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June 2025



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# Forthcoming Events

## June

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> Styvechale Open Gardens 11am - 5pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Treasure Trail from 11am at the Village Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> The Big Lunch from 12noon at the Village Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> Baginton Walkers
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ladies Friendship Circle
- 17<sup>th</sup> Copy Date for July/August Newsletter
- 21 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Church Flower Festival noon - 4pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Film Night - Paddington in Peru

## July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/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)

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

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667

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 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 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 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

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# St John the Baptist Church

## Services for June

1st June the service will be at one of the churches in the Benefice. This will be displayed on the notice board outside the church.

8th June 4pm Family Service

15th June 10am Holy Communion

22nd June 10am Village Service (Lay Led)

29th June - see the church notice board.

## Flower Festival at St John the Baptist

St John the Baptist will open its doors for the Patronal Flower Festival on

**Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June  
from noon until 4pm.**

Please come and see the various arrangements made by our team of flower arranging ladies and village groups.



An extra attraction this year is that the members of the Art Club will be showing their pictures of our church. I've seen some of the preliminary drawings and they are well worth seeing.

For further information contact me on 02476 302667.

Dawn Richardson

Church Warden

## Stuart Cook

It is with regret we have heard of the death of Stuart Cook. Our hearts go out to the family and in particular Val who I know will miss him very much.

His funeral will take place at St John the Baptist Church on Wednesday 25th June at 11am.

Dawn Richardson on behalf of St John's

# **A Very Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wishes**

Born on 4th June 1925 at 7:30pm in The Lucy Price Schoolhouse, I would like to wish a very happy birthday to Baginton Parish Council.

Only two items were discussed at the very first meeting: -

Concerns were expressed that the Midlands Red Bus Company had cut one of the Friday Night services from Coventry back to Baginton.

Concerns were also expressed at the nuisance caused by the youths from the Triumph factory test riding new motorbikes at high speed through Baginton.

Just for interest, Mr J Metcalf, Mr J Barnes, Mrs Grew, Mr E Oldknow and Mr K Mills were our first Councillors. A few long-standing family names in that list.

Phil Clark

## **Baginton Open Spaces Update**

Since I last wrote in the April Newsletter, the Open Spaces team and additional volunteers have undertaken various projects to improve the 5 Open Spaces managed by your Parish Council.

**Spinney on Church Road.** A lot of hard work has been done by volunteers in this area to restore the pond and make the collection and retention of water much more effective. All we want now is some rain to see if the solutions put in place work!! In addition there are plans to improve the seating facilities. Two new waste bins have been purchased and may be installed before you read this. We are pressing Lovell's to re-erect the Church Road sign which they removed.

**Oak Glade.** This is the triangular area adjacent to the Baginton Oak tree on the other side of the road from the Spinney. No work underway at present.

**Lucy Price Playing Field.** Routine inspections continue and minor repairs are carried out by volunteers. The bins are now installed and we hope they will be well used. They should stop birds and foxes from removing rubbish and decorating the park. Some of the original installations such as the shelter need repainting and we are looking for someone able to prepare and paint the metal structure. Anyone interested in bidding for this paid contract or know someone who is??

**Millennium Field.** The group are considering planting some native trees in the field to commemorate VE Day. If we go ahead it will have to be done in the Autumn. In the meantime if you have any self seeded saplings that you'd like to donate please pot them up, let us know and save them until the Autumn.

**Roman Way Green.** A few volunteers spent a couple of hours tidying up and clearing vegetation from the paths. We are waiting for a quote for some tree work.

**Local wildlife recording.** Two of our members are researching possible data collection systems to enable us to see what species we have around us in Baginton with a view to doing what we can to protect them and contribute to county and national databases.

### **Can you help?**

**Bird boxes, bat boxes, and animal shelters.** We have already received some bird boxes and have offers of more which we need to follow up. We will ask again in the Autumn.

**Benches.** We would also like to see more seats around the village. Last time I looked they were about £1000 - £1200 to buy and install. If anyone would like to donate one as a gift or memorial, please let us know. If you have a particular site in mind you need to get the landowner's permission and the siting needs to be approved by BPC.

**Other open spaces.** Although not the responsibility of the Parish Council, members of the group frequently engage with SEGRO, the owner of the 2 new parks, to try and get them to deliver in accordance with the promises we got when WDC granted planning permission. It's an uphill battle!

**If you have any ideas or thoughts on the above matters or wildlife and nature around Baginton in general, please contact us at;**

**[bagintonopenspaces@gmail.com](mailto:bagintonopenspaces@gmail.com)**

**NOTE.** We are limited in what we can do by funding, people able and willing to work, materials etc. so expectations need to be set accordingly.

We shall provide updates as things progress in the Newsletter and/or on the Baginton residents page on Facebook.

