

December 2021 January 2022 Newsletter

Forthcoming Events

December

2 nd	Parish Council Meeting
2 nd	RBL Club Quiz Night
3 rd	The SP at the RBL Club
5 th	Village Service
5 th	WOW Christmas Concert
5 th	Deadline for Lucy Price Christmas Party
11 th	Lucy Price Christmas Party
14 th	Baginton Walkers
15 th	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
16 th	RBL Club Christmas Quiz Night
31 st	New Year's Eve at the RBL Club

January

2 nd	Village Service
6 th	Parish Council Meeting
11 th	Baginton Walkers
12 th	Mobile Library - 9.15 - 9.35am
17 th	Baginton Gardeners
18 th	Copy Date for February Newsletter
28 th	Film Night
29 th	Burns Night Celebration

Information on local attractions, services and events can also be found on the Baginton village website at www.baginton-village.org.uk

Regular Village Activities

Kaisho Karate: Village Hall Monday from 5.30pm, Tues/Wed from 5.30 & 6.30pm, Friday 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: Robert & Anne Taylor 024 7630 1104

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

Contact: Dawn Richardson 024 7630 2667

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

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle: first Tuesday every other month 7.30pm

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

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

Contact: email baginton.vh@gmail.com

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

Contact: Alan & Brenda Brown 024 7630 5509

Card-making Club: Village Hall Wednesday 9.00am – 11.00am

Contact: Olwynne Frankton 024 7641 0268

Dance and Fitness: Village Hall Wednesday 6.30pm – 8.15pm

Contact: Steph 07825 233543 or danceworkscoventry@outlook.com

Mini Movers Dance Class: Village Hall Thursday 9.30am – 10.15am

Contact: Steph 07825 233543 or danceworkscoventry@outlook.com

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

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

Glo-Babies - Village Hall Friday 1.00pm – 1.40pm.

Contact 07956 355729

Sunpower Yoga - Village Hall Friday 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

Contact Maureen 07507 636623

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 76302667

Village Hall, Frances Road

Contact Della Thomas for bookings email baginton.vh@gmail.com

Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Lucy Price Playground

Work on the toddler area is complete and funds promised for the senior area are building quickly. The grant application has been submitted and we hope that work will begin next year if we are successful with our bid.

We thank the team for their efforts.

Police Advice on Burglary Prevention Over Christmas

Set a timer to switch your lights on when it gets dark as unlit houses suggest no one is at home.

Lock doors, patios & windows, even when you are at home.

If you have an alarm, set it before you go out & before bed.

Don't leave keys or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through and steal them.

Lock your garden gates, side entrances, sheds and garage doors.

Don't leave tools in your garden that can be used to break in.

Police Advice on Driving in Fog

Remember that Fog makes things wet & slippery too.

In the day use dipped headlights, not sidelights.

Only use fog lights when visibility is reduced below 100 meters.

Rear fog lights are bright and can mask your brake lights.

Beware of vehicles with no lights on.

Beware of cyclists with no lights.

Brake slowly and indicate well in advance.

Don't speed, dazzle other drivers or brake hard.

Police Advice on General Winter Travel

A low sun and road glare can dazzle, so use your sunglasses.

Keep vehicle fluids topped up, especially screen wash.

Wiper blades work efficiently for about 3 years. Replace them?

Please put antifreeze into your cooling system!

Check your tyre tread depth, lights and signal light bulbs regularly.

Keep chocolate, drinks, blankets, warm clothes & a shovel in the car.

Keep your mobile with you & keep it charged.

Don't let the fuel tank fall below half empty.

Police Advice on Driving in High Winds.

Wind can push high sided vehicles into your lane. Be aware.
You too may be pushed by winds. Be prepared.
Be aware of debris on roads, especially in country lanes.

Grit Bins

A number of grit bins are situated around the village for your use. Don't be afraid to use them. That's what they are there for. They are checked regularly and are refilled if necessary.
Grit can be used to help make pavements safe too. Please use it if you need to.

Rowley Road and Bubbenhall Road Developments

Most of the work is being undertaken by Buckingham Group.
If you have any complaints, queries or observations you wish to raise with them, their contact details are: -

e-mail: gsc@buckinghamgroup.co.uk
24-hour phone line 07817 054346

You might also wish to follow updates on the website set up by the developers, SEGRO. Go to <https://www.segro.com/property-search/estates/united-kingdom/>
Then scroll down and select "National" and then "SEGRO Park Coventry Gateway".

Next Parish Council Meeting

There is no newsletter in January, so the next 2 meetings are scheduled for 2nd December and 6th January, from 7:30pm at the Village Hall. The agenda will be advertised on the weekend before the meeting.

