

# July/August 2018 Newsletter

## Forthcoming Events

### July

1 <sup>st</sup>	Village Service - 10am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	WI Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup>	Baginton Walkers
14 <sup>th</sup>	Party in the Park
20 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night - <i>The Greatest Showman</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Baginton Gardeners - Pictures from the Library Garden
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Tea & Bring and Buy & Raffle

### August

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14 <sup>th</sup>	Baginton Walkers
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Copy Date for September Newsletter
19 <sup>th</sup>	The Big Baginton Bike Ride
31 <sup>st</sup>	Afternoon Tea & Bring and Buy & Raffle

### September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Village Service - 10am
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5 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting

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)

# 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 for bookings email baginton.vh@gmail.com

# Baginton Parish Council

## Reporting Highways Issues

Things are getting done in Baginton.

Our road markings have been renewed, pot holes are being filled, drains are being flushed, pavements are being patched, street signs are being erected, faulty lights are being repaired and grips (concrete drainage channels) are being cleared. The repair of Baginton Bridge is on the list to be done, but that needs a specialist team so it will take a little longer.

When an issue is reported, the appropriate Warwickshire County or Warwick District Department assesses the situation, usually within about a week. I am sure you have seen yellow markings around pot-holes, next to drains or along pavements. These are 'codes' telling the repair teams what they need to do. The repair is added to the list for the appropriate department/contractor and they work through it item-by-item. This can be frustrating, as one pothole may be fixed, whilst a nearby one is left untouched, but that's the way it's done: Item-by-item from the list.

Warwickshire is a big County and there are delays between assessment and repair. Street lights are usually repaired within about 1 week. Road repairs have about a 3 month lead time, whilst pavements are currently reporting about a 6 month delay between assessment and repair. Flooding is addressed as a priority, but 'pooling' water on the road will take longer to be addressed.

Reported highways faults can include potholes, faulty street lights, uneven pavements, flooding or pooling of water, blocked drains, worn road markings, obscured road signs, fly tipping etc.

**I stress that if a fault is not reported, it will never get fixed.**

You can report issues to me and I can pass them on.

You can phone Warwickshire Country Council on 01926 410410.

You can contact Warwick District Council on 01926 450000.

Alternatively, if you don't want to wait on the phone while you repeat your issue to several staff as you are passed to the appropriate department, you can report the fault on-line at the website below:

<https://warwickshire.fixmystreet.com/>

Many of you may be familiar with the national version of Fix-My-Street previously advertised. I have used it for a number of years. However, County & District Councils report both problems with delays

communicating with this version and issues following up a report if the original submission didn't give enough information. Consequently, the above website is operated by County / District Councils and is a mirror image of the national version. If you use the Warwickshire version, your report goes directly to the appropriate department and allows them to contact you if they need further information to resolve the issue. I have used it several times and it's definitely better than the previous version and much easier than using the phone. You can also check on-line if an issue has already been reported by somebody else.

## **Parish Accounts**

The Parish Council accounts for 2017 / 2018 have been finalised. The Parish Council Financial Committee inspected the procedures and processes in May and found all was satisfactory. Our independent internal auditor inspected our accounts in mid-May and also found that everything was satisfactory.

Copies of the accounts are now mounted on the village website at [www.baginton-village.org.uk](http://www.baginton-village.org.uk)

Should you wish to query anything within the accounts for 2017 / 2018, the period for the exercise of public rights runs until 10<sup>th</sup> August.

There is no Newsletter or Parish Council meeting in August, but both will be back in September. Enjoy your summer.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

## **Editorial**

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter, you can contact Doreen Ebbrell on 024 76301205 or email [bagintonnews@btinternet.com](mailto:bagintonnews@btinternet.com)  
Costs are £12 per page per issue or £6 per half page per issue, with 10 issues of the Newsletter a year.

The copy date for the September Newsletter is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. 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)

## The Baginton Big Lunch - Community, Friendship, Fun



It was a sunny, hot day and new friendships were formed as many Baginton residents gathered on the Millennium field for The Big Lunch. Children busily played as food was shared and prosecco flowed.

