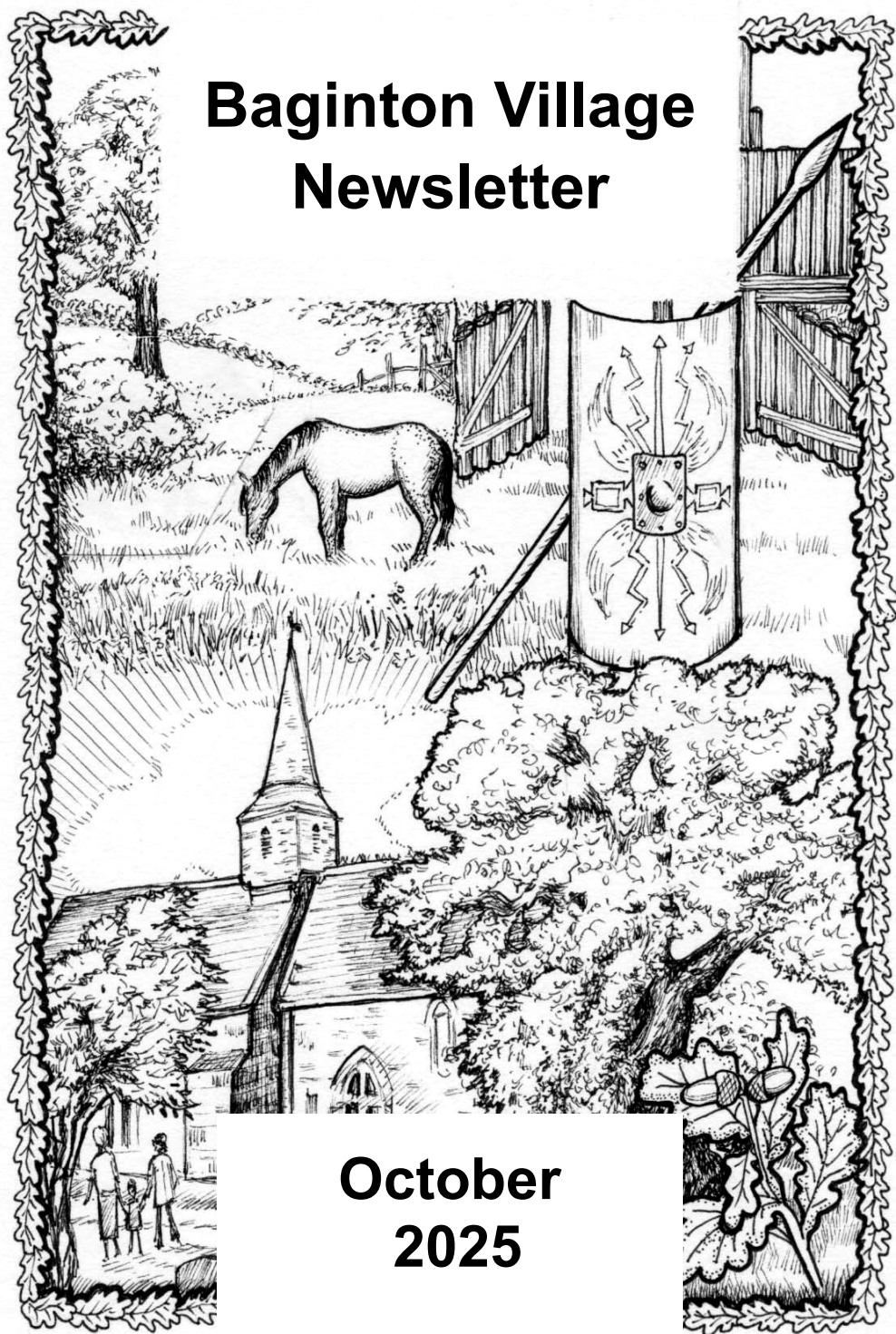


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Forthcoming Events

October

3rd	Churches of Warwickshire Book Signing
4th	Muve-On at Baginton Club
8th	Ladies Friendship Circle
12th	Harvest Festival 4pm
18th	Copy Date for November Newsletter
22nd	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
23rd	Parish Council Meeting
24th	Film Night - Mr Burton
31st	Halloween at Bagot's Castle 4pm - 8pm

November

2nd	Polish Remembrance 2pm
8th	Tree Planting - Millennium Field 10.30am
9th	Remembrance Service 10am

Information on local attractions, services and events
can also be found on the Baginton 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)

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 bagintonnpc@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

Baginton Club

Kimberley Rd CV83AQ Tel. 024 76301332

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.

