

**Please Note –
information in
the Newsletter was correct at
the
time of editing on
24th October**

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 24.10.20)

Village Activities

N.B. Only a few groups are meeting, 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

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
Churchwarden: Dawn Richardson 024 76302667

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

St John the Baptist Church



The Church is open for worship on Sundays at 10am. Please come and join us. Social distancing must be observed and face coverings are required, but we will be very pleased to see you and you will receive a warm welcome.

The annual Remembrance service will take place this year on 8 November at 10.30am. Because of Covid restrictions, seats in church are limited, but, so long as social distancing is observed, there is no restriction on numbers for the ceremony outside at the War Memorial at 11am.

Services: November 2020

N.B. These are the services that we hope to hold, but owing to the Covid crisis, some may have to be changed, cancelled or take place via Zoom. Please see our weekly email updates, or phone/email the Rector (024 7630 1283 / dandfwintle@gmail.com) to find out the current situation.

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| November 1 All Saints' Day | 10.00 am Village Service |
| November 8 Remembrance Sunday | 10.30am Service of Remembrance. |
| November 15 | 10.00 am Holy Communion. |
| November 22 Christ the King | 10.00 am Holy Communion. |
| November 29 Advent Sunday | 10.00 am United Benefice Service at Baginton |

Thought for the Month: A Parable: The Carpenter

Once upon a time there were two brothers called Jack and Jim. They were both farmers, and their 2 farms were conveniently next to each other.

Convenient because Jack and Jim were always on hand to help each other out. They shared the expensive machinery, such as combines, and helped each other out with the work at haymaking and harvest, and at other times too. The winter that Jack fell on the icy yard and broke his leg, Jim took over the shepherding, the milking and all the jobs that needed doing until Jack was on his feet again.

This had gone on for 40 years, when suddenly, their long collaboration fell apart. Jack and Jim fell out. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of not speaking to each other.

One morning there was a knock on Jack's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work" he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could I help you?" "Yes," said Jack. "I do have a job for you. See that farm the other side of the water channel? That's my neighbour, in fact, it's my brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his digger and diverted the river and now there's this deep ditch between us.

Did it to spite me of course, but I'll go one better. See that pile of timber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence – an 8-foot fence – so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

Well, Jack had to go to town on business, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing.



About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge — a bridge stretching from one side of the water course to the other! A fine piece of work handrails and all — and the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming towards it, his

hand outstretched. "It's pretty decent of you to build this bridge after all I've said and done", he said.

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, and shook hands. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other jobs for you to do," said Jack.

"I'd love to stay on," the Carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

Author Unknown

A prayer:

Jesus built bridges between human beings and between humans and God.

Lord, help us to follow Him and to build bridges rather than dig ditches.

Amen

Lucy Price Children's Christmas Party

Due to the current pandemic we will not be holding Christmas parties this year. Lucy Price would still like to give a gift to the children of the village for Christmas.

If you would like your child to be included, please provide their name, age and address to jodiesharp84@yahoo.co.uk

by **20th November 2020** - after this they will not be included.

All children must live in the village, age 0-16

Save the Date and Light Up the District this Christmas

Warwick District Council is encouraging residents to 'light up the district' by switching their Christmas lights on at home this year in tandem with the town centres, in the first ever district-wide virtual switch-on event taking place on Friday 27th November 2020 at 6pm.

Following the cancellation of this year's light switch-on events, Warwick District Council announced last month that a virtual switch-on event would take place instead, providing the opportunity for residents to see the lights switched on in the town centres from home, but also to take part with their neighbours, building on the strong community links forged in the wake of the pandemic this year.

The event will go live on Warwick District Council's Facebook page and YouTube channel simultaneously from 5.45pm on Friday 27th November, with pre-recorded performances by local acts streamed in advance of the lights being switched on at 6pm.

Residents are invited to take part by sharing photos of their own lights at home, as well as sharing photos and memories from past events that will be shown across the day on the Council's social media platforms in the lead up to this event.

