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# Forthcoming Events

## March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Village Service - 10am
- 6<sup>th</sup> WI Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> Baginton Walkers
- 18<sup>th</sup> Copy Date for April Newsletter
- 19<sup>th</sup> Baginton Gardeners - Fungi is Fun
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Finham Choral Society Event
- 30<sup>th</sup> Film Night - Hatton Garden Job
- 30<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bagot's Castle Easter Egg Hunt - 12 - 5pm

## April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Village Service - 10am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bagot's Castle Easter Bonnet Parade 2pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> WI Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

# 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

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## Bagot's Castle – March 2018

Bagot's Castle will be opening our gates this year on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, when we will hold our very successful annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Our **EASTER EGG HUNT** will start on Good Friday and the hunt will be on for children to find hidden eggs hidden around the castle grounds on Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday from 12 o'clock till 5.00 pm each day. Admission is £10 for a family of 4. On the Sunday, we will hold an Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.00pm. All entrants will receive a small gift and the Custodian will give a special prize to the one he feels is the best bonnet. We will all be hoping for spring weather with many children attending to start our Season off with lots of fun.

With the help of my volunteers we have been busy during February and March working on enhancing the Tank Testing area, which hopefully will be completed by mid-March.

WCV (Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers) were on site on 14<sup>th</sup> February tidying around the pond area and our dedicated team from the Brethren Church will be on site on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We are very grateful to these two groups for their continued help to us each year.

I know this is a little in advance, but please make a note in your diaries to come along at the end of April / beginning of May to see our display of bluebells that gets more spectacular each year. Keep an eye on our website where we will update on the display. [www.bagotscastle.org.uk](http://www.bagotscastle.org.uk) Looking forward to seeing you all over the Easter weekend.

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

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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 copy date for the April Newsletter is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. 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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## Baginton Open Gardens 2018

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

## St John the Baptist Church

### Services for March

4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Village Service
11 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	10.30am	Good Friday Service

# Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

An assortment of items this month. I hope they are informative.

## Precept

We all pay Council Tax. The precept is that portion of your Council Tax that is given back to Baginton Parish Council to help us maintain our community.

We pay for mowing and hedge cutting of our open spaces, safety inspections and repair of the playground, we liaise with County and District Councils to get street lights repaired, potholes filled, rubbish removed, grit bins refilled and much, much more.

Your precept does **not** pay Parish Councillors – they are all volunteers. Your precept does **not** go towards events such as the bonfire night – they are independently funded by our Events Committee Volunteers.

This year, I have asked for a larger precept. Costs escalate and the budget I presented to the Council in January asked for an increase equivalent to 8.6%. That sounds a lot, but for an average Band D home it is an increase of just £3.55 per year, which is less than 1p per day. I hope you are not too upset, but the increase gives us an extra £650 per annum (following reductions in grants) for the Parish Council to help maintain our village and surrounding areas. It really is value for money.

## Neighbourhood Plan

By now, you should have received notice of our Neighbourhood Plan referendum. Councillors have been working on this for about 3 years. If approved by the referendum, it is a legal document that Warwickshire County and District Councils **MUST** consider when deciding how our community progresses and is developed. This is our chance to influence what we either want or don't want for our community.

**Please** take the time to approve the plan – it supports **YOUR** concerns on traffic, housing, Green Belt, jobs and much more. Voting is arranged by Warwick District Council and takes place at the Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> March or by post if you have registered with WDC for a postal vote.

This is a significant opportunity, so please don't waste it. Make an effort and make a difference.

### **Whitley South and Gateway South Developments**

It's a bit confusing, but the Whitley South development is the approved Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) development along Rowley Road.

The Gateway South Development is the unapproved proposal to place a new road off Rowley Road and behind Edinburgh Villas, Bromleigh Villas, The Row, Oak Close, The Oak Public House and subsequently to develop a site down Bubbenhall Road from the airport towards Bubbenhall Village. Whether you welcome these developments or not, the Parish Council will fight to protect our village from any adverse effects that any development may bring.

