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Forthcoming Events

April

- 1st Easter Day Service - 10am
- 1st Bagot's Castle Easter Bonnet Parade 2pm
- 1st - 2nd Bagot's Castle Easter Egg Hunt - 12 - 5pm
- 3rd WI Meeting
- 5th Parish Council Meeting
- 10th Baginton Walkers
- 11th Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 12th Parish Assembly - 8.00pm
- 17th Copy Date for May Newsletter
- 27th Film Night - Eye in the Sky

May

- 1st WI Meeting
- 3rd Parish Council Meeting
- 5th Spring Fair - Village Hall
- 6th Village Service - 10am

Regular Village Activities

Kaisho Karate – Village Hall – Monday/Tuesday from 5.30pm and Friday from 6.30pm
Contact: Jane Hemmings 07581 126279 or email janebooth1@hotmail.com

Baginton Gardeners – generally a Monday every other month 7.30pm – see
Gardeners section in Newsletter for specific dates
Contact: Robert & Anne Taylor 024 7630 1104

Baginton Dog's Club – Village Hall - Monday from 7.30pm
Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667

Parent & Toddler Group – Village Hall – Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30am - Term-time only
Contact: Alex 07757 871396

Art Group – Village Hall – Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00pm
Contact: Avril 07837 785921

Children's Swimming Club – Tuesday 6.00pm @ Kenilworth Pool
Contact: Jo Fricker 07760 181539 email jo@fricker-family.co.uk

WI – Village Hall - first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667 and Rosemary Sowter 024 7667 3381

Village Hall Committee Meeting - second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm
Contact: Doreen Ebbrell 024 7630 1205

Baginton Walkers – group walk – second Tuesday of each month 9.45am
Contact: Alan & Brenda Brown 024 7630 5509

Card-making Club – Village Hall – Wednesday 9.30 – 12.30pm
Contact: Olwynne Frankton 024 7641 0268

Kundalini Yoga – Village Hall – Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm
Contact: Geraldine Rowland 07811 385699 email gr@kundaliniyogacoventry.org.uk

Parish Council – Village Hall - first Thursday of each month 7.30pm
Contact: Phil Clark 07746 521087

Pilates – Village Hall – Thursday 6.30 – 7.25pm and 7.35 – 8.30pm
Contact: Lisa Boden 07710 087933 email lisaboden@hotmail.co.uk

Football Coaching for all aged 5 - 11 – Millennium Field – each Saturday 9.45 –11.00am
Contact: Justin Watt 07810 000999

Church - St John the Baptist – Sunday Service 10.00am
Contact: Reverend David Wintle 024 7630 1283

Churchwardens – Sue Williams 024 7630 7255 & Dawn Richardson 024 76 302667

Village Hall, Frances Road

Contact Della Thomas/Christine Hughes for bookings email baginton.vh@gmail.com

St John the Baptist Church

Services for April

1 st	Easter Day	10.00am	Holy Communion
8 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Holy Communion
15 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Holy Communion
22 nd	4 th Sunday of Easter/ Vocations Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion

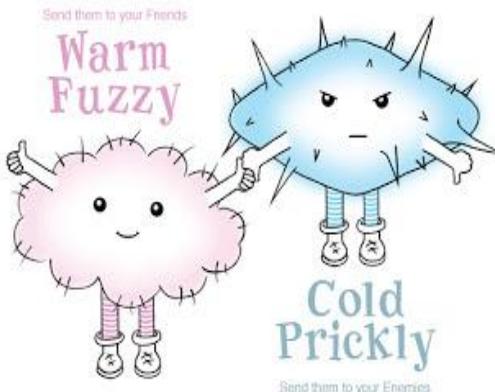
Thought for the Month: The Warm Fuzzy Story (adapted from Claude Steiner's original tale)

Many years ago, on a little island, lived a bunch of happy people. They loved their friendly little island with its beautiful trees, water, and sand. The islanders had a special tradition of trading warm fuzzies with each other. Warm fuzzies were like little balls of pure love that made everyone feel good all over.

