

**Please Note –  
information in  
the Newsletter was correct at  
the  
time of editing on  
23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, most village events and regular activities have been suspended.

See specific Newsletter entries for details and for those still continuing (as at 23.09.20)

# Village Activities

N.B. Only a few groups are beginning to start up again, so please check with the organisers before attending.

Kaisho Karate: Village Hall Monday/Tuesday from 5.30pm & 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

Parents & Toddlers Group: Village Hall Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30am- Term-time

Art Group: Village Hall – Tuesday 1.30 – 3.30pm  
Contact: Avril 07837 785921

Children's Swimming Club: Tuesday 6.00pm @ Kenilworth Pool  
Contact: Jo Fricker 07760 181539 or email jo@fricker-family.co.uk

Baginton Ladies Friendship Circle: Village Hall first Tuesday of the 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: 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

Vinyasa Yoga: Village Hall Wednesday 7 – 8pm  
Contact: Zoe 07496 150741

Parish Council: Village Hall first Thursday of each month 7.30pm  
Contact: Phil Clark 07746 521087 or email bagintonpc@gmail.com

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 7630 2667

Village Hall, Frances Road  
Contact Della Thomas for bookings email baginton.vh@gmail.com

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## **Baginton Parish Council**

Dear Residents,

I hope you are all safe and well.

### **Free Transport to School**

Following a review of their Home to School Transport policy, WCC have now updated it to include free transport to a child's priority area school (Priors Field in Kenilworth in our case) and not just their nearest school. Congratulations to all of those who fought so hard to get the previous decision reversed.

### **Rowley Road and Bubbenhall Road Developments**

There is a lot of groundwork happening around Baginton at the moment. Most is being undertaken by Buckingham's Group.

If you have any complaints, queries or observations you wish to raise with them, their contact details are below.

e-mail: [gsc@buckinghamgroup.co.uk](mailto:gsc@buckinghamgroup.co.uk)  
24-hour phone line 07817 054346

The developers, SEGRO, have a website where you can access all sorts of information such as their Overview, Masterplan, details of the Country Park, Build Phases and Frequently Asked Questions. Go to <https://www.segro.com/property-search/estates/united-kingdom/> Then scroll down and select “National” and then “SEGRO Park Coventry Gateway”.

## **ANPR**

Several residents have noticed the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) devices that have been installed along Rowley Road. The Parish Council have contacted developers with numerous questions about how it will be maintained and operated.

At the Planning stage, the concept was to record the number plates of the Gateway South and Whitley South employees who were using Baginton as a rat-run at rush hour. A penalty would be applied to encourage them to use alternative routes. We are awaiting a full response and will keep you informed.

## **Halloween**

It is not clear what form Halloween celebrations may take this year. Residents who normally welcome Trick or Treat visitors may be hesitant at this time. Elsewhere in this Newsletter is a ‘**NO TRICK OR TREAT**’ notice which you can tear out and place in plain view. I would ask anybody who plans to venture out at Halloween to respect these signs and stay safe. You can still have fun at Halloween by taking part in the Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail. See separate article for details.

## **Council Accounts**

The Parish Council Accounts remain open for examination until 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please make arrangements with the Clerk.

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> October from 7:30pm and will again be held virtually.

The agenda will be added to our website by 27<sup>th</sup> September.

If you wish to participate, details on how to join us will be included with the website agenda and also posted on our notice boards. Feel free to send me comments to the Clerk if you are not able to attend on the night.

Phil Clark  
Clerk to Baginton Parish Council

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## **Bagot's Castle – October 2020**

September has been an excellent month for us at Bagot's Castle this year, considering we have been faced with COVID19. Visitors are coming to Bagot's Castle because we are an open space venue set in 19 acres. Social distancing is manageable for us and we have a one way system in place. Our volunteers use masks and visors and sanitizers are available for visitors on entry and exit.

We were also able to take part in Heritage Open Days this year following the government guidelines – we opened from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September and we had visitors through our gates who had been to us in the past and many new visitors, so we had a very successful two weeks. I would like to thank my volunteers who worked very hard to make Heritage Open Days a great success. Thank you to all of you.

October is our last month of opening before we close for the Season. Our last official day for opening to the public will be Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>October. We are planning to hold our annual Halloween Event at the castle, but the format will be slightly different this year. Last entry would be at 1900 hrs. If we are able to go ahead, signs will be put around the village and details will be on our website.

