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# Forthcoming Events

## April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Event at Bagot's Castle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Absolute at the RBL Club
- 7<sup>th</sup> Village Service
- 9<sup>th</sup> Baginton Walkers
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ladies Friendship Circle
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> Copy Date for May Newsletter
- 26<sup>th</sup> Film Night - One Life

## May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Village Service

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

## **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](mailto: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](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: 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](mailto:bagintonpc@gmail.com)

Church - St John the Baptist: Sunday Service 10.00am

Churchwardens: Dawn Richardson 024 76302667 and Catherine Weston 07907 119523

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## **Community !!! - The condition of sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common.**

Villages thrive on its community, Cities and Towns are less social and insular. This is why I moved to a village with a plan to involve myself in the activities of Baginton. I didn't know exactly what, but it's slowly escalating with each year. I recognise and appreciate those individuals who unselfishly give their time and energy to support and improve our environment. They do this with the full intention of benefitting Baginton, because they believe in giving back and being involved.

My interaction started a long time ago (pre move) with the Art Group that I support with enthusiasm. Then on to Bagot's castle meet and greet, moving swiftly into the Gardening Club. There are many other activities in this village and I appreciate they do not fit into the time frame of working busy people.

With approximately 700 inhabitants, which came as a shock to learn how many people ignore the wonderful activities available in this village and how much benefit can be had from involving yourself at any level.

You get to know real people, their interesting stories, understand who to rely on in times of need because of making good and strong connections with real people not media ones and get to enjoy enrichment on a cheap budget.

One such activity in need of a boost of energy is the gardening club. For a very low annual fee you can enjoy 10% discount at Smiths, Russell's, Avondale, and David Cheshire (our very own Chelsea Gold winner). Full of knowledge and information you never get from any of the massive gardening centres. Being present at the meetings is not a requirement, but then you could be enjoying some of the interesting facts those that attend know. Like Peat being sustainable!!! Yes, that's right. Bees that really don't like lavender (expensive mistake there!).

There is so much this lovely village has to offer, that if everyone who lived here took part in any small way possible from picking up a bit of litter to full blown activity on the council, all our lives would be enriched and joyful. Utopia doesn't exist, I know, but what a boost when everyone can do something of value that costs little to nothing in time or money.

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# Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle

We held a successful Annual General Meeting at the beginning of February with a good attendance of members renewing subscriptions for the coming year. Two long standing committee members resigned and were presented with a floral tribute in recognition of their hard work and commitment over the years.

We had no meeting in March. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and this will be a demonstration entitled "Flowers in a Mug". A reminder that we meet in the Village Hall at 2.30pm and we extend a warm welcome to new members. We hope that changing our meetings to take place in daylight hours will prove to be successful. Our lunch club continues to flourish and we have now established a good selection of local venues.

A programme of events and meetings has been arranged. Come and join us. Subscriptions are £25 for the year. Needless to say, outings are an extra cost and we try and make them as affordable as possible.

Best wishes

Prue Aubrey

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# Baginton Gardeners

Once again, Darren Rudge presented an extremely informative talk on 'Pruning – Improving What You Have Got' to our meeting in March. His message was clear, we are in control when we lift the secateurs or loppers!

There are 3 rules to help us in pruning our garden plants:

1. You are telling the plant how you want it to grow; so have a vision and plan in mind! Do a few cuts, step back, look at the plant, do more if needed; know when to stop!
2. Why are you pruning? To maintain or improve the size, shape and health of the plant. Good pruning lets in light, water and air, all necessary for healthy growth,
3. Understand a little of how plants grow and where and how to cut. Cut 5mm above a bud, ensure cut is sloped away from the bud to let water run off. Pinch out apex bud to encourage bushier plants.

The 5 basic principles of pruning are D.D.D.X.U. Look for the following when pruning: -

D – Dead Wood D - Disease D – Damage X – Crossing branches  
U – Untypical Growth, look for mutations.

So, when should we prune? The general rule is Deciduous plants – November to March, Evergreens – September/October and March. Remember there are times when you will need a specialist, particularly with large trees!

His final message was Know what you want, be inspired by nature and HAVE FUN WITH PRUNING!

The dates for Baginton Open Gardens have been set for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Anyone who might be considering opening their garden can contact Catherine Weston on 07907 119523 or Elayne for more information.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Elayne will be stepping down from Chairing the group from the end of the year. If you would like to consider taking over this role, please speak to Elayne soon so that she can work with you to ease you in before hand-over.



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The programme for 2024 speakers follows. You don't have to be a knowledgeable gardener to attend but you will learn so much from the expertise of the speakers.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title</b>
20/05/24 (Mon)	Gordon Malt	Bulbs, Corms and Tubers
15/07/24 (Mon)	Lucy Hartley	Ecology in the Modern Garden
16/09/24 (Mon)	Geoff Hodge	Propagation – Plants for Free
18/11/24 (Mon)	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 + £2 per meeting and includes a 10% 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, but cannot offer 10% reduction as its prices are already wholesale.

