

# July/August 2021 Newsletter

## Baginton Walkers

June's walk started from The Admiral Nelson, a canal side pub in Braunston, on a lovely sunny day. Having crossed the canal bridge we walked up a steepish path taking us over the canal and the disused track of the old



LNWR Weedon to Leamington Spa railway line. This was closed to passenger traffic in 1958, removed in 1963 and is now home to a herd of black cattle. Continuing up the lane we passed Home Farm; luckily the cows in the field were completely unconcerned by our walking by!

Crossing the A45 at the top of the hill we walked down along the edge of a wood which gave some much welcomed shade, although the nettles were not kind to those of our group who were wearing shorts! Uphill again, we passed Berryfields Farms and then took a right turn to take us downhill to Miry Bridge over the River Leam. Although at this point it is little more than a drainage ditch rather than the river we are more used to seeing. Another right turn took us uphill following the Leam past fields of blue linseed flowers. At the top we passed quite swiftly under a rather dilapidated bridge of the old Weedon to Leamington railway line once again.

It was then on to the deserted medieval village of Wolfhamcote, which now consists of only St. Peter's Church, the Old Rectory and Wolfhamcote Hall. Further along we passed through the medieval village of Braunstonbury, which could only be seen by the undulations in the fields on either side. We soon reached the canal tow path and had a pleasant walk past Braunston Marina and so returned to The Admiral Nelson for a very tasty lunch on the canalside in the sunshine.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July we will meet at 9.45am the Newbold Comyn Arms , Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa CV32 4EU and on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August we meet at 9.45am at The Kings Head, Warwick Rd Wellesbourne, CV35 9LX which is on the right hand side as you enter Wellesbourne from the A429.

New walkers are always welcome. If you need a lift or more information please phone Brenda Brown 76305509.

# Regular Village Activities

Yoga for the Young at Heart (over 60's & everybody welcome): Village Hall Monday 10am - 11am. Contact Maureen 07507 636623

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

Hatha yoga for all abilities: Village Hall Tuesday 10am -11am. Cost £7.50. Bring a mat and blanket. Contact Jeanette 07754077516 / jeanettehdenyer@gmail.com

Art Group: Village Hall – Tuesday 1.30 – 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: 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

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

Sunpower Yoga - Village Hall  
Friday 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Contact Maureen 07507 636623

Sound Bath & Meditation - Village Hall. Held monthly 7pm-8pm.  
Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>September, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>October, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>November.  
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

# Bagot's Castle – July and August 2021

I am very happy and pleased to say that May/June has seen record numbers of visitors to the castle and I am delighted that more and more people are aware of our beautiful and peaceful site. The bank holidays were extremely busy and it is lovely to see people enjoying our facilities, many returning back weekly.

We received a £2,000 grant at the beginning of May to extend the site with a nature/wildlife walk through the third pond area. We have placed orders for the materials and will start the project at the end of September.

During the school Summer holidays we will open on Wednesdays from 10.30 – 2.30pm starting from **Wednesday 28 July**. Families will be able to take advantage of these extra opening times during the holidays – bring a picnic and the children can do our Bagot's Castle trail or our Nature trails. We also now have a Teddy Bears picnic area for the children to sit amongst the teddy bears and look at story books and enjoy a picnic. Please check our website for openings or call 07796 438711 for information.

Looking ahead to September, we will participate in the Heritage Open Days on 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 September.

During the two heritage weekends we will have a wood carver on site for the one day each weekend. Not able to give the dates at present, but please check our website or notice board on our gates nearer the time.

We will soon be hosting a Virtual Balloon Race, so save the date. Balloons will be on sale from Monday 9 August 2021 and the race will start on Monday 20 September at 12pm and finish on Monday 27 September at 12pm. The winner will be notified by email the following day. Look out for further details which will be posted on our website under events and at the Visitor Centre at the Castle, where any member of the team will be on hand to assist with buying balloons online.

We are still always looking for volunteers, maybe 6<sup>th</sup> Form teenagers would like to help at the weekends during their summer break. If you are interested please contact us via our website [www.bagotscastle.org.uk](http://www.bagotscastle.org.uk) or pop along any weekend and we will be more than happy to tell you what is involved.