Please come along and see the castle at night which is spectacular

David Hewer  
Custodian of Bagot's Castle

## **Changes to Flexibus 69 service**

A new timetable for the Flexibus 69 service came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Due to some changes to the 77/77A Johnsons service, the 77A journeys were passed to A&M Group who operate the 69 Flexibus and as a result the 69 timetable had to be revised to fit around the 77A. This means that the bus now picks up from Baginton at 9.09am on Mondays and Thursdays and, for the return journey, it leaves Leamington Spa Retail Park at 11.55am.

# The Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail

ARTventurers, a company who runs art classes for children across the UK, are hosting The Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail this year. It would be great to see homes in Baginton taking part.



Halloween 2020 might be a bit different this year and trick or treating as we know it will be off the cards. But we can still have loads of spooky fun!

This Halloween let's all join together to create The Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail! Stick a pumpkin in your window or outside your home - a real one, plastic, painted....whatever you like! Together we can create one giant pumpkin trail in our local areas and children can see how many they can spot over Halloween weekend!



Halloween 2020 might look a little bit different to previous years, but we can still have lots of creative Halloween fun together.

This October, we'd love to get as many homes as possible involved in The Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail.

ARTventurers will be sharing their easy-to-use pumpkin template that the kids can decorate and put in the window for children to spot when they're out and about - like one massive Pumpkin Trail.

And in the run up to 31<sup>st</sup> October, they'll be sharing lots of other spooky ideas - from pumpkin carving suggestions to food and costume ideas and lots more.

Visit [www.artventurers.co.uk](http://www.artventurers.co.uk) for more details.

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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)  
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The copy date for the November Newsletter is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. 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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If you are concerned about anti-social behaviour in your local area, or if you witness a suspicious incident, please contact Warwickshire Police.

Your information could help us to piece the puzzle together, enabling us to keep your community safe.

Please report any incidents/crime to Warwickshire Police. Dial 101 (non-emergency contact) or visit <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> and select the report tab. Dial 999 in an emergency.



Alternatively call **CRIMESTOPPERS** on 0800 555111.

Regards

Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team  
Dial: 01926 684471

Email: [wre.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wre.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

Twitter: @KenilworthCops

Facebook: Kenilworth and Warwick Rural Police

Website: [www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)



**PENSIONERS'  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
at  
THE OAK**



In line with government guidelines about mass gatherings not being permitted due to Covid-19, we sadly have had to cancel the Pensioners' Christmas lunch.

However, everyone at The Oak would still like to do something for the pensioners of the village this Christmas. On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 12.30pm** we will deliver a Christmas turkey dinner direct to the homes of those pensioners who would like to partake in our alternative event and enjoy dinner in the comfort of their home.

There is no charge for the meal - you simply need to be a pensioner living in the village of Baginton.

Bookings are required by no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and can be done by any of the following methods:

Phone:           The Oak on 02476 518855  
E-mail:           thebagintonoak@aol.co.uk

When phoning to book your lunch please give your name, address and contact telephone number.

Chris & Gayle Goodwin

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CALLERS THIS  
YEAR PLEASE**

# Baginton Community Orchard



Most of the orchard trees are maturing well and some are fruiting quite heavily this year.

Some visitors to The Millennium Field managed to sample the cherries before the birds had their fill and the apples, pears and plums are ready to pick.



Please feel free to have a munch as you wander around or take a few home for a pie. However, please be considerate of others and take only what you need.

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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7.30pm**

**Baginton Village R.B.L. Club**

# **MUVE-ON**

Local band playing classic covers from U2, The Eagles, Queen, Coldplay, Oasis, Clapton, Elton John, Santana plus many more .....

Due to Covid restrictions this event is ticket only with a limit of 30 and max. of 6 per table.

Tickets £2 {Door Prize}, available at club bar

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# WRCC Energy Oil Syndicate



WRCC Energy is an oil buying syndicate run by a local charity to help members save on their heating bills. We have ordered nearly 6.5 million litres of heating oil, saving over £355,000 against average prices quoted at the time of order (5 pence per litre).



Visit [www.wrccenergy.org.uk](http://www.wrccenergy.org.uk) or call 01789 472619  
to find out more and set up an account

WRCC is a registered charity No.1081017 and a Company Limited by Guarantee in England and Wales No. 3930819

WRCC is a local registered charity supporting residents in Warwickshire. They run an oil syndicate helping people who are off the mains gas supply network obtain very competitive prices on their heating oil. As winter approaches they hope to reach as many residents as possible for them to consider becoming a member of the syndicate and benefit from the consistently lower prices they achieve.

Becoming a member is easy and free of charge. Orders are placed monthly either online or over the phone. They deal with the negotiations, which removes the hassle from members.

