



Brizlincote  
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## Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter

### Brizlincote in Bloom 2012 Prize Award Night

Everyone who entered the gardening competition were invited to a presentation that was held at the beginning of the September Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting. Pictured are some of the prize winners, along with our three volunteer judges (left of picture). More pictures of the event and prize winning gardens on page 2, along with full competition results.



### Message from the Chair...

Responses to the Brizlincote Parish Plan Questionnaire in the spring included 26 requests for additional medical provision, though this was a top priority for only 4 homes.

I can understand some of this concern, since on arrival here in 2004, I soon learned that immediate acceptance at Bridge Surgery in St Peter's Street was not possible. However, I found no difficulty or delay in being taken on by Winhill Medical Centre, which was only opened six months before my arrival time.

I have been very well satisfied by all the staff at Winhill, where appointments are easily and quickly made. Additional services include ante Natal, Health Visitors, Podiatry (when necessary), Physiotherapy and Blood tests which may also be obtained at the Hill Street Clinic or Queen's Hospital. Winhill Library is open during surgery hours. There is also a Patients' Committee. Melbourne Avenue is not a long walk away and can be easily reached by the 9 & 19 'buses into town and then on the 3 bus to Winhill.

I readily commend Winhill Medical Centre to you with the good news that there is plenty of room for more patients.

***Councillor Geoffrey Willett, Chairman of Brizlincote Parish Council***

### From Gloom to Bloom

Inspired by much improved flower beds through Brizlincote, a handful of residents at the top of Clifton Way decided some back breaking effort was required to transform two neglected beds at the top of their road, beside the park. One of the busiest pedestrian entries into the valley, off the footpath up to the Tower, it was time to add colour and seasonal interest. Unimaginative original planting by the builder was replaced by shrubs and bulbs, supplied by the Green Spaces Team who advised on the project. The six residents invite you to wander this footpath and watch the gardens bloom.



### Help to drive your neighbours round the bend!

Brizlincote has its fair share of cul-de-sacs throughout the parish, and inconsiderate parking within them can cause problems for visitors and neighbours. Please think before parking in the turning head of cul-de-sacs to ensure that you are not obstructing driveways or making it difficult for large vehicles to manoeuvre when turning around.



# Brizlincote in Bloom 2012...Winning Gardens



## Best Front Garden winner

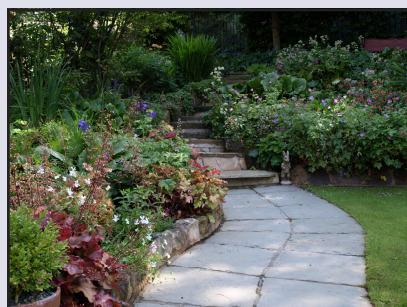


David & Marie Andrews  
of The Maltings

## Best Rear Garden winner



Mr Malcolm Boston  
of Redwood Drive



## Best Improvisation of a Sloping Garden winner

Sylvia & Gerald Green  
of Derwent Road



## Best Floral Display winner



Mr Anthony Muldoon  
of Grafton Road



# Brizlincote in Bloom 2012 - Competition Results

Pat Burns, of Woods Lane

Mrs P A Cross, of Woods Lane

Mr & Mrs A P Finney, of Merrydale Road

David & Marie Andrews, of The Maltings

Mr Malcolm Boston, of Redwood Drive

Sylvia & Gerald Green, of Derwent Road

Denise Cheadle, of Grasmere Close

Mr Anthony Muldoon, of Grafton Road

**Silver Gilt** Awards for Floral Display, Front Garden & Rear Garden

**Gold (Highly Commended)** Award for Front Garden

**Gold** Award for Front Garden

**Gold (Winner)** Front Garden, **Silver Gilt** Awards for Rear Garden & Floral Display

**Gold (Winner)** Rear Garden, **Silver Gilt** Award for Floral Display

**Gold (Winner)** Improvisation of Sloping Garden, **Silver Gilt** Award for Front Garden

**Gold** Awards for Rear Garden & Sloping Garden, **Silver Gilt** Award for Front Garden

**Gold (Winner)** Floral Display, **Gold** Awards for Front Garden & Rear Garden

# Nuisance Phone Calls



There seems to have been a marked increase in nuisance phone calls recently, and there are several scams that we should all be aware of.

