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# Forthcoming Events

## June

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	Village Service - 10.00am
6 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup>	ERM Open Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	The Baginton Big Lunch
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bagot's Castle Celebration
13 <sup>th</sup>	Baginton Walkers
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Auction - RBL Club
17 <sup>th</sup>	Copy Date for July/August Newsletter
17 <sup>th</sup>	RBL Club Open Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Afternoon Tea & Bring and Buy
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Film Night - Brass'd Off
27 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Circle
30 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to Buy Discounted Tickets for Party in the Park

## July

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Village Service - 10.00am
4 <sup>th</sup>	WI Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	Party in the Park

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 - every Monday from 7.30pm  
Contact: Kenneth Richardson 07847 851375

Parent & Toddler Group – Village Hall – Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30am  
Contact: Steph Brown 07919 263226 Term-time only

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

Children's Swimming Club – Tuesday 6.00pm @ Kenilworth Pool  
Contact: Louise Minshull 07884 292220

WI – Village Hall - first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm  
Contact: Joan Harris 024 7641 6886

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

Coffee Circle – Village Hall - fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm  
Contact: Rose Green 024 7630 4962

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

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

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 07884 182904 / 02476 414036 for bookings or  
email baginton.vh@gmail.com

# St John the Baptist Church

## Services for June

4 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost/ Whit Sunday	10.00am	Village Service
11 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	Birth of John the Baptist/ Patronal Festival/Sunday in Refugee Week	10.00am	Holy Communion

## Afternoon Tea & Bring and Buy

In aid of St John the Baptist Church

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017  
with Joan Harris  
at

32 Jacklin Drive, Finham  
Please come and support us



## Thought for the Month

*The following document has come into my possession.*

TO: Jesus, Son of Joseph, Woodcrafter's Carpenter Shop, Nazareth  
FROM: Jordan Management Consultants, Jerusalem

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the details of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant. The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our service, we make some general comments for your guidance. This is given as a result of staff consultation, and comes without any additional fee.

It is our considered opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability. In particular: -

**Simon Peter** is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper.

Although **Andrew** has some influence over his brother Peter, he shows no real qualities of leadership.

The two brothers, **James and John**, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty.

**Thomas and Philip** both demonstrate a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.

**Nathaniel** is too guileless to tackle the tough assignments you envisage for your team.

We feel that it is our duty to tell you that **Matthew** has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau.

**James, the son of Alphaeus, and Jude Thaddaeus**, as well as **Simon Zelotes** definitely have radical leanings, and the former two both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend **Judas Iscariot** as your senior executive and right-hand man. All the other profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely yours,  
Jordan Management Consultants

*A Prayer: Lord Jesus, you used very unpromising human materials to build your church.*

*I too am far from perfect, but, if you can use me in any way, please let me know, and then give me the strength and guidance that I shall need to do what you ask.. AMEN.*

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## **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 next Newsletter is a double issue covering July and August so don't forget to send information for both months. The copy date for the July/August Newsletter is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Copy should be sent to [bagintonnews@btinternet.com](mailto: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)

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## Could You be Our New Litter Picker?

Baginton Parish Council is looking for a volunteer Litter Picker.

Our thanks go to Brian Kyte who has offered his services in this capacity for a number of years and we wish him well for the future.

Experience has shown that it takes about 2 hours per week to cover all of the roads in Baginton Village, collecting litter from pavements and verges.

A small honorarium is paid for the service provided.

If interested, contact the Parish Clerk





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## Baginton Gardeners

Thanks to all our members who provided plants, Lesley and Fred Amphlett for providing the star prize and all those who set up our plant tombola and sold tickets at the **Baginton May Fair**. We raised just over £50 for club funds which will help pay for speakers and running costs.

**2017 Competitions reminder.** This year we are challenging members to grow massive pumpkins and lofty sunflowers. Only the seeds sold by Sarah Cusworth can be used for the competition. All the money is going towards spectacular prizes. Judging will be take place in early autumn. If you want to take part you'd better be quick. Thanks to Smith's for donating the seeds.