They have been running the syndicate since 2012 and have an excellent track record for securing cheaper than average quoted prices.

## **Baginton Village RBL Club**

### **Revised Opening Hours due to Covid 19**

Tuesday	7pm to 10pm
Friday	5pm to 10pm
Saturday	6pm to 10pm

# Baginton Mill Bridge Repair and Restoration



Warwickshire County Council was recently successful in applying for additional funding to repair and restore the county's historic road bridges. There are sixty highway bridges in the county that have listed status and 18 of these are also scheduled as 'Ancient Monuments' by Historic England. The age, historical importance, construction materials and environmentally sensitive locations of these structures make them disproportionately costly to maintain. Funding has been secured to repair eight of the structures to ensure they remain safe and serviceable for many years to come.

One of the first structures that is to undergo repair and restoration work is our 18<sup>th</sup> Century bridge. The work will predominately involve replacing, refacing and repointing the bridge's heavily eroded stonework. The bridge is Grade II listed and located in an environmentally sensitive location that provides a habitat to protected species of wildlife. These constraints, along with the fact that stonework repairs are best carried out in periods of good weather, mean that the work is anticipated to begin in spring 2021.

An architect specialising in repairs to historic buildings has been appointed and is working on a scope of repairs that will ensure the structure remains safe to use for vehicles and pedestrians while also being sympathetic to the bridge's historic status. These proposals will be subject to listed building consent and permits will also be required from Natural England and the Environment Agency. The work is being planned to minimise traffic disruption as far as possible and full road closures will only be implemented where there is no safe alternative working method.

They are still in the early stages of designing and planning these repairs and will also consider options to improve pedestrian safety. A dedicated webpage has been set up where updates will be provided as the scheme progresses. For further details see: -

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/major-transport-construction-projects/c33001-baginton-mill-bridge-near-coventry/1>



# Baginton Gardeners

**September Meeting** Once again this was a Zoom hosted meeting which lacks the social aspects of meeting together in the RBL. Nevertheless, it's good to see everybody at least in 2 dimensions and **Gary Leaver** of Avondale Nursery gave us a wonderful insight into the history, resurrection of and current planting through the seasons at **Hill Close Gardens** in Warwick. His pictures of the many unusual and Victorian varieties at Hill Close were stunning. For info on opening times, the café etc. visit <http://hillclosegardens.com/>

Among many interesting topics were the 150 or so varieties of snowdrops at Hill Close, some of which start flowering in November. Gary advised that it is best to split and transplant snowdrops when they are dormant bulbs rather than 'in the green' which was the convention until fairly recently.

**The 3 for 2 plant sale at Avondale** started on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September and we now know that as well as Gary's specialist knowledge on rare perennials, he can advise on growing the many wonderfully fragrant and colourful Victorian varieties which are still available and lots more besides.

**BG's Summer 2020 Photo Competition** As many of us have had the opportunity to spend much more time in our gardens this year we thought we should have another photo competition so that members can share their successes. The photos must be taken by the member in their own garden in June, July or August. All entries must be with Anne or me by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have had very few entries so far, so if there is not a late surge we will have to consider cancelling the competition.

**Advice** If anyone in Baginton is doing more in their garden than usual and needs any advice give us a ring and we'll try and point you in the right direction. Of course there's vast amounts of advice on the internet, the most comprehensive of which is probably the BBC's Gardeners World website - <https://www.gardenersworld.com/>, also our local garden centres are full of experts on all aspects of gardening.

**Wildlife** As many of you are aware Tim Jardine and his team have been creating a wildlife haven along the River Sowe at the back of Russell's. Well worth a visit and Tim has been posting some wonderful photos and interesting information about the residents (of the wildlife haven, not the village!) on Facebook. Given the destruction of our greenbelt by developers aided and abetted by WDC, we all need to do what we can to protect wildlife in our part of Warwickshire.

**Our Garden** This year's stand out autumn crop is the 12 big yellow butternut squashes. Just like the ones you buy in the shops but no food miles. Apparently I should harvest them soon, leave a good long stalk on them, let the skins harden in the greenhouse and then they should keep for up to 4 months in the garage with plenty air round them.

**Christmas Dinner** More in hope than expectation we've booked this for 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**Subs** Membership in 2020 will remain at £10 plus £1 per meeting for members or £3 per meeting for visitors. The Committee will consider a reduction in 2021 if we have sufficient funds.

Date	Speaker	Topic
23/11/20	Robert Taylor	BG biennial Quiz

For more information call Anne or Robert Taylor on 02476301104 or e-mail [anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk](mailto:anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk)

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