Season's Greetings

Chairman Julie Keightley and the members of Baginton Parish Council send their greetings to residents, along with their wishes for a very Happy Christmas, plus a safe and prosperous New Year to all.

Phil Clark
Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

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Newsletter 2022 Copy Dates

Should you wish to have something included in the newsletter this year, copy should be emailed to bagintonnews@btinternet.com by the deadline date.

If 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.

Deadline dates: -

January 18th, February issue

February 15th, March issue

March 18th, April issue

April 17th, May issue

May 18th, June issue

June 17th, July/August issue

August 18th, September issue

September 17th, October issue

October 18th, November issue

November 17th, December/January issue

Lucy Price Christmas Party



This year we are doing a fun bouncy & soft play children's Christmas party on Saturday 11th December 12pm - 2pm at the village hall.

If your child is age 0 - 8 years and they would like to attend please provide names, address and age ASAP or latest by 5th December to 07874187541

Ages 9-16 Won't be left out, plan TBC but please provide details as above if they would like to be included.

Children must live in Baginton



Graveyard Musings

When researching for my graveyard musings, I came across these two newspaper articles which I thought I'd share, as the way they were reported made me laugh. Remember 'the past is a different country: they do things differently there'

They can be found on the British Newspaper Archive free pages.

Coventry District Petty Sessions Kenilworth Advertiser 1877.

(Abridged)

Henry Benson was charged on the information of PC Whitlock with being on the highway at Baginton on the 29th ult. near Willenhall Wood, he having in his possession a gun and a rabbit, and being suspected of coming from land where he had been in search of game.

Defendant admitted being on the road with a gun and rabbit in his possession, but denied having been in search of game.

PC Whitlock stated that he was on duty at Baginton at about half past five o'clock on the morning in question. He heard the report of a gun in the direction of Willenhall Wood. He went towards the place and found defendant with a gun in his possession. He had the stock of the gun in one of his pockets and the barrel in another. He also had upon him a rabbit which appeared to have been recently killed, being warm and bleeding. Whitlock declared that the barrel smelt as if it had been recently discharged but it had been reloaded. He also told in a most graphic manner how he had preserved the barrel and subsequently had it fired off whilst he stood at a distance, and his affirmation that the report sounded just like that which he heard near Willenhall Wood elicited roars of laughter.

But this scientific touch was nothing to a statement afterwards made by the defendant who said that whilst the rabbit was running along the road a stoat jumped on its back. He fired at the stoat and killed the rabbit.

Unfortunately for the defendant his ingenuity was more than counterbalanced by the fact that several previous convictions for poaching had been registered against him.

Consequently the bench mulcted him in a fine of £1 and costs 15 shillings, an order being also made for the destruction of the gun which had performed the extraordinary feat.

(Mulcted - to punish by a fine)

Kenilworth Advertiser 1876. A CAUTION

Mr Pears said the bench had received information from a respectable source of a great public nuisance caused by men racing and exposing themselves in a state of nudity at a public place known as the Black Pad, Sowe Waste.

The police were requested to watch that portion of the county where the nuisance occurred, the Chairman stating that it was a public offence for men to expose themselves in a state of nudity and that it must be stopped, especially on Sunday mornings.

Happy Christmas to all.
Madeleine.

Mobile Library Service

The Mobile unit will visit Holly Walk in Baginton from 09:15 to 09:35am on 15th December and on 12th January 2022.

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Refuse and Recycling Collections Over Christmas and the New Year

There will be no changes to the day that refuse and recycling collections take place; the team will be working as normal on all bank holidays including Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December 2021, so residents are advised to present their bins, boxes or bags at the roadside as normal by 7am on the day of their collection.

To ensure that the team can deal with the increased recycling generated at this time of year, there will be **no green bin collections on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December**. Food waste can be placed in your grey bin during this time. Green bin collections will resume from Monday 10th January 2022

Recycling wrapping paper and Christmas cards

Recycle wrapping paper and Christmas cards with your cardboard. You cannot recycle foil wrapping paper, glittery wrapping paper, glittery cards, ribbons, bows and tape.

What to do with extra recycling over Christmas?

Put extra recycling in a sturdy bag or small box (please keep each material separate) and place beside your red boxes and bags. Please flatten or cut large cardboard into pieces no larger than 1m x 1m.

Christmas tree recycling

Green bin collections will resume from Monday 10th January 2022 and real Christmas trees can then be collected on your next scheduled collection date. Simply cut the tree into pieces and put it in your green bin. Make sure all decorations, tree stands, pots and netting are removed.