I am planning a members outing to the Ball Colegrave Public Open Evening on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please let me know by 2<sup>nd</sup> July if you want to go and I'll try and organise transport.

**[http://www.ballcolegrave.co.uk/Gardeners/\\_PublicOpenDay.aspx](http://www.ballcolegrave.co.uk/Gardeners/_PublicOpenDay.aspx)**

There will be Craft Stalls and live music as well as the opportunity to see how new plant varieties are developed and see what is being trialled for the

2018 new introductions. Thanks to Mick Smith for giving me the Ball Colegrave contact details.

In the next newsletter I should be able to pass on some of the key advice on soft fruit growing, which will have been provided by Jeff Bates at our May meeting. I find that plums, raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and currants all do very well in our Baginton conditions, while our cherry tree failed miserably so I'm hoping Jeff will advise on improving quality and yields.

In the meantime our Baginton Nurseries are full of great plants, seeds, tools etc. so remember to use your membership cards to get 10% of all purchases and of course both management and staff at our 4 nurseries are always ready to pass on their professional advice on all gardening matters.

**Why not join us?** We're able to hold our subscription for 2017 at only £10 per year+ £1 per meeting attended plus 10% off at all the Baginton nurseries.

**Meetings scheduled for the rest of 2017 are: -**

<b>Baginton Gardeners 2017 speaker calendar</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Michael Brown	Death in the Garden
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lucy Hartley	Gardening with Wildlife in Mind
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gardeners Question Time	

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).

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## **Peeps Into the Past\***

We now turn slightly away from the Parish Church, and give attention to the grounds and gardens which surround the ruins of Baginton Hall. In my view the most impressive look at the old Hall ruins was from the far end of a field called Stripe Close on which now stands Edinburgh Villas and houses in Rowley Road. Coming across the fields from the former Coventry Corporation Sewage Farm one could look at the ruins between an avenue of trees which continued over the Coventry Road and the haha right up to the lawns in front of the old building which stood on a higher plane and was therefore displayed much more majestically than when looked at from other various angles. In these days the gardens were cultivated by Edward Ford, who had previously been head gardener at the Hall, and who lived with his wife in the cottage which formally stood on a spot near where Holly Walk joins Coventry Road. Other buildings in the vicinity were the old carpenters' shop, the stable yard and coach houses, and several cottages. One of the features of the gardens was the Long Garden which stretched from the

boundary of the Churchyard to the Coventry Road where now stands Market Corner. On the inner side of this garden was a brick wall, much of which still remains, and on the other side it was bounded by Kimberley Road. Along this wall grew large numbers of peach trees. During this period Mr. Ford had a stall in the old Coventry Market Hall on Fridays and Saturdays, and he became well-known to many in the city. He took his produce to town in a high cart and put up at the Old Baths in Smithford. Mrs. Ford was well-known in the village and district because of the pony and governess cart in which she used to travel about.

There was still a certain amount of privacy about the Hall grounds and one recalls that the door in the wall which had always been for the use of the Hall and the servants was still kept locked and few had possession of a key. The door was situated where the clap-gate is today, and it did not become a public way until many years later, and even then one remembers that the church authorities had power to close it for one day in each year to prevent it from being a public right-of-way, although this was not always operated. Many other parts of this wall round the Hall grounds may still be seen in Francis Road and in Coventry Road, although parts of it have been demolished. The Coventry Road then followed the line of the present Francis Road, as the short length of road (in these days it would be called a by-pass) which runs in front of The Lunt had not then been constructed. The West side of the Hall ruins looked over Baginton Park, a wide open space used by the public as they liked. A footpath ran from the clap-gate in Coventry Road at the top of Mill Hill across the Park and along the railings which bounded the churchyard, and then on to Stoneleigh in the line of the present footpath.

By "**The Rustic**" Communication No 7 January 1975\*.

Fred Amphlett

# Baginton Walkers

Twelve walkers and 2 dogs assembled in the car park of Hartshill Hayes Country Park which is set on the top of a ridge north of Nuneaton. The park is an attractive mix of woodland and open space from which on a clear day it is alleged that 40 churches (and 4 counties) can be counted!