We intend to start work on partial rebuilding of the Summer House/Gazebo next year and in the meantime we will be busy fundraising.

Hope to see all at Bagot's castle during the summer and enjoy the sunshine. Thank you to all volunteers and all who support us.

David Hewer, Custodian - Bagot's Castle

## Mobile Library Service

The regular Mobile Library vehicle will be coming back on the road for customers to visit from the end of June and they are keen to increase numbers of customers at our stop.

The Mobile unit visits Holly Walk in Baginton each month from 09:15 to 09:35am. We are on the "Kenilworth C" route, which will operate on the following dates in 2021: -

30 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> August
1 <sup>st</sup> September	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> October
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November	15 <sup>th</sup> December

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# St John the Baptist Church

## Services for July

July 4 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am Village Service
July 11 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Holy Communion
July 18 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am Holy Communion
July 25 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am Holy Communion

## Services for August

August 1 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am Village Service
August 8 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am Holy Communion
August 15 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity The Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am Holy Communion
August 22 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am Holy Communion

## Thought for the Month

*Welsh Rugby coach Chris Llewellyn shares his thoughts on that most familiar of all prayers: The Lord's Prayer.*

"Even before I was a follower of Jesus, I would rattle off the Lord's Prayer. At our school assemblies, the sound could be described as 'reluctant unison'. There was a sleepy and contented cadence to it, which perfectly matched my 9am energy levels.

I liked that it was brief and to-the-point, unlike the improvised prayers at the church my parents attended, which seemed to go on forever.

I still have a lot of fondness for the Lord's Prayer, but I also find it immensely challenging.

*"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done..."*

When I pray 'off-script' I usually wind up praying the exact opposite: "My will be done." "Please, Lord, do what I want..."

The Lord's Prayer is rightly named – it is our opportunity to pray the Lord's desires into being; to surrender our own prayer in favour of his better one.

*"Give us this day our daily bread..."*



All my life I have been privileged to gloss over this line as my bread bin has overflowed with starchy carbs. I have prayed for God to provide, but in the back of my mind I thought I could provide for myself.

*“Forgive us our trespasses...”*

This line offends me every time. But I think it's meant to be offensive. Jesus' prayer doesn't give space to defend or explain away my selfish behaviour. It certainly doesn't allow room for passing the buck, for blaming someone else.

It just assumes that I've messed up. And that assumption is always hurtful...and accurate.

*“...as we forgive those who trespass against us...”*

If facing up to my own sin is hard, being asked to forgive those who have sinned against me is even harder. What's especially provocative is the sense in which receiving forgiveness is seemingly conditional upon and weighted against my own ability to forgive. Grace is famously free, but it's not cheap.

*“...yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory...”*

I didn't accidentally stumble into a career in which I quite literally stand in the spotlight: I love it there. And I'm aware that this is a character flaw (one of the aforementioned trespasses) but I *really* enjoy the glory. This portion of the prayer is crucial reorientation. A reminder that I'm never supposed to be the main attraction but rather a signpost.

I'm glad that the Lord's Prayer no longer easily rolls off the tongue. As every rugby coach I've ever had has reminded me: “It's in the challenge that we are changed.”

So, when this prayer seems to ask too much of me, or forces me to confront a harsh reality, I say “bring it on”.

Or, if you prefer the Hebrew version: “Amen.”

## Tailpiece

We hope that we shall soon be allowed to have singing and music in our churches again...



A good lively tune, and Melissa was in her element

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# 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](http://www.samaritans.org) or call 116 123 (lines open 24/7)
- **Calm** - [www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net) or call 0800 585858 (5pm until midnight 365 days a year)
- **Mind** - [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) or call 0300 1233393 (9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)

## Yoga Classes

Several new yoga classes are starting at the village hall: -

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## Newsletter Delivery

We are looking for people to help to deliver the Newsletter. There are only 10 issues a year and the village is split up into small areas to ensure that it is not too onerous a task for anyone. We desperately need volunteers to help deliver to Mill Hill, Bromleigh Villas and Stoneleigh Road smallholdings.