Membership cards are available at the meetings or by contacting Elayne.

In the meantime if you have any questions or need more information contact Elayne on 02475 013147 or [elaynemeakin@gmail.com](mailto:elaynemeakin@gmail.com)

## **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: -

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26 June	24 July	21 August
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# Bagot's Castle – April 2024

We welcomed visitors at Bagot's Castle for the start of the Season with our 4-day Easter Event on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March and we hope all who came along enjoyed their time with us.

Our next attraction will be our display of bluebells on the banks of the castle grounds looking down from the Summer House and down towards the river. This year we are hoping for a spectacular display. We will report on our website the best time to visit [www.bagotscastle.org.uk](http://www.bagotscastle.org.uk)

In March, Trustees and volunteers were busy each weekend and in the week working in the grounds ready for opening. We were lucky to have the help of students from Warwick University, a company in Warwick and the Conservation Group of Volunteers, who helped with various jobs on the site - planting saplings and clearing rubbish from the site following the river overflowing its banks, broken branches and fallen trees, repairing fencing etc. for which we are very grateful.

We are always looking for volunteers to help, as we are not able to open the site to the public without their help, so if you can spare time at the weekends, please come along and talk to one of us who will explain what is involved.

Trustees of Bagot's Castle

## Editorial

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter, you can email [bagintonnews@btinternet.com](mailto:bagintonnews@btinternet.com)

Costs are £16 per page per issue or £8 per half page per issue, with 10 issues of the Newsletter a year.

The copy date for the May Newsletter is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. 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 (7621 0163) and Ann Bush (7630 3515)

# Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

It has generally been another quiet month from the Parish Council viewpoint, but there have been a few developments that may affect Baginton.

## **Investment Zone and Gigafactory Announcements**

There were a few announcements earlier in March that could have a direct impact on Baginton.

Coventry City Council have been promoting the airport as a battery gigafactory site since 2020, spending millions of pounds to secure an operator. Despite their efforts, there are currently no firm offers. Tata Group as the owners of JLR was interested, but eventually chose to invest £4 billion in a gigafactory site in Somerset.

A further investment of £35million was announced for *'highways and infrastructure works to accelerate the development of the site and prepare it for occupation by a battery operator.'* The monies have been offered as part of the West Midlands Investment Zone, which was announced by Jeremy Hunt in his Autumn budget. It is not clear what highways and infrastructure works are planned, but Baginton village is likely to be affected to some degree.

Andy Street, the Mayor of the West Midlands, said that the Government's £35 million was not enough 'to get the gigafactory across the line', suggesting that he is working towards securing further investment from the private sector.

At the same time, Warwickshire County Council announced that a Level 2 Devolution Agreement had been granted to them from the Government. Whilst separate from the West Midlands Investment Zone announcement, the Level 2 Agreement does give Warwickshire County Council more input and control over local developments, rather than it being directed remotely from Government in London.

The Parish Council will keep an eye on developments and keep residents informed.

## **Annual Assembly**

This year, the Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> April from 7:30pm in the Village Hall main room. Everybody is welcome. Short reports will be received from Charities and organisations that work within our village and questions will be taken from the public. Police, County Councillors and District Councillors have all been invited to attend, to answer any questions you may have.

## **Parish Council Accounts**

This is my 11<sup>th</sup> year preparing the Parish Council Accounts, so I think I am finally getting the hang of it. As always, the draft accounts will be mounted on our village website after they have been prepared in April. We then go through a series of Internal and External Audits before the accounts are hopefully signed-off by the Government appointed Auditors in September. It has been an uneventful year from a Financial viewpoint, so I am not expecting anything different to previous years, but I will keep you updated.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 7:30pm at Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

## St John the Baptist Church

### Services for April

**7 April 10am 2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday of Easter, Village Service

**14 April 10am 3<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

**21 April 10am 4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

**28 April 10am 5<sup>th</sup>** Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion



## Party in the Park 2024

Party in the Park takes place on 13<sup>th</sup> July and this year's tickets are available to purchase online from Eventbrite. Just go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for Baginton Party in the Park.

Be quick though, as they are already selling fast.

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](mailto:bagintonevents@gmail.com) outlining when you can help.

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



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The film will be **One Life** starring Anthony Hopkins as Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued over 600 children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia.

Tickets are available in advance from the Club priced at £3 each or you can pay on the door.