The Chairman and I met with the developers and District Councillors in February to discuss both plans.

Concerns raised were traffic, noise, general disruption, pollution, lighting and parking, along with timescales, village compensation and communication. Promises were provided by the developers, which we will monitor, especially if the second development is approved.

A website is also promised by the developers to receive public queries and to issue updates on the approved and proposed developments, which I will advertise as soon as I receive details.

The JLR development on Rowley Road currently has very little activity going on, but is due to commence again in earnest in May if their planning obligations are satisfactorily met.

The Gateway South application is due to be submitted for comment in late February or early March. I will obviously keep you informed.

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

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

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## An Invitation to Have Your Say on Local Healthcare Services

NHS South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the local NHS organisation which plans and buys health services for the local population in Warwick and Stratford Districts, is inviting local residents to share their views on health services in the area.



If you would like to give feedback on current services or hear plans for future services, then go along to their next 'Have Your Say Day' on Wednesday 14th March from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Lomas Suite at Stratford Hospital, Stratford CV37 6NX.

To help plan for catering, please register your intention to attend, although anyone is welcome to come along on the day.

If you have any questions call the patient engagement team on 01926 353810.

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# Kaisho Karate

Early in February the team competed in the Yorkshire Open Tournament in Barnsley. We had a brilliant day and some fantastic results: -

## Individuals

Boys & Girls 5 yrs and Under	Joint Bronze - Lyle Gallagher, Max Gartside
Boys 6 -7 yrs	Gold - Cooper Gartside
Boys 10 -11 yrs Lower Grades	Silver - Lewis Booth, Bronze - Jake Stanley
Girls 12 -13 yrs Lower Grades	Gold - Bilquees Ledgister Bronze - Scarlett Scott
Girls 14 -15 yrs Lower Grades	Silver - Leila Conway
Girls 14 -15 yrs Higher Grades	Gold - Carys Jones, Silver - Niamh Cosgrove
Boys 14 -15 yrs Higher Grades	Gold - Edrees McFarlane Bronze - Christie Horillo

## Teams

Boys 7 and Under	Silver - Tom Conway, Cooper Gartside, Orson McGlinchey, Zack Newman
Girls 10 -12	Bronze - Jesse Betts, Chloe Naughton, Scarlett Scott
Boys 10 -12	Gold - Lewis Booth, Iessa Ledgister, Jake Stanley
Girls 14 -15	Gold - Leila Conway, Niamh Cosgrove, Carys Jones, Morgan Turley

And even more – a total of 23 medals!



This was the first tournament for both Leila Conway and Scarlett Scott, and not only did they both perform well, they both brought home individual and team medals! Taking part in your first tournament always takes some bravery, but it is even harder entering for the first time in the older age categories; on the day both girls looked confident and strong and I'm very proud of them.

Yorkshire also marked our first ever kata entries, including Tom Conway, training and competing under the expert guidance of Gareth Haines. Tom did a wonderful job and is raring to go for his next kata entry at tournament.

Between now and the next newsletter we have a tournament to look forward to taking place in Gloucester towards the end of February, and then some of our older students will be competing in France at the end of March. We also have another Squad Training Day to look forward to on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The students are now heading towards their next grading period. Those that are yellow belt or below and are ready will have the opportunity to grade for their next belt during March. They are all working really hard to learn and perfect everything they need to know. Higher grades (orange belt and above) will have the opportunity to grade in July.

Our fundraising supermarket bag pack was a huge success raising £680 towards the costs of our students competing in international tournaments this year. In addition to this, we were able to fund competition entries for the Yorkshire Open tournament with money raised through our 100 Club for all those students whose families take part in the club.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> March there will be no classes due to the tournament in France, and on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 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.**

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

# Baginton Walkers

Due to a heavy fall of snow followed by freezing conditions, the December walk was postponed until February. In contrast to the sunny Monday, with wind, rain and possibly sleet forecast for Tuesday it was thought that numbers might be low, but a hardy thirteen met on the 13<sup>th</sup> in the car park of The Friendly Inn, Frankton.