People would offer warm fuzzies freely, and if you needed one all you had to do was ask. Even people you didn't know would reach into their special fuzzy bag and pull out a warm fuzzy, and just give it to you. Every warm fuzzy was like a big hug from a friend. And there were always plenty of warm fuzzies to go around.

Everyone felt safe and loved and they all helped each other to feel safe and loved.

But one day a grouchy, grumbly, mumbly tourist came to visit the island. He didn't understand what everyone was doing but he was sure he didn't like it. He kept cold pricklies in his pockets and warm fuzzies didn't make any sense to him. So he decided that he would tell a lie to the



islanders, to convince them to stop all that warm fuzzy business.

The grouchy tourist told the islanders that their warm fuzzies were the most precious things in the world. He told them that instead of sharing them, they should be keeping them. What if the world supply of warm fuzzies ran out? What would they do then?

All of a sudden the islanders began worrying and acting selfishly, keeping their warm fuzzies to themselves. And a funny thing happened. When people stopped sharing their warm fuzzies, people stopped receiving warm fuzzies. Instead of everyone feeling warm and fuzzy inside, they started to give cold pricklies instead. This made everyone kind of sad, everyone except for that grouchy tourist that is.

Thank goodness something nice happened next. You see, one of the islanders had left for college. She came home to visit and brought her warm fuzzies with her. When she arrived home, she started giving away warm fuzzies to everyone she saw, just like the islanders had done before that tourist arrived. The islanders started to realize what they were missing and that they had made a mistake. Holding on to their warm fuzzies didn't make them happier, it made them miserable. They figured out that giving their warm fuzzies away not only made their friends happy, it made them happy too.

The good news is that we can be just like those islanders. We can also give warm fuzzies that are sparkly, little, fluffy, imaginary balls of happy. When we offer a kind word or help someone to feel better, that's the best kind of warm fuzzy there is.

Love is a strange thing. You can give it away over and over again, and there's still plenty left.

St John writes: Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

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WI News

Our March meeting began with the usual meeting to discuss WI matters Following this Mr David Howe talked to us on the subject of 'Remembering not to Forget'. Some of us were puzzled by the title and although our memories may not be as acute as they once were, we couldn't see how anyone could talk for some time on the subject. However, it turned out to be one of the most entertaining talks we've had. We laughed until we ached. David put forward the theory that over the years we accumulate so much information that our brain has to work overtime to remember. He did give us few tricks to recall something, such as retracing our steps. Overall it was one of the best evenings.

Are you thinking about joining us? Why not come for a taster evening to see if you enjoy yourself. The cost is £3 for the evening. Membership for 2018 is £41.

We are a friendly group and will make you very welcome
Dawn Richardson

Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Annual Assembly

Did you know that by law, every Parish in England needs to hold an Annual Assembly?

It's an opportunity for residents, businesses, charities, community groups, clubs, Police, Church representatives and anybody who lives or works within our Parish to have their voice heard.

It is a statutory obligation of the Proper Officer (that's me) to organise and advertise it. You can simply ask a question, request help or highlight an issue. We receive brief reports on crime, planning developments and other Parish activities. If we can't help you on the night, we will look into it and get back to you.

This year the Parish Assembly is on Thursday 12th April, 8:00pm in Baginton Village Hall. It typically only takes an hour and you are free to leave at any time. I hope to see you there.

Charity Chairperson Required

Is anybody looking to boost their CV or looking for a lightweight volunteer job that helps and supports Baginton?

The Baginton United Charity has a capital of £5300 and an income of £90 per year. The proceeds are used to support the elderly in the Parish. Last year, the Charity paid out £28 for refreshments to qualifying residents at village events.

The current Chairperson is looking to step down after 14 years. Anybody interested? For an average of a few hours per year, this could prove to be a great opening and a chance to contribute to our community.

E-mail me at bagintonpc@gmail.com for more information.