So once booted we set off along the ridge and down through the woods where we were met by our first views of acres of beautiful English bluebells: a real delight to see and to enjoy the scent, which was to be repeated along much of our outgoing route.

We emerged from the woodland to follow the path through a meadow and then steeply downhill, with glimpses across the fields of narrowboats on the Coventry Canal and an occasional train. A brief pause near Quarry Farm enabled us to regroup and turn left on to the road alongside Purley Park and disused quarry. This was a gradual climb uphill accompanied by more acres of intense blue for us to admire along the way until we reached Purley Chase. Here we turned right onto a shady path which ran alongside Purley Chase hotel, through Upper Coal Spinney and crossed a golf course to arrive at a kissing gate where we enjoyed our coffee stop.

Once refreshed we walked a short distance along the road to climb a stile and travel downhill across a golf course where a group of suspicious golfers eyed our progression in their direction. However we avoided them by turning left and climbing a stile into a ploughed field where one of our keen eyed walkers spotted the distant signpost directing us towards the track which led through Mancetter Hill Farm. Our route took us across a road and into Oldbury Farm where we found a collection of outbuildings housing all manner of small enterprises including moulding sculptures and masking metal frameworks with green succulents, including a full sized, partially covered green horse! The track ran past a small pond and opened up views of the working quarry as we progressed along the well-marked path towards the road to Oldbury. After a short stretch along a narrow lane

and past Oldbury Grange we returned to Hartshill Hayes and its wonderful bluebells and magnificent views across distant countryside.

The next walk will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June when we will meet at 9.45am at The Kings Head in Cubbington, (parking available in Church Lane or New Street). If you need a lift or more information please phone Brenda Brown 76305509.

## **Royal British Legion Club Open Evening**

Baginton "RBL" Club are having an Open Evening on June 17<sup>th</sup>, to encourage the people of Baginton and their friends and family to come to the club to see what we have on offer.

Many people living in the village will have never been to the club and there will even be some that don't know the club exists.

Why not come and enjoy a complimentary welcome drink and nibbles with some friends? Membership is not necessary, just come and say hello.

Everyone welcome. Doors open from 7pm.

We have so much to offer our community. There is a function room suitable for around 100 people, ideal for family parties, live music events, etc. with a fully licensed bar.

We also have a full size snooker table, pool table and dartboards that are well used by our freshly formed darts team. On top of this, we have a 9-pin skittle ally that can be very easily set up in the function room and we're open to other suggestions to help keep this amenity open.

Take the chance to share this great village facility on June 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you all there.

Baginton RBL

## **Film Night**

To commemorate 20 years since the film received three BAFTA nominations, Baginton Events

presents *Brassed Off* at the Royal British Legion Club on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at £3 each from Baginton Village Stores, Baginton Oak and the British Legion Club.



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## **Odd Jottings**

May the 15<sup>th</sup> - well my Bluebells are almost over, but there is going to be plenty of seed around so they will spread even further, they will be available again in the years to come for you to see for free!!!

Last month, in writing of the ruins of De Hertil's Domiciliary Watch Tower (AKA B'ton's nevvawazza Kassul) I forgot to mention that should you be interested, there is information in the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. I forget what.

I read Hermes' comments in the May issue - Just Think - Three little tribes in Latium got together, raided a tribe nearby, slaughtered all the men and old women, carted off the children and females, carried on like this until they occupied most of what is now known as Italy. Called themselves Romans and praised their own Gods. They then went over the water to the East, met up with a much more civilised people, The Greeks, so they adopted



their gods giving them new names. This worked for them for a while and they tried to put down the new Christianity but found this was rather difficult. Then they started to have problems with the Huns coming in from the East, The Goths from the North and of course the Vandals coming up from the South, so they ditched their Old Gods and adopted Christianity, which by then was well established in Africa and as far East as India, but of course there came the split up into the Roman and Eastern Orthodox churches. Meanwhile Celtic Christianity had survived in these islands and had permeated through Northern Europe. We then come to the Diet of Whitby around 1100ad when the Celtic Church agreed to join with the Roman church; not everyone agreed and fragmentation started and the seeds which Martin Luther and others used were planted. Being seated for a day opposite to a Monsignor of the Roman Church, as happened to me while travelling across Canada in 1967, can result in some very interesting conversations. One thing to bear in mind is that the whole of the Christian Church is The Holy Catholic Church (The All Embracing Church), not just the Roman Sect.

