

February 2021 Newsletter

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

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 24.01.21)

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

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

Reporting Incidents / Crime

Warwickshire Police have made the following request to residents reporting incidents/crime: -

“A number of key community representatives continue to report incidents directly to individual officers and/or their local Safer Neighbourhood Team. Whilst we do not want to discourage persons reporting incidents/crime, this is not the appropriate method of reporting. We request that persons stop reporting incidents/crime directly to individual officers and/or their local Safer Neighbourhood Team as this can cause a significant delay in incidents receiving an appropriate/timely response.

“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.

“Do not report incidents/crime via telephone/email to your local SNT/individual officers. Do not report incidents/crime via social media. Please report via 101, online or 999!”

Alternatively, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111

Report online

- Non-emergency offences
- Anti-social behaviour
- Identity theft, scams and fraud



www.warwickshire.police.uk



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St John the Baptist Church

At the moment, the Church is open for public 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.

Services: February 2021

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.

February 7 The Second Sunday before Lent	10.00 am Village Service
February 14 The Sunday next before Lent	10.00am Holy Communion
February 21 The First Sunday of Lent	10.00 am Holy Communion
February 28 The Second Sunday of Lent	10.00 am Holy Communion
March 7 The Third Sunday of Lent	10.00 am Village Service

A Message from the Rector, the Revd. David Wintle

I'm writing this on 12th January and I am aware that it's very difficult to know in these uncertain times what to say to people when one has to say it two or three weeks before it appears in print: I sent a cautiously optimistic letter to some parishioners just before Christmas, and between posting it and it arriving on peoples' doorsteps the new variant of Covid was announced and what I had written was out of date. I don't even know whether the churches will be open or closed by the time you read this.

But then, uncertainty is probably the biggest thing most of us have to cope with right now – except of course for those of us who have been directly affected by the virus. When you end up in the supermarket with people pushing past you and leaning across you and handling all the goods, then fear and resentment and anger well up, partly because you know you're taking a risk, but you just don't know how much of a risk. More people are adopting a look-after-yourself-first attitude. You don't feel you can trust people who aren't in your bubble.

Yet at the beginning of all this, there was a strong community response to the pandemic; we remember clapping the carers, and the people in Italy coming out on to their balconies to sing and play music, and how we felt a sense of shared joy. Yet we soon got weary of that; it began to feel less like something we wanted to do than something we had to do, and anyway, clapping seemed to be not enough somehow. So we ended up not even clapping. Someone tried to rebrand it as “clap for heroes” a week or two ago and it just didn't take off this time around.

It's really difficult to keep it up because we are physically dislocated from each other, but paradoxically that isolation is something which connects us; it's something we all share. Our experience should make us more, not less, aware of how interwoven we are; even though we are not physically close, we are all connected.

Father James Martin, a Jesuit priest and writer from New York, said this almost a year ago: “This virus is no one's fault. We still have the fundamental Christian responsibility to love people and not treat them like dirt. Lots of things have been cancelled by the coronavirus, but love is not one of them.”

Let us pray for all who are sick, and for those who are dying, and for their families and friends, for all the people who have died and for their bereaved friends and relatives, as well as doctors, nurses, caregivers and scientists and all those working hard to combat the disease, for essential workers taking risks every day, for governments and local authorities and their advisors making difficult decisions, and for those whose excessive caution or recklessness frustrate us or frighten us.

Newsletter 2021 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: -

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

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New Coronavirus Test Site

Testing for people without coronavirus symptoms is now available at the Adult and Community Learning site on Pound Lane in Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7RT. The tests are available for booking online by going to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leamington-covid-community-testing-32065805335>

This free service operates between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday and can deliver results in around an hour.

Those using the site will be tested using fast-turnaround lateral flow test kits supplied by NHS Test and Trace.

The test centre is in addition to the testing facilities already running in Water Orton, Nuneaton and Bedworth. The centres, which are being delivered in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Care, Warwickshire County Council, Warwick District Council and a network including volunteers, aims to help work towards returning life to as normal as possible.

The aim of testing people without coronavirus symptoms is to identify undiagnosed cases and stop people unwittingly spreading the virus to other people, including friends, loved ones and work colleagues. By breaking the chain of transmission and picking up those who are asymptomatic, there is the opportunity to reduce the spread of the virus and protect those who are most at risk.

