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Forthcoming Events

February

- 6th Parish Council Meeting
- 11th Baginton Walkers
- 11th Village Hall Committee AGM
- 12th Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 12th Ladies Friendship Circle AGM
- 15th Copy Date for March Newsletter
- 28th Film Night - Thelma

March

- 6th 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
and the Baginton Village - Events Facebook page

There are also the village Facebook groups you can ask to join: —
Baginton Current and Ex-Residents
Things For Sale In Baginton

Regular Village Activities

Kaisho Karate: Village Hall Monday from 5.30pm, Tuesday from 5.00 & 6.00pm, Thursday from 5.30, 6.30 and 7.30pm

Contact: Jane Hemmings 07581 126279 or email janebooth1@hotmail.com

Baginton Gardeners: generally a Monday every other month 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Sue Burgham 07949 067 875 or email seburgham@gmail.com

Baginton Dog's Club: Village Hall Monday from 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667

Warm Hub Café: Village Hall 10am – midday every Tuesday

Art Group: Village Hall – Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Contact: Avril 07837 785921

Children's Swimming Club: Tuesday 6.00pm @ Kenilworth Pool

Contact: Tom Duckham email tomduckham@hotmail.com

Village Hall Committee: second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

Contact: baginton.vh@gmail.com

Baginton Walkers: group walk – second Tuesday of each month 9.45am

Contact: Linda Bennett email lindam.bennett@virgin.net

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle: second Wednesday every other month 2.30pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667 & Rosemary Sowter 024 7667 3381

Pilates with a Physiotherapist: Village Hall Wednesday from 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Contact: Jo Owen 07817 364460

Parish Council: Village Hall first Thursday of each month 7.30pm

Contact: Phil Clark 07746 521087 or email bagintonpc@gmail.com

Church - St John the Baptist: Sunday Service 10am or 4pm if it's a Family Service

Contact: Reverend Petrică Bistran 07572 193260 or email revpbistran@gmail.com

Churchwardens: Dawn Richardson 024 76302667 and Catherine Weston 07907 119523

Village Hall, Frances Road

For bookings visit www.baginton-village.org.uk/village-hall

St John the Baptist Church

The PCC of St John the Baptist Church are looking for a new secretary to take minutes of our meetings.



We meet about every six weeks in the evening. We also hold an AGM once a year in the spring, after the 10am service.

You do not have to come to our services, although of course you would be very welcome.

If you think you can help us, please contact me.

Many thanks
Dawn Richardson
02476 302667

Warm Hub Cafe Christmas Party

The Warm Hub Community Cafe had their Christmas lunch on December 17th. Ten volunteers served a 3 course meal to 38 guests and provided 2 takeaways to our regular cafe users.

Entertainment was provided by the fabulous Dave and Robert, who had everyone singing and dancing along.

Thanks must go to The Old Mill, Baginton Oak and Winvic for their kind donations towards this event.

Thanks also to the cafe users for their donations for the food bank, which have been delivered.

Lastly thanks to the great band of volunteers who help, not just at Christmas, but every week.

The Cafe is open to all every Tuesday 10am - noon at the Village Hall.

Baginton Walkers

The February walk will be on Tuesday 11th February and will start in Gossett Lane off Rugby Road, Binley. There is also parking in the layby opposite, outside Binley Woods Primary School. Please meet at 9.45am.





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Baginton Village Hall

Annual General Meeting takes place on 11th February

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th February immediately following the committee meeting at 7.30pm. All residents are invited to attend and we hope many people will come along to join. (Please use the side door as the main hall will be in use for another group).

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 - Lucy Jones, Julie Keightley, Mike Meakin, Frances Parkes, Della Thomas, Nigel Thomas and Sue Williams.

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle

Our Christmas meeting on 11th December was attended by 16 members. Everyone provided a delicious dish of food for the buffet table. With quizzes, a craft sales table to support Myton Hospice, and time to talk with friends, the afternoon was very successful.

We enjoyed a Christmas shopping trip to The Valley Evesham, and are hoping to visit Boundary Mills and Trentham Gardens in 2025.

Our first meeting in 2025 will be Wednesday 12th February. We will hold a brief AGM, allowing plenty of time for us to catch up over tea and cake, and maybe an activity.