It was raining steadily as the well wrapped group gathered and waited until the allotted ten o'clock start. Roger confidently led the way along Main Street towards the Church of St Nicholas, which has a 13<sup>th</sup> Century tower. The frontage of the Old Rectory had a bright display of yellow wood anemones, and it was alongside this property that we climbed a high stile into a very wet field, known to be boggy at the best of times. The field exit was completely waterlogged, and agility was tested again as one by one we crouched under barbed wire to reach a drier route to another stile and kissing gate. After crossing two shorter fields the view ahead was far reaching with Draycote Water and Rugby to the left and Southam and beyond to the right. However, with splattered spectacles and the wind driving sharp raindrops into our now ruddy cheeks we did not linger but headed down hill to a meadow sheltered by the embankment of the disused Rugby to Leamington railway line. By the time we had picked our way down a slippery slope the rain had stopped and there was a glimpse of the sun.

Immediately under the high arched bridge beside the river Leam, we followed a tarmac driveway for a short distance before once again climbing into fields that kept us walking parallel to the railway embankment. A fluorescent jacketed scarecrow waved at us as we made our way round the edge of a very long field into the peaceful village of Draycote, where we stopped for a short refreshment break.

There were murmurings of concern at the sight of one or two limping sheep amongst a herd as we continued our muddy route. After crossing under the embankment there was an upward walk to the appropriately named Hill Farm. The footpath to Bourton passed through the again aptly named Bog Spinney where a spring bubbled and snowdrops flourished. In Bourton, the 'Round House', probably once a toll house and for a time the laundry for Bourton Hall, is now part of the village hall. From hereon it was a pavement walk back to Frankton, where the full contingent of walkers enjoyed a well-

deserved meal at the Friendly Inn, which also lived up to its name!  
Incidentally, it was ten out of ten for Roger leading the way!

For our next walk on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March we meet at The Royal Oak,  
Station Rd, Brandon, SP 408 761 at 9.45am for a 10am start. The lunch  
menu will be available so that orders can be placed before we set off (for  
an advance viewing of the extensive menu please see their website.) Any  
queries please contact Brenda Brown 02476305509.

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# Finham Choral Society

Easter Meditation with music and readings.

St Martin in the Fields Church, Green Lane South Coventry

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm

Admission free.

For further details phone 024 7641 1404

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## **WI News**

Our February meeting began with the usual meeting to discuss business. Following this we were entertained by Alan Keech who showed us how to wrap a bottle for a present. I don't think we really knew what to expect, but he started by showing us a beautiful wrapped box, which looked like an evening bag. He then got us each to wrap a bottle, demonstrating the process to us bit by bit and helping any that got muddled along the way and the end result was some beautifully wrapped bottles that gave us a new slant.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February a few went to The Oak to enjoy a tasty lunch.

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

## Hermes Offers an Opinion ...

They have no need of our help  
So do not tell me  
These haggard faces could belong to you or I  
Should life have dealt a different hand  
We need to see them for who they really are  
Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers  
With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves  
They are not  
Welcome here  
We should make them  
Go back to where they came from  
They cannot  
Share our food  
Share our homes  
Share our countries  
Instead let us  
Build a wall to keep them out  
It is not okay to say  
These people are just like us  
A place should only belong to those who are born there  
Do not be so stupid to think that  
The world can be looked at another way

Now try reading from the bottom up. Interesting!  
I don't know who Matthew Bate is but it is his poem.  
Which version do you prefer?

Hermes

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# Baginton Gardeners

The garden really starts to wake up this month and all of a sudden there's too much to do and not enough time. However gardening is a pleasure, not a chore so as wild bits of gardens are a good thing for insects and small mammals, do what you enjoy, leave the rest to look after itself and take the time to just enjoy being in the garden. But if you're short of things to do here's a few ideas from Gardener's World.