Coronavirus Vaccine Scams

Action Fraud is warning the public to remain vigilant as criminals begin to take advantage of the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine to commit fraud. People have been sent texts claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for the vaccine. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the NHS. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine.

Remember, the vaccine is **free of charge**. At no point will you be asked to pay.

- The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.
- The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking password.
- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up.

If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk

Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.



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- **REMEMBER:** The vaccine is free of charge. If you are asked to pay for the vaccine or asked for your bank account or card details, it is a scam.

Learn more: actionfraud.police.uk/vaccine

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Bagot's Castle – February 2021 Update

December and January have been quiet months at Bagot's Castle. The new metal fencing was completed just before Christmas. Thank you to all who donated towards this project; your support is very much appreciated. We are now in the process of organising the metal plaques with the names of sponsors. We intend to have an open day for all sponsors when we are able to so. You will be able to walk around and see your metal plaque in position on the fence and see for yourself how this fencing enhances the site.

The three baby Bagot's Goats have now settled in. Thank you to all children who suggested names. We have named the goats Buttercup, Cornflower and Primrose. They are growing fast and are friendly and looking forward to the children feeding them, hopefully when we open our gates again this year for the Easter Weekend. We hope we will be able to hold our Easter egg hunt this year; again we will have to wait and see.

My dedicated volunteers have helped on the occasional Saturday over the last two months with tidying up around the site. I would like to thank them.

Last week we had vandals break into the grounds through the boundary fencing with the golf club and Deeley's land. They damaged the fence and broke two of our signs. We managed to repair the fencing ourselves, but we now have the extra cost of getting the signs replaced.

Hopefully I will have better, more positive news from Bagot's Castle in the March issue during these very difficult and strange times.

I would like to wish you all good health and best wishes for 2021 and stay safe.

David Hewer
Custodian – Bagot's Castle



PENSIONERS' AFTERNOON TEA BOX



The Oak is able to offer all of the pensioners in the village of Baginton a free afternoon tea box thanks to Buckingham Group Contracting.

The staff at the Gateway South project have been fundraising through various activities, including cake sales, and wish to donate the proceeds to help provide this event in association with The Oak and their helpers. BGCL staff would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021.

The afternoon tea box will be delivered to your home and will contain a variety of sweet and savoury snacks being made by The Oaks' sister company, Baginton Event Catering.

On **Thursday 25th February from 12.30 pm**, we will deliver your afternoon tea box to enjoy in the comfort of your home.

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

Bookings are required by no later than Thursday 18th February and can be done by any of the following methods:

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

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

Chris, Gayle and Eliza



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Warwickshire Trading Standards - Beware Fake COVID-19 Tests

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning consumers to beware of scammers offering bogus COVID-19 tests and fake 'COVID free' certificates. They are currently investigating a case in which a consumer may have unwittingly paid over £100 to fraudsters for a 'quick-turn-around' COVID-19 test and received a fake 'all-clear' certificate in return.

The tests are being advertised on social media, targeted at individuals who do not have symptoms, but require proof of a negative test result, for example before embarking on a flight or for work purposes.

Consumers requiring private tests normally have to pay for them, at a cost of around £150. The Government maintains updated lists of private providers who meet the government's minimum standards. To find an approved provider, go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing>

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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

Costs are £12 per page per issue or £6 per half page per issue, with 10 issues of the Newsletter a year.

The copy date for the March Newsletter is Monday 15th February. 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)

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Baginton Gardeners

November Meeting

This was our biennial quiz meeting which we had to hold on Zoom of course, but it all worked, and the winners were Brenda and Catherine with Brenda winning the tie break. A lovely houseplant donated by **Russell's** for Brenda and a bottle of bubbles for Catherine.

BG's Summer 2020 Photo Competition

The 35 entries were duly judged online by Tony Plowman and winners were;

Pot	Christine
Border	Yvonne
Shrubs and trees	Jean
Food crop	Mick

The overall winner was Yvonne for her lovely picture featuring her beautiful border set off by a grey slate path.

Many thanks to **Smiths Nursery** for providing all the prizes.