Housing Needs Survey

We undertake one of these surveys every 5 years and it is **incredibly** important for controlling how our village develops.

Baginton is classed by WDC as a Growth Village, which means more housing is a strong probability.

The survey asks what type of housing is needed. Are you looking to upsize or downsize? Do you want affordable housing to bring your children back into the village? Do you want sheltered or supported accommodation for family members? Are you a first time buyer, need disabled facilities, want to rent or want shared ownership?

What housing is most needed – 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom, terrace, maisonette, flat etc.

Are you or somebody you know on the WDC housing list? What are they looking for? If houses are built, what do we need?

This is a very short survey (12 questions) that we hope to distribute in the next couple of months. Fill it in, put it in the pre-paid envelope and send it back.

Please don't waste this opportunity to have your say to help keep the right mixture of housing within our village and to provide exactly what's needed for our community. If WDC are planning to build homes, let's make sure they are the right ones and in the right place.

Next Parish Council Meeting: - Thursday 5th April, 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Parish Assembly – Thursday 12th April, 8:00pm at the Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

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Kaisho Karate

We had a great time at the KSE Gloucester tournament and were very proud of our Kaisho team, particularly Tom Conway who brought home our first kata medal, and not just any medal but gold – well done Tom!

Kumite medals:

- Tom Conway Gold 6-7 mixed individuals
- Cooper Gartside Silver 6-7 mixed individuals
- Leila Conway Bronze 14-15 girls' individuals
- Niamh Cosgrove Silver 14-15 girls' individuals
- Carys Jones Gold 14-15 girls' individuals
- Lewis Booth & Jake Stanley Gold 10-11 mixed team
- Christie Horillo, Sukhy Sohal, Carys Jones & Niamh Cosgrove Gold 15-17 mixed team

We have just completed a great squad training day with the rest of the Kaisho team in Halesowen – even the snow didn't put our students (and their parents!) off. Some of our older team are travelling to France this coming weekend for a tournament in Orleans, and then in early April we will be competing in the CHKA Open Championships in Hornchurch. Hopefully we'll have good news to report from these events in the next newsletter.

The children that were training for their gradings have now taken them and we are pleased to report the following new grades: -

Red & White belt – 12th Kyu			
Ben	Hayden Jones	Jacob	
Orange & White belt – 11th Kyu			
Henry Oldknow	Max Gartside	Lyle Gallagher	Nathan Varghese
Red belt – 10th Kyu			
Jasmine Chather	Marcie Fricker	Jessica Wang	
Yellow belt – 9th Kyu			
Alexandra Newman	Elsie Scott	Scarlett Scott	Oscar Fricker
Evan Wang	Amelie Oldknow		
Orange belt – 8th Kyu			
Cooper Gartside	Leila Conway	Isaac Kerr	

Well done team! The higher grade belts will have the opportunity to grade in July and are already working hard to learn all the new techniques and kata.

Our fundraising efforts continue and we were able to cover the cost of competition entries for the Gloucester tournament with funds from the 100 club for all those families who take part in the club. We are beginning to plan our next sponsored fun run at Draycote Water which will take place on Saturday 12th May.

We also want to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to Carys Jones who has just won the Nuneaton and Bedworth Junior Sports Award – very well deserved!

The Bank Holiday Monday class is still running (hall permitting). Our training sessions run 5.30pm-6.30pm Monday and Tuesday, and Friday classes are split to accommodate numbers and the different skill levels: 5.30pm-6.30pm red belt and below (including novices), 6.30pm-7.30pm yellow belt and above. **Please note on Friday 27th April there will only be one session starting at 5.30pm – everyone who normally attends the 6.30pm class should join the 5.30pm one instead for this week only.**

Squad Training in Halesowen: Sunday 29th April

If you are considering joining and would like more information, please get in touch with Jane Hemmings on 07581 126279 or by email at janebooth1@hotmail.com.

Sensei Jory Chather

The Big Lunch 2018



A date for the diary

Sunday 3rd June

*The UK's biggest annual get together for neighbours!