Just think when the June newsletter is published it will be 3 weeks to the countdown to winter. I had better start stacking my logs - IAGO

P.S. — Some 20/25 years ago I was chatting to Phil Drabble-the naturalist - the conversation turned to the Bagot Family and the story that when the Bagot Oak died the Family would cease to exist. Remembering this got me thinking about the Oak trees round this Manor and as to which one was the oldest. Tying in with a previous paragraph (and Martin Luther) there is the Gospel Oak on the boundary of Chantry Heath Spinney, the well concreted one by The Row, the old stump in the field on the left going up Rowley Road, the big log in the park that Alvis used for Vehicle testing in the late 1930s, and finally the really old and mostly dead one in the paddock adjacent to the Blacksmiths Spinney. On that point, Oak Farm was originally Oak TREE Farm and included most of the Small Holdings. Which is/was the oldest - over to you!!!!

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# Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Parish, District and County Councillors are required to publish sufficient details so that residents are able to contact them. As the Clerk, I must do the same. All contact details are published on our village notice boards and on our village website, but I appreciate that not everybody can easily access these. Therefore, please find below a series of contact details that I hope are useful.

I have asked for this to be published in the centre of the magazine so that you can pull it out and keep it handy. I hope that works.

## Chairman

**Cllr. Julie Keightley**, 45 Mill Hill CV8 3AH tel. 76210163

## Vice Chairman

**Cllr. Chris Goodwin**, The Oak, Coventry Road CV8 3AU 76518855

**Cllr. Walter Bush**, 1-2 Market Corner, Coventry Rd CV8 3AA 76303515

**Cllr. David Hewer**, Oak Farm, Church Rd CV8 3AR 76301930

**Cllr. Roger Horsfall**, The Mews, Church Road CV8 3AR 76306610

**Cllr. Robert Newman**, 17 Holly Walk CV8 3AE 76306869

**Cllr. Robert Taylor**, 32 Mill Hill CV8 3AG 76301104

**Cllr. Nigel Thomas**, 13 Holly Walk CV8 3AE 76303942

**Cllr. Steve Williams** The Willows, Holly Walk CV8 3AE 07515 628428

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WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Cllr Wallace Redford: The Cottage, Main Street, Eathorpe	CV33 9DE 01926 632384

### **Parish Councillors on Outside Bodies:**

1. Coventry Airport Consultative Committee 1 year to 5/2018  
Cllr Roger Horsfall.
2. Baginton Village Hall Management Committee 1 year to 5/2018  
Cllr Julie Keightley.
3. Lucy Price Wasperton Estate Charity 4 years to 4/2019  
Cllr David Hewer.
4. Lucy Price 'Relief in Need' Charity 4 years to 4/2019  
Cllrs David Hewer, Roger Horsfall, Nigel Thomas
5. Baginton United Charity 3 years to 4/2018.  
Mrs Susan Burrows(resigned) , Ms Val Daly & Mr Roger Fawcett.
6. Baginton Emergency Committee 1 year to 5/2018  
Cllrs Roger Horsfall, Nigel Thomas and Walter Bush

### **Police Contacts**

999 for emergency

101 for non-emergency

01926 684471 for Kenilworth Station (our local station)

Wre.snt@warwickshirepolice.uk (should you wish to e-mail)

### **Other Contacts**

Dog Wardens: 01926 456735

Environmental Health: 01926 456725

Anti-Social Behaviour: 01926 456010

Noise Nuisance: 01926 456725

Warwick District Council: 01926 854578

Warwickshire County Council: 01926 410410

General WDC e-mail: [contactus@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@warwickdc.gov.uk)

**Next Parish Council Meeting** - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

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# Hermes Worries About the “Us”

Not being an expert on social media I hesitate to offer an opinion; in fact I rarely indulge. But does that stop me having a view and voicing it? What I hear about social media does not tempt me to indulge frequently in the near future. Facebook and Twitter appear in a permanent state of rage. Anger at politicians and commentators, hate-filled fury at bankers and businesses, spiteful swipes at someone who swims against the tide or puts their head above the parapet; it all seems very ungracious. Self-congratulatory or self-righteous might be better phrases.