We meet bimonthly in the Village Hall at 2pm, and extend a warm welcome to new members.

Our lunch club is very popular, getting together most months throughout the year, using a good range of local venues.

Please come along and spend an afternoon with us, visitors £3. If you enjoy it and would like to join us the annual subscription is £25. Any outings are an extra cost but we endeavour to make them as affordable as possible.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

Rosemary Sowter

02476673381

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

If trying something new is one of your New Year resolutions, you might consider joining us at Stoneleigh Village Hall.

Stoneleigh Ladies Choir was formed back in 2013 by twelve enthusiastic ladies from the village. Since then, the membership has grown to 35 to 40 ladies from all over Warwickshire and Coventry. The idea is to enjoy ourselves in the company of like-minded women, so we meet in Stoneleigh village hall on Thursday afternoons (term time only) between 1.30 and 3pm, (except the last Thursday of the month when we meet at Baginton village hall) to sing under the leadership of our musical director, Seb Farrall, who makes it a fun afternoon.

We have just begun a new term and we're learning Songs from the Sixties, which many of us remember the first time around, so now would be a great time to join us. There is no need to read music and there are no auditions - just come along where you will be guaranteed a warm welcome.

For more information about the choir contact our Secretary on sharronmced@gmail.com or see our website on www.stoneleighladieschoir.org.uk

If you prefer a chat, telephone Pat on 07817 899097.

Pat Wightman

Bagot's Castle – February 2025

Not much is happening at Bagot's Castle at the moment. We have experienced floods and fallen trees on the site from the wet weather, luckily fortunately no great damage was done. Our maintenance team will be kept busy in the next month or so making sure the site is safe for visitors.

In December the Conservation Volunteers came to site on 18th December and worked around the pond area and wildlife walk, and held their Annual General Meeting with a bonfire and jacket potatoes, which is their tradition since the site was taken over.

We are planning to open the castle again this year on Saturday 5th April, but we are in desperate need of volunteers to meet and greet at

the weekends. Please do get in touch if you can give us some of your time.

Please check our website for updates: www.bagotscastle.org.uk or our Notice Board on the Castle Gates.

We wish you a Happy 2025 and good health and look forward to seeing you at Bagot's Castle this season.

Trustees of Bagot's Castle

Struggling With Mental Health?

You can talk to someone about it.

Whether you're concerned about yourself or a loved one, mental health charities, organisations and support groups can offer expert advice: -

Samaritans - www.samaritans.org or call 116 123 (lines open 24/7)

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Mind - www.mind.org.uk or call 0300 1233393 (9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)

Children and young people in Warwickshire can find support at www.Kooth.com - a free, safe and anonymous online community for mental health and wellbeing.

Under 17s experiencing a mental health crisis can contact the Rise Crisis Team on 0808 196 6798 (select option 2) at all times, though it is an advice-only service overnight from 8pm to 8am.

NHS 111 – call 111 and select the mental health option and they will tell you the right place to get help or you may be able to speak to a trained mental health professional over the phone.

Wellbeing for Warwickshire - www.wellbeingforwarwickshire.org.uk or call 0800 616171 (lines open 24/7)

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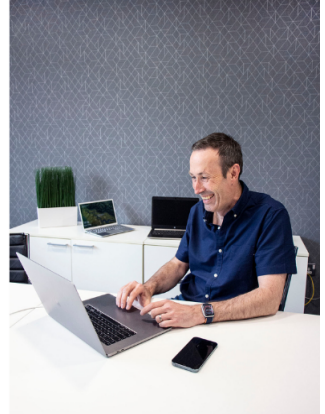


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We can accept adverts in Word, pdf, jpeg, png or similar format. Articles can be submitted as text in an email, Word or other word processing document.

The copy date for the March Newsletter is Saturday 15th February. Should you wish to have something included in the newsletter but you are unable to send your contribution electronically, please drop it off at 1 Market Corner FAO Anne or 45 Mill Hill FAO 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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Film Night



Come and join us for the Baginton Events Film Night at the British Legion Club on Friday 28th February at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The film will be **Thelma** starring June Squibb as 93-year-old Thelma Post, who after getting duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her. Tickets are available in advance from the Club priced at £3 each or you can pay on the door.

Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a good Festive break.

Below are a few updates that I hope you find useful.

Most are already on the Baginton Parish Council Facebook page, so follow us if you want updates more regularly than this monthly newsletter.

NOTE: The Parish Council does not respond to queries placed on its Facebook page. For correspondence and queries use;
e-mail: bagintonpc@gmail.com or Tel: 07746521087.

Airport Gigafactory Update

The proposed battery gigafactory planned for the Coventry Airport site in Baginton featured on the January 11th BBC News App. It stated that Coventry City Council 'has not managed to lure a gigafactory investor to the site since planning permission was granted in 2022' and 'approval for a gigafactory at Coventry Airport will run out in March 2025.' However, it further states that 'Coventry City Council insists it will meet the condition to extend its planning permission for two more years.'

The full article "Coventry gigafactory in limbo as plan faces expiry" can be found on the BBC News website at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx2w95rx30wo>

Police Precept Consultation

Police want to increase their budget by £14 per household next year. Do you accept this? Are you willing to pay more for a better service? Do you want to pay less? The Consultation gives you a chance to have your say.

12 questions that only took me 3 minutes to complete, but you do need to know which Council Tax Band your home is in, which you can get from your Council Tax Bill. The survey link can be found on the Police & Crime Commissioner Warwickshire website at <https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/budget-2025-26/>

A46 Road Closures

Full road closures are planned for the A46 between Festival Island and Thicket Island from 8:00pm on 7th February until 6:00am on Monday 10th February and then again from 8:00pm on 14th February until 6:00am on Monday 17th February. All carriageways will be shut due to HS2 work. Full details of timings and diversions can be found at

<https://assets.hs2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Notice-of-HS2-works-A46-weekend-closure-February-2025.pdf>

There are further details about the weekend closures elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Government's Devolution White Paper

This is a complex proposal that could have a long-term impact for residents. The proposal will abolish the two-tier Local Government system by combining local Borough and District Councils with Warwickshire County Council to form a single Unitary Authority. If organised correctly, this could allow streamlining of services such as waste disposal, adult social care, road maintenance etc, thus saving money. However, there will almost certainly be disruption to services during any transition period and there will be associated job losses.

I will write about this further as information becomes available.

Next meeting: Thursday 6th February from 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

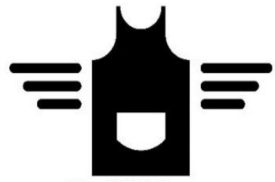
Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

Mobile Library Service

The Mobile unit visits Holly Walk in Baginton each month from 09:15 to 09:35am. We are on the "Kenilworth C" route, which will operate on the following dates:

12 February	12 March	9 April
7 May	4 June	2 July
30 July	27 August	24 September
22 October	19 November	17 December

Café at the airport



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Bacon Batch £2.50

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Ham/Cheese Toastie £3

Cheesy Chips £2.50

Chips £2.20

Cold Food.

Ham Sandwich £2.70

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Tuna Mayo Sandwich £2.90

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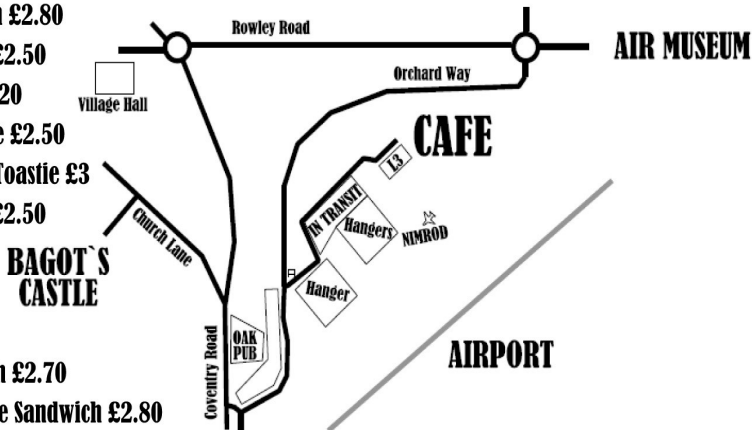
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Energy bills and winter fuel support;
Food support;
Finance;
Housing and homelessness,
Mental health and wellbeing; and
Warm hubs.