A great way to meet and get to know more people who live in the village.

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Housekeeping!

Local Baginton resident available for

General housework

Ironing

Dog walking

Pet sitting

I am reliable, trustworthy, friendly and professional.

Local references available.

Please email bagintonhousekeeping@yahoo.com

Or call for a chat on 07432 518655

Baginton Gardeners

As I write it's mid-March and although we've got shallots, onion sets, early potatoes and garlic in the ground along with tomato, cucumber and courgette seedlings in the greenhouse it was far too cold to garden today. Still at least Scotland beat Italy, just!

Our local garden centres have got a vast array of seed potatoes, onion sets, shallots, seeds etc which can be bought by weight, quantity, or pack.

Fungi is Fun John and Val Roberts gave us a fascinating talk on fungi at our March meeting. The facts about fungi are in themselves amazing (e.g. been around for at least 2.5 million years, 14000 named UK species representing only about 5% of those in the UK, they are everywhere on the planet and in the air and on and in our bodies, and without them our planet would die). John showed us about 50 fabulous slides that he'd taken himself of fungi in Warwickshire and gave a brief introduction to each one. Some are delicious, some will make you very ill and some will kill you and it's difficult for the uninitiated to tell the difference! They asked that their fee to be donated to Warwickshire Wildlife who run various fungi foraging

events, some led by John and Val.
<http://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/>

Gardens to visit The 2018 Warwickshire National Garden Scheme open gardens brochure is now available with a superb choice of local gardens to visit over the coming months and of course all proceeds go to charity. The County organiser is one of our ex members, Brenda Boardman, and the middle pages have some very generous discount vouchers for Smiths Nurseries. Copies are available at Smiths, Avondale and elsewhere.

Unusual Plants We're lucky to be able to source some of these locally especially from Avondale and John Gillies. However from mid-March through to the end of September there are Plant Hunters Fairs all over the country. Go to planthuntersfairs.co.uk for details of when and where.

World Naked Gardening Day This annual event takes place this year on May 5th so be ready to look over your garden fence to see whose taking part. Wellies and gloves are allowed but you still need to avoid anything prickly! Please post your photos on the village website.

Date	Speaker	Topic
21 st May	Matt Curtis	Planting up Summer Pots – Trends and Techniques.
23 rd July	Brian Ellis	Pictures from the Library Garden
24 th September	John Carrier	The Wonderful World of Sweet Peas
19 th November	Gardening quiz	

Subs. Subs. for 2018 will remain at £10, with £1 per meeting for members and £3 for visitors. Join now and as well as saving £2 per meeting you get a 10% discount on all purchases from Avondale Nursery, John Gillies, Russell's and Smiths.

For more information please contact Anne or Robert Taylor on 02476301104 or e-mail anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk.

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Data Protection – Know Your Rights

On 25th May, the Data Protection Act 1998 will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

This is required both to encompass the rapid expansion of electronic communication since the 1998 Act came into force and to harmonise individuals' rights across Europe. Many of the principles of the 1998 Act are retained, but there are some specific additions. From the Parish Council's perspective, we are introducing policy documents that cover the new requirements that will be published on the website. Key changes associated with individual's rights are detailed below.

- You can ask what personal data we hold about you.
- You can ask who the personal data has been shared with.
- You can ask how your personal data has been used.
- You can ask us to justify the use of your data.
- You can ask how your data is stored.
- You can ask who has access to your data.
- You can have the data corrected if it is wrong.
- You can insist that data is removed from automated lists.
- You can have the data deleted from all our records.

In practical terms, these changes will have little effect on the Parish Council. We have no automated lists and no partners with whom we share personal data. We have always operated a Best Practice policy towards the use of personal data, so the introduction of GDPR simply means that what we offered as a courtesy will now become a legal right.

Whilst these changes may have little effect on the Parish Council, GDPR is a nationwide policy that covers all of the major institutions. In fact, it covers everyone who holds personal data. Knowing your rights may help you resolve any issues you may have with other organisations.