Saturday 4th October it's Pie Night. Followed by live music by Muve-On at 8.30pm. Playing classic covers from The Eagles, Stones, Pink Floyd, Dire Straits, Guns 'n' Roses to name a few.

Tuesday night is pool night, we have a team who plays other clubs and pubs in the area.

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.

If anyone wants a wreath, poppies and collection box, please contact the club and leave a message for Gordon Tracey, club chairman

Opening Times: - Monday to Thursday 6pm till 10pm
 Friday and Saturday 5pm till 11pm
 Sunday 12md till 7pm

St John the Baptist Church

Services for October

12th October 4pm Harvest Festival

19th October 10am Holy Communion

26th October 10am Village Service (Lay Led)

Thank You

Thank you from St John the Baptist Church to all those who came along to the church to watch Sarah Horne in action producing some creative and inspiring flower displays. A huge thank you to Sarah Horne herself for doing such a fantastic job and supporting our church in this way.

More thanks to those who lent photographs of the village or their own personal histories. We had many visitors interested to see what the village was like and how it has changed.

Thank you if you were able to give some time to support the church in any way, by lending items or visiting, we greatly appreciate your efforts.



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Film Night



Come and join us for the Baginton Events Film Night at the British Legion Club on Friday 24th October at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The film will be **Mr Burton** starring Harry Lawtey and Toby Jones.

The story of the wild schoolboy Rich Jenkins - son of a boozy miner - and an English teacher who recognized his talent, Philip Burton. A moving, untold story of how Rich Jenkins became Richard Burton, the biggest star Wales has ever produced.

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

Baginton Gardener

During our September meeting Geoff Hodge shared his ideas on how to achieve colour and interest in our gardens over the cold winter season.

Studies have shown that being able to look out of a window or walk through a colourful garden has a very positive benefit for both physical and mental wellbeing, whereas an old, dull and dead landscape has the opposite effect.

Your winter colour plan starts when you buy your plants. Think about, ask or research what your new plant will look like not just when you buy it but over all four seasons.

- How long is its flowering season and when does that start?
- Will it have berries or architectural seed heads?
- Will it have interesting bark/stems that change colour?

If you have a large garden, concentrate on bringing colour to the area close to the house, the view from your window or to welcome you at your front door. Make use of pots and containers. Using coloured pots will also lift the mood. Add winter flowering bedding plants such as Pansies and Primroses. Plant Galanthus (snowdrops) or Cyclamen bulbs. Cyclamens can be indoor or outdoor varieties, so choose the right one. Leave the ornamental seed heads on Alliums or Agapanthus, these are great food for the birds and also make tiny homes for insects.

Plant Evergreens

- Conifers, give all year colour, shape and structure, but consider the height and spread.
- Leucothoe, a native evergreen shrub with attractive foliage and flowers.
- Ceanothus, a beautiful and eye-catching perennial shrub with vivid blue, white or pink flowers.
- Pieris, an evergreen shrub with attractive foliage.
- Lamium maculatum, a shade-loving perennial with silver foliage and pink flowers
- Box, a versatile evergreen shrub that can be clipped into various shapes, offering lots of interest.

Winter flowering plants can be highly scented to attract pollinators

- Daphne mezereum, clusters of deep pink to crimson blossoms that sprout straight from the bare stems and fill the air with a wonderful, alluring smell.
- Hamamelis, or witch hazel, is a deciduous shrub which reaches its flowering peak in winter. The unusual, citrus-scented, spidery blossoms appear like flames along bare branches.
- Viburnum, flower from November to March with perfumed pink flowers on dark bare stems.
- Hellebores, have a long flowering period lasting well into spring, with elegant blooms in shades of green, white, pink or ruby.

