



## Brizlincote Parish Council

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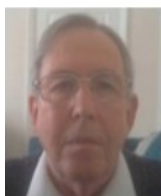
### Chair - Cllr Andy Mason

Welcome to this edition of The Parish Newsletter. I hope that you will find the content useful as it shows not only what we have been doing in the interests of our community but also how we link to other organisations doing their bit to enhance our area or provide worthwhile activities. I would also take this opportunity to give you an early “heads up” for our Christmas Event on Beaufort Green on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Last year was a great success and we hope you will all come along again. On Behalf of the Parish Council I would also like offer our best wishes to you all over the festive season and for a happy 2025.



### Cllr Bob Bidgood

We would like to thank Bob Bidgood who retired as a parish councillor earlier this year. During his time with us, Bob was an integral part of the Brizlincote in Bloom competition and all things horticultural, including the planting and care of container flowers. Bob was also our resident photographer and we would like to thank him on behalf of our residents for these and the many other activities to which he kindly donated his time.



### Cllr Robin Ludford-Brooks—Obituary

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council advise the passing of Cllr. Robin Ludford-Brooks. Robin was a parish councillor for 8 years until his death in October this year. Robin also took on the role of Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively during part of his time as a Brizlincote councillor. He was an instrumental part of the concept and development of the Brizlincote Nature Walk, a 4.5. mile walk which encompasses the Parish. More recently, his activities included the Planning committee working party, where he was committed to working within the council to try, wherever possible, in order to mitigate the effects of Climate Change within the Parish. Robin’s time as parish councillor can be summed up in his own words “ I would like to serve residents of Brizlincote in any way I am able“ and both he and his wide breadth of experience will be missed by his colleagues and friends.

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## Christmas light switch on—Save the Date

Brizlincote Christmas Light Switch on will be on **Saturday, 30th November** between 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. This will be held at Beaufort Road Green Space (Queens Green Canopy Tree) with music and carols. Complimentary refreshments provided by the Parish Council, Tesco Express and Co-op, Brizlincote.

## D Day

Brizlincote Parish Council recognised the contribution made on behalf of the British People during the D Day Invasion of 1944. The Reverend Philip Boshier (St Marks Church, Winshill) and Canon Geoffrey Willets (St Peters Church, Stapenhill) were both in attendance at this event which was well supported by residents. Local historian Malcolm Gould supplied information on those local people who lost their lives and Reverend Philips recorded this. A more detailed list of names and relevant information can be found on Brizlincote Parish Councils website or by contacting our clerk. We would like to thank the following for their support: Art Memorial Stone (who kindly donated the memorial plaque which can be seen opposite the Grove in Merrydale Road) Briz WI (who maintain the flower bed in this area and who provided cakes and refreshments), local resident Kay Roberts who crocheted the field of Forget-me-nots and The Grove (who enabled us to use their car park for safe access).



## Sports Event—Brizlincote Mini Olympics

During the summer the Parish Council held a fun day for children in The Hollows. The Event was organised by a professional company (and an ice cream van also proved very popular) and was free of charge for the children of local residents to attend. We were lucky enough to have a warm and sunny day and the children enjoyed outdoor football, safe archery, axe throwing events and general organised mayhem! If you would like to see more of these types of activities (or have ideas for other types of events) we would be pleased to receive your comments.



## East Side Arts Event 2024

Earlier this year the 11 East Side schools were invited to submit their pupil's artwork into the Parish Council's annual art event. Over 300 entries were received.

Local artist Joe Fox kindly judged the shortlisted entries for us at the finalist presentation event at the Brewhouse in September. The 50 shortlisted pupils were invited to the event. Congratulations to the 12 finalists:

Abbot Beyne - Chloe Rogers and Euna Lugami  
Edge Hill - Kianah Kavalla  
Robert Sutton - Ellie Taylor and Leni Mercer  
PRU - Sophie Broadhurst and Abdullah Muhammad  
Holy Rosary - Jessica Croucher  
Pupil from Tower View  
Winshill Village - Ruby-Rose Clarke  
Paulet - Grace Histed and Freya Lees







## Aurora Borealis



Aurora Borealis—Were you one of those lucky enough to view the Northern Lights over Brizlincote in May and October this year?

(Photographs courtesy of Cllr L Campion and Dean Wilkins)

## BRIZ VALLEY WI

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Violet Way Academy at 7.15pm, to enable women to socialise, make new friends and enjoy interesting experiences through educational talks, outings and get togethers. So why not come along and see what the WI is all about. You can come as a visitor to 2 of our meetings and then decide if it's for you, so no pressure. We have had some great outings this year, Derby to The Silk Mill and Pickford's House, we had a stall at Burton Regatta and a visit to the 1620's House at Donnington le Heath. With some interesting speakers and in house activities we try to make our programme varied and entertaining and of course tea/ coffee and biscuits!!

### Useful contact details

East Staffordshire Borough Council, General enquiries: 01283 508000

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## Burton Drone

Many thanks to Burton Drone Images for their fantastic views of Brizlincote from above. May 2024.



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INSPIRING WOMEN



## Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods

The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods have received many appreciative comments from local walkers about our efforts in keeping paths clear, building steps up the steep hill and improving this nature reserve. However, **more volunteers would be welcome to help us**. As a group, members meet 2-3 times a month, for a morning or afternoon activity session. Activities include woodland management, litter picking and encouraging habitats for wildlife. We also organise sessions to investigate the plants and animals that live there.

Joining our group, which is a member of the National Forest Community Woods Net Work, gives you the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends. We also thank the Parish Council for the grant they gave that helped fund our work in this important Brizlincote Woodland. If you are interested in joining us contact: our secretary: - foswde15@gmail.com

## Memories/History of our Parish,

With thanks to Kim MacBeth and On Memory Corner for these AI images.

### Brizlincote Hall c 1920



Originally this was a large stone medieval house later demolished in the early 1700's; it is believed to have stood close to the current building. By 1846 the Hall had been rebuilt and had passed into the ownership of the Earl of Carnarvon, a British Egyptologist famous for funding the excavation by Howard Carter of the Tomb of Tutankhamen. Following on from this, the hall and adjacent farmland have had several owners up to the present day, notably including William Nadin whose sons subsequently founded Nadin's Colliery in Stanton.

### Bandstand at the Hollows c 1920



This particular bandstand stood opposite Stapenhill Cemetery in the Hollows and adjacent to the River Trent before being demolished in January 1962.

Further information on both of the above and other information from the past can be found on the History board situated at the Hollows.

### Brizlincote Memorial Copse

Are you aware that Brizlincote has a small Memorial Copse which is situated within the Wildflower Meadow? If you are interested in having a tree planted in memory of someone close to you with a strong connection to Brizlincote please contact the Horticultural Department at Open Spaces, East Staffs Borough Council for further details.

## Volunteer Groups

Are you part of a volunteer group which you would like to highlight for the work they do locally? We would love to hear your stories and experiences of the benefit which they offer with a view to including these in future issues.

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