Alternatively, you could arrange a collection to support charity. This year WDC are supporting The Myton Hospices and Pass The Smile, who offer a real Christmas tree collection and recycling service from your doorstep for a small donation. Collections take place 8th – 10th January 2022. For more information or to book your collection simply visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/christmasrecycling

Editorial

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter, you can email 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.

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We wish you all a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.
Julie Keightley (7621 0163) and Ann Bush (7630 3515)

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Baginton Open Gardens 2022



We are looking for Baginton residents who would be willing to open up their gardens to visitors next year on

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June.

This is to raise funds for our local church. If you feel able to open your garden, please do get in touch
Sue Williams 76307255

and put the dates in your diaries to come and be inspired!

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.

Alternatively, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111

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Baginton Village RBL Club

BT Sport at the Club - watch live all the Champions League matches and selected Premiership matches, Premiership Rugby and Heineken Champions Cup, MotoGP and more.

Club Opening Hours

Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tues, Wed & Thurs	7pm to 11pm
Friday	5pm to 11pm
Saturday	6pm to 11pm

Concert Room available for hire for parties, meetings, band practice etc. Skittle Alley available. Hours can be amended to suit

Quiz Night - Every other Thursday, 2nd & 16th December 8pm Start.

Film Night last Friday of every month, 7.30pm start

Live Music - Friday 3rd December **The SP** 8.30pm. start. Top class acoustic group playing classic covers Free entrance

Sunday 5th December 2pm start **Christmas Concert** by local Orchestra W.O.W., Warwick Orchestral Wind. Tickets £3

Club Book Exchange - in partnership with Finham Library. There is a large selection of books and jigsaws available at the Club. You can borrow, exchange or purchase. All donations will be shared with the Club refurbish fund and the library. Pop in and have a browse.

New Year's Eve Celebration, Black and Gold Theme, bring your own food

Baginton Gardeners

For those wanting to know more about **Darren Rudge**, who featured in the November newsletter, his website address is <https://www.darrenrudge.co.uk/>

November Meeting. This was our bi-annual Gardeners Question Time and you will have to wait until February to hear the wisdom dispensed by Tim Jardine and our membership on all problems horticultural.

BG Annual Christmas Dinner takes place this year on the 9th December at the Baginton Oak.

2022 Membership. Membership will remain at £10 for the year. We meet at the British Legion club in Kimberley Road at 7.30pm.

Anne has arranged a **programme for 2022**, but as I am not at home just now, I cannot access the details. However, the first meeting is on January 17th and will include the AGM. We will circulate members with the speaker and topic for this meeting. Non-members may e-mail Anne (see address below) and she will respond with the details.

For more information call Anne or Robert Taylor on 02476 301104 or e-mail anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk

Thank You

Rose Green's family wish to express their thanks for your cards, prayers and support during her illness and following her death.

This has been very much appreciated.

Rose was an active member of the coffee circle, Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle, the gardening club and was a long serving member of the Baginton WI.

Rose was a thoughtful, hardworking, fun-loving person who will be sadly missed. Keep smiling. Keep dancing.

Burns Night Celebration

Plans are well under way to arrange an event to celebrate Burns Night. The village hall has been booked for Saturday 29th January 2022, so save the date and dig out your tartan. There will be traditional Burns food and entertainment in an event to lift the January blues and you can bring your own liquid refreshments. Tickets are £10 and will be available early January from Frances on 07721 092542 or Della at baginton.vh@gmail.com.

Baginton Walkers

In November, we were treated to an exploration of some of the scenic area around Ufton encompassing woodland, open countryside (in part sadly scarred by HS2 intrusion) and a canal-side walk



and coffee stop. We returned to the White Hart to enjoy the expansive view from its grounds and a delicious lunch.

For our next walk on Tuesday 14th December, we will meet at 9.45am at The Red Lion, Hunningham, CV33 9DY.

The first walk for 2022 will be on Tuesday 11th January from the Newbold Comyn Arms Leamington, opposite the Leisure Centre, where we will meet at 9.45am.

New walkers are very welcome and if you need a lift or more information, please phone Brenda Brown 76305509.

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St John the Baptist Church

Services for December

December 5 2 nd Sunday of Advent	10.00 am Village Service
December 12 3 rd Sunday of Advent	10.00 am Holy Communion
December 19 4 th Sunday of Advent	5.00 pm Carol and Crib Service
December 26 1 st Sunday of Christmas	10.00 am Holy Communion

Other services in December

December 24th, Christmas Eve, 11.30pm United Benefice Holy Communion (Midnight Mass) at Ryton Church.