In addition, the Council will also be making various colouring-in and activity sheets available for children to download in advance of the day.

Councillor Richard Hales, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Business, said: "We want as many of our residents as possible to join with us in marking the start of the festive season in true Warwick district fashion.

"Though we can't be together, we can still meet virtually to celebrate an unprecedented year in which we have seen our communities come together in the best way to support each other, and I hope to see this community spirit reflected as we see streets light up together.

"Our town centre businesses will still be open throughout the Christmas season, so I would urge everyone to shop local where possible and support them after what has been a difficult year for all of us."

Residents are advised to follow Warwick District Council's social media accounts and dedicated web page for more information that will be released between now and the event.

Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,

I hope you are all safe and well.

Parish Clerk and Council

I am now into my 7th year as your Parish Clerk and this is my 60th article for the Newsletter. It has been an unusual year, with virtual meetings, no Annual Assembly, financial audits held by phone or e-mail and numerous routine Council activities suspended. I would like to thank Councillors for their support, thank volunteers for their dedication and thank residents for their patience during these difficult times. It isn't over yet, but we strive to provide as normal a service as possible. I am proud to be part of such a strong community.

Potholes

It has come to our attention that some residents are marking potholes for repair. Whilst well intentioned, this is counterproductive. The repairs are never added to the WCC repair schedule and other residents do not report it as it is already marked up and they assume it has been reported. Please report potholes through the correct channels. If you mark them yourselves, they will never be fixed.

Darker Nights and Frosty Mornings

When the clocks changed at the end of October, with the darker evenings you may start to notice that not all street lights are working. You can report them yourself to Warwick District Council on 01926 736548 or let me know the column number and location so I can report it for you.

With regards to frosty or snowy mornings, there are a number grit bins around Baginton. Feel free to use these to improve road and pavement safety, as necessary. If they run low of grit, either call the refill number on the bin or let me know and I will arrange for a refill.

Parish Council Accounts

As mentioned previously, the accounts were audited remotely due to COVID restrictions. Everything has now been approved without any anomalies. I would like to thank our internal auditor for his flexibility in dealing with this unusual situation.

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

24-hour phone line 07817 054346

at the address below:

<https://www.segro.com/property-search/estates/united-kingdom/national/coventry>

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

The next meeting is scheduled for 5th November from 7:30pm and will again be held virtually.

The agenda will be added to our website by 1st November.

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 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 – November 2020

The last day of opening for this Season will be Saturday 31st October, which is also our Halloween Event. This year the grounds will be open from 10.30am -7pm (last entry 7pm). The format will be slightly different from last year. We will not be able to have any games, but we will be having trick or treat. There will be goodies for the children and for the adults we will be serving soup.

The castle will be lit up from 3pm and pumpkins will be lit up along the pathway to the castle and other surprises will pop up along the way down to the castle.

We will be closed to the public until we open our gates again next year on Friday 2nd April 2021, which will be Easter weekend. Hopefully we will be holding our Easter Egg Hunt for the children during the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Fingers crossed we hope 2021 will be a better year for us all.

During our closure, my dedicated volunteers will be helping with essential maintenance to the site to keep it safe for all to visit.

We have two major projects for next year. The first one is the partial rebuilding of the summer house/gazebo and we will be continuing our fundraising for this. We are well on the way to achieving these funds, as we have £16,500 already donated specifically for this project.

In November this year, we will be replacing the wooden fencing, which has seen better days, along both sides of the pathway leading down to the castle. This fencing will be replaced by metal fencing, like the fencing overlooking the castle that was put in in May this year. We will also be fund raising for the replacement fencing. Should anyone like to donate towards this project, for £100 a metre, or more if you wish, you can have your name put on a plaque saying you contributed to this part of the fencing. If you are interested in this, please let me know as soon as possible, to ensure I get the plaques made when the fencing is installed.