Politics is the greater worry at present. There is “something going on” in the great cultural psyche in which we live and move and have our opinions. The election of a non-politician as president of the USA, the decline in voting figures at the local elections, (but they never do engage us much), the vote to leave the EU, and now an unknown as French President, all these are signs of the times. At present we seem to be disenchanted with political life at home or abroad. Has this got anything to do with Facebook etc? They might not be connected, but I hear of the lack of respect, unfocussed anger, cynicism, and not infrequently rage which are voiced regularly on social media, and I wonder.

Wiser people than Hermes have noticed the erosion of social consensus. Now it is all ‘me and mine’. Any sense of belonging together in community is disappearing. I hope I’m wrong, but the fragmentation of common identity beyond the few people who think like me is a worrying feature of the West. Is this what makes politics so boring and politicians apparently irrelevant? But it is not like this everywhere. Other cultures are not infected by this extreme individualism. Perhaps the problem lies as much with our competitive education system, exam pressure and personal success culture as it does with the erosion of shared values. The recovery of a sense that we belong to one another is overdue. Let’s get it back before it is too late.

Hermes

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# Baginton Events

The Millennium Field,  
Baginton

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>

from 12 noon



**\*The Uk's biggest annual get together for neighbours!**

**Everyone is invited to join in  
The 'Baginton' Big Lunch so come  
along with your family, friends and  
neighbours to  
The Millennium Field on Sunday June  
11<sup>th</sup>**

**Bring a picnic, chairs, outdoor toys  
etc. and be prepared to mingle and  
share in the fun!**

**\*The Big Lunch aims to get as many people in the UK as possible to have lunch with their neighbours on one day. The idea comes from the Eden Project, is funded by BIG Lottery Fund and is partnered by Asda and Halifax.**

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## Party in the Park

Tickets sales are progressing well.



A reminder that it is **£6 per ticket for advance purchase** until midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Any tickets sold between 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July are £10 each.

The Baginton Events team will be calling round on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, between the hours of 6.30pm and 8pm to sell tickets to those wanting to take advantage of the advanced ticket price.

However, we do recommend that you buy your tickets early as the event is likely to be a sell-out this year.

The Baginton Events team will also be out distributing leaflets promoting the event on the night of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, meeting outside The Old Mill at 6.30pm. If anybody is able to spare a couple of hours to help us raise awareness of the event then please feel free to join us.

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 8<sup>th</sup> July!

## Princethorpe Woodlands Living Landscape Scheme

The Princethorpe Woodlands Living Landscape scheme has received over £1 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help reconnect Warwickshire's ancient woodlands, hedgerows and grasslands. Join us to get stuck in with practical habitat management and surveying in this beautiful area. We are running weekly volunteer days on Fridays starting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to get involved, please email [anna.jennings@wkw.org.uk](mailto:anna.jennings@wkw.org.uk)

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# WI News

Our May meeting was designated as our Resolutions meeting. After our normal meeting we had to discuss and vote on two resolutions; Alleviating Loneliness and Eliminating Micro plastic waste in our oceans. We took each item at a time and following information read out by the president a discussion ensued and we took a vote.

The first resolution regarding Alleviating Loneliness received a negative vote with all the ladies voting against, as it was felt that many of us would already help where we could and could have little influence on what is already happening.

Everyone voted for ridding the oceans of micro plastics, as it was felt that this involved everyone because if the fish eat these then eventually the poison will be in the food we eat.

