



HER MAJESTY'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Brizlincote Parish Council echo the sentiments of the country in grieving for the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We look forward to joining you for the Coronation of King Charles III Saturday 6th May 2023.

During the summer Brizlincote were delighted to be part of the celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Its was lovely to see and be part of all the individual and street parties and to join with residents at the Queen's Green Canopy Tree on Beaufort Road to commemorate the event. The tree is part of the living legacy of over a million trees planted in Her Majesty's name as part of Climate Change initiatives and was logged with the Woodland Trust for their Canopy map.

Thank you to Tesco Express, Beaufort Road and the Co-Op in Woods Lane for their contribution towards the "tuck shop" giveaways at our event.

THE BRIZLINCOTE BROOCH

The area known as Brizlincote and our immediate surroundings are known to have been a part of Anglo-Saxon settlements in the area between the 6-7th centuries. In 1850 a bronze brooch, along with some human remains was found by Mr Robert Thornewell in the area near to Brizlincote Hall. The brooch was dated to the seventh century and measures 15 cm x 8 cm. The design is similar to a crucifix but has two pairs of horizontal arms which are spaced towards each end of the vertical pin. In the centre of the gilded cross was a large garnet. Similar brooches were known to be attached to cloaks to hold them in place. The existence of Pagan Anglo-Saxon Burial grounds has been identified locally and supports the above theory.

TIME CAPSULE

The Brizlincote Time Capsule contains some of our residents' experiences during the 2 years of Lockdown as well as entries from the East Side Arts Competition during the same period. This has now been interned within the Parish and we hope that residents lock forward to opening it in 50 years' time.

STAPENHILL SCOUTS

Stapenhill Scouts offer lots of activities for lots of age ranges.
www.stapenhillscouts.co.uk




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- East Side Arts Event
- Festive lights at the tree
- Speed watch
- Staffordshire police support
- Brizlincote Brooch



CHAIRS MESSAGE Whilst we have enjoyed a beautiful summer this year it is universally recognised that Climate Change is affecting us all as we experienced an extremely hot and dry few weeks. The majority of gardens, allotments, trees, green spaces, and wildflowers were adversely affected. Our Climate Change Mitigation working party have included a few observations throughout the newsletter which may be of interest and in return we invite you to share any specific tips which could help your neighbours and other residents. Look out for the  Thanks to many of our residents, Brizlincote W.I. and Parish Councillors who have been caring for flower beds, planters, troughs, planting bulbs, and the newly planted trees. A mention too for ESBC Open Spaces for additional watering during this hot spell.

Brizlincote in Bloom 2023 will focus on how we adapt our gardens to reflect the challenges that Climate Change will bring and also how we can improve our gardens to encourage local wildlife and broaden value-of-nature planting to increase biodiversity.

Following on from planting additional fruit trees in the Community Orchard we continue to work towards improving this area. In the coming year we hope residents will be able to freely pick a variety of apples and pears whilst enjoying an improved picnic area from where there are amazing views over Brizlincote.

The East Side Arts Event has been taking place during the autumn term and local schools were invited to showcase their Pupil's Art in relation to how we can help at local level to help with mitigation of Climate Change effects.

We have recently said goodbye to Karen Hyde who had been with us as a Brizlincote Councillor since early in 2018. During that time Karen has been a valued councillor actively participating in several of our working groups including the introduction of the Defibrillator at Tesco Express, The Business Plan, Jubilee decorations and as publisher of the Brizlincote Newsletter. We wish Karen all the best in her future ventures.

Congratulations and welcome to Andy Mason who has joined the Parish Council taking up the vacancy. Our councillors look forward to working with Andy on your behalf.

With the onset of Christmas, we aim to hold a festive event in November at the Queen's Green Canopy Tree on Beaufort Road Green. The Parish Council would like to thank the Councillor Community Fund through Cllr Bernard Peters for their contribution towards the Christmas Tree Lights.

Further details are to be found later in the newsletter—please also check our Notice Boards and facebook at <http://brizlincote-pc.org.uk>

Think about adding thermal curtains to save heat loss through your windows

Finally, we encourage residents to report anything deemed as suspicious or criminal behaviour to Staffordshire Police by phoning 999 in an emergency and by phoning 101 or reporting online if less urgent or if you have an area of concern. By doing so we not only enable the police to react, but we also help to build a picture of local concerns.



FAMILY NATURE WALK AT THE HOLLOWES

It was great to see so many people enjoying the new additions at the Hollowes- picnic tables made good use of and children playing while others walked dogs, jogged, and soaked up the sunshine !

In order that we are able to continue with our efforts to enhance the area we are pleased to advise that we have received a further grant from

Transforming the Trent Valley which will help towards completing the vision of the Family Nature Walk in the Hollowes.

Several surveys have taken place by experts which detail local biodiversity, and we thank the volunteers who took part in these as we build a picture of the flora and fauna which we are lucky enough to have within our Parish.



SAYING GOODBYE TO BARRY

It is with great sadness that we need to advise the death of Barry Marsden.