Robert Taylor

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## **New TinyTalk Baby Sign Classes**

I have started my new business to support families in being able to communicate with their little ones before they can talk, which reduces frustrations.

The classes are designed to support bonding, babies' development and the adults that bring them in learning a new skill. We use British Sign Language signs, so it is accessible to all and great for learning with children and Grandparents alike. We also have dedicated social time to support the adults joining us on their journey with a little one - whatever form that takes.

I make the drinks and bring the biscuits and we can all have a natter and share any challenges to support each other. It's been loads of fun so far and I want to reach more people that could do with the support with a little one.

TinyTalk Baby Sign Classes are held on Monday's during term time at 10.30am at Baginton Village Hall.

If you are interested in joining or want more information you can contact me by emailing [beckysquire@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:beckysquire@tinytalk.co.uk) or visit [www.tinytalk.co.uk/beckysquire](http://www.tinytalk.co.uk/beckysquire)

## **Bagot's Castle – June 2025**

May at Bagot's Castle this year saw many visitors come along to walk amongst our magnificent display of bluebells.

June is the growing season where the castle grounds are lush with greenery and are very beautiful - time to visit with a picnic and sit by the river or on benches in the shade in a quite spot situated around the site.

Our maintenance team, along with help from the Coventry Conversation Volunteers and students from the University, will be tackling the never ending task of pulling up Himalayan Balsam to keep it under control.

We look forward to seeing many visitors in June.

Thank you to all our volunteers to give their time to help and support Bagot's Castle.

If anyone wishes to volunteer, please contact us through our website [www.bagotscastle.org.uk](http://www.bagotscastle.org.uk) or pop along when we are open.

Trustees of Bagot's Castle



## **Warm Hub Community Cafe VE Day Celebrations**

On the 6th May, the Warm Hub hosted a VE day celebration. Much fun was had singing along to war time songs accompanied by Robert Taylor on his guitar. The volunteers laid on a typical war time menu, which included spam fritters, potted beef sandwiches, jelly and blancmange plus delicious cake and biscuits.

If you have never been to the café, we are in the Village Hall every Tuesday morning between 10.00am and 12.00pm. and you will be made most welcome. Copious amounts of complimentary warm drinks and homemade cakes are on offer with lots of laughter and chats.

## **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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# **Stoneleigh Ladies Choir**

Rehearsals continue without our late musical director, Seb Farrall, thanks to our accompanist, Alison, who has bravely taken us on and allowed us to commit to the two concerts we have planned for June and July.

The first concert seems to have become a bit of an annual event as we again visit the Waverley Day Centre in Kenilworth during the afternoon of Thursday 26th June. Always a happy time for both the choir and the audience.

The next important date is our charity concert on Saturday evening 12th July at Stoneleigh Village Hall. This year's theme is Sounds of the 60's and 70's, which has conjured up lots of happy memories for choir members and will for our audience, too. Tickets are £10 and include delicious desserts to be served during the evening. Bring your own drinks.

The charity we have chosen to support this year is one that was close to Seb's heart. The Music Man Project provides life-changing musical opportunities for children and adults with learning difficulties.

Tickets for the charity concert are available from any choir member by email [sharronmced@gmail.com](mailto:sharronmced@gmail.com) or telephone 07817 899097. We hope you will come along for an evening of song and support this very worthwhile charity.

Pat Wightman

# **Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle**

We meet bimonthly at 2pm on the second Wednesday of the month at Baginton Village Hall. You will be made very welcome, so come along as a visitor £3, and if you would like to join us, full membership is £25 pa.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday 11th June 2025 when Major Lucy Sewell, a serving soldier, will be speaking to us about her experiences, as a woman, when she served in Afghanistan.

Best wishes

Rosemary Sowter

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## Styvechale Open Gardens

**Sunday 8th June 11am - 5pm**

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## Film Night

Come and join us for the Baginton Events Film Night at the British Legion Club on Friday 27th June at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



The film will be **Paddington in Peru**. Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey.

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

## Editorial

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter, you can email [bagintonnews@gmail.com](mailto:bagintonnews@gmail.com) (please note the new email address).

Costs are £16 per page per issue or £8 per half page per issue, with 10 issues of the Newsletter a year. 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 next Newsletter is a double issue covering July and August so don't forget to send information for both months. The copy date for the July/August Newsletter is Tuesday 17th June. 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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Everyone is always welcome so please spread the word, entrance fee is £5 per meeting.

In order to continue the viability of the group, the committee are looking at new ways to fund the high-quality entertaining speakers the group wants to provide other than membership.

- Do you work for a company who would make a monetary donation large or small to the group? Many companies have a volunteer's match funding policy.
- Would you or the company you work for be willing to donate a raffle prize?
- Do you have any cuttings, seedlings or unwanted plants you would be willing to donate for the group to sell to raise some extra funds?

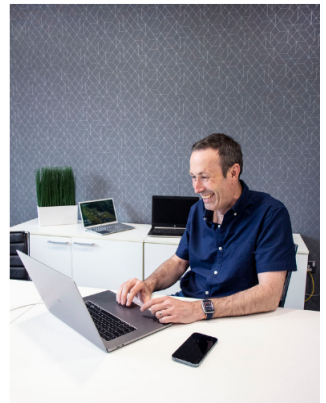
If you can help in any way to ensure the Baginton Gardeners group is able to continue, please send your ideas or questions to Sue Burgham [seburgham@gmail.com](mailto:seburgham@gmail.com)



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# Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

## **Council Elections and Changes**

The elections for Warwickshire County Council took place on 1st May and the elected Councillors have now formally taken up their roles.

We said goodbye to Wallace Redford, who has been our County Councillor since 2015. We thank him and wish him well.

We offer a warm welcome to Ben Edwards who has replaced Wallace.

Within the Parish Council, Chris Goodwin stood down as Chairman following 2 years in the role, but remains an active Councillor. We congratulate Walter Bush on his appointment as our new Chairman, with Craig Biggerstaff as Vice Chairman.

Full contact details are published on our notice boards and on the village website for all of our Parish, District and County Councillors, along with lists of the Committees and bodies they represent the Council on.

## **What the Parish Council Does**

### **The Parish Council can:**

Represent your majority views on Government policies.

Give your consensus views on Planning Applications.

Help with street lighting and road issues.

Maintain open spaces, playgrounds, playing fields and amenities.

Appoint somebody to collect litter from our streets.

Report information to you on Police matters.

Consider assisting with any project that benefits the Parish.

Consider and report on any request an individual may make.

Raise and spend public monies for the benefit of our Parish.

Inform you via Facebook, website, newsletter and notice boards.

### **We can't:**

Resolve Neighbourly disputes.

Prevent lawful and legitimate use of our roads.

Act as an extension of the Police.

Make enforceable decisions on planning.

Override District, County or National decisions and policies.

Support individual residents' applications to Local Charities.

Guarantee that our Parish recommendations will be enforced.

Endorse or recommend private businesses or services.

Always grant what you want – it may not be possible or may not be in the best interests of the Parish as a whole.

**We are not:**

The Village Newsletter or Website. These are separate from us.

The Village Hall. This has separate contacts.

The Police are also separate from us.

The Events Committee has its own contacts.

Village Charity contacts are on the Charity Commission website

**Parish Council Accounts**

Following a successful independent internal audit and scrutiny by the Parish Council Finance Committee, the Draft Annual Accounts have now been published on our website at [www.baginton-village.org.uk](http://www.baginton-village.org.uk)

This year, we spent a total of £48,300 maintaining and improving Baginton Parish and the full accounts have been sent to the Government appointed External Auditors.

The Period of Public Rights runs from 3rd June until 14th July. If you have any questions about our accounts, please feel free to contact me.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 5th June from 7:30pm at Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

**Reporting Incidents / Crime**

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

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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.

**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: -

4 June	2 July	30 July
27 August	24 September	22 October
19 November	17 December	

## Baginton Walkers



Our May walk started in Eastern Green, passing St Andrews Church and School, who celebrate their 150th Anniversary this year. We headed off over the fields towards St. Laurence Church in Meriden for our refreshment break. Heading along Church Lane we passed a number of well-maintained half-timbered buildings including the Old Vicarage and Moat House Farm. Back Lane and Shirley Lane took us back to Church Lane in Eastern Green and our lunch at the Penny Farthing.

The June walk will start at The Crown Inn, 8, High Street, Stockton, CV47 8JZ on Tuesday June 10th at 10.00am.

## 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: -

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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.

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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# Treasure Trail and Big Lunch - Sunday 8th June

Residents of Baginton, family and friends can get together and get to know one another at our Village Trail followed by the Big Lunch at Baginton Village Hall.



## Village Trail (from 11am) and Big Lunch (from noon)



In small groups, you can take part in our free-to-enter Trail Quiz around the village. Pick up your question sheet from the Village Hall from 11am and stroll around the village looking for the answers, returning to the Village Hall in time for the Big Lunch.

The Big Lunch will start at 12 noon. Bring your own picnic, chairs and gazebos (if required) to join in and be part of the 'get to know your fellow Bagintonians'.

There will be access to the hall facilities and a BBQ will be available for you to cook your own food. We're hoping for good weather so we can enjoy the fresh air and play skittles, tug-of-war and other games and activities.



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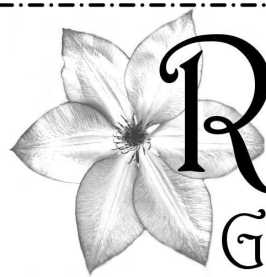
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