



Brizlincote Parish Council

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Chair - Cllr Lynne Campion



Brizlincote Parish Council have been very busy and active with local events since our last newsletter. It was great to see those who were able to join us at the Sport's event which was held for our younger residents and at the Remembrance Garden location when we commemorated the 80-year anniversaries of both VE and VJ Day. Our next event is the Festive Lights get together at Beaufort Road Green Space. **Saturday, 29th November, 3.15 to 4.15 pm. Lets launch Christmas 2025! In addition, we have Santa on his sledge accompanied by Christmas Music.** For further information check details on our notice boards, website, social media.

We hope that you have enjoyed the bright and cheerful planters positioned through the Parish this summer. The Council would like to thank local resident Liz Allen,

St. Peter's Barbers and Stapenhill Post Office and Coffee Shop who have helped us while we managed watering during the hot season.

We are pleased to welcome our new Parish Councillors, Will Topliss and Di Needham. We are sure Will and Di will be an asset to the council, and we look forward to working with them as part of our team.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor and making a difference on behalf of the area in which you live please contact our Clerk at clerk@brizlincote-pc.gov.uk

Taking Care of Your Local Area- Litter Pick

I am sure some of us will remember the litter picking "Wombles of Wimbledon Common. "!! Meet the Wombles of Brizlincote!"

During the summer and then again in late October, residents including Craig Chapman, Rita Page and Lynne Campion were joined by personnel from the Co-op in Woods Lane who kindly sponsored additional litter picking equipment.



We would welcome residents support for any of the Brizlincote Community Litter Picks (supported by Brizlincote Parish Council) who operate in the Violet Way/ Beaufort Road vicinity. They are active **every Thursday at 2.00pm and on the 2nd Saturday of the month** meeting at Tesco local store. Craig Chapman would be delighted to welcome anyone who can help whenever they can spare the time. As many of you are aware contact Craig on 07414 753835 or follow on local social media posts.

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VE and VJ Day

This year Brizlincote Parish Council put on two community events to commemorate the 80 year anniversary of both VE and VJ Day at the Brizlincote Memorial Garden. Saturday 3rd May was a warm and sunny afternoon as we commemorated VE day. Our event was attended by Rev P. Boshier, Mr Geoffrey Willet, Mayoress Cllr S McKiernan and consort Mr J McKiernan, Burton Sea Cadets, our local PCSO's, members of the Parish Council and a large crowd of local residents.

Following a short service and presentations from our speakers Briz Valley WI kindly provided and served refreshments to residents and attendees. A sing along of war time music was led by Janet Duggins, and it was lovely to see residents joining in with the event. Our thanks to Art Stone Memorial for donating the beautiful granite memorial plaques at the Brizlincote Remembrance Garden, to Briz Valley WI for their planting and care, to local residents who enhance the area and to the Grove public house for offering their car park and hospitality during our events.



Left to right, Mr Brian Bambrick-Sater, Mr Malcolm Goode, and Mr Geoffrey Willet, guest speakers for our VJ Day 80 year



Sunday 17th August VJ Day was a commemoration of the end of the war in Japan. This was attended by Mr G. Willet, Mr M. Gould, Mr B Bambrick-Sater, Councillors and local residents.

This was a sombre occasion which marked the Allied Victory over Japan as we remembered those who did not return from pre-dominantly WW2 but including those you have lost their lives during all wars. Councillor Brian Judd shared his recollection of both VE and VJ day as seen through the eyes of a child—this was read by his son. We were also joined on by the following speakers who shared some of the history and experience of our Armed Forces and civilians in the Far East during World War II. Thank you to Brian Bambrick-Sattar, ex-military veteran 24 years and closely connected to a variety of Armed Forces Charities; Malcolm Goode, local historian and genealogist, and Mr Geoffrey Willet who also offered prayers for Peace.