There was fun and laughter when the rounders started and continued well into the evening. It would be great to see more villagers joining in so please put a reminder in your diary for the next Big Lunch in June 2019.



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## **Bagot's Castle –July/August 2018 News**

Again for the month of June we had record number of visitors and more and more people are now aware of Bagot's Castle; a thank you to all our visitors who are spreading the word that we are lovely site to visit. School holidays will soon be upon us. We are not open in the week normally, but during the school holidays we would be able to open up on either a Monday or Wednesday and a Friday afternoon, but we would need advance warning so please contact us through our website [www.bagotscastle.org.uk](http://www.bagotscastle.org.uk) Perhaps Mums could get together and bring the children and have a picnic in the grounds and let the children take part in our Children's trails – we have three trails suitable for children from the age of 4 up to teenagers. A great way to learn about the history of the site and the castle. For Group Bookings we will offer a discount. We also have a very own Bagot's Castle Activity Pack priced at £1.00 which will keep the children amused.

Admissions Prices to Castle are as follows:

Full Admission	£4, 00
Concessions	£2.00
Family Ticket	£10.00 (2 Adults and up to 2 children)
Children under 5	Free

Bagot's Castle has a car park at the end of Church Road. Follow the signs. On the volunteering side – we now have a team of dedicated volunteers and I would like to thank them all for their support and help.

I know it is a little in advance but please make a note in your diaries/calendars for the Heritage Open Weekend in September and we will be open for 6 days this year 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> September, Thursdays and Fridays from midday till 5pm and the Saturdays and Sundays 10 – 5pm. Entry on these dates is free to everyone. There will be lots happening on these days, activities and games for the children, trails and refreshments, so please come along and join in the fun.

Thank you for your support.

David Hewer, Custodian of Bagot's Castle

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## Baginton Walkers

Research indicates that there are 127 pubs in England called The Anchor but not many can be further away from the sea than The Anchor at Leek Wootton, which was the base for our June walk. Twelve reasonably energetic ramblers and one very energetic four-legged friend set off at 10.00 am prompt, negotiating a series of kissing gates alongside a large field with horses and then into the woods, crossing bridges over the A46 and the Coventry to Leamington railway line.

Across the B4115, paths through the trees led us to the River Avon, then back uphill to emerge in Chesford Grange Hotel's car park. Here we crossed the busy A452 by the lights and took the enclosed path alongside the B4115, then the lane into Ashow, admiring the old cottages and a



number of pretty and well-kept gardens. Recorded in the 1086 Domesday Survey as Asceshot, Ashow is now the peaceful home of just over 100 people, but has no facilities apart from the Village Club (in what was the reading room and school) which acts as a pub but with very limited opening hours. A rest was called for and elevenses were enjoyed in the tidy churchyard – it is said there has been a church on this site for about 900 years.

We resumed our mud free route via the footbridge over the Avon, closely watched by a swan, and across arable fields until our progress was halted at a road where we were warned that an extra wide load was approaching. This turned out to be a prefabricated home on the back of an HGV, presumably having been exhibited at the NAC. Further on, leaving the rugby club playing fields, we were ushered across a fast section of the A452 by helpful drivers in both directions and took a left turn to the 18<sup>th</sup> century Blackdown Mill and back across the Avon, one walker recalling his past canoeing exploits. The lane continued further on and the leader nearly missed a gate we needed on the right. An overgrown path led us back into the woods, where we eventually retraced our outward route back to our cars. We were rewarded for our efforts by very good and much enjoyed meals at the landlocked Anchor, accompanied by lively conversation in a room we fortunately had all to ourselves.

We meet for our next walk on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 9.45am at The Kings Head, Bearley Rd, Aston Cantlow, Henley-in-Arden B95 6HY.

For the following walk on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August we will meet at 9.45 at The Stag pub, Welsh Rd, Offchurch. Please park in the signed overflow car park.

If you need any further information please contact Brenda Brown on 76305509.