On Friday 16th October we received a further 3 baby kid goats from Adam Henderson's farm, to join our 3 Bagot Goats. We need names for the three new additions and would welcome suggestion of names from you. They must be on the theme of wild flowers. Our present goats are named Bluebell, Snowdrop and Violet. If you would like to put your suggestions into our post box located on the gates to the castle, we will draw three names out at the end of November. The winners will each receive a one-off free entry to the castle for their family. Don't forget to put your contact details on your sheet when suggesting a name.

I would like to say a very big thank you to our volunteers, who have supported me during the year. I would struggle to keep the site open without them. Thank you also to my Trustees for their support, guidance and ideas, which help to keep the castle open for everyone to visit.

A very big thank you also to those of you who have sent us donations, which is very much appreciated.

David Hewer
Custodian

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Baginton Gardeners

My neighbour sees me kneeling down, busy in my garden and asks what I'm doing

"I'm putting all my plants in alphabetical order"

"Really?! I don't know how you find the time!"

"It's right next to the sage"

BG's Summer 2020 Photo Competition

I'm pleased to say there was a late surge of entries so I'm now wrestling with the technology to get all the photos into a file, suitably identified, for the judge, Tony Plowman.

Perennial Kales

I read an article by Alys Fowler in one of last Sunday's Supplements where she was extolling the virtues of heritage varieties of perennial kales, often known as Cottagers Kales. Varieties she grows are Daubenton and Taunton Deane. Like many heritage varieties, they fell from favour because they don't travel well after picking, so are no good for supermarkets etc. They require little attention. You pull leaves as needed for salads (young leaves) or for cooking and they last for a few years. They can be propagated from cuttings. I tried to purchase a plant or two on the internet, but there's not much choice just now. However, I will persevere.

November Flower Jobs according to Gardeners' World.

- Plant tulip bulbs in pots and borders, covering them with at least twice their depth of soil or compost
- Lift dahlia tubers after the first frost, clean them off and store in dry compost in a cool, frost-proof place. (I think this is too much like hard work. I put potted ones in the garage and leave the ones in beds to fend for themselves).
- Plant bare-root hedging, roses, trees and shrubs, before the weather turns really cold
- Clear faded sweet peas, morning glory, thunbergia and other annual climbers from their supports
- Cut down faded perennials that are looking tatty, then mulch the surrounding soil with garden compost
- Plant a Japanese maple in a pot and place in a sheltered spot in semi-shade
- Gather up and bin the fallen leaves of roses affected by blackspot, so they don't carry the disease over to next year

- Move containers of alpine plants under cover to shelter them from winter rain
- Protect plants that are borderline hardy, such as agapanthus, with a thick mulch of straw or garden compost
- Replenish gravel mulch around alpines to keep the foliage clear of damp soil, which can cause rotting
- Put stem protection guards around young trees and shrubs, if rabbits are a problem
- Sow seeds from berry-laden trees and shrubs

November Meeting

We'll have to hold the quiz using Zoom so I don't think we'll be able to play in teams. Therefore, we will have to play as individuals with no conferring within households and of course we'll have to mark our own answers. There will be a steward's enquiry if everybody gets full marks! Prizes will be awarded of course. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Christmas Dinner

It is highly unlikely that we will be able to go ahead with this event at the Baginton Oak on 17th December. Therefore, the Committee have proposed that we use Zoom to meet virtually, view the Photo Competition entries and announce the winners while consuming copious amounts of food, wine, beer, etc. in the comfort of our own homes.

2021 Anne is pulling our 2021 programme together and we're looking forward to a talk on Bonsai from David Cheshire in January. Hopefully we will be able to return to the British Legion for that. The committee are also hoping to have a BG Spring Outing.

| Date | Speaker | Topic |
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| 23/11/20 | Robert Taylor | BG biennial Quiz |
| 17/12/20 | Everyone | Photo comp post mortem |

For more information call Anne or Robert Taylor on 02476301104 or e-mail anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk

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Winter Safety Advice

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 your doors, patios and windows, even when you are at home.

If you have a burglar 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 metres.

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

Beware of vehicles or cyclists with no lights on.

