



Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter

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The Chair's Message

Brighter days, lighter evenings, colourful and scented gardens, green spaces, singing birds- signs of Spring and early Summer are all around us. Not for the first time during the past year do we recognise how lucky we are to live in a location which offers local amenities but also is close to easily accessed walks and countryside.

Needless to say, we all welcome the easing of Covid restrictions but recognise the importance of the vigilance required in order to move forward from the difficulties we have been living with. Please stay safe.

Brizlincote Parish Council continue in our efforts to enhance our locality; we aim to encourage positive community participation and welcome your constructive ideas regarding the events which we host - more details of these inside this Newsletter.

We are pleased to advise that we have been delighted to help with funding towards projects undertaken by Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods and also Stapenhill Bowls Club as both groups offer opportunities for interest and exercise to local residents.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and Website (www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk) for details as future projects come into fruition.

Lynne Campion



Good Neighbour Award

A new initiative to recognise Good Neighbours who go above and beyond to help make life easier for others.

Winners are; **Liz Daykin** who organised a daily street dance and socially distanced street bingo and quizzes which brought the neighbourhood together, lifted their spirits, made them feel better and inspired the entire community.

Anne-Marie Norton created a private Facebook group with a view to enabling community members to exchange food recipes that helped people prepare food for themselves during lock-down. Membership is now circa 3,500K.

Jenny and Barry Hardy helped other households by taking wheely-bins out and bringing them back, shopping, posting letters and paying bills at the Post Office on behalf of their neighbours.

Brizlincote Parish Council presented these special residents with certificates and engraved crystal wine glasses reflecting the occasion and which we hope will serve as a lasting memory

We are hoping to organise a formal presentation ceremony if and when the circumstances allow.

Christmas Lights Extravaganza

The very first Christmas Lights Extravaganza was held in Brizlincote between 1st December and 21st December 2020 and residents did the Parish proud. There were stunning displays in all corners of Brizlincote – it was our aim to co-ordinate the sharing of these wonderful lights especially after such a difficult year and enable the community to share in each others festivities. We had an excellent number of requests to be placed on the interactive map and a very good response from residents in voting for their favourite displays. There was to be a winner and two runners up. Not only were there were very few votes between first prize and runner up but we also had a tie between two further entries so bought an additional plaque. We hope you enjoy the memory of these displays and we look forward to co-ordinating this event again for Christmas 2021 as an additional way to further develop our community.

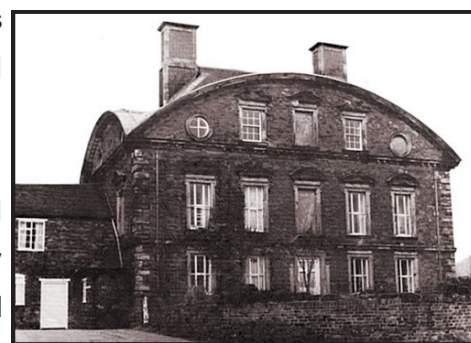


1st prize – crystal effect lit snow scene

Runners up (x3) – wooden LED plaque each

Local History – Brizlincote Hall

Brizlincote has existed since the early 12th century when known as Bersicoate going through various variations of the name until becoming Brizlincote in 1857. Situated between Stanton Road and Ashby road the hall was built in 1712 and has been associated with many local famous families over the years, namely the influential Burton-upon-Trent family the Pagets and owned down the years by various Earls of Chesterfield from the 1st till the 10th finally disposed of it to the Lomas family. In 1986 Joseph F. Lomas owned a racehorse called “Brizlincote”.



The rolling hills of the valley, before development, had been a place of enjoyment for not just Stapenhill residents but also families from across the river in Burton-upon-Trent. Various Sunday Outings would be given permission to spend a few hours enjoying a picnic and games, travelling by pony and trap and then tramcar. Snowfall still to this day brings out dozens of sledges.

The Staffordshire / Derbyshire border runs cross the fields and Brizlincote Hall is officially in Derbyshire. An ancient water course leads down the hills to enter the River Trent next to Stapenhill Church, travelling part of the way along the aptly named Brizlincote Street.

Brizlincote 2020 Covid-19 Time Capsule

"Your place in our local history".

Time capsules have been found from as early as 1874 in the UK with photographs, letters and diaries describing daily events.



With the coronavirus pandemic, we are all living through unprecedented times and an important moment in History. We would like to help future generations learn about this time by developing a time capsule full of as many of our experiences as possible, for example:

- Newspaper articles – not just about the pandemic but amazing achievements such as that of Captain Sir Tom Moore, his Knighthood – articles that mean something to you individually.
- DIY mask-making instructions
- Getting out and about and exploring nature
- New skills acquired— cooking, DIY, learning a new language, writing/being creative or artistic
- Clap for carers
- Voluntary tasks – mask and/or scrubs making as part of a group, shopping for vulnerable neighbours and family
- In fact, anything at all to show what life under lockdown/during the pandemic, has been like.