Berry producing plants feed the wildlife and give pops of colour

- Cotoneaster are evergreen or deciduous shrubs producing abundant berries in autumn.
- Pyracantha, an evergreen shrub with spring flowers and brilliantly colourful autumn berries.
- Skimmia is a shade loving low-maintenance shrub that produces attractive flowers and berries.

Plants with interesting stems

- Silver birch, a deciduous tree with white bark, spring catkins and yellow leaves.
- Cornus, or dogwood, a flowering shrub with colourful stems in autumn and winter.

Whatever your garden, whatever the season, simply enjoy it.



Our next meeting is on Monday 17 November at the British Legion Club, Kimberley Road, Baginton @ 7:30pm when Tim Jardine will be on hand to answer all your gardening questions after a fun gardening quiz

Meeting dates for 2026 should all be confirmed in November's newsletter

Date	Speaker	Topic
19/01/2026	Alan Robinson	Baginton Wildlife
16/03/2026	TBC	
18/05/2026	TBC	Sustainable florist
22/07/2026	Baginton Allotments	Chat to the growers down at the allotments
21/09/2026	TBC	
16/11/2026	TBC	

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Bagot's Castle – October 2025

Hello Fellow Residents

The Heritage Open Weekends were a real success, despite the unpredictable weather. We worked closely with the Trustees of St John the Baptist to encourage Visitors to see the Church and vice versa. This was the first time we have tried this approach and it worked really well.

The team at Bagot's Castle would like to thank the amazing Warwickshire Community Volunteers who joined us on the 10th of September to prepare the site for the Heritage Weekends. Their contribution of time and energy was sincerely appreciated.

How this year has flown by. We are already planning to wrap activity up for 2025 in the coming weeks.

However, there is still Halloween to look forward to before we close the gates for the Winter.

We are opening for Halloween night at 16:00 to 20:00 31st October. There will be lots of activities for the family so please do join us for what will be a great community evening. Likely events will be, but yet to be finalised:

- Children's tombola.
- Halloween trail.
- Hotdogs

For the final activities list for the Halloween Event, please check our website and notice board.

Through the winter, we will arrange specific dates to maintain the site and prepare for opening in 2026. We are also going to explore the old 24" rail track which remains abandoned from the original 1930s archaeological dig. If you are interested in volunteering please do contact us at admin@bagotscastle.org.uk.

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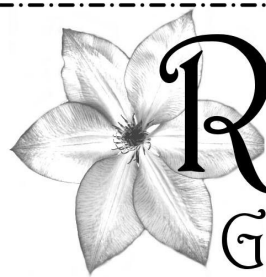
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Baginton Open Spaces

is a group of village residents aiming to improve the open spaces around Baginton for wildlife and people.

If you have any suggestions or anything to report about the open spaces around Baginton, please email bagintonopenspaces@gmail.com



Baginton Open Spaces Update

Baginton Open Spaces is a group aimed at improving the open spaces around the village. So far this year we have carried out improvements to the following:

Spinney on Church Road (opposite the forge) and Oak Glade (on the other side of the road to the Spinney): The pond has been dug out and a great deal of undergrowth around the trees cleared. Piping has been installed to improve the flow of water, the drainage sump has been cleared and upgraded and clay has been acquired to seal any cracks in the base. Two new waste bins have been installed and it is planned to repair the seats and move one of them to a better location.

Lucy Price Playing Field: New rubbish bins have been installed. We are seeking a solution to the green rubber mulch breaking down around the inclusive swings. We plan to fill the gaps that have appeared in the hedge adjacent to Coventry Road.

Roman Way Green. More brambles have been cut back and we're hoping some tree work will be done in the winter.

Millenium Field: We are planning a tree planting session on Saturday 8th November beginning at 10.30am (coinciding with Remembrance Day) to plant some more local and native trees around the edge of the field. If you have any suitable small trees please bring them along or let us know and we will collect them, or if you just want to get involved please come along suitably dressed for tree planting, and bring a spade if you have one.