If you are willing to help, then please contact Della

Thomas by emailing [baginton.vh@gmail.com](mailto:baginton.vh@gmail.com) or phone 07784 182904.

Thank you





# Baginton Parish Council

Dear Residents, I hope you are all well.

## **New Roads Open in Baginton**

The new bridge over the A45 along with its associated slip roads opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Unlike the narrow, winding roads with speed restrictions in Baginton, the new road (Firefly Road in case you didn't know) offers a wide and fast flowing 40mph alternative. Given time, we hope that many who use Baginton as a rat run or pass through Baginton as a short cut will realise the new road system offers a faster and less congested option.

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

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

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".

## **Parish Council Accounts**

The Parish Council accounts for 2020/2021 have been completed, along with the Annual Return. Both are available on the Village website for you to examine.

It is a statutory requirement for these items to be made available for public examination. If you wish, you are entitled to meet with our Responsible Financial Officer to discuss any matters arising from the accounts. Details of when our Financial Officer is available to discuss the accounts have been mounted on the notice board and website, but any reasonable time will be accommodated. The period of inspection will run for 30 working days, starting on 28<sup>th</sup> June and running until 6<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled to be held at the Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. However, due to the delay in the easing of restrictions full Social Distancing rules will still be in place and since virtual meetings are now illegal, unless legislation changes, the July meeting will be cancelled.

There is no meeting in August, so the following meeting will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Phil Clark

Clerk to Baginton Parish Council.

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# The Baginton Club

Just to let you all know that the Club is now open again after lockdown.

Everyone is welcome to pop in for a social drink, or to play snooker, pool, or darts. We're a really friendly bunch, always happy to see new faces...and the old ones of course.

Our opening hours are: -

Monday – 7pm – 11pm

Tuesday – 7pm – 10pm

Wednesday – 7pm – 11pm

Thursday – Currently closed, quiz nights starting soon

Friday – 5pm – 11pm

Saturday – 6pm – 11pm

Sunday – Closed at present

(Hours may change for sporting events and special occasions)

Hope to see you all soon

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# Baginton Gardeners

Last month I tried to summarise Geoff Hodge's advice on house plants. Since then, I came across this which may be of interest. It's addressed to "terrible gardeners" so clearly it's more for friends and family than Baginton Gardener members!!

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2021/may/24/forget-green-fingers-readers-on-12-hardy-house-plants-for-terrible-gardeners>

**Peat free compost** I'm trying to eliminate peated compost from my gardening but as many will know – it's not as easy as Monty Don makes it sound. The Government said peat would be banned from use in compost for gardeners by 2020, but it now looks as if that date has drifted to 2024. However, for future generations we must succeed. Peat bogs are a significant carbon sink, but they are 12000 years in the making. Skim off a 20cm layer for our compost for 1 year's production and that's 100 years of peat creation gone. Peat bogs support a range of plants and animals not found anywhere else. Some are designated SSSI's for that reason, but many are not 'cos "where there's muck there's money". Peat bogs also play a significant role in flood prevention and there's going to be more of that in future.

60% of peat used in the UK is bought by gardeners and if a multi-purpose compost is not identified as peat free it is probably 70% peat. Organic does not equal peat free. Happily, there seems to be a slight shortage of peat free compost in the UK this year, which may mean more gardeners are buying more of it for all the reasons (and a few more) outlined above. If we keep asking our suppliers to provide peat free then it will become more widely available.

In previous years, some people have had 'bad experiences' with peat free, but we're learning and quality is improving all the time.

There's plenty on the internet about why peat free is the way to go, what works and how to use it. We might as well get used to it because peat in garden compost will be banned soon so if you haven't already given it a try then have a go.

**Visit to Russell's riverside wildlife area** I'm writing this in the middle of June and this visit, scheduled for the **evening of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**, is still at the planning stages with Tim Jardine. We will send out details as soon as we can, but save the date if you can.

**St. John the Baptist Church flower Festival** This was due to take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June. We hope it was a great success and many thanks to anyone who contributed plants for sale to raise funds for our lovely Church.