Please send your ideas and contributions to: clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk requesting postal address/drop-off point for your hard copies.

Brizlincote Residents Group

The Brizlincote Residents Facebook group has arranged a number of events over the past 12 difficult months. These events have included a Scarecrow Festival, a first for the area- and one that spectacularly involved over 50 displays around the parish. Other events included Halloween - Fright Nite an Easter Trail and a Christmas Event, which culminated in doorstep bell ringing on Christmas Eve.

The group has helped to improve the local community by bringing people together to help and support each other. A number of households have put on displays for the various events and they have been positively received and uplifted the spirits of many who live locally.

Grit Bins

If residents have concerns that their local grit bin is not being refilled, and that the result could be a safety issue regarding driving or walking, especially on joining main roads such as Violet Way and Beaufort Road they should contact the County Council using the "My Staffs" app which itemises the ways of accessing the correct department. If this is a problem, then please contact a Parish Councillor or the Clerk. The grit is supplied for use on all Brizlincote roads and pavements not just where they are located however the grit is not for use on private drives. They are not depositories for litter. Now that hopefully winter has passed, please check your local bin and advise the Clerk if it needs refilling.



Staffordshire Police

Operation Jackal continues with regards to Car Key Burglaries and keyless thefts.

Due to the roll out of the new vaccine, many people are anticipating contact from health care professionals about the opportunity and turn to receive their dose. This is great news, but unfortunately, criminals are seeing this as an opportunity to lure people into clicking links on fraudulent text messages and emails, please do not click on or respond to anything unless you know it is genuine.

- Please continue to be aware of other ongoing scams and bogus officials, either by phone or people knocking at your address.
 - Calls claiming to be from HMRC, electricity, water, gas board etc.
 - Please be alert to these bogus officials.
 - Do not buy or sell to callers at the door or over the phone.
 - Check elderly/vulnerable neighbours and relatives.
 - Never engage in conversation from random unexpected callers.
 - Genuine companies won't mind you checking their details and calling the company for clarification.
- Do not give out any personal information and never give your bank details over the phone.

Regular patrols are being carried out on shortcuts between residential areas.

Please report any issues on 101

Community engagement - Events

- Next Stapenhill engagement day to be confirmed due to COVID.
- Burton Albion Community Trust – Stapenhill Community Centre – Mondays 6-8pm in line with COVID restrictions

Smart Alert

Be SMART and Keep Updated – Get FREE, Localised Crime Alerts and Community Safety advice by utilising the Staffordshire Smart Alert App. This is available FREE and is available for both Apple and Android devices. You can also get Email alerts through the following website;

www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs//

Speeding in Brizlincote

The Parish Council is still looking into options that may help reduce speeding throughout Brizlincote. It has been recognised by Staffordshire Police that Violet Way suffers from extremely high speeders, however, a safe place to park a Police Safety Vehicle (Camera Van) could not be identified. Rest assured that other alternatives are being investigated.

ESBC Information

Cllr Bernard Peters would like to draw attention to the ESBC Climate Change Action plan; please follow the link which is on ESBC web page. Brizlincote Parish Council agrees with Bernard that Community Support is particularly important as we all set off on the journey to save our planet.

Bernard also would like to remind residents about the nationwide thefts of catalytic converters – this is especially prevalent with Toyota, Lexus, and Mazda vehicles. The police advise residents to park their vehicles in such a way it would make it difficult to access the exhaust system.

North Stapenhill Allotment through Covid-19

North Stapenhill Allotments Association in Brizlincote is 104 years old, is fully let and has 60 members. Some members have had their plots for over 30 years. We have a lovely community and accessing the allotment has really kept people going during these tough times and been hugely beneficial to their mental health. Our committee policy is to provide a friendly, fair and safe climate onsite as we remain focused on getting back to normal and supporting our members. We hope this happens soon. Until then we thank you for all your local support for our allotment through this unprecedented time and wish you all good wishes. Stay safe everyone

To find out more, "Like" and follow our committee run Facebook Page at: **North Stapenhill Allotments Association, Woods Lane** or email northstapenhillallotments@gmail.com

Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods

We're pleased that the new signs, installed in January, are already attracting new walkers to the nature reserve and new members to our group.

The winter weather and increasing number of visitors mean the paths in the woodland became very muddy. We hope that we'll be able to maintain and improve the pathways to reduce this problem, although it's likely to be a long-term project!

Walkers will see where we have already cleared areas of invasive bramble that were encroaching the footpath on the top field.

We have more plans and if you would like to get involved contact: foswde15@gmail.com

East Side Arts Competition 2020

Despite the challenges the schools faced during the uncertainty of the pandemic, Brizlincote East Side Art Competition 2020 was a huge success, with entries from Paulet, Robert Sutton, Violet Way, Edge Hill, Tower View and Holy Rosary schools.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we were unable to hold our usual public art exhibition and instead, the Mayor (Cllr Colin Wileman) and Mayoress (Ms Jean Hiatt) took part in a private viewing. We had received over 200 entries and our judges advised that, whilst they has a difficult task, the winning artworks were truly outstanding.