Services for January

January 2 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	10.00 am Village Service
January 9 1 st Sunday of Epiphany	10.00 am Holy Communion
January 16 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	10.00 am Holy Communion
January 23 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	10.00 am Holy Communion

Thought for the Month: Excuses, Excuses...

From our Rector, the Revd. David Wintle

We all make excuses from time to time. We turn up late for an appointment, or we forget to do something important, and we offer a reason which might even be genuine, but often still sounds pretty feeble. Maybe the cat really did eat our homework, but who would believe it if it were true?

Insurance companies have published lists of the funniest or most unbelievable excuses they have received, and the comedian Jasper

Carrott used to read some out during his live show. Here are a few of them:

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished."

"Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have."

"I thought my window was down, but I found it was up when I put my head through it."

"The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him."

Teachers could no doubt tell us about some of the unintentionally humorous absence notes they have received, or recount a few of the more bizarre requests they have been given for children to be excused P.E.

As I write this, we are at the beginning of the party political conference season, and some of the excuses which are offered at those events can be quite inventive.

Lots of people are offering lame excuses to God too.

Jesus told a story about a great feast. And in the story people were finding reasons to turn down the invitation.

"I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it."

"I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out."

"I have just got married, and therefore I cannot come."

These are pretty feeble. Who would buy land without checking it first? Who would buy oxen – or the modern equivalent, a tractor – without trying them out first? And I would guess that most newly-married couples would enjoy the chance to get dressed up, show each other off, and get out of the house and have a meal without the worry of preparing it or paying for it.

The feast in the story is a picture of God offering a place in his Kingdom to everyone. All we have to do is to accept the invitation. Jesus says that he came so that we could have life in abundance, have life in all its fullness. Who would turn that down? Most excuses would sound a bit lame in the circumstances.



"The dog ate my hymnbook"

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Bagot's Castle – December/January

We have come to another end of a very successful year at Bagot's Castle. We closed for the winter season on Sunday 31 October with our Halloween Event. Unfortunately, we experienced extreme weather conditions on the Sunday, but despite this we had many families visit and braved the weather and supported us.

Myself and my dedicated maintenance team will be taking a break during November and we will start our maintenance work on the site on Saturday 11 December for our winter tidy when a group from the Brethren will be joining us. This is an all day job and we are very grateful to them for the support they give to us each year.

Our project for the winter months will be to work on the third pond area where we will be creating a woodland board walk on the boggy area, the planting of more trees and to attract the wildlife.

From a grant received from the Co-operative Society we purchased the posts, rope, boards and bark so we are ready to make a start. I am looking forward to completing this for the spring opening next year.

I would like to say a very huge thank you to all the volunteers at Bagot's Castle who all put in time and effort to make visiting Bagot's Castle a memorable experience. Thank you.

From Bagot's Castle I would like to wish you a Very Happy Christmas and very best wishes and good health for 2022. I look forward to welcoming you all to Bagot's Castle next year when we will be opening our gates for the season the first weekend in April 2022.

We will be contributing to the village light up so please take a walk by the entrance gates to castle during the Festive Season.

Thank you to all for your support.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership Asks the Public Not to Buy E-Scooters this Christmas

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is urging the public not to buy e-scooters this Christmas because it's currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK. There are also concerns for the safety of e-scooter riders and other road users. E-scooters are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, licensing, tax and insurance.

Inspector Jem Mountford said "Before you consider buying an e-scooter this Christmas it's important to know that although you can buy one, it is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter in any public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. This means most people will be breaking the law if they use an e-scooter." Penalties for illegal use include a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points

Whilst some parts of the country are taking part in Government trials for e-scooter hire with a view to making them legal to use on the roads, Warwickshire is not currently part of the trials so e-scooters cannot be hired at this time.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership Chair, Philip Seccombe, said: "We know it can be tempting to buy an e-scooter as a gift, however there simply is no public place where they can be ridden legally and you risk a fine or having the scooter seized if you do so. As a Partnership we want to make our roads as safe as possible for everyone so we want people to think again and not buy e-scooters in the mistaken belief that they can be used in public spaces. We know they can be a hazard to pedestrians and other road users and put the rider at danger of death and serious injury when used in the wrong environment, such as on public roads, so please do consider purchasing more appropriate alternatives."

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)
- **Calm** - www.thecalmzone.net or call 0800 585858 (5pm until midnight 365 days a year)
- **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 **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.

Tailpiece



“and how long have you been a bishop?” asked Heather.