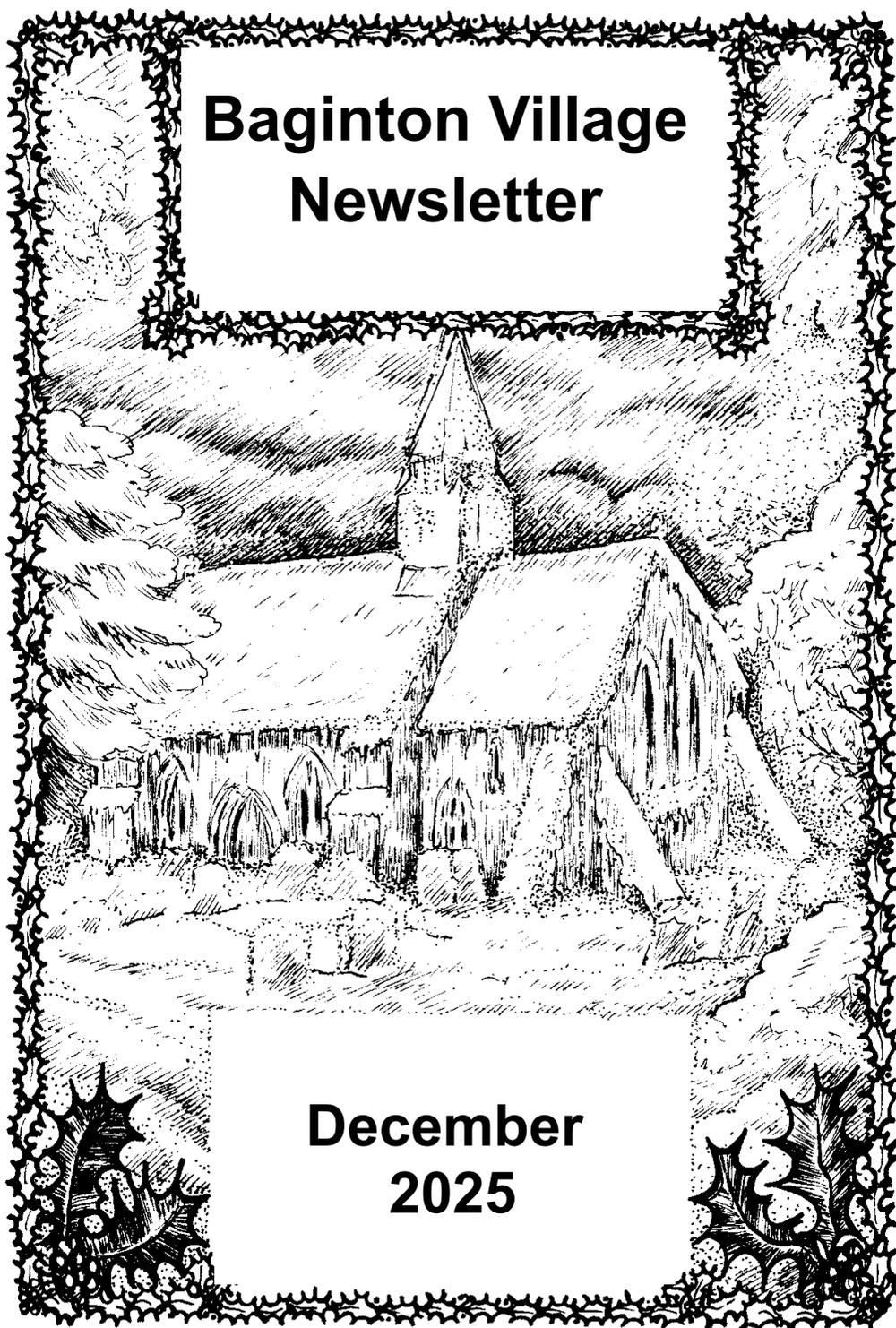


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# Forthcoming Events

## December

- 7<sup>th</sup> Baginton Christmas Light Up 6pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ladies Friendship Circle Christmas Lunch
- 14<sup>th</sup> Lucy Price 9 - 16 year old Christmas Party
- 14<sup>th</sup> WOW Christmas Concert RBL Club 1.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carol Service 4pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bingo Night at the RBL Club
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lucy Price 0 - 9 year old Christmas Party
- 21<sup>st</sup> Village Carol Singing - Holly Walk 6.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Last Green Bin and Blue Bin Collection of 2025
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 9pm
- \*\*\*\*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Food Caddy Collection\*\*\*\***
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Party at the RBL Club