<http://www.gardenersworld.com/what-to-do-now/checklist/march/>

Our January meeting featured Geoff Hodge on Growing Your Own Vegetables. Geoff has previously given us excellent talks on Roses and Greenhouse growing and this one was no exception. It was great fun and very informative. Growing your own means you get enhanced flavour compared to shop bought and of course save on transport miles. Geoff's gems of advice included;

- Match pot size to the needs of the plant
- Raised beds (once they are built) save labour as they are 'no dig'.
- For garden beds dig clay in autumn but for our mainly sandy soils leave digging over until about 3 weeks before planting.
- Sow THINLY using the recommended spacings and depths.
- Most seeds won't germinate in soil temperatures less than 7°C. Get a soil thermometer.
- Warm soil with CLEAR polythene.
- Sow for successive cropping and match production to usage. There's no point in having dozens of lettuces when you only use 2 a week.
- Seed trays are a waste of time – use modules and 3" – 75mm pots.
- For sowing direct into beds seed tapes and station sowing work well
- Grow bags don't have enough compost in them to support large rooted plants like tomatoes.
- Feeds. You only need a balanced one and a high potash one. The continuous release granular ones only need to be applied once in a season whereas liquid ones need to be applied regularly.

Geoff's website is full of information;

<http://www.gardenforumhorticulture.co.uk/index.htm>.



We also held a brief AGM. For 2018 the usual suspects were re elected along with a new committee member, Elayne Meakin.

We were also delighted to welcome 3 new members.

Our 19<sup>th</sup> March meeting is on Fungi by a local expert who is donating his fee to Warwickshire Wildlife.

**Seed Swap.** The March meeting will also include a seed swap. Please put aside any spare saved or bought seeds, put a few in a small envelope with details of type and variety and bring them along.

Date	Speaker	Topic
19 <sup>th</sup> March	John Roberts	Fungi is Fun + Seed Swap
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Matt Curtis	Planting up Summer Pots – Trends and Techniques.
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.** 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](mailto:anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk).

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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.

**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. 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 tiple

# Odd Jottings

A Couple of things from last month's issue of the Parish Newsletter - Yes I do read it!

I do wish David Hewer would stop writing of Tanks and a Tank Track. How many more times does he have to be told that Alvis only made ONE experimental vehicle of that description prior to World War 2 and then did no more until the Scorpion Series was Designed in the 1970's. There was no Test Track as such either; all that there was was a Water Splash followed by 2 sets of Angle Iron Faced concrete steps, then a climb over a 3ft or so diameter oak log, then a climb up a series of Railway Sleepers up a carved out gully. Not all vehicles were checked out here, only the early development vehicles of both types.

These vehicles were built at the factory in Northumberland Road which Adolf s 'Appy Airmen' destroyed along with most of the records. I saw these vehicles from before the age of 6 and also had a much Elder brother involved with them. When I joined Alvis in 1958 most of the people that had to do with the design and manufacture of these vehicles were still there, with the exception of Harry Mundy of Firepump engine fame. Knowing Harry as I did, I can imagine his comments were he around to read David's writings. I think they probably come under the Heading of Misrepresentation - I dunno. If any of you should be in the least interested you will find information on the internet under 'alvis straussler armoured cars' - I have already given that info to David,

Hermes in his last epistle to you heathens, wrote of telling you (us?) where we all came from, when 'low and behold' somebody gets an ancient skeleton, does some DNA checks, and comes up with what anyone who had thought about Melanin would have considered likely YONKS AGO! So where does Hermes intend to start his treatise?

Hermes was the Messenger of the Gods in Classical Greek Theology (the Louts from Latium called him Mercury) and there is a saying that was attributed to him - "Death is like an Arrow that is already in flight and your Life lasts only until it reaches you".

May the winds of Fate hold back your Arrow.

That's it from me with another name change - Septimus