Barry joined us as a Parish Councillor in 2018. Many of you will have met Barry (who was registered as Severely Sight Impaired) and his much-loved guide dog, Woody, whilst they were taking their daily exercise. Barry was a valued councillor and worked to highlight the problems with access for disabled people locally and to draw attention to Disability Rights. Barry was a member of Rolls Royce Brass Band with whom he had played with the brass band for over 35 years and was the inspiration for the East Side Music Event which Brizlincote Parish Council hosted earlier this year. We offer our condolences to Barry's family and friends.

FESTIVE LIGHTS AT THE TREE

Brizlincote Parish Council invite you to join us for Carols , Music and Mince Pies at the Queen's Green Canopy Tree, Beaufort Road Open Space, on Saturday 19th November commencing at 3.30 pm.

Participating local schools from the Brizlincote Music Event earlier in the year will lead us in festive songs just before we switch on the Christmas lights.

Come along with your family and friends and help us to celebrate Christmas 2022 as a community !

(in case of extreme weather conditions, the event will be cancelled – please check our Facebook page on the day or call 07540 600111 if you would like to confirm).



**Turning off lights
in unoccupied
rooms can save
you £'s**



INTRODUCING OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Andy Mason was born in London moving to Burton upon Trent in 1986 and has lived in Brizlincote since 1987.

His working life has been almost entirely in the public sector with The MOD, Metropolitan and Staffordshire Police before ESBC who he left in June 2018. Andy is a volunteer driver for the NHS.

He has always had an interest in working with communities be it as a Police Officer or Local Government Officer as well as being involved with mental health and domestic abuse charities.

The parish council is blessed with a variety of green spaces which provide benefits to residents and people in the surrounding areas. As a Parish Councillor he intends to contribute towards sustaining and possibly improving them and hold to account those who make decisions that affect the Parish.



EAST SIDE ARTS EVENT

Brizlincote Parish Council is pleased to announce that the East Side Arts Event has been running in local schools again this term. This year, pupils have been invited to submit artwork following the topic "The effects and mitigation of Climate Change". Shortlisted entries are to be exhibited in Burton Library from 14th to 28th November and will culminate in a judge selecting 12 pieces of artwork to produce a 2023 calendar on Saturday, 26th November, 2022. The calendar will be available to download on our website soon. We look forward to sharing details of the selected entries in our Spring 2023 newsletter.



BOROUGH CLLR. BERNARD PETERS

Residents of Brizlincote have been subject to a number of vehicle related incidents. Doorbell videos of vehicle interference have been posted on Facebook. Everyone needs to ensure vehicles and property are locked and secured safely. The local police have been made aware of the many reports I have received and want residents to advise them of incidents. The Police have been requested to increase their visibility across Brizlincote.

NORTH STAPENHILL ALLOTMENTS

North Stapenhill Allotments enjoyed an extremely busy Summer Fayre & Open Day in July when the allotment gates were open to the general public.

Hundreds of local people attended and £2,000 was raised for St Giles Hospice & a local food bank, and the association would like to thank the generosity of those that attended.

If you'd like to get your hands in the soil and grow your own fresh veg, then please drop an email to nsallotment@outlook.com with your contact details and we'll add you to our waiting list.

Switching off
appliances could
save around
£25 pa.

THE FRIENDS OF SCALPCLIFFE WOODS

Over the Summer we have been able to investigate bats in the woodland. We were fortunate to welcome a bat ecologist who confirmed, during the evening walk through the woodland, that we have at least 3 types: Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle and Noctule bats.

We invited 16th Burton Cubs and Beavers to help build the bug hotel located near the Stapenhill Rd entrance and we are checking to see what 'bugs' move in! Visitors to the woods may have noticed that some of the ivy on trees is dying. This is the result of work by The Friends to reduce the risk of more trees falling in windy weather due to excess ivy foliage. There remains an abundance of ivy which continues to provide shelter and food for the wildlife.

This Autumn we have a few more trees to plant and plan to construct more steps once the ground becomes more workable after the Summer drought. We would welcome new members to help with this. Please contact the secretary at foswde15@gmail.com



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Can you volunteer?

We have a large number of concerns from residents regarding speeding traffic along Stapenhill Road, Woods Lane, and within the Valley area.

Can you do your bit and consider volunteering to help the Speedwatch Group? Training is provided by Staffordshire Police Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership.

If you'd like to know more about the scheme in our area or would like to volunteer please email the Parish Clerk clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or csw@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

30 for a reason!

Brizlincote Parish Council

FRAUD AND SCAMS—Beware, be aware!

Please continue to be aware of other ongoing scams and bogus officials, either by phone or people calling at your address. Calls claiming to be from HMRC, electricity, telephone, internet, water, gas board etc.



Turn your central heating thermostat down by 1°C.

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Energy Price Guarantee

From 1st October, a new 'Energy Price Guarantee' will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas for UK households. This is automatic and applies to all households. Beware of scams – there is no need to apply and you will never be asked for bank details. This is in addition to the £400 energy bills discount for all households.