## **"Claim back your PPI".**

PPI stands for Payment Protection Insurance, which was insurance attached to a loan or credit card to cover loan payments should you fall ill or become unemployed. These were often miss-sold and where this was the case the banks have to pay back the money. There are many companies which will contact you offering to act on your behalf and indicate that you should use their services. You don't need to do so, just go to the bank or contact the credit card company. They will reimburse you all of the money you have paid together with interest. These companies do little more than pass on a form which you have to fill in and then demand 30% of what you are owed.

## **"We're doing a survey".**

This is a cover excuse to get information about you and your family. Do not do the survey. The caller will pass on all your details to others who will pester you in the future.

## **"There's a problem with your computer".**

Actually you know that there isn't a problem. The caller will ask you to type a set of 'configuration codes' into your computer and if you do so he will be able to access your personal details including passwords and bank details.

## **"You owe money from an un-paid bill".**

Often these are the nastiest calls. The caller may use violently abusing language telling you to pay them over the phone NOW or they will send the bailiffs to seize your belongings. They can sound very convincing and these calls can be terrifying, especially if you are alone. Do not pay, put the phone down and inform the police. No real company will contact you in this way.

## **"You have won a competition".**

A caller says that you have won a prize in a competition and all you have to pay is £10 for the postage. You don't even have to send the money just let the caller have your visa or credit card number and the security code and they will take the money directly.

Many of these callers obtain your number from the telephone directory or by gearing a computer to dial random numbers (these are the ones that fall silent when you pick up the phone, but once you have picked up the receiver the contact is noted for future use).

**Our next Newsletter will provide advice as to how you can combat these calls, but in the meantime just be careful who you speak to.**

## ***Dog Control Order for Brizlincote sites:***

*East Staffordshire Borough Council has proposed that additional Orders be made regarding keeping dogs on leads in various designated sites in the Borough. Three sites have been identified within Brizlincote Parish; Tower Woods, Clifton Way Open Space and the Bridleway behind Jasmine Close.*

*Representations regarding all of the above proposals may be made by email or alternatively by post and should be sent to the address below, by 26 October 2012. Please direct any queries to the Dog Control Order Consultation to: Email: [dogcontrolorders@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk](mailto:dogcontrolorders@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)*

*Post: East Staffordshire Borough Council Dog Control Order Consultation, Enforcement Team, East Staffordshire Borough Council, PO Box 8045, Burton upon Trent, DE14 9JG*

## Street Lighting Update



Staffordshire County Council (SCC) has approved changes to the way its street lights will be operated. The changes will mean that the majority of new street lights will be fitted with equipment which will reduce (dim) light output levels from late evening to early morning. Approximately 28,000 street lights will be renewed and fitted with dimming equipment between September 2012 and May 2028. SCC also intends to retrofit dimming equipment into existing street lights which are fitted with high wattage lamps.

The retrofit programme will see approximately 15,000 street lights fitted with dimming equipment over a three year period. It is envisaged that the works for the dimming project will commence in October 2012.

In conjunction with the above dimming strategy the County Council has also approved the introduction of part night switched street lights when requested by a Parish Council. For confirmation the County Council will not be introducing part night switched street lights; however; under the localism agenda the County Council will permit Parish Councils to submit requests for the introduction of part night street lights when supported by the local community.

The majority of Brizlincote Parish residents who have contacted the Parish Council were in favour of the dimming strategy, hence the Parish Council will not be requesting part night street lights.

## Parish Councillor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Councillor Ian Webster. The work is voluntary and meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and last two hours. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor and for further details please contact Geoffrey Willett, Chair of the Parish Council, on 01283 548868.

Brizlincote Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Webster for his contributions to the work of the council, especially for his efforts in launching and producing the newsletter.

Thanks to all our volunteers who deliver over 2000 newsletters to households within the Parish, their dedication is appreciated by the Parish Council

## Councillor Contact Details

### Brizlincote Parish Councillors

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### Staffordshire County Councillor

Kathy Lamb	01889 562196
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## FEEDBACK PLEASE!

Feel free to send us your suggestions and comments on anything relevant to the Parish Council. You can contact the Council by post, telephone, email, or by using the online contact form on the website, [www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk](http://www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk)

## Editorial Committee

Michael Ball and Graham Lomas

## Brizlincote Parish Council Meetings for 2012/13

Thursday 15th November

Thursday 20th December

Thursday 17th January

Meetings are held at Violet Way Academy & Nursery with a prompt 7:00 pm start