February in the Garden

Sweet Peas - Alys Fowler writes regularly on gardening topics in the Guardian Saturday supplement, "Weekend". If you want to know what sweet peas to sow, how and when (February is OK) then follow this link and all will be revealed
<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2021/jan/16/how-to-grow-sweet-peas>

January 2021 meeting - The Art of Bonsai

David Cheshire, who set up his business on Russell's site in 2019, gave us a fascinating talk via Zoom. He is Chair of the Federation of British Bonsai Societies, has 27 years' experience of Bonsai growing, won dozens of awards for his work and has contributed many times to various RHS show gardens. A real expert in his speciality.
<https://www.davidcheshirebonsai.co.uk/>

Bonsai growing is one of these art and science combinations. It's complex with hundreds of years of history behind it. You can attempt to grow your own from seeds or seedlings if you're prepared to provide ongoing care and have the patience! Alternatively, you can buy one from David. Soil, feeding and watering are crucial. The price tends to depend on the Bonsai's age and variety. David advised that Bonsai need to be kept outside, although they can be brought indoors for short spells.

Currently David's nursery is open from 10am to 4pm from Wednesday to Sunday. In addition to Bonsai David offers Niwaki specimens, which are a lot bigger than Bonsai but like Bonsai are carefully styled as they grow. He has also taken over John Gillies' rare shrubs business at Russell's.

If you want to know more, visit his website or visit him at Russell's and if you want to get involved, he has a range of courses for beginners and enthusiasts.

We hope to organise a member visit to David's nursery later in the year when we get over the current unpleasantness.

Next Meeting

In March we're looking forward to welcoming Tim from Russell's. The scope of his talk is still to be finalised, but we can guarantee it will be interesting. However, it will have to be done via Zoom again.

2021 Membership

Membership remains at £10 for the year and many thanks to those who have already paid and collected their cards from our house. If you wish to join, please come to 32 Mill Hill ASAP or contact us. Remember a membership card entitles you to 10% off all purchases at all the Baginton retail nurseries.

Thanks to Elizabeth for once again printing the cards.

2021 Programme

Anne is pulling our 2021 programme together

Date	Speaker	Topic
22 nd March	Tim Jardine	Wild Life at Russell's
17 th May	Geoff Hodge	Happy Healthy House Plants
19 th July	Lucy Hartley	In Search of a Low Maintenance Border
20 th Sept	tba	
22 nd Nov	tba	GQT

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

WCAVA Rural Capacity Services

WCAVA is operated by Warwick Council offering funding and advice to charities and community groups who support the needs of others. This includes food banks, volunteer mileage cost, charities and much more across our district.



Their new Capacity Officer, Suzanne Collinson, is launching a Community Economic Recovery Fund to help during these difficult times. If you feel you can benefit from this fund, or to find out more details go to www.warwickdc.gov.uk/cerf

Alternatively, a full list of WCAVA funding opportunities is available at www.wcava.org.uk or you can e-mail Suzanne on suzanne@wcava.org.uk

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Baginton Village RBL Club - Your Club Needs You!

We are a facility which the village and wider community cannot afford to lose. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, the club doors have been closed since November and prior to that only open for a limited period with strict restrictions. No bingo, film nights, pool league, darts league, band practice and live music. No Christmas and birthday parties. No VE Day, VJ Day, Remembrance Day celebrations.

Difficult times, but we have still got to pay utility bills, rent, insurance, alarm, general maintenance and other bills until we can reopen the doors. We have had some initial help and grants from the government but nothing recently. There has been a hold up on any new grants; that's if we are eligible. The club is in dire financial straits and we need ideas to raise funds or donations.

We currently have a 50/50 club to raise money, which is drawn monthly - £4 a month per number; 50% prize money, 50% for maintenance of the club. The more people in the draw, the bigger the prize money and more money raised for the club.

Anyone interested in joining the 50/50 club or if you have any ideas about raising funds or donations, please contact any of the club committee or you can contact us via our Facebook page (search for Baginton Village British Legion Club) , by emailing gordontracey4@gmail.com or telephone 02476 301008.

For those of you with donations, large or small, Ann and Walter at Baginton Village Store and Post Office have kindly volunteered to receive the cash and to contact our Treasurer to arrange payment into our bank account. You will be issued with a receipt for any cash donated.