## January

- \*\*\*\*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Recycling/Refuse/Food Collection\*\*\*\***
- 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm Church Service - Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
- 19<sup>th</sup> First Green Bin Collection for 2026
- 19<sup>th</sup> Baginton Gardener - Baginton Wildlife
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> Burns Evening
- 30<sup>th</sup> Film Night - The Ballad of Wallis Island

# 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/beckysquire](http://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](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

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](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

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# **Refuse and Recycling Collections Over Christmas and the New Year**

During the Christmas and New Year period, the day for your recycling and refuse collections will change. This will mean that: -

Your Blue recycling bin and Food caddy will be emptied on Monday 22nd December as normal.

**Your Food caddy will be emptied on Tuesday 30th December 2025**

**Your Food caddy, Grey refuse and Blue recycling bins will be emptied on Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

Please ensure that your bins are presented at the edge of your property by 6am on your amended collection day.

## **Green bin collections suspension**

Green bin collections will be suspended over the Christmas and New Year period, to allow crews to prioritise the additional recycling and food waste that accrues.

**The last Green bin collection for 2025 will be on Monday 22nd December and the first for 2026 will be Monday 19th January**

## **Recycling wrapping paper and Christmas cards**

Recycle wrapping paper and Christmas cards with your cardboard in your blue bin. You cannot recycle foil wrapping paper, glittery wrapping paper, glittery cards, ribbons, bows and tape.

## **What to do with extra recycling over Christmas?**

Put extra recycling in a sturdy container or red box and place beside your blue bin. Please flatten or cut large cardboard into pieces no larger than 1m x 1m.

We are not able to collect any side waste from your grey bin or food caddy. Please ensure that all waste is inside your bin.

## **Christmas tree recycling**

Green bin collections resume in Baginton from Monday 19th January 2026 when real Christmas trees will be collected, and you don't need to have a green bin permit subscription to have yours picked up. Please ensure that all lights, decorations, tree stands, pots and netting are removed. Any tree that is over 5ft tall must be cut in half.

Leave your tree outside in a place that's not obstructing the highway, and they'll collect it for you.

If you're subscribed to the green bin service, you can chop it up and put it in your bin.

Alternatively, you could arrange a collection to support charity. This year JustHelping are supporting The Myton Hospice and Pass The Smile by offering a real Christmas tree collection and recycling service from your doorstep for a small donation. Collections take place 9th – 11th January 2026. For more information or to book your collection simply visit [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree) and register your tree before registration closes at midnight on Monday 5th January 2026.

### **Get the App!**

Remember, you can download the Warwick District Council app and get bin collection reminders, see what you can put in your bin, report a missed collection and more.

## **Church of St John the Baptist, Baginton**

### **Christmas**

The Christmas story about Jesus born in a stable, and the message of the angels about peace and goodwill, is probably the most moving and beautiful story the world has ever known. Every year it moves countless people at a deep level, with its message of light shining in darkness, enriching our much-needed mid-winter time of rest and festivity at Christmas.

We encourage all those in the village who want to connect with what Christmas is all about to come to one of the Christmas services at our beautiful and historic village church of St John the Baptist, perhaps either the Christmas Carol Service at 4 o'clock on Sunday 14th December; or a candlelight service at 9 o'clock on Christmas Eve.