The competition was run over 4 Key Stages with winners selected from each stage. Schools presented the winners with their prizes on behalf of the Parish Council and each entrant received a certificate in recognition of their efforts. In addition, the artworks will be included in the Parish Council's time capsule.

Special congratulations go to our winners; Scott Hulland, Lucas Bieluch, Romilly Stasaitis, Mackenzie Lovegrove, Jessica Hyland, Cherry Chung, Ellie Le Moignan, Nevaeh Boulton, Evie Mk, Alicja P, Oliwia W and Charlotte W.

New Councillor Introduction

I am honored to have been selected as a Parish Councilor for the Brizlincote Valley. Having lived in Burton for the best part of thirty years I feel privileged to be able to make a positive contribution to our community. As a retired College Principal, I feel that I have many transferable skills which I can utilize to enhance the lives of our residents.

I have witnessed the commitment and dedication of my fellow Parish Councilors to improve conditions within our Parish. I hope to be able to contribute in a similar vein. I would like to raise the profile of our Parish Council so that we are more visible and available to take on the issues that concern you.



Jayant Trivedy

Can We Give You Money?

Brizlincote Parish Council has limited funds available to assist non-profit making community organisations located or operating in Brizlincote for the benefit of local residents.

Any group, club or society wishing to apply for grant aid must make a written application using the Council's Grant Application Form. This will be discussed at a Parish Council monthly meeting against set criteria. The Form can be downloaded at: **www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk**.

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Brizlincote Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. We will be resuming "in person" meetings instead of using the Zoom platform as soon as the Government confirms it is possible to do so. Meetings will be held at The Glebe, starting at 7pm.

Can We Have Your Feedback Please?

Clerk, Brizlincote Parish Council; email **clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk**
web: **www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk** .

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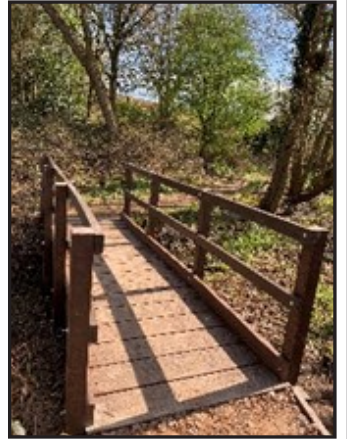
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Nature Walk

The bridge over the stream on the Nature Walk has been in a sorry state for some time but it has now been replaced by a brand new one. Constructed from recycled plastic it should give many years of maintenance free service.

The new bridge was made possible through generous grants from our funding partners the National Forest, Staffordshire County Council Climate Change and Resilience Fund and ESBC Councillor Community Fund.



The following short tale reminds us of our surroundings:

Why go far for a pleasant walk?

“Somebody sold his acre of land, used the proceeds to go to Africa searching for diamonds. He did not find them - the person who bought the acre of land from him found the biggest diamond that ever existed”.

Why go far for a pleasant walk?

The acre of diamond is at your doorstep.

Please enjoy using your Nature walk.





Proud of your garden?
Spent Lockdown tending to your flowers?
Why not enter **Brizlincote in Bloom 2021?**



Brizlincote in Bloom - Entry Form
Gardening Competition - 2021
Open to all residents of Brizlincote Parish
Closing Date for entries - **3rd July 2021**

Name:

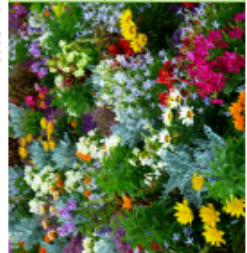
Telephone:

Address:

Email:

Please indicate which category you wish to enter by ticking the applicable box

<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Front Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Rear Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best use of a Sloping Garden
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best use of containers/tubs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Best Hanging Basket



Our aim is to create a Brizlincote which is a vibrant and colourful place to live, so come on Brizlincote, let's get gardening. Each category requires a minimum of 3 entries to run. The Judges are to be announced. Please email your entry to clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or complete the form and post to 59 Woods Lane, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, DE15 9DB. By entering Brizlincote in Bloom 2021 you are consenting to the Parish Council promoting entrants and winners on their website, Facebook page and in their Newsletter, and also consenting to the Parish Council storing your details to contact you regarding future Brizlincote in Bloom competitions. You can retract these permissions by contacting clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk

Winners will be presented with a certificate and a commemorative shield as a keepsake, plus the Parish Shield as a show-piece to keep for the year before it is handed on to the winner the following year.

Judging will take place on Sunday 18th July 2021, subject to the weather and in line with Covid-19 guidelines in place on that date. The Judge's decision is final.





2021 East Side Art Competition

Theme:

Transport in Burton - Past, Present, Future

- Categories will be all FIVE Key Stages.
- Each entry will be recognised with a certificate.
- All entries again this year will be included in the time capsule.
- Closing date: to be confirmed