Gordon Tracey, Chairman Baginton Village RBL

Mobile Library Service – Select and Collect

The reduced Mobile Library Service is in operation with the following dates confirmed: -

1st February,
1st March, 29th March,
26th April



Members are being asked to suggest a reading genre and up to four books (chosen by library staff) will be onboard for collection from the bus between 10:25 and 10:40am at Holly Walk.

For more details and to arrange a collection of books phone 01926 851031 or email mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents,
Happy New Year to you all.
Despite restrictions this year, I hope you managed to enjoy the break

Police Activity

Police have been active in Baginton over the Festive Season. Police confirmed that several offenders had been arrested within Baginton on 5th December for drug related offences and others were arrested within the British Legion Club car park a few days later.

If you observe antisocial or suspicious behaviour, please contact the Police directly on 101. Reporting it to the Parish Council the next day is too late. Your timely information about a suspicious incident could help to piece the puzzle together, enabling the Police to keep our community safe.

Antisocial Behaviour Patrols

In light of the issues reported above and other feedback from residents, we have put forward the suggestion for Police to increase their antisocial behaviour patrols in Baginton.

Policing priorities for the next three months are set at the Community Forum meetings and residents have the chance to vote ahead of the next meeting in February.

Visit <https://www.sli.do/> to cast your vote online before 3pm on Saturday 6th February using event code #68979

Police Speed Checks

Police have continued their speed checks along Coventry Road throughout December and January. The fastest speed recorded was 41mph in a 30mph zone. A series of letters have been issued to offenders.

Residents are in the process of setting up a Community Speed Watch Group and Police have confirmed that all 18 who put their name forward have passed the suitability assessment, but COVID restrictions are preventing their training from being started at the moment.

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

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 Parish Council meeting will be held on 4th February 2021.

It is from 7:30pm and will again be held virtually.

The agenda will be advertised on the weekend before the meeting.

If you wish to participate, e-mail the Clerk who will register your request and send you a ZOOM invitation closer to the meeting date.

Phil Clark

Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

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Removal of Communal Recycling Banks

In line with other councils across the UK, Warwick District Council has taken the decision to remove its recycling banks from shopping precincts, supermarket car parks and other such sites from February. This includes removal of the bin from the car park at the British Legion Club in Kimberley Road.



The communal facilities, which include privately operated clothes and textile banks, were installed long before the introduction of household kerbside collections, but in recent years have fallen foul of vandalism, fly-tipping and illegal disposal of commercial waste.

Warwick District's Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Moira-Ann Grainger comments;

“The recycling banks account for less than 1% of the total waste recycled in the district, we therefore feel that this is a sensible and pragmatic decision. Only council tax rated residential properties are eligible for kerbside waste and recycling collections, it is therefore a better use of resources to invest in this service rather than carrying the increasing costs of maintaining facilities which are often subject to abuse.”

Remember, there is no limit to the amount of recycling you can put out for collection. If you don't have any more room in your containers, you can use carrier bags or small tubs – just separate it so that each container only has one type of item in it e.g. glass in one, cardboard in another.

The Council plans to fully remove the recycling banks during the week commencing 22nd February 2021, but will continue to monitor the sites and take enforcement action if there are incidents of fly-tipping.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

The following numbers published by Warwick District Council may prove useful to you in an emergency: -

Police, Fire and Ambulance - In emergency dial 999

Environment Agency - Floodline 0345 988 1188

Western Power - for power failures/emergencies 0800 6783 105

Gas Emergency Service - 0800 111 999

Warwick District Council: -

Dangerous buildings/structures –

01926 456551 (office hours), 01926 339577 (out of hours)

Homelessness - 01926 339577 or 01926 456129

Council housing repair emergencies - 01926 456129

Lifeline service - 01926 339577

Car park emergencies - 01926 314009 or 01926 456128

Warwickshire County Council: -

Highways - 01926 412 515, other emergencies 01926 410 410

Met Office - 0370 900 0100

Canal and River Trust 0800 47 999 47

Severn Trent Water - 0800 783 4444 (out of hours)

Association of British Insurers - 020 7600 3333 (office hours)

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)