This is the full list of **December services**:

|                      |                 |  |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sun 7th Dec</b>   | <b>10.00 am</b> | United Holy Communion (with neighbouring villages) |
| <b>Sun 14th Dec</b>  | <b>4.00 pm</b>  | Christmas Carol Service                            |
| <b>Sun 21st Dec</b>  | <b>10.00 am</b> | Holy Communion                                     |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b> | <b>9.00 pm</b>  | Candlelight Service                                |
| <b>Sun 28th Dec</b>  | <b>10.00 am</b> | Village Service                                    |

## New Year

Turning to the New Year, we particularly want to draw attention to the regular service we hold at 4 o'clock on the second Sunday of each month. It is a service in which we try to reach out to various sections of the village community, and to connect with people who may not be regular churchgoers. It is an ideal service for spiritual enquirers. In the warmer months of the year, we often spend part of the service outside. Each month there is a special theme, and these are the themes for the first quarter of 2026:

### **Jan 11th: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus**

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land has always deepened the faith of many Christians but, since the time of St Francis, people have found helpful ways of doing something equivalent wherever they live.

### **Feb 8th: Connecting Church, Village and Personal Lives**

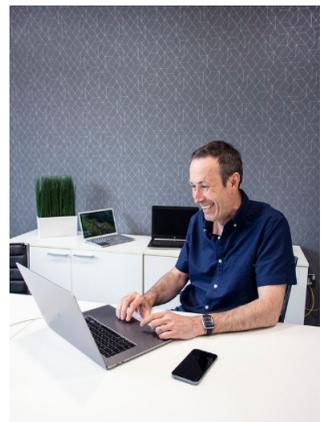
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## **March 8th: Spiritual Virtues and Health**

Christians have always encouraged virtues such as forgiveness and gratitude, but now research is showing their benefits for mental and physical health; there is an opportunity here for faith and science to come together to help us to live better.

## **Stoneleigh Ladies Choir**

Tis the season to be jolly and weeks of practice are about to come to fruition as we approach Christmas. There are several events where you can hear the choir singing and there is also an opportunity to sing along with them!

On Thursday 4 December the choir will be singing to the staff and visitors at Waverley Day Care Centre, an occasion which has become an annual event guaranteed to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

The choir has been rehearsing since September for their Charity Concert on Thursday 11 December starting at 1.30pm. This year's concert is in aid of two local charities for the visually impaired, Warwickshire Vision and Coventry Vision Hub. Tickets cost £10 and will include light refreshments. We hope as many people as possible will come and support these worthy charities. Contact details below.

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 everyone is 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. There will be parking in the Meadow which is unlit so bring a torch. Please come and help make this a success which could become an annual event.

Both choirs will also be singing at Stoneleigh Village Church on Sunday 21 December as part of the Carols in Church service.

Information and contact details may be found on our website [www.stoneleighladieschoir.org](http://www.stoneleighladieschoir.org).

Pat Wightman

# 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 over the next 12 months: -

|                  |                 |             |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 17 December 2025 | 21 January 2026 | 18 February |
| 18 March         | 15 April        | 13 May      |
| 10 June          | 8 July          | 5 August    |
| 2 September      | 30 September    | 28 October  |
| 25 November      | 23 December     |             |



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More films to enjoy in the first quarter of 2026 are: -

**Friday 27th February – White Bird** starring Bryce Gheisar. Struggling to fit in at his new school after being expelled for his treatment of Auggie Pullman, Julian is visited by his grandmother and is transformed by the story of her attempts to escape Nazi-occupied France during World War II.

**Friday 27th March – The Roses** starring Olivia Coleman and Benedict Cumberbatch. A tinderbox of competition and resentments underneath the façade of a picture-perfect couple is ignited when the husband's professional dreams come crashing down.

## Village Carol Singing

There will be plenty of opportunities for carol singing in Baginton during the festive season, with the orchestra at Baginton Club and the carol service in the church and what could be better than the **annual communal carol singing in Holly Walk** where people come together in front of the Christmas tree.



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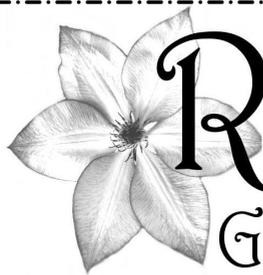
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## Life in Baginton – Memories of School

A few more quotes from Baginton School.

“ Like all the boys we used to try to pee up and over the wall in the boys toilets - I never managed it.”