For further information on GDPR, visit the Information Commissioner's Office at the website <https://ico.org.uk/>

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton parish Council

Baginton Open Gardens 2018

Please put the date for the Open Gardens in your diary, and invite your friends round to join you, in exploring the wonderful gardens on show in Baginton!



Baginton Open Gardens 2018
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June

This event is organised to raise much needed funds to support our beautiful village church. It is also a perfect chance to meet people who live in our village and explore the great variety of gardens that make up Baginton.

Would you like to be part of this event in June 2018?
Would you like to share your garden?
We would love to hear from you 😊

Sue Williams
76307255

Tree for Ken

Yesterday morning in the snow we planted a tree for Ken. As Ken often took Trixie over to the Millennium Field, his ashes were put in the same hole. My thanks to the Parish Council who gave us permission to pay this tribute. Thanks also to Roger and Rheba Horsfall who arranged everything and planted it for us. Finally thank you so much to those friends who came to join in. My thanks also go to Smith Nurseries for supplying the tree. The tree is the first one on the right so please say hello whenever you go in the field.

God Bless you all.
Dawn and Nicola Richardson

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Baginton Walkers



A select band of eight walkers and one dog gathered in the sunshine outside The Royal Oak at Brandon. Once booted and suited, and having placed our orders for lunch, we set off towards Wolston. Our route led us under the stately railway arches, currently closed to road traffic, and past Castle Hill Riding School. A large mound amongst the pastures there was allegedly once the site of Brandon castle. As we approached the bridge over The River Avon, the reason for road closure became apparent as workers were drilling in the road before the bridge. The Avon here was in flood and had washed over a large area of the adjacent fields towards the church, but fortunately we had the benefit of a raised walkway alongside the bridge and safely crossed into the village. Near the war memorial one of our leaders confidently crossed the road, neglecting to mention that the group should follow, but they soon realised that this was the plan!

After a short walk through the housing estate on the outskirts of the village we continued along a lane which passed the site of Wolston Priory, the attractive stone building set well back from the road was once the rectory but is now used as a business centre. As the houses petered out we passed some agricultural sheds, no sound but maybe they held battery hens, then under the elegant arched railway bridge. The route went past Marston Mill farmhouse, an attractive regency style building, some barns and across a cattle grid into a huge field. Here we were greeted by a large flock of sheep with many lambs who rushed back to their mothers as we passed. We walked parallel to the Avon where two swans paddled along the river which had flooded a wide expanse of pasture, but fortunately our path ran above the riverbank and the going underfoot was good. The last of the snowdrops decorated our route as we made our way to walk along a short stretch of road and over the Avon bridge at Bretford.

Once across the road we followed the bridleway past the village hall and along a sunken track. This ran uphill past an enclosure with two noisy geese that were very effectively on guard duty. Here we heard the first complaints about mud as we climbed the hill and through a gate to arrive at

our coffee stop. The track went alongside a hedgerow and through vast ploughed and planted fields where presumably hedgerows had been removed to facilitate modern farming equipment. Once through a small copse we turned onto another bridleway which we followed through fields to the road about a mile away. We decided to avoid another field crossing and continued along the road leading us back to Brandon and a delicious lunch.

For our next walk we meet on at 9.45am on Tuesday 10th April at Draycote Reservoir car park SP 466 694, a turning off A 426 southbound from Dunchurch. Any queries please contact Brenda Brown 02476305509.

Baginton Spring Fair

SATURDAY 5th MAY 2018
From 12 NOON
AT THE VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

ENTERTAINMENT

Karate Demonstrations, Dancers and more....

Stalls, Cake Stall, Plant Stall,

Tombola, Ice Cream

BARBECUE from 12 onwards

Refreshments: Tea, Coffee, Pop, Cakes

Admission 50p. Children Free.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

*If you would like to book a stall please contact
Doreen Ebbrell on 024 7630 1205*

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Do I Still Live on a Hill?