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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

## The Big Baginton Bike Ride

The Big Baginton Bike Ride will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

It will be the 4<sup>th</sup> running of the event, which raises funding for several Charities, including the Baginton Lions Junior Football Team.

This year's event will support Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and Myton Hospice as well.

The Event is organised by Coventry Olympic Group Sportive ( C.O.G.S.) the none competitive section of Team Jewson-M.I.Racing, Coventry's only Elite Cycle Race Team, assisted by Coventry Lions International.

The Event will start and finish at the Oak Public House. Baginton.

To encourage Villagers to participate there will be a 10 mile Family and

Leisure Ride starting at 10am.

The Challenge Ride of 37 miles starts at 9.30am and the Epic Ride of 66 miles starts at 9.00am

Please put a note in your Diary and let's see a record breaking number of participants this year. All the routes are on quiet country roads/lanes and the routes will be fully marked and there will be drinks stations on the 2 longer rides. Bike Wrench will be in attendance at the start to check over bikes if required.

Entries on-line at [www.cogs-sportives.co.uk](http://www.cogs-sportives.co.uk) Entry on the day £5.00 extra  
All finishers will receive a Certificate.

## **Baginton Village Hall**

We are looking for someone to undertake the newly created role of Lettings Officer, Caretaker and Cleaner for the village hall.

This all-encompassing role will require regular/daily attendance on site to check the hall is clean between lettings. You will carry out ad hoc cleaning as required, as well as implementing a regular cleaning schedule to cover routine daily, weekly, monthly and less frequent tasks.

You will identify any maintenance or repairs required on the site and either carry these out yourself or organise for them to be done, liaising with the management committee where non-budgeted funding is required.

You will be responsible for arranging all lettings, including attending site visits with prospective hirers and opening and/or locking the building as necessary. You will manage the invoicing system for all bookings and collect monies, issuing receipts where required. In order to facilitate this, you will be responsible for monitoring and responding to emails sent to the village hall email address and for checking payments by direct bank transfer have been received.

If you are interested in being considered for this role, please submit an application to the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee by email to [baginton.vh@gmail.com](mailto:baginton.vh@gmail.com) by 4pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## Party in the Park

A reminder that tickets are still on sale for Party in the Park and they can be purchased from The British Legion Club, Baginton Village Store and The Oak.



We require volunteers to help us with marshalling, car parking, the pig roast and also manning the gate. If anybody can spare an hour on the evening to help us then please get in touch.

We hope that as many of you as possible will come along and support the event and anybody requiring any further information or wishing to volunteer to help with the event - can contact Gayle Goodwin on 02476 518855 /07739 694133 / [gayleattheoak@aol.com](mailto:gayleattheoak@aol.com).

It promises to be a great evening - see you on 14<sup>th</sup> July!

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## Odd Jottings

I do not know how the BIG LUNCH went, but it appears many participants parked in Kimberley road turning it into a single track and leaving the car park by the Smithy empty. Very inconsiderate, especially the person who parked right on the corner on double yellow lines.

By the time this gets to you we will be on the downgrade to all the money raising American importations, such as Halloween. Perhaps with a bit of luck the ghosties and goolies and things that go bump in the night, will have their vengeance.

While I am battering this out, we are coming up to the time when the Grey Lady walks; I wonder what her reaction will be to the damage done to the Ecomorphology of the area. When did any of you hear the Tawny Owl's calls, and see the many sorts of Wild Life that we once had. I have not seen the Little Owls, Woodpeckers, neither type, for some time now. Destruction in the name of progress and obtaining money. Now I read that JLR are transferring the manufacture of the DEFENDER to Slovakia. Talking to Peter Rubery today (the 15<sup>th</sup>) he came up with the comment that in his opinion we had the best times; to some extent I could only concur. I do not remember the 'blame's not mine' culture that seems to exist today. Also, of course, we now have the IGOTTA HAVE Attitude.