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, blanket/warm clothes & a shovel in car.

Keep your mobile & 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.

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Warwickshire Trading Standards

Green Homes Grant

The Government has launched its 'Green Homes Grant' created to improve the energy efficiency of homes and boost the economy.

Only approved and checked traders can carry out the work agreed through the grant scheme. However, Trading Standards are concerned that rogue traders may attempt to exploit the scheme.

Warwickshire Trading Standards wants to ensure that Warwickshire residents wishing to take advantage of the scheme, access the home improvements voucher in the correct way.

1. Say no to cold callers.
2. Apply for a voucher first, not all improvements are in the scheme
3. Don't be rushed in to making a quick decision
4. For full scheme details, including help to find a trustworthy installer, visit: <https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-grant>

Don't fund fraudsters, do your homework, and support good traders.

Bogus Texts

Warwickshire residents are reporting bogus texts, some that appear amongst genuine threads of texts from banks, other service providers or retailers.

One Warwickshire resident reported receiving a bogus text from the Halifax bank stating that his online account would be cancelled if he didn't log in to it via a link in the text.

Another reported receiving a scam O₂ text stating that 'we were unable to process your latest payment' and requesting the recipient 'login in and update your information' to 'avoid late fees'. Again, a bogus link was provided.

A third said she had received a bogus PayPal text stating that her 'billing address needs to be updated' and that therefore her account had been placed temporarily on hold. To 'resolve' the matter, again, she was directed to a scam web page via a link.

Most of these scam texts contain a link that directs the recipients to a fake login page from which usernames and passwords can be stolen. Never log into a web account via a link in an email. Always log in via the company official website or app.

Baginton Village Store and Post Office Staff Vacancy

A part time position has arisen for a Retail Assistant to work approximately 16-20 hours a week (including a half day every third Saturday). Dependent upon the applicant, there is an opportunity to work some shifts within the Post Office following full training (subject to CRB clearance).

The position is customer facing and requires the ability to deal with various types of financial transaction, so you will need to be numerate and methodical with good attention to detail and be willing to learn.

The role includes the preparation of hot and cold food and an understanding of hygiene is required. A level 2 hygiene certificate would be a distinct advantage, but not essential as training will be provided. The relevant qualification must be achieved within the first 6 months of employment.

An understanding of windows based systems and the internet would also be an advantage.

Further details and application forms are available in the store at Baginton Store, 1-2 Market Corner, Coventry Road, Baginton CV8 3AA or contact us on 02476 304961 or e-mail sales@baginton-store.co.uk

Test and Trace Payments Available to Those Told to Self-Isolate

Warwick District Council will be providing payments to those unable to work from home who have been told to self-isolate through NHS Test and Trace.

From Monday 12th October Test and Trace payments of £500 have been available to those who meet the eligibility criteria and have been told to self-isolate on or after 28th September 2020, either because they have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

To be eligible for payment, applicants will need to demonstrate that they:

- have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, with a valid notification.
- **are** employed or self-employed;
- are **unable** to work from home and will lose income as a result; **and**
- are currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.

Applications for financial support must be made to WDC as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days after the period of self-isolation has ended. Others in the same household are able to apply, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

A discretionary payment scheme is also being developed for those on a low income unable to work from home who do not receive one of the qualifying benefits.

For further information and to complete an application form, visit the Warwick District Council website at www.warwickdc.gov.uk and search for Test and trace support

The scheme will end on 31st January 2021



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 3rd 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 20th 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

Thank You

Just a short note to say a big thank you to Ann and Walter of Baginton Village Stores. The shop is always well stocked and you can find anything you require.

We are so lucky in having a Post Office and stores in our village. So many village stores have closed, so we hope our stores will stay. Thank you Ann and Walter. It is very much appreciated.

Jennie and Gordon Liggins and Family

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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

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The next Newsletter is a double issue covering December and January so don't forget to send information for both months. The copy date for the December/January Newsletter is Tuesday 17th November. Copy should be sent to 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)