Staffordshire Warmer Homes Scheme

Staffordshire Warmer Homes is a scheme East Staffordshire Borough Council is running in partnership with Staffordshire County Council and other district and borough councils. The overall goal is to combat fuel poverty across the county and help residents to heat their homes for less using greener and more energy efficient solutions. Please check their websites for more information.

Local Warmer Public Community Spaces


The East Staffordshire Borough Council is in the process of identifying a number of warmer spaces (called Local Warmer Public Community Spaces) in community based locations across the borough. A grant will be made available to relevant organisations to help facilitate these 'Warmer Spaces'. Residents will be able to attend the warm space free of charge and be able to have a warm drink whilst at the venue. The period the grant for the 'Warmer Space' is expected to cover will be from November 2022 to March 31st 2023. The grant is expected to support the venue in covering any additional heating costs as well as the provision of hot drinks such as tea or coffee as previously described. As the scheme comes to fruition, the council will provide venue information on its website, social media accounts.

Cost of Living Payment

Households on means tested benefits, including Universal Credit, Pension Credit and Tax Credits, will receive a payment of £650 this year. This will be made automatically in two instalments, a £326 was made in summer and another £324 payment will be made by DWP to eligible customers between 8 and 23 November, with HMRC making payments to eligible tax credit-only customers shortly after. This is in addition to the £400 discount on energy bills.

Local food banks

There are a number of local food banks cross the borough and other nearby areas. Please check our website for more information.



Reduce the temperature at which you wash your clothes

Accessing leisure, sport and activity

Everyone Active offer a number of complimentary memberships and discounts for a number of different groups within the area including a leisure Pass discount to eligible leisure centre users with low incomes.

Meadowside Leisure Centre has introduced an Active Ants sessions for young children, featuring an educational reading corner (at a discounted rate) within the Soft Play area.

SEN children and parents receive reduced prices for Clip 'n Climb and soft play on Fridays, as Everyone Active continue to honour sessions as a legacy of the Inspire Funding, which is no longer available.

Free after 3 Car Parking

The "free after 3" parking scheme offers free parking in the Coopers Square and Burton Place (Lower) car parks in Burton upon Trent and the Maltings car park in Uttoxeter every day after 3pm.

Check if you're eligible for Universal Credit

If you're on low income, out of work or cannot work you may be eligible for Universal Credit. The government has made changes to allow working families to keep more of their money.

Claim Marriage Allowance

Marriage Allowance allows you to transfer 10% (£1,260) of your personal tax allowance to your husband, wife or civil partner if you earn less than the personal tax allowance, which is usually £12,570.

Pension Credit for those on low income

You could get extra money to help with your living costs if you're over State Pension age and on a low income: even if you have savings or own your own home.

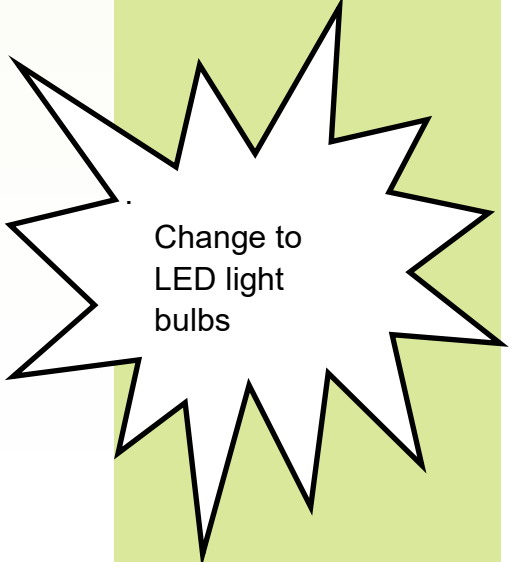
Get help if you cannot pay your tax bill

Contact HMRC as soon as possible if you cannot pay your tax bill. You may be able to pay what you owe in instalments, depending on your circumstances and what you can afford.

Useful telephone numbers:

East Staffordshire borough council: 01283 508000

Meadowside: 01283 372960



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bulbs

BRIZLINCOTE IN BLOOM

As it was the Queens Platinum Jubilee this year, we decided to join in the celebrations by using the country's colours of red, white, and blue, along with the silver and purple designated colours of the Platinum Jubilee theme. There were fantastic entries and the judging was carried out in July. The winner was Rider House residents who worked on growing from seed for the planting of tubs and hanging baskets. The 'show piece' at the front of the property featured the jewels in the Crown. These glittered in the sun were made by the residents. Rider House will keep the cup presented to them for their outstanding contribution in honour of our Queen's 70 years' service.



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Do you have a project which needs sponsorship?



Brizlincote Parish Council has a small budget to assist non-profit making community organisations located or operating in Brizlincote who exist for the benefit of local residents.

Any constituted group, club or society wishing to apply for grant aid must make a written application using the Council's Grant Application Form. One off events will not be supported. The application form can be obtained from the parish clerk.

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 compliments, comments**



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**Brizlincote Parish Council meetings
 are held on the third
 Thursday of each month.**

**Meetings are held at The Glebe,
 starting at 7pm.**

**Please check our website for
 any changes.**

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