Anyway, I saw the Ravens, those dread harbingers with a pair of young.... By the way I did not see many Bluebells along the Warwick Road this year, but there was a fantastic showing of May blossom for those who walked along the footpath to or from Stoneleigh

I think it is time I packed up - what shall I sign off as this time - How about JACK

## Wanted

Lock up garage or lock up shed in  
Baginton Village  
to rent.  
Text 07534 901384

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# Baginton Gardeners

It's difficult to choose what to do in the garden at this time of year. Relax with a beer or glass of wine in the hammock or do some weeding. Maybe it's not that difficult.

We're now enjoying our own lettuces, rhubarb, radish, potatoes, cucumbers, broad beans, strawberries etc. and hope your efforts are also being rewarded. I used left over garlic from last year to make up a garlic liquid spray and this seems to work as a deterrent for aphids and slugs.

For those interested in unusual garden plants there is a Plant Hunters Fair at the National Memorial Arboretum (DE13 7AR) on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Free entry but pay and display parking. For more details see [www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk](http://www.planthuntersfairs.co.uk) which has a full list of all their fairs.

Our next meeting is on 23<sup>rd</sup> July with Brian Ellis from Avondale telling us about his wonderful Library Garden, which is at its best in July and August.

Date	Speaker	Topic
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Brian Ellis	Pictures from the Library Garden
24 <sup>th</sup> September	John Carrier	The Wonderful World of Sweet Peas
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Gardening quiz	

**Subs.** Membership is £10 for the rest of the year plus £1 per meeting for members or £3 per meeting for visitors. Members get 10% off ALL full price purchases at our 4 local garden centres.

For more information please contact Anne or Robert Taylor on 02476301104 or e-mail [anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk](mailto:anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk).

## Catherine Smith

A Big Thankyou all for the messages and cards after the passing of my dear wife, Catherine (Kate) on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. The response was overwhelming.

Myself and my family appreciated all the kind messages from so many people. Once again, thank you all – she will never be forgotten. God bless you all

Peter Smith

# WI News

At our June meeting it was business as usual to begin with.

We then had a talk by Barry Watson on 'Agony and Ecstasy of a Canal Boat Hotel owner'. He explained how much hard work it was, but he had obviously enjoyed his time. The barge had room for up to 6 guests. The crew numbered 4, and they served 4 meals a day, besides regular shopping trips for the next day's meals.

Of course there was also the laundry to see to which was very organised by arranging for people along the way to do it, taking it and fetching it back to the barge. Attached to the barge was a vessel which held the hotel.

Barry was very entertaining and even accompanied himself on a guitar singing a song unknown to us, although he had us joining in with the chorus.

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 Open Gardens

If you didn't manage to look around the beautiful gardens that were open over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June, see the Flower Festival in the church, or sample the amazing refreshments at The Old Rectory ..... then you really missed a treat!

The sun shone, lots of visitors came and we managed to raise £2,400 for our village church ☺

Thank you very, very much to everyone involved ... including the villagers who opened their gardens, those who made the inside and the outside of the church look so beautiful, church watchers, cake makers, refreshment servers, trouble shooters ... and everyone else I haven't mentioned ☺

It is events like this that strengthen our village community and I wanted to thank everyone for getting involved with such warmth and humour – you are all wonderful and provided a fabulous event that has succeeded in raising a magnificent sum to support our Church

THANK YOU ☺ Sue Williams xx

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# St John the Baptist Church

## Services for July

1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Village Service
8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity/ Sea Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Holy Communion

## Services for August

5 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Village Service
12 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion

We hope you all enjoyed seeing the children's contribution to the flower festival in June.

Please note that this year we will have our summer break from the children's church in July. So no Sunday school in July, back as usual at the village service in August.

## Afternoon Tea & Bring and Buy & Raffle

In aid of St John the Baptist Church  
2.30pm – 4pm on

July 27<sup>th</sup> - Joan Harris 32 Jacklin Drive,  
CV3 6QG

August 31<sup>st</sup> - To be confirmed

September 28<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Richardson 28  
Coventry Road, CV8 3AA



For further information please phone Dawn Richardson 02476 302 667  
Please come and support us!