Of late I have found the weather distinctly chilly and instead of pursuing my usual outdoor activities such as gardening I have had to take on more sedentary roles such as for example reading a little more. I had recently read that `Baginton is built on higher ground within a meander of the river Sowe`, however, as I look around I wonder if I still live on a hill or can it be better described as a slippery slope?

I can still recall a time when we had access to a bus service throughout the day and well into the late evening but recently I went for the last bus into Coventry at 1726hrs I was politely told by the driver `it is full`. I am also able to recall having a dedicated Police Officer and Special Constables serving the village community, however, I now read that there is a likelihood that the very small team of police officers serving the village may be further reduced. An article in the Village Newsletter suggested that the current

police officers adopted a `Common sense approach` to issues such as unnecessary parking of vehicles on the pavement, when I walk down narrow streets in the village it is not difficult to see what that means.

I read that my old village school building is likely to be demolished and it was described as `an eyesore`, well, if I really want to see an eyesore I only need to travel past the houses on Rowley Road toward Toll Bar End and look over to my right to see a somewhat contaminated landfill site and on my left where once were cattle, crops, fences, hedgerows and a green and pleasant land there now stands a massive desert wasteland devoid of all wildlife; this I understand they call progress.

When I studied my recent Council Tax bill, Water Rates and Utility bills I could not help but notice a distinct trend; they had all increased significantly, but identifying additional services for my money was quite difficult. I read recently that forty two councillors down South had clubbed together and reduced the payers council tax bill and are on the road to developing a Nil Rate Council Tax Band for all payers; it`s a pity a lot more councillors around the country are unable to access that particular model.

Having read about empty supermarket shelves and fighting over a loaf of bread during the recent snow flurries reminded me of a prediction I read when an elderly and much respected Native North American Chief said `One day people will realise that they cannot eat money`; it appears to me that such a day is closer than many may believe.

Fred Amphlett.

Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan was adopted, or “made”, on 20th March following voting that took place on 15th March. There was a 29% turnout, with 323 voting Yes and 17 voting No to the question “Do you want Warwick District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Baginton and Bubbenhall to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?” This means that our Neighbourhood Plan is now one of the policy documents WDC has to consider and it has full development plan weight in the decision making process for planning applications in our area.

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Odd Jottings

Here we are with my 50th submission. That is actually more than 5 years' worth as I missed a couple while being Walsgraved

We had some snow for 4 days as promised, so there was me not daring to go out, as if I fell over I would not been able get up (Loud cheers of glee from certain personnel). Came Monday the 5th, the yard was fairly clear so I wandered out to see if the Jalopy would start; it did with a struggle so I decided to go for a wander to charge the battery up. As I went past the Oak Pub the thought struck me that 78 years ago this little Island was in a war and that a number of newcomers to the Parish who like to tell what was what were not even born. At that time the Oak was the Officers' Quarters and Mess for the RAF Contingent who were based on the Airfield. Afterwards one of the Hangers behind had Alvaire on it until not that long ago; this was the Flight Shed for Alvis Ltd.

My trip then took me down the Bubbenhall Rd., past the building with CFS on it. That sign until not that long ago was a Red Triangle with ALVIS on it. It was of course the Alvis Aero Engine Test house built in the early 1930s. It would appear to be used for the same sort of purpose Today. Adjacent to it and to the South was the Alvis Vehicle Test Track. I chickened out when offered a trip round the track on one of my trips up there. Vehicles were taken Elsewhere for any odd obstruction testing. Most Alvis employees knew of this test area. As regards the Company, the Logistics depot can be seen from Allard Way. The company became a subsidiary of BAE, with the Aero Engine going to Rolls Royce.

I continued my trip down Oakey Hill, where there were some quite high Drifts still showing. In fact for the rest of my trip there were heavy roadside drifts in places and signs of vehicles having gone Off road!. I went on to see what had become of the WoodHouse at Princethorpe. All I could see was an Erection of steel Girders? When I first knew it, it was a private house owned by my Rifle Instructor at the Old Stivichall Rifle Club. His son Dennis was a fellow pupil at KHEVIII.