Bird boxes, bat boxes, and animal shelters. We aim to put up bird and bat boxes and any other animal shelters we have over the winter. If you have any you would like to contribute please let us know.

Benches: If you would like to contribute a memorial bench (or contribute to a bench) please let us know. These will, of course, need permission from the landowner and Parish Council before being put in place.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the open spaces around Baginton please send them to bagintonopenspaces@gmail.com

Mobile Library Service

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The copy date for the November Newsletter is Saturday 18th October. 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.

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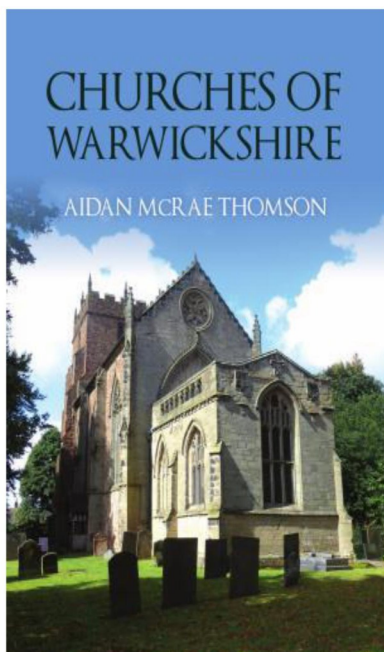
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It always seems a little strange singing Christmas music in September, but we have several dates to keep in mind including our own Christmas Concert during the afternoon of 11 December.

Before that, there is our Quiz Night on Friday, 17 October to which everyone is welcome. Tickets cost £10 to include a fish and chip supper. See our website for contact details at the end of this article.

Another date for your diary is Wednesday 17 December when we plan to join forces with the Male Voice Choir for some community carol singing in the heart of Stoneleigh village to which everyone is invited. More about that nearer the date.

For tickets or any other information, please see our website on: stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk

Pat Wightman

Were You There??

We have lived at The Old School House for almost 10 years now. In the first few years we had a number of people wandering into the garden or stopping to chat on their way past, telling us stories of when they attended the school.

These anecdotes and stories are becoming few and far between as people pass away or move away. Our village is changing but I would really love to gather those memories before they are gone completely.

Many of you went to school in our School House and have stories to tell. If you can help, I would love to hear your stories and snippets of school life in Baginton and collate them into a booklet of some kind.

Please let me have your stories to share with the rest of the community and to keep for the future residents. Do contact me so we can agree how best to record your memories to suit you and any photographs would be appreciated and scanned, I do not need to keep them.

Long, short, funny, or informative I look forward to hearing them all.

Many, many thanks in anticipation

Frances – 07721 092542. Landline – 02476 511545

Working Together - To Make Baginton a Better Place

Baginton Parish Council is partnering with Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to enhance community safety by leveraging collaboration, local expertise, and shared accountability. This alliance strengthens crime prevention efforts, promotes road safety, improves residents' quality of life, aids in deterring criminal activity, and fosters a greater sense of security within the community.

We meet regularly to share information and address safety concerns, including crime trends, traffic issues, and resident feedback, enabling coordinated action.

We propose to introduce community safety initiatives, including the support and promotion of programs such as Neighbourhood Watch schemes, with assistance from the council.

We are exploring funding for local safety projects, including CCTV installation, better street lighting, and traffic calming.

We are considering public consultations, where councillors connect with residents to ensure community concerns are addressed through local policing and safety initiatives.

It is important to collect feedback from residents regarding safety concerns and communicate this information to PCSOs. In turn, officers can update the council on measures implemented or share relevant crime statistics, thereby ensuring that the community remains well-informed.

Advice from the Police to all Baginton residents about street racing:

- ✓ don't bother with 101 - it's an emergency.
- ✓ If you see people street racing from your window dial 999
- ✓ If you drive past and see people street racing, dial 999
- ✓ If you hear people street racing, dial 999
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