Dates for your diary for future films: -

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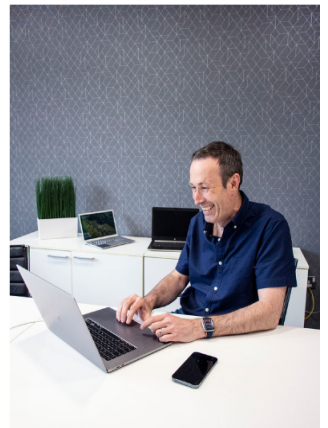


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**Calm** - [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net) or call 0800 585858 (5pm until midnight 365 days a year)

**Mind** - [www.mind.org.uk](http://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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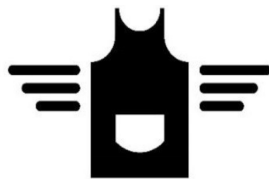
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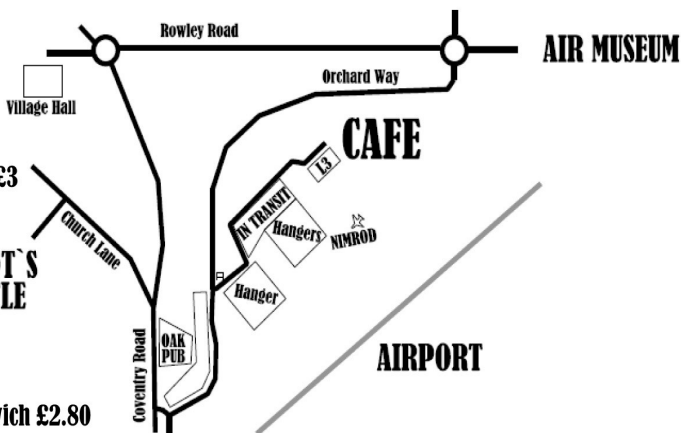
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# The Voice of Warwickshire

The Voice of Warwickshire is a residents' panel managed by Warwickshire County Council (WCC). Four to six times a year, members are asked to give their views on big topics in Warwickshire.



By registering as a member, you will contribute to the development of policies and strategies by sharing your views on decisions that will affect Warwickshire and the area where you live over the next few years. To be eligible to join, you need to be over 18 on or before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and a Warwickshire resident. For more information, take a look at the WCC webpage [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/voice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/voice)

The deadline for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

## Reporting Incidents / Crime

Dial 101 to report non-emergencies. You can also report non-emergency incidents/crime via the Warwickshire Police website

<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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# Baginton Walkers

March, and our first organised walk of the year!

January was cancelled due to path closures, February due to rain as was our original date in March, but we managed to find a rain free morning a couple of days later.



For our first walk, and being kind to everyone after the extended Christmas break, we opted for a shortish and level walk around the Southwest side of Kenilworth Castle.

From the main car park where English Heritage were working hard on improving the path and steps to the route around the castle, we headed off on the footpath parallel to Inchford Brook, but fortunately higher up on the ridge to miss most, but not all, of the wet muddy ground. Progress was good with great views of the castle behind us, except around the kissing gates, which seemed to have a pool of deep water around each one. Negotiating these without problem, our only incident of the morning occurred when one of the group slid down a muddy bank, thankfully without injury, but with a very muddy back.

Crossing a rickety bridge, we headed towards Rouncil Lane and the Inchford Brook Ford, which was fortunately clear, and back across more fields passing a large caravan storage area and paddocks with both Llama and sheep, back to our starting point at Kenilworth Castle car park. Divesting ourselves of the by now very muddy footwear, we headed off to the Clarendon Arms for well-deserved refreshments.

Our next walk will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April when we will meet at 9.45am at The Two Boats, Southam Road, Long Itchington, CV47 9QZ. New walkers are welcome and if you need a lift or more information please phone Brenda Brown 76305509.

## Garden Waste Subscription Service

Remember that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, only green bins that are displaying a **valid yellow permit** will be emptied. Visit the garden waste page of the waste and recycling section of the WDC website to sign up if you haven't already at

[https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20480/garden\\_waste](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20480/garden_waste)

Permits can take up to 10 days to be delivered.





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2nd Monday of every month  
 1.00pm to 2.30pm

<b>Dates for 2024</b>			
<b>Monday Morning Sessions</b>		<b>Monday Afternoon Sessions</b>	
		8 <sup>th</sup> January	1.00pm-2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am-12.00pm	12 <sup>th</sup> February	1.00pm-2.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am-12.00pm	11 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00pm-2.30pm
		8 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00pm-2.30pm
		13 <sup>th</sup> May	1.00pm-2.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30am-12.00pm	10 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00pm-2.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> July	10.30am-12.00pm	8 <sup>th</sup> July	1.00pm-2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am-12.00pm	12 <sup>th</sup> August	1.00pm-2.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	10.30am-12.00pm	9 <sup>th</sup> September	1.00pm-2.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am-12.00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> October	1.00pm-2.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am-12.00pm	11 <sup>th</sup> November	1.00pm-2.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.30am-12.00pm	9 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00pm-2.30pm

Drop-ins welcome

Contact 024 7665 2602 or [coventry@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:coventry@alzheimers.org.uk) for more information



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