“The Christmas play. I was going to be the Angel Gabriel. I was so looking forward to wearing a white silky long robe but I got chicken pox! I had to man the record player instead. This was quite a prestigious job but not the same as wearing something long and floaty. All the female characters in the nativity play had bright blue eyeshadow. A few days later we had the Christmas party. With games - I didn't enjoy those. We had sandwiches made with mashed bananas and jam. We loved them! Father Christmas gave us all a present. These were really good. One year I had a little battery operated lantern; I thought it was lovely. These were funded by the school jumble sale/raffle and sale of delicious fudge, made by the infants class teacher and a baby doll beautifully dressed in knitted clothes”.

“We played football in the playground behind the school and the ball frequently went up onto the roof. It was quite competitive to see who was the quickest to climb up onto the roof to get the ball back. I was definitely the best”.

“Sports day used to be held on the grass running from the church and behind the school buildings.

We had the usual egg and spoon races but also ‘Scott and Raleigh’ and ‘deportment’- running (or walking) with a book balanced on your head!”

“There was an air raid shelter at the side of the girls toilets.”

“I remember playing a game called Captain ball, it involved a football sized ball been thrown, you had to hit the ball and run to the other side of the playground before being hit by the ball that was thrown at you.”

“There was a hopscotch roughly where David's House is now and we used to do Maypole dancing and country dancing.”

Many thanks for these snippets from Louise, Della, Alan and Rowena.

I have a few more people to visit still and hope to post their memories on the village Facebook page in the New Year. It's lovely to hear from you, please do get in touch if these have jogged your memory and you would like to add to the picture of life at Baginton School.

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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.

On your walk around the village looking at the lights, don't forget to include the church which will not only have lights but will be displaying the Christmas Trees that members of the community will have decorated. One visitor, one vote for the best tree. 6-7pm.

So, get your lights up, have a wander around the village then come and join us at the Warm Hub café at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome, including dogs.

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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                            |



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## **Editorial**

This is the final issue of the Baginton Newsletter.

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.

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.

Remember that information on local attractions, services and events can also be found on the village website at [www.baginton-village.org.uk](http://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 “Chit Chat” and “Advertising only” groups.

Baginton ENews – [bagintonpc@gmail.com](mailto:bagintonpc@gmail.com) (Parish Clerk, Tracie Ball)

Warwickshire Connected - [www.warwickshireconnected.com](http://www.warwickshireconnected.com) (messaging service from Warwickshire Police).



St John The Baptist Church, Baginton

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

and

## CAROL SERVICE

St John the Baptist Church is resurrecting the **Christmas Tree Display** from several years ago. Anyone from Baginton is invited to participate; 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, 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 and could have a theme, be humorous or representative of your group, interests or family. It 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 when Christmas lights are turned on throughout the village, until the end of the **Village Carol and Crib Service (4pm – 5pm)** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, when they can be collected if you wish.

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



## 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.

|                  | <br><b>Food Waste</b> | <br><b>Garden Waste</b> | <br><b>Recycling</b> | <br><b>Refuse</b> |
|------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Monday 24/11/25  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  |
| Monday 1/12/25   | ✓  |  |   |  |
| Monday 8/12/25   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |
| Monday 15/12/25  | ✓  |  |   | ✓  |
| Monday 22/12/25  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |
| Tuesday 30/12/25 | ✓  |  |   |  |
| Tuesday 6/01/26  | ✓  |  | ✓   | ✓  |
| Monday 12/01/26  | ✓  |  |   |  |
| Monday 19/01/26  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |
| Monday 26/01/26  | ✓  |  |   | ✓  |
| Monday 2/02/26   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |
| Monday 9/02/26   | ✓  |  |   |  |
| Monday 16/02/26  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  |
| Monday 23/02/26  | ✓  |  |   |  |
| Monday 2/03/26   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |
| Monday 9/03/26   | ✓  |  |   | ✓  |
| Monday 16/03/26  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |
| Monday 23/03/26  | ✓  |  |   |  |
| Monday 30/03/26  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓  |
| Monday 6/04/26   | ✓  |  |   |  |
| Monday 13/04/26  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |
| Monday 20/04/26  | ✓  |  |   | ✓  |
| Monday 27/04/26  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |  |



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