**2021 Membership** Membership remains at £10 for the year. At time of writing, we have 44 members which is the highest number we've had since we started in 2012. If you wish to join us please come to 32 Mill Hill ASAP or contact us (see below). Remember a membership card entitles you to 10% off qualifying gardening purchases at all the Baginton retail nurseries.

**July meeting** We hope we can hold this meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July with Lucy Hartley at the British Legion rather than on Zoom, but it's like pudding – wait and see. We'll let you know nearer the time.

### **2021 Programme**

Date	Speaker	Topic
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Lucy Hartley	In Search of a Low Maintenance Border
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Darren Rudge	Tea bags, bras and tights: household items that make gardening more cost effective; top tips and some trivia thrown in for free!!
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		GQT

For more information call Anne or Robert Taylor on 02476 301104 or e-mail [anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk](mailto:anne@taylorhousehold.f9.co.uk)

## **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)  
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 September Newsletter is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. 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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# 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

## Report online

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



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# Warwickshire County Council - Trading Standards

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said: - "In 2019-20, UK fraud victims reported losing over £2.3bn to scams. These ranged from bogus investments to romance and computer 'fix' scams. This year we've seen many COVID related frauds as well. Fraudsters are very clever and are quick to take advantage of new technology and national and global situations, such as the pandemic.

It almost feels like there is a different scam for every day of the year, but whilst scams come and go, the underlying reasons we fall for them doesn't change. Recognising these can help us all avoid becoming scam victims."

## **Don't be hasty!**

Scammers will try to scare you in to making a hasty decision, for example by suggesting that your bank account is about to be emptied or your NHS number has been 'suspended'.

Don't make a hurried decision. Take five minutes to think about what you are being asked to do. Talk to friends and family members before you act. If you think an approach is genuine, contact the business or organisation via a published telephone number or email address. Be very wary if you are asked to transfer money to a 'safe' account or pay by bank transfer or with gift cards or vouchers.

## **Danger comes in many forms!**

Fraudsters masquerading as banks and other organisations need to appear plausible. The more they know about you, the more genuine they can appear. Avoid sharing sensitive personal or financial information on social media or in marketing related questionnaires, surveys and "prize draw" forms. Shred confidential information and protect your computer from viruses.

## **What are the chances?**

Fraudsters are bombarding UK residents 24/7, hoping that one of their scams resonates. Many residents and businesses have fallen for email scams because they were expecting a genuine email at that very moment. Others have lost out because they were searching for a website to renew documentation (such as a driving licence), just as a scam website popped up on the screen.

Even if you receive a communication that you are expecting, double check it first, especially if it involves the transfer of money. If you need to renew



any government document, begin your search on the official government website <https://www.gov.uk/>

### **Pulling at our heart strings!**

Fraudsters can be very convincing, often using emotive language and stories to manipulate people. From romance fraud to bogus puppy sales, fraudsters want to target us with scams that we just can't say no to. Don't be rushed, take things slowly and trust your instincts.

### **Sounds too good to be true!**

Fraudsters will often try to tempt us with scams that later appeared too good to be true. Financial frauds including bogus crypto currency investment 'opportunities' fall in to this category as do scam retail websites that tempt us with hard to find products such as PS5's.

It can be easy to act hastily for fear of losing out, but the best way of avoiding these sorts of scams is to thoroughly research your investment or buying opportunity first. Read the reviews and find out what other people are saying. Don't trust a single email or phone call.

### **What can I do if I've already been scammed?**

1. **Protect yourself from further risks.** Contact your bank immediately, change any compromised passwords and virus check your computer.
2. **Check if you can get your money back.** Depending on how you paid the scammer, you might be able to get your money back. Speak to your bank.
3. **Report the scam.** This helps authorities stop the criminals and protects others from being scammed. Anyone who has been scammed should report the scam to:
  - Citizens Advice consumer service on 0808 223 1133
  - Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

Action Fraud will provide you with a crime reference number, which can be helpful if you need to tell your bank you've been scammed. It's also important to talk about your experiences with family and friends. By letting them know what's happened they can be prepared, and together we can put a stop to scams.