In January we handed over the reins of hosting events for the Leigh Group to Hodgetts Lane WI and their first event occurred on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. It was an enjoyable evening with music provided by the Stoneleigh Male Choir. They sang a selection of popular songs from 1940s onwards, with a particular section dedicated to the 60's. Two of the men sang 'Brush up Your Shakespeare', and another gave us a rendition of Joyce Grenfell's 'Stately as a Galleon'. During the interval we were treated to various snacks and delicious homemade cakes.

If anyone is thinking of joining the WI why not come for an evening as a taster. It would cost £3 a visit. To join would be £39 for the year, which includes a monthly magazine. We hold a raffle every meeting, and a bring and buy sale. We have a speaker most months, when we are not partying. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. We also join other WI groups in the area at time for various functions.

We are not a bunch of old fuddy-duddys; we have a wide range of ages in our group and we all like a laugh. We really are a very friendly bunch.

Please join us, you'll be very welcome.  
Dawn Richardson

# Baginton and Bubbenhall Neighbourhood Plan - Update

The process of creating our Neighbourhood plan and getting it adopted rumbles on. The steering group are currently arm wrestling with Warwick District Council (WDC). As many will know the WDC Local Plan has been under the scrutiny of a government inspector and we expect it to be adopted in August or September. This local plan among other things will remove the greenbelt in and around Baginton to make it easier for developers and WDC to propose and approve large developments which we know, from our Neighbourhood Plan consultations, are not wanted by the vast majority of residents.

However the rules say the Neighbourhood Plan cannot override the Local Plan so this removal of our greenbelt will happen whether we like it or not. Nevertheless if we can get our Neighbourhood Plan adopted it will;

- a) release money from something called the infrastructure fund which can be used to invest in facilities in the village which will be of benefit to residents and
- b) enable us to object to specific undesirable development proposals based on the Neighbourhood Plan policies and the views of residents, which are recorded in the Plan as a result of the consultations. Other parishes have been successful in preventing unsuitable developments by using their Neighbourhood Plans as evidence.

Therefore we are persevering in progressing the Plan, getting it reviewed and approved by an examiner (who among other things checks it does not contradict the Local Plan or national policies) so that we can then bring it back to you, the residents, for approval (a process known as the 'referendum') and adoption hopefully around August / September.

If you have any queries talk to Walter in the Post Office, Steve Williams or myself, Robert Taylor, and we will do our best to give you a useful answer.

## Bagot's Castle – June 2017

We are now in the month of June. May has been good for us at Bagot's Castle - we received record number of visitors this May. For those of you who visited us in May, I am sure you will agree with me, we had a wonderful display of bluebells – I believe it is the best year we had for bluebells at the castle – it is such a shame they do not last longer. June is a lovely time to visit the castle. The weather is warmer and the grounds are lush with vegetation. Great to have a picnic 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.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June we at Bagot's Castle will be celebrating a special achievement. Between 2.00 p.m. – 4.30 we will be offering a glass of bubbly, nibbles and cake, included the admission price. Come along and celebrate with us and all will be revealed on the day.

Full Admission	£4
Concessions	£2
Family Ticket	£10 (2 Adults and up to 2 children)
Children Under 5	Free

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the maintenance side of the castle, or to meet and greet. If you are interested please contact us via our website or pop along any weekend and have a chat. There is no commitment - help when you can, once a month, once a week just when you have a spare couple of hours your help would be greatly appreciated.

We were hoping for our car park to be in use by middle of May, but this may not now happen till June, because of the dry weather the ground has not settled sufficiently so we need to give it a little more time. Looking forward to another record number of visitors, especially on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you for your support.  
David Hower, Custodian of Bagot's Castle



# 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  
Friday - 7pm to 12midnight  
Saturday - 6pm to 12midnight  
Sunday - 12noon to 4 pm

By prior arrangement opening times can be amended to suit

**Interested in playing Pool? There is a new Pool team being formed, so come along and sign up.**

**Auction Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June held by Picker Pips Auction House. Over 300 Modern, Vintage, Antique Lots. See their advert and facebook page for full details**

## Tailpiece

Dear Heavenly Father,

So far, today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-centred. I'm really happy about that so far.

But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen