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Forthcoming Events

February

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| 1 st | Parish Council Meeting |
| 4 th | Village Service - 10am - Christingle |
| 6 th | WI Meeting |
| 7 th | Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am |
| 13 th | Baginton Walkers |
| 13 th | Village Hall AGM |
| 15 th | Copy Date for March Newsletter |
| 23 rd | Film Night - Four Lions |
| 28 th | Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am |

March

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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

Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a pleasant break.

As a Parish Council, we offer a service to our Community, but there are limitations to our powers. I thought I would begin the New Year by reminding residents what we can or can't do for you.

We can:

- Represent your majority views on Government policies.
- Give your consensus views on Planning Applications.
- Help with road & pavement issues, including street lights.
- Liaise with Police, District & County contacts who may help you.
- Liaise with local businesses on your behalf.
- Maintain open spaces, playgrounds, playing fields & amenities.
- Appoint somebody to collect litter from our streets.
- Report information on Police & Neighbourhood Watch matters.
- Consider assisting with any project that benefits the Parish.
- Consider & 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.
- Act as an extension of the Police or Neighbourhood Watch.
- Make enforceable decisions on planning.
- Override District, County, National or EU decisions and policies.
- Prevent lawful and legitimate use of our roads.
- 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 aren't: -

- The Village Newsletter or Website.
- They are independent of the Parish Council and we do not control what appears in either of them, but they do kindly publish our documents and communication reports.

As a Council, we have a statutory obligation to publically display all of our financial documents, meeting minutes, policies etc. For this we use the website. We are also required to communicate with residents, for which we use the website, notice boards, Facebook and this newsletter. We pay a grant to the newsletter and an honorarium to the website manager for the services they provide to us. The Facebook page and notice boards are maintained directly by the Parish Council. Our address on the village website is <http://www.baginton-village.org.uk/parish-council>

Contact Us:

Names, addresses and telephone numbers for the Parish Council and all of your Councillors are displayed on the notice boards and on the village website. They are also published annually in the Newsletter. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, are advertised in advance and everybody is welcome. You can speak during the meeting, or have a quiet word either before or after the meeting.

You can write to me at 45 Mill Hill, call me on 07746 521087, or you can e-mail me at bagintonpc@gmail.com

I am employed for just 9 hours per week by the Parish Council, so if I am not immediately available, I will try and get back to you if you leave a message.

Next Parish Council Meeting: - Thursday 1st February, 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

Recycling Facility at the RBL

The recycling bins at the Baginton Royal British Legion are emptied by Warwick District Council by wheeling them to the back of the lorry, as they do for your grey bins and green bins. The operators will not pick up anything left on or by the side of the bins or in additional containers like your red boxes. If the bins are full, please do not leave your recycling as it will not be cleared.

St John the Baptist Church

Services for February

4 th	2 nd Sunday before Lent	10.00am	Village Service – Christingle
11 th	Sunday next before Lent/ Racial Justice Sunday/ Church Action on Poverty	10.00am	Holy Communion
18 th	1 st Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Communion
25 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Communion

Our candlelit carol service was well attended. Such a pleasure to welcome everyone, especially so many children, to share the anticipation of advent with us.

Christingle

Families are particularly invited to join us at church for our Christingle village service on February 4th at 10am, when we celebrate with Christingle Oranges in candlelight.

Thought For The Month - March 11th is Mothering Sunday

Job Advertisement

Position: MOTHER

Job Description: Long-term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often-chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work various hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24-hour shifts "on call." Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

Responsibilities: This is for the rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated at least temporarily, until someone needs money to go skating. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the back garden are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face

stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers.

Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next.

Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery-operated devices.

Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst.

Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

Possibility for Advancement and Promotion:

Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

Previous Experience:

None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

Wages and Compensation:

You pay them, offering frequent increments and bonuses. A lump sum payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

Benefits:

While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right. *Author Unknown.*

Lord, thank you for all parents and carers. Please give them patience and a sense of humour. AMEN

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Simple Prostate Cancer Blood Test

On average, prostate cancer kills 30 men per day in the UK, but 83% of those who are diagnosed and treated live for more than 10 years longer. However, the thought of an intrusive examination of the prostate isn't exactly appealing. What if there was a simple blood test that could detect the potential for prostate cancer? Would that be easier?

Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) is a protein made by your prostate. Raised levels **may** indicate a problem, but could be due to other factors. A **changing** level is more of a concern, as levels should remain reasonably steady in a healthy prostate.

Why not talk to your Doctor. Many offer the blood test and ongoing monitoring services. Further information is available from the NHS on their website: -

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Prostatehealth/Pages/psa-test.aspx>

If you only make one New Year's Resolution – Talk with your doctor about monitoring your PSA levels.

Baginton Village Hall

Annual General Meeting takes place on 13th February at 8pm

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th February at 8pm. All residents are cordially invited to attend and we hope many people will come along.

Can you spare one hour per month and become a Committee member? If anyone is interested, or if you would just like to see how the Committee works, please do come along or talk to one of the current members - Alison Beese, Doreen Ebbrell, Chris Hughes, Julie Keightley, Della Thomas, Nigel Thomas and Sue Williams,



PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH at THE OAK



The team at The Oak were delighted to welcome 72 pensioners from the village to the annual Christmas lunch. It was great to see so many people together enjoying lunch and socialising together – thank you to those who found the time to come and join us.

A date for your diary the 2018 Pensioners Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 6th December at 12.30 pm.**

Chris & Gayle Goodwin

Hermes Greets the New Year

Forgotten all about the New Year already? I suspect some of us don't actually remember much about it anyway. What I remember is the dearth of fireworks. Being a boring chap I never stay up to greet the New Year. And it seems to manage very well without much contribution from me. But I wasn't woken up by fireworks this year, for which I was grateful.

I trust the seasonal jollifications went off well for you. It was after all the festival of the jolly old man with blunt razor and sack. But I didn't myself hear any shouts of "Good riddance 2017, you didn't do me any good."

It is amazing how optimistic we are around January 1st. In spite of years of disappointing experience from which we should know better, we remain hopeful and expectant as December 31st passes into the following day. As someone once said about something else, it is the triumph of hope over experience.

I suppose there are some people generally depressed and depressing. But most of us live by the longing, if not expectation, that things can improve. We know the legendary cheerfulness and optimism of Londoners during 1940s, and more topically of patients waiting uncomplainingly on hospital

trolleys for hours on end just up the road. In part we put it down to the stiff upper lip that is supposed to characterise our race. But here's another "downer" – we are not so much a race as an amalgam of various invaders, but justifying this must await another month.

Our current feelings of insularity will play out this year as we move increasingly into the go-it-alone mode of economic co-operation. I heard of a newspaper report of years ago – fog in channel, continent isolated. A legendary example of "we can take it and don't need you" which got us successfully through WW2, but which seems curiously old-fashioned at a time when we produce only a small proportion of food and are dependent on China for taking our rubbish (until recently), and others for building our vehicles and providing exotic out of season fruit and veg.

Start planning summer holidays, if you've not already done so. So is it to be across the channel with your red passport for possibly the last time? Could be expensive; so you might want to think about our splendid countryside and seaside. Wherever ... our optimism about holidays doesn't always match the experience, but hope springs eternal.

Hermes

For Sale

Oak, oval, drop-leaf dining table with barley twist legs and four chairs with brown seats.

Coffee table, light wood colour, with mid-brown tiled top.

Offers

For details 07773 955925

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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

Auction First Thursday every month held by Picker Pips Auction House. Over 300 Modern, Vintage, Antique Lots. See their Facebook page for full details. Auction Days Club open 5.45pm to 11pm. Due to other commitments, the next Auction will be in March.

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 tippie

Rugby Six Nations will be shown at the Club during February

Saturday 3 rd	2pm	Wales v Scotland
	4.45pm	France v Ireland
Sunday 4 th	3pm	Italy v England
Saturday 10 th	4.30pm	England v Wales
Sunday 11 th	3pm	Scotland v France
Friday 23 rd	8pm	France v Italy
Saturday 24 th	2pm	Ireland v Wales
	4.45pm	Scotland v England

Poppy Appeal A big thank you to all the individuals and businesses in the local area of Baginton. The Baginton Branch raised £6,035.81. Up by over a thousand pounds on 2016

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Kaisho Karate

We had a lovely break for Christmas and have started the year strong with a well-attended squad training day that took place on Sunday 7th January. We welcomed ex England International kata coach Gareth Haines to the event and he led part of the session. For those that don't know, kata are prearranged routines or patterns of movements using basic fighting techniques. The kata play out like choreographed fights with invisible opponents where the student uses the moves of the kata to defend themselves with blocks, strikes, throws etc. You may have seen our squad demonstrate kata at last year's May Fair. Kata makes up part of what the students must learn, memorise and perfect for their gradings (different katas for different grades) and it is also something you can compete in at tournament, individually, in pairs or in teams.

At the start of the year our new class captains were chosen for 2018: Congratulations Boys' Captain, Oscar Fricker (taking over from Tom Conway), and Girls' Captain, Leila Conway (taking over from Isobel Crabb).

We've attended several more tournaments since the last newsletter: The Central England International Open in Worcester (Medals: Lewis Booth - Gold, Christie Horillo and Adam Giles - Silvers, Musa Edwards - 2 Golds) and the WKU Winter Competition at Weston-Super-Mare (Medals: Tom Conway - Gold, Cooper Gartside - Bronze, Christie Horillo - Gold, Musa Edwards - 2 Golds). Lewis Booth was also chosen to represent England Midlands in Rotterdam (10-11 boys' team); he didn't lose a single fight and the team came away with Silver – amazing work. At the start of January we took a strong team to the EKF (English Karate Federation) Kyu Grade National Championships in Leicester. Adam Giles, Christie Horillo and Carys returned from the event as English champions; they and the rest of the team brought home 5 Golds, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals finishing 3rd overall on the medals table.

We have the Yorkshire Open to look forward to in February where some of our members will be fighting for the first time (some of them as young as 4!). They've all been training hard so we know they'll do a great job. This will also be the first time entering the kata section of the tournament following on from the great training session with Gareth. We'll update you next month!

Our fundraising continues this month with two supermarket bag packs. All of our fundraising helps towards the costs of tournament entries, travel and accommodation costs for our students.

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 26th February there will only be one session starting at 5.30pm – everyone who normally attends the 6.30 class should join the 5.30pm one instead for this week only.

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.

Here's to a fantastic 2018!
Sensei Jory Chather

Baginton Gardeners

The **BG's Christmas Dinner** at the Oak was extremely enjoyable with many thanks due to Anne and Sarah for organising it and Gayle, Chris and the team at the Oak for great service and excellent food. More than 30 people attended and Sarah announced the winners of the Tallest Sunflower competition, which was won by Anne, and the Largest Pumpkin competition, won by Della. Thanks also go to those who donated prizes for the raffle and to Sarah for organising it and selling lots of tickets.

2018. Anne has booked the full programme for 2018 – see below: -

Date	Speaker	Topic
22 nd January	Geoff Hodge and AGM	Grow your own Vegetables
19 th March	John Roberts	Fungi is Fun
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. The committee has decided the subs. for 2018 should remain at £10, with £1 per meeting for members and £3 for visitors.

Outings and projects. Committee members are following up on some ideas for outings but any member who wishes to can organise an outing or visit for members. The Lunt is currently closed but we intend to continue looking after the 'Roman' raised bed commencing in March. Robert plans to organise more bulb planting in the village in the autumn.

The **19th March meeting will include a SEED SWAP** so please put aside any of your saved or surplus seeds in small quantities in envelopes marked with species and variety and bring them along.

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

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WI News

We enjoyed our Christmas party in December with everyone bringing an item of food.

In January we had our usual meeting followed by a discussion about our thoughts on the WI and the new rules we are told about. It was a lively but friendly debate with everyone taking part. We will continue to discuss issues during the year.

Next month we will be shown how to wrap bottles (empty) for presents. It should be fun as it is one of the most difficult presents to wrap.

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

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Bagot's Castle – February 2018

I would like to wish you all A Very Happy New Year from Bagot's Castle and look forward to welcoming you to the castle and grounds when we open our gates for another season on Sunday 1st April.

From now until April our volunteers and I will be working at the weekends carrying out general maintenance work to the site, the main areas we will be working on are:

- The Tank Testing Area
- Extending and replacing soft capping of the monument
- Replacing the two flights of steps leading down to the castle
- Tidying and clearing the pond areas
- Clearing of debris from broken branches off the trees
- Repairs to broken fence posts

One of our important and major tasks which is done weekly is mowing of the site which, if the weather is kind to us, we will probably start in March and this will continue right through to end of November.

As well as the help we receive from our dedicated volunteers we also have the help from WCV (Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers) who help us in the spring and winter months and a group from the local Brethren Church help two to three times a year with the heavy work.

We are very grateful for the help we receive as without their help and support we would not be able to keep the site looking so tidy and safe for our visitors.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with meet and greet at the weekends when we are open, especially to cover for holidays. If you feel you would like to help in any way please come along and have a chat to see what is involved – it is a great way to meet new faces and have a chat.

Thank you for your support.

David Hewer, Custodian of Bagot's Castle

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Film Nights

Baginton Events Film Nights take place on the dates shown below at Baginton British Legion Club. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are just £3 per person. A good range of drinks and snacks are available to purchase.



Dates for your diary are: -

- 23rd February – Four Lions
- 30th March – Hatton Garden Job
- 27th April – Eye in the Sky
- 25th May - Birdman
- 29th June – Hector
- 20th July – The Greatest Showman
- 28th September – Hidden Figures
- 26th October - Lion
- 30th November – Grease-sing-along

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Odd Jottings

Here we are well in to 2018, the evenings are getting lighter and soon we will be talking about Bluebells again. But can we first settle for the Snowdrops and Crocuses, the flowers of Spring. Better be careful here or before we know what's happening it will be Holly berries and such and New Year 2019. The older we get the shorter the years seem to become. May you enjoy what is left of 2018 while it is still here.

I, and perhaps you did too, had a package through the door asking for support for the Woodland Trust and showing a picture of the stumps of trees that had been cut down. I could not help but think that once again somebody was after money and (no doubt unintentionally) being somewhat hypocritical. Just think of all the Trees that were used to make their paper!. Just think of how many Charities have started small on an all volunteer basis and then have become just another business, with paid staff who have cars provided and so forth, and then the small percentage of income that actually goes for the purpose for which the Chaity was originally founded.

I see from David Hewer's write up that he intends to create an Anachronism by building a version of the old Bromley Summer House. I have an idea that this was actually the first of the Bromley dwelling places and that the old De Hertil Watch Tower was used to provide the sandstone for it and that it only became the Summer House when the Bromley Family became more affluent. You could try them at Peover Cheshire. However I no longer have any access to any of that history the Reverend AS Webster having joined his ancestors a considerable time ago. So watch out for the Gray Lady to Walk again.

That's yer lot. Seamus O'Liver

Party in the Park 2018



A reminder that tickets are now on sale for this year's Party in the Park which takes place on Saturday 14th July. Priced at £6 before 30th June and rising to £10 after that date, they can be purchased from The British Legion Club, Baginton Village Store and The Oak.

We are delighted to announce that this year's line-up as: -

The JLR Brass Band
The D-Day Darlings
The Subterraneans
High School Reunion

Last year's attendance was near to maximum and with the acts announced, it is anticipated that this will sell out so we recommend that you buy your tickets as soon as possible.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with either setting up or on the day itself can contact Gayle Goodwin on 07739 694133 / gayleattheoak@aol.com.

See you on 14th July!

Withdrawal of the Paper £10 Note

The last day to use your paper £10 notes is 1st March 2018. After this date you can exchange them at the Bank of England in person or by post. Some retailers, banks and building societies may still accept these notes; however this is at their own discretion.

