Last year was very much a learning curve and I want to reassure residents that we have listened to their feedback and will be doing things differently this year. Allowing grass and wildflowers to grow unbothered for a month creates habitats and food sources for early-season pollinators when other flowers are scarce. I hope residents will support and create their own No Mow May areas. This is not only an opportunity to support pollinators, but also learn more about our local biodiversity.”

Join us!

Even the smallest of gardens can create a haven for plants and creatures and support the biodiversity of our natural environment. Perhaps you will learn to love the wild look of blooming plants and flowers and enjoy the bees and butterflies they attract.

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Baginton Walkers



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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: -

1 May	29 May	26 June
24 July	21 August	18 September
16 October	13 November	11 December

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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: -

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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.

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Military Heritage Trail launches in Warwick

A new heritage trail guiding visitors on a tour of Warwick's military museums has recently launched with eight locations to visit, charting the history of the Regiments that made their home there, and honouring the men and women that gave their all for their country – giving visitors the chance to walk in the footsteps of those who came before.

Venues include: -

The Fusilier Museum Warwick; The Lord Leycester; The Museum of The Queen's Royal Hussars; St. Mary's Church; Warwickshire County Record Office; The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum; Warwick War Memorial; Commonwealth War Graves (Warwick Cemetery)

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<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> - select the report tab.

In an emergency and/or if a crime is in progress always dial 999.

Alternatively, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111

Please do report all suspicious activity – your information may be that last bit of information the police have been looking for to link everything together and catch up with the offenders.

Report online

- Non-emergency offences
- Anti-social behaviour
- Identity theft, scams and fraud



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BVLR Miniature Railway Open Days



Come and join us at the Bridge View Light Railway to ride on our scenic community miniature railway. We are open between Easter and Halloween, from 12pm until 3pm, as well as special event days.

Running days in May are 12th and 25th and for June are 8th and 29th. In addition, we have our Father's Day special event on 16th June.

There is no need to pre-book for train rides.

Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear is advised.

Parking and entry to our garden is free on open days. Each train ride is £1.50 per person, regardless of age (aged 2 and under free). Normal running days have a family ticket for 4 people for £5.00

Trains run weather permitting and dependent upon train and volunteer availability. Unplanned cancellations will be shown on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BVLRail>

Participating in the events and riding trains on event days may have a special event fare, further details can be found with the event information.

Further information about our community project, railway and other attractions to enjoy can be found on our website www.bvlrail.org.uk

Find us on the front lawn at Russell's Garden Centre, Baginton CV8 3AG.

Baginton Open Gardens 2024

We are looking for Baginton residents who would be willing to open up their gardens to visitors this year on

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June.

This is to raise funds for our local church.

If you feel able to open your garden, please do get in touch with

Catherine Weston on 07907 119523





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