Local Government Reform

Local government reorganisation involves restructuring local authorities to improve efficiency and service delivery. Proposals are focused on moving from a two-tier system to unitary authorities, particularly in areas where this can enhance local governance and accountability.

Currently in Staffordshire the structure :-

- County Council,
- 8 Borough Councils
- Parish and Town Councils

Proposal to create following structures:—

- Strategic Authority with a Mayor covering 2 or more counties
- Unitary Authorities of 1 or more per county Area
- Parish/Town Councils



At present there is no clear structure for the Staffordshire Unitary Authority with discussion on an East West Split or a North South split to form 2 unitary authorities. Submissions have to be made to Central Government by November 2025.

An East/West split puts East Staffordshire in with Cannock, Stafford, South Staffs, Tamworth and Lichfield Borough Councils. This is favoured by the Borough Councils

A North South Split puts East Staffs in with Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire Moorlands and Lichfield. This is favoured by Staffordshire County Council.

What is uncertain is the role of parish councils but in area where unitary authorities exist already, Parish Council have had a greater role in maintaining certain assets such as public open spaces and actually having assets transferred to them from local authorities who focus on more strategic business and leave local matters to local bodies. If this happens then it changes local parish councils from a group of volunteers trying to provide community benefit to a more time consuming role. It may be that there will be room for parishes to work together to secure some economies of scale.

However this is very much speculative until the Government announces its intention for Staffordshire. Brizlincote Parish Council is keeping in touch with necessary stakeholders and using the available skills of its parish councillors will try and secure the best outcome for its residents and the wonderful green spaces within the parish. The process is due to be completed by 2028 with a shadow council in place in 2027.





Summer Activities in the Park, off Stapenhill Road, —The Hollows— 9th August 1pm to 3pm

On 9th August we showcased what the Parish Council are doing to support young people by hosting a totally free and fun Sports event—this was organised and supervised professionally by SH Active Sports. Zorbing and Nerf Wars were the most popular with older age groups and Battlezone Archery and Five-a-side-Football entertaining younger children. Most participants finished their day with a welcome ice-cream from the van on site.

We would also like to thank St. Peter's Church, who opened their doors to us and provided light refreshments and much appreciated toilet facilities. **Please share any constructive observations or suggestions on our Summer Events for future planning.**

East Side Art Event 2025

Earlier this year, the 11 East Side schools were invited to submit their pupil's artwork into the Parish Council's annual art event at the Brewhouse in September. During the event local artist and Brizlincote Parish Councillor, Joe Fox, shared slides of his paintings which featured Burton-on-Trent landmarks and events.

The shortlisted entries were judged and 12 finalists were selected. A presentation event was held at the Brewhouse in September. The shortlisted students were all invited to the event and the Deputy Mayor, Mrs Monica Holton, presented the 12 finalists with their certificate and copy of the 2026 Brizlincote Parish Council calendar featuring their artwork.

Congratulations to the 12 finalists from Edge Hill Academy, Tower View Junior School, Burton PRU and Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Academy:

Bailee Greenough, Mali Riche, Orla Lovegrove, Sophia Evans, Holly Hopkins, Maja Wieckowska, Isabelle Hudson, Katelyn, Toby Baker, Maria Cifci, Adrianna Motyl and Tyler Seal. Their artwork is available as a calendar which you can download from the Paish Council website.

Reflections—Joining the Parish Council

Being a Parish Councillor was something that I had thought about for a long time. I have always been passionate about the community. This was an area I could put my decision making into practice where I could make a difference.

What do I think now I'm involved? I can contribute to the discussion. It's a place that has made me welcome and encouraged me to put forward views for discussion. I've not regretted a minute walking into that meeting and being an active member of our local parish council. I hope that I can be an asset to the community working to benefit the people I represent.—Cllr D Needham

Bumper Harvest at North Stapenhill Allotments

Just about the time the schools go back after the summer recess, it's like somebody pushes the "Autumn lever" and it all changes. But what a brilliant summer we have had! Plants love warmth and sun just like we humans do, and some of them love it more than others. So as a result we have had some bumper crops this year.