Advice can be accessed by calling 0800 408 1449

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Baginton Gardeners

Hello and welcome to 2025!

We had a lovely Christmas lunch at the Finham Golf Club just before Christmas. In January, unfortunately we had to cancel the talk from Geoff Hodge on growing our own vegetables, just as we were hoping the weather would let us start work.

Geoff has given us talks before and always stresses the importance of planning, that is, what we're going to plant, where and when, also getting our seeds lined up by month to plant and clearing the plot. Potatoes are in the garden centres now and the first early can be placed in a cool light area for chitting and if you didn't sow broad beans in the Autumn you can start some off now.

Now is a good time to check all areas of the garden to see if there is any damage to repair or anything to move. Whilst it is not quite time to do this yet it is good to take notes or photos and plan which plants need pruning in February.

Bulbs should be poking their noses up and the days are getting longer. At the next meeting in March we have a talk from Pete Worthy of the RSPB about birds in our garden and how to spot them and feed them. The remaining talks this year are:-

Baginton Gardeners Speakers 2025		
Date	Speaker	Title
17/03/2025	Pete Worthy (RSPB)	Garden Birds
19/05/2025	Darren Rudge	Perfect HB, Patio, Pots, W Box, Slideshow & Demo
21/07/2025	Darren Rudge	Right Plant, Right Place.
15/09/2025	Geoff Hodge	Winter Colour
17/11/2025	Tim Jardine	Questions and Answers

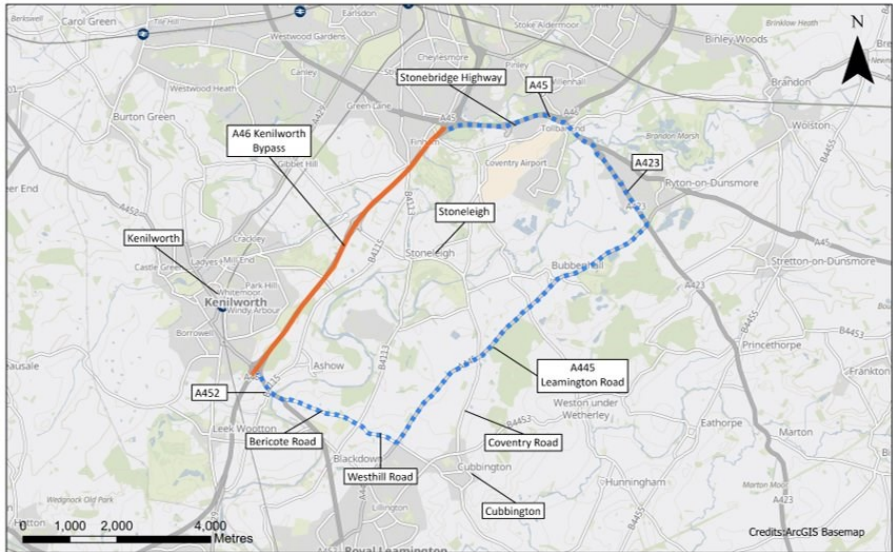
This year's membership, £15, is now due so if you would like to join please contact me for details.

Regards Elayne (02475 013147)

A46 Road Closure Diversion Route

For the weekend closure from 8pm Friday 7th to 6am Monday 10th February and from 8pm Friday 14th to 6am Monday 17th February, a clearly signed diversion route will be in place.

Local diversion route (Unsuitable for HGVs) adding 25 minutes onto existing journey times



For northbound traffic and Coventry, leave the A46 at the Thickthorn Roundabout and travel along the A452, Bericote Road and Westhill Road, then use the A445 Leamington Road and join the A423 towards Coventry and the A45 westbound to rejoin the A46. To travel south from Coventry, reverse the route.

Please note that access to Ashow and Stoneleigh villages will not be possible from the Chesford Grange junction.

HGVs travelling north beyond Kenilworth to Coventry, will have to use the M40, M42, M6 towards Coventry to access the A46. adding 48 minutes onto existing journey times

You can find out more details about the work being carried out at

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/work-items/a46-kenilworth-bypass-box-structure-phases-of-work/>



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