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# Forthcoming Events

## March

- 2nd Village Service 10am
- 6th Parish Council Meeting
- 11th Baginton Walkers
- 12th Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
- 17th Baginton Gardeners - Garden Birds (RSPB)
- 18th Copy Date for April Newsletter
- 21st Dave Dixon at the RBL Club 8pm
- 28th Film Night - Conclave

## April

- 3rd Parish Council Meeting
- 5th Bagot's Castle Reopens

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)  
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  
Baginton Church (St. John the Baptist)

## 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 lindambennett.coventry@gmail.com

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 07743 666685

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

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# St John the Baptist Church

## Services for March

**2 March 10am** Village Service (Lay-led) / (11am United Service at Bubbenhall)

**9 March 4pm** Family Service

**16 March 10am** Holy Communion

**23 March 10am** Celtic Service

**30 March 10am** Mothering Sunday

Here are some notes about our services: -

**The Village Service:** This is a relaxed, lay-led service that provides a warm, informal space for all who come. It's designed to be a welcoming environment where people can gather, reflect, and pray together, regardless of their background or previous church experience. The service is simple, unhurried, and filled with the warmth of community, making it an ideal space for those who are looking for a more approachable and accessible way to worship. Everyone is encouraged to come as they are and take part at their own pace.

**The Family Service:** Our Family Service is an all-age worship experience designed to be inclusive and engaging for both children and adults. With fun and interactive activities for young ones, as well as opportunities for reflection and prayer, it creates a vibrant atmosphere where all generations can connect. The service is designed to make families feel at ease, and noisy children are always welcomed here! It's a joyful, energetic service that helps everyone, regardless of age, explore their faith together as one church family.

**The Celtic Service:** Rooted in Celtic spirituality, this service offers a creative and imaginative way to reconnect with God. Drawing from ancient traditions, the Celtic Service invites us to explore our faith through music, poetry, silence, and moments of reflection, helping us to deepen our relationship with God in a unique and meaningful way. It's a space where we can all belong before we believe, creating an atmosphere of inclusivity and openness. The service is perfect for those looking for a contemplative and spiritual experience, inviting each person to find their own connection with God, no matter where they are on their journey of faith.



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Our new service schedule is printed and placed on the church notice board. The 4pm service is planned around families and children and we hope that time will be more attractive than a morning for you.

We would love to see you in church!

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The rules apply to both burials and cremations.

Gravestones and inscriptions need official approval before being placed.

Parish residents, their children and grandchildren can be married or baptised here.

There are many ways to support your church and keep it serving our community, including financial giving, helping with ground or buildings maintenance, lawn mowing, flower arranging, cleaning or being on the PCC.

Rev. Petrica is kept incredibly busy looking after the four parishes in his care, but he always has time for anyone who needs support. He is also an inspirational preacher.

By now the graveyard will have been cleared of Christmas and other items ready for the first spring mowing. With two new benches to replace broken ones, roll on some good weather!

## **Joan Batchelor**

Joan passed away peacefully at home on Monday 3rd February 2025 aged 102 years. Joan will be deeply missed by her family and all those who knew her.

Funeral service is to take place on Wednesday 5th March at St. John the Baptist Church, Baginton Village at 10.00am and immediate family will attend a small blessing at the crematorium after the service.

There will be a celebration of Joan's life after the service, venue to be confirmed.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Air Ambulance.

# Bagot's Castle – March 2025

We will open for the coming Season on Saturday 5th April.



A couple of large trees have come down in the wind and rain on the site, so our maintenance team are busy in getting the site ready and safe for opening.

Easter is much later this year and we will be holding our Easter Event from Friday 18th April – 21st April inclusive. Please check our website and signs for further information.

As mentioned previously, The Charity is looking for Trustees/Volunteers to help with the running of Bagot's Castle. Please do get in touch via our website [www.bagotscastle.org.uk](http://www.bagotscastle.org.uk) if you feel you could help in some way.

Trustees of Bagot's Castle

## Garden Waste Subscription Service

If you would like to subscribe to the Warwick District Council (WDC) garden waste service for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (with a two-week break over the Christmas and New year period) there is a charge of £47 per bin for the service.

Once subscribed, you can use your existing green bin by placing the permit on the bin. Be aware that from 1st April 2025, only green bins that are displaying a valid permit will be emptied.

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# Film Night

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



The film will be the award-winning **Conclave** starring Ralph Fiennes as Cardinal Lawrence, who is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope. He finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church. Tickets are available in advance from the Club priced at £3 each or you can pay on the door.

# Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle

Our meeting in February was well attended. We held an informal AGM, and as we had not met since our Christmas meeting everyone had plenty to talk about. Members paid their annual subscriptions, we held a raffle and Bring & Buy, and to add a little interest we had a picture quiz.

As one of our members had a 90th birthday in January, it was an occasion for cake, and needless to say we all enjoyed tucking into birthday cake and cupcakes with our tea.

There will be no meeting in March, our next meeting is on 9th April 2025, a talk about Chedham's Yard Wellesbourne.

We meet bimonthly the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the village hall. New members would be made very welcome so come and join us one afternoon, visitors £3, and if you decide to become a member it's £25 per year. Trips are extra but we endeavour to keep costs down.

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At this time of increased living costs, we have been very strict with the budget, keeping the increase to £2.86 for the next tax year, which is less than 1p more per day for a typical Band D household.

In total, we are due to receive £19438 of WDC precept from about 360 homes within the Parish.

Our biggest single expense is connected to open space maintenance through grass mowing, hedge cutting, insurance, planting and tree work.

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I wish to stress that your precept does not contribute to Councillor salaries or expenses. They are unpaid volunteers.

The precept also does not pay for organised events. These are paid for by groups such as Baginton Events, who are financially independent of the Parish Council.

### **Annual Assembly**

This year, the Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 10th April from 7:30pm in the Village Hall main room. Everybody is welcome. Short reports will be received from Charities and organisations that work within our village and questions will be taken from the public. Police, County Councillors and District Councillors will all be invited to answer any questions you may have.

### **Potholes and Road Surfaces**

Potholes and deteriorating roads and pavement are often evident at this time of year. Warwickshire County Council has produced a pamphlet of useful information, which has been put on the home page of our village website.

It also explains how to setup your phone to report potholes simply and quickly.

If you use the application a lot, you can make things easier by creating an account and let your phone know your exact location on the interactive map. Alternatively, you can simply report as a guest. You can check if a pothole has already been reported, when it is due to be addressed and receive e-mail updates if you want. The plan is to make reporting potholes easy. Take a look at [warwickshire.gov.uk/potholes](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/potholes)

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

Phil Clark – Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

# Baginton Walkers



A chilly but dry February walk took us from Binley Woods, down the bridle path to Coombe Abbey.

On the way we met several very friendly dogs and walking round the grounds we passed carpets of snowdrops and a few lonely aconites.

The 11th March walk will start in Combrook near Compton Verney.

Street parking is available near St. Mary and St. Margaret church in School Lane, CV35 9HP. Please meet by the church in School Lane at 9.45am. We will be eating at the King's Head in Wellesbourne, CV35 9LX.

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

## Reporting Incidents / Crime

Dial 101 to report non-emergencies. You can also report non-emergency incidents/crime via the Warwickshire Police website

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> - select the report tab.

In an emergency and/or if a crime is in progress always dial 999.

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Costs are £16 per page per issue or £8 per half page per issue, with 10 issues of the Newsletter a year.

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 April Newsletter is Tuesday 18th March. 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.

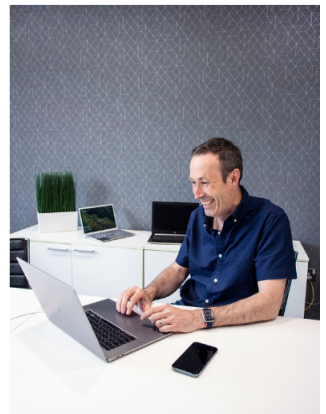
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This, the lack of people committing to be members and the withdrawal of the 10% discount for our members at Smith's Garden centre has made the Baginton Gardeners committee rethink the group structure.

**For this year the group will be run on a pay to attend basis and not membership. Cost being £5 per meeting**

In order to continue the viability of the group, the committee are looking at new ways to fund the high-quality entertaining speakers the group wants to provide other than membership.

- Do you work for a company who would make a monitory donation large or small to the group? Many companies have a volunteers match funding policy.
- Would you or the company you work for be willing to donate a raffle prize?
- Do you have any cuttings, seedling or unwanted plants you would be willing to donate for the group to sell to raise some extra funds?

If you can help in any way to ensure the Baginton Gardeners group is able to continue, please send your ideas or questions to Sue Burgham [seburgham@gmail.com](mailto:seburgham@gmail.com)

**Our Next meeting will be held at British Legion Club, Kimberley Road, on 17th March, when Peter Worthy (RSPB) will share his knowledge about "Gardens and birds"**

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