Change of subject. Snowdrops are still around, Crocuses too, Daffodils starting to show and at the moment there are masses of Bluebell Leaves. Which brings me to the point; if you wish to see a real showing of Bluebells when they come out, then go along the old Warwick road from Stoneleigh X roads and on the slope down to the 3 gate entrance to the Showground; last year it was a sight certainly worth seeing.

And so we come to Easter; it was once a religious festival, coinciding with the fertility of the Earth, Now it seems to have become an excuse to grab a Quick buck and nothing else matters.

I better stop there and go and record my vote. Yours James A.

Baginton RBL Club

Family, dog friendly club, Snooker, Pool, Darts & Skittles.

Large TV for sporting events and WiFi.

BINGO Tuesday 8pm win up to £100 a house.

Concert Room for Hire

Tel. No.02476301332 07716348908

Opening Hours

Monday - 7pm to 11pm

Tuesday - 7pm to 11pm

Wednesday - 6.30pm to 11pm

Thursday – Closed (except Auction Day)

Friday - 7pm to 12midnight

Saturday - 6pm to 12midnight

Sunday - 12noon to 4 pm

By prior arrangement opening times can be amended to suit

50/50 Draw At approximately 8pm every 3rd Saturday. Participants pay £4 a month and are allocated a number. 50% of takings goes to the winner and 50% goes to the up keep of the club. The more that join the bigger the prize money. Come and join us, Come and join us, better odds than the lottery. The December winner won £66.

Film Night, takes place on the Last Friday of every month, 7.30pm start. Only £3. Sit in comfort with friends with your favourite tipples

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Bagot's Castle – April 2018 News

With Easter being early this year, we opened our gates for another season on Good Friday 30th March with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will now be open every weekend from midday until 5.00pm to the last weekend in October. We are also open on the Bank Holidays again from midday until 4.00 pm.

Bagot's Castle is a great place to visit with children and only costs £10 for a family and under 5's are free. Bring your children along and let them take part in our children's trails and find the artefacts, plus we have family games for both adults and children. The cost of the children's trails is 50p a sheet. We have seating around the site so bring a picnic and let you children run around burning off their energy in the safe surroundings in the fresh air. We also have 3 Bagot goats and 4 sheep.

At the end of April beginning of May the site has a wonderful display of bluebells and the scent is amazing. Please check our website for update on the best time to visit during this time. www.bagotscastle.org.uk

Admission to the site is: Full Admission £4, Concessions £2, Family Ticket £10 and English Heritage Members half price.

March has been a very busy month for us at the castle, where we have been soft capping the monument with grass to protect it; the steps and paths have been refurbished; and improvements have been made to the tank testing area on the site.

General maintenance of the site has been carried out by the Brethren (approximately 21 young people spent a Saturday working on clearing debris, strimming and raking. We thank them all and are most grateful for their dedicated support, they work so hard on the day and the site now looks amazing. We also have had the help of the Conservation Volunteers Group who help us twice a year and they mainly work in the pond area of the site. Again, we owe a big thank you the team of volunteers. We now have a team of 11 volunteers to whom I am extremely grateful for their help.

Bagot's Castle looks forward to welcoming you to their site this season for what we hope will again be a very successful year.

David Hewer, Custodian of Bagot's Castle

Editorial

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Correction

The poem published in last month's Newsletter that had a different meaning when read backwards was actually Refugees written by Brian Bilston and not as stated. Thank you to one of our readers who contacted us to let us know.

Tailpiece. Out of the Mouths...

A Sunday School teacher wanted to see if her class understood the concept of getting into heaven.

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big jumble sale and give all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?" she asked.

"No!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the churchyard and kept everything tidy, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "No!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?"

Again, they all answered "No!"

The teacher was just bursting with pride for them. She continued, "Then how can I get into heaven?"

A six year old boy shouted,

"You've got to be dead!"

Sunday School