Whether you share these harvests with family, friends and neighbours or stash them away in the freezer for use in the winter is a matter of choice. Some of our crops will keep well in a dark cool place, like pumpkins, squashes and potatoes. Others are easy to freeze or to turn into chutneys, pickles or wine. It is certainly a time of plenty right now, and if your goal is to eat chemical free food, then an allotment is the place to be.

If you've just retired and are looking for a great community to join, then an allotment is a brilliant solution. It is a type of outdoor gym where you get exercise in the fresh air. It's a great place to meet your neighbours and make new friends. It is a challenge and something new to learn, and the rewards save you money from your food bills. Produce is better when it's freshly picked; the wonderful taste of home grown tomatoes is an absolute revelation after the pale and tasteless ones from the supermarkets. The allotment is a refuge where one can escape and enjoy the birdsong. There's always somebody to have a natter with if that's what you need. If you'd like to explore the idea of having your own plot at NSAA in 2026, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you on nsaacommittee01@gmail.com. NSAA, Woods Lane, Stapenhill.



Burton Leander Rowing Club

It is with great gratitude that Brizlincote Parish Council have supported Burton Leander Rowing Club over the past few years. Not only in the purchase of new boats, the refurbishment of our new kitchen but also our last two projects. The concreting of our grassed area will make it a lot safer for our members and guests to safely take equipment out of our boathouse. The new 15 boat trailer due for delivery in December will mean we can take more boats to events enabling more rowers the chance to compete in competitions.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of local grants.

If you would like to try rowing or indoor rowing on rowing machines please drop by at Burton Leander Rowing club for a chat and a coffee. Our qualified coaches will be happy to assist you.



The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods

If you were able to visit the woodlands at the end of August, I hope you were able to take advantage of the wonderful crop of Blackberries in the top field and pick a few to enjoy eating yourselves. Along with many fruit trees and bushes this year there was plenty for us and the animals to share.

As the weather restricted grass growth this summer, East Staffordshire Borough Council reduced the mowing frequency and their maintenance teams focused more on pruning back the brambles on the hill. This helped a great deal as they have grown tremendously close along some of the pathways. The Friends of Scalpcliffe Woods also worked to keep back new growth so that walkers did not get tangled or scratched.

We have been given permission to coppice the hawthorn bushes on the north side of the hill. They have grown to obscure the extensive view up towards the Peak District. Brush fences or habitat piles will be made to allow the cut wood to rot down in much the same way as we have previously done. We are happy to welcome new members who would enjoy helping to maintain this Local Nature Reserve. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact us at foswde15@gmail.com

Burton Sea Cadets – Building Skills and Opportunities for Young People



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This summer has been particularly exciting, with several of the cadets travelling far beyond Burton to take part in unique adventures. From the rugged coastlines of Wales to the breathtaking Scottish Highlands, the young people have been out on the water aboard a variety of offshore vessels. These trips not only give them a taste of life at sea but also provide invaluable skills in navigation, seamanship, and leadership. Closer to home, the cadets took part in special events at the National Memorial Arboretum, proudly supporting the Lord-Lieutenant and representing our community. In addition, a group of cadets travelled to HMS Raleigh in Cornwall—The Royal Navy's training

Base—where they undertook intensive courses in seamanship, rowing, marine engineering, and more. These achievements are just a snapshot of what Burton Sea Cadets offers.



LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE!

Date: 17th February 2026

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: The Grove

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Hands-only CPR techniques
- How to use an AED
- Recognizing cardiac emergencies
- Steps to help adults, children, and infants

WHY ATTEND?

- Gain life-saving skills
- Boost your confidence in emergencies



FREE CPR TRAINING

Please book if you are interested by 10th January 2026

Reserve your place by emailing:

clerk@brizlincote-pc.gov.uk