Mobile Library Service

The Mobile library visits Holly Walk in Baginton each month from 09:15 to 09:35. We are on the “Kenilworth C” route, which will operate on the following dates in 2018: -

17 th January	7 th February	28 th February
21 st March	11 th April	2 nd May
23 rd May	13 th June	4 th July
25 th July	15 th August	5 th September
26 th September	17 th October	7 th November
28 th November	19 th December	

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Baginton Walkers



Eleven intrepid ramblers gathered at Stoneleigh Church on a murky, damp morning, happy in the circumstances to have “kept local” with an easy walk for our first expedition of 2018. We will save journeys further afield for the better weather we hope is to come. There had been no frost overnight and, crossing the river, we found the path up the hill away from the village and under the trees muddier than we expected. Over the main road, our waymarked track crossed a field and directed us up the slope to Stareton, where we turned right, walking down the road to the showground entrance then taking the path that led us across the old bridge over the Avon parallel to the present road. Re-joining the large field once used for Royal Show parking, we paused for elevenses overlooking Stoneleigh from the high ground with a distant misty view of Coventry. Our route became a figure of eight as we re-crossed the river and made a full circuit of the fields on the opposite side, noting where the Sowe joined the Avon. The going underfoot here was good and we were glad any rain had kept off and we had stayed dry. Towards the end, we came across our only stile and, having thought that our boots were not going to be too mucky after all, we unfortunately met unavoidable mud on the narrow enclosed path back to the village. Changing into more respectable footwear, we drove the short distance to Bubbenhall, where we enjoyed excellent meals at the Malt Shovel, being joined by a party of bell ringers who had sought their exercise in a different way.

For our next walk on Tuesday 13th February we meet at 9.45am at The Friendly Inn, Main St. Frankton, SP 427 704. Please park at the far side of the car park and arrive in time to order lunch before we set off at 10 am. If you need a lift or more information please phone Brenda Brown 02476305509.

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Neighbourhood Plan

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a local initiative giving communities the power to prepare a planning document that includes a shared vision for their neighbourhood. These plans can set out policies on the development and use of land in the Parish and have formal weight in determining planning applications.

What have we achieved?

The first step for both Baginton and Bubbenhall parish councils was to submit their proposed neighbourhood area to Warwick District Council for designation. This was approved in Sept 2016.

The next step was to write a draft neighbourhood plan. This involved consulting with the community and then building of an evidence base. This process informed the development of a vision for the plan and the formulation of suitable policies. Community engagement and consultation was necessary at all stages of the plan-making process.

The proposed neighbourhood plan was then submitted to Warwick District Council, who checked that proper procedures have been followed in its preparation and that the required documents accompanied the plan.

Following a period of publicity and community consultation, Warwick District Council arranged for an independent examination of the draft plan. The examiner's recommended modifications have been made to the draft plan to ensure it meets legal requirements.

Referendum:

Warwick District Council will now arrange a public referendum in the two Parishes. It is necessary that more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote "yes" in order to bring the plan into force.

Warwick District Council will contact residents directly with the date the referendum will take place and the location to be used as the polling station. In the mean time, the documents are available to view on the village website.

Editorial

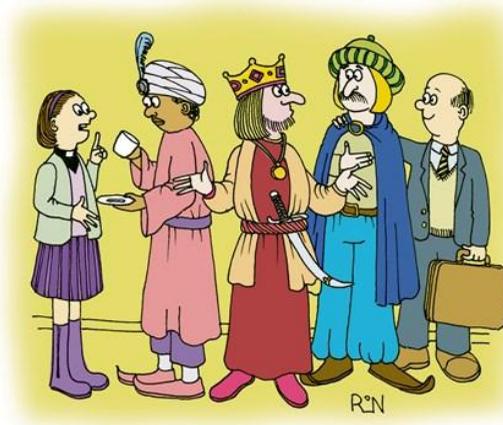
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The copy date for the March Newsletter is Thursday 15th February. Copy should be sent to bagintonnews@btinternet.com Should you wish to have something included in the newsletter but you are unable to send your contribution electronically, please drop it off at Baginton Village Store FAO Anne or Julie and it can easily be written up.

Please note that views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the editors.

Julie Keightley (7621 0163) and Ann Bush (7630 3515)

Tailpiece



As soon as the Three Wise Men turned up, they were co-opted onto the Parochial Church Council.