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1 in 10 Motorists Recorded Speeding During Week Long Blitz By Brizlincote Community Speedwatch.

Speeds of up to 50mph were recorded on the main traffic route through the Brizlincote Valley during a week-long speeding clampdown.

The speeds of 968 vehicles were checked in Brizlincote as part of a Europe wide enforcement operation to crack-down on speeding motorists. The speed checks were all carried out in Violet Way and Beaufort Road over four days by the Brizlincote Community Speedwatch team.

94 vehicles were recorded exceeding the 30 mph limit by speeding at over 35 mph.

- **90 vehicles were speeding at over 36 mph**
- **3 were recorded speeding at 40 mph**
- **1 was recorded speeding at 47 mph**



Brizlincote's Brighter Footpaths...a vote of thanks

After three years of pleading by Brizlincote Parish Council to East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) to have the height of hedges adjoining foot paths reduced, the cuts have finally begun! The footpath from Tower Road to Beaufort Road has been transformed by ESBC and also by residents whose hedges adjoin the path. The removal of the towering hedges has lightened up the footpath and resident's gardens. The footpath from Hargate Road to Franklin Close has also had its hedges cropped. Work has now been suspended during the bird nesting season, and will resume in September. The undergrowth has been cut back on the footpath through Redhill Woods returning the path to its original width. We would like to thank Trudi Joyce of ESBC and ESBC Councillors Bernard Peters and Jake Fellows for their efforts to bring this great transformation about.



Allotments Available

North Stapenhill Allotment Association has a number of vacant allotments available at their Woods Lane site for gardeners keen to grow their own fruit and vegetables. The allotments are offered as half plots.

For more information contact **Mick Jones on 07974 838889.**



New Staffordshire County Councillor is a Local

Conor Wileman is the new County Councillor for Burton Tower Division. He lives in Longford Close, Brizlincote.

Message from the Chair...Cllr Geoffrey Willett

End of PACT?



Until the summer of 2011 members of the public had two ways of meeting local Police Officers; the residents' meetings and the PACT meeting. Attendance at the former was too small for the meetings to continue, and for the same reason it was decided in July 2011 to reduce PACT meetings to four a year. A police officer considered that it was not appropriate to give monthly crime reports, as had been provided at Residents' meetings, and the numbers attending and business at PACT meetings had declined.

This situation has not changed at the quarterly PACT meetings, and of late only 3 or 4 members of the community have come together with the police (very often not local officers) under the chairmanship of County Councillor Peter Davies. Parish Councillors have benefited from Peter's follow up of issues – e.g. the provision of marked spaces for buses to stop in Violet Way and Stanton Road.

I think it is now a matter of use the PACT or lose it. The next meeting is on 9th July at 7.00pm in Hill Street Health and Wellbeing Centre. If attendance does not increase, it would seem more sensible to invite police officers to Parish Council Meetings. They might be permitted to come with a crime report too!

What are PACT meeting?

Partners And Communities Together meetings gives you the chance to influence what happens in your neighbourhood. PACT is a mechanism whereby issues identified through PACT meetings in your neighbourhood, are taken to a PACT partnership panel where courses of action are agreed. At the PACT meeting you can tell your Neighbourhood Team what issues concern you, and if several issues are voiced a vote is taken to decide which issues will be dealt with by the panel. There are representatives from Staffordshire Police, Trent and Dove Housing, East Staffordshire Borough Council, and Brizlincote & Stapenhill Parish Councils. After the meeting, a smaller group called a PACT partnership panel decides on how they will work together to resolve the neighbourhood priorities. The Neighbourhood Team reports back to the next meeting on progress.

Briz Valley WI visit Westminster

Members, family and friends of the Briz Valley WI visited the Houses of Parliament at Westminster as guests of Andrew Griffiths, the local MP. They visited the House of Lords, the House of Commons and the Queen's robing room as well as many other areas. The group was enthralled and they have never been known to be so quiet!

Afternoon tea was taken in one of the dining rooms and the ladies could taste how the Westminster cakes compared to their own baking. It was great and the group were made to feel very special. The group ventured onto the terrace for the photo call and cameras were snapping from every direction.

After a very entertaining day the excitement was not over. The coach had to limp into a service station as it was losing water and could not make the journey home. But the group were not daunted and almost took over the service station while the driver arranged for a replacement coach.



Brizlincote in Bloom Gardening Competition 2013

The Brizlincote Parish Council is to promote its fourth gardening competition to run concurrently with the Heart of England in Bloom (*Burton in Bloom*) 2013 and Brighter Borough 2013 Competitions. There will be four main categories open to all residents of Brizlincote Parish;

- The best rear garden
- The best front garden
- The best hanging basket or floral feature
- The best improvisation of a sloping garden

The gardens will be visited during the last week in July by a team of judges from the Brighter Borough Competition. Trophies, Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the best of each competition category.

Entry forms are available by

Downloading from the website (www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk)

Email: clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk

Telephone: 01538 702077

Closing date Friday 5th July 2013

Computer Scams...**BEWARE** by Cllr Jim Muir



For many of us the computer is now as commonplace in the home as the washing machine or the television, and there is no doubt that it makes life easier. How much simpler it is to keep in touch with friends and relatives now that we have e-mail at our finger tips. However, there are risks, and one of our fellow councillors recently fell foul of an attempted scam which meant that he had to completely refigure his e-mail account. There are baddies out there and it seems appropriate that we issue a warning to be wary. Two particular pieces of advice -

- Never reply to any e-mail that comes from an unknown source. Often you will receive letters from banks or people offering a particularly good deal. Your bank will never ask you to click on a link or for you to release personal details, and no genuine person will offer you a way to make a quick buck. Never reply to any such contact, and never ring any telephone number sent in an e-mail unless you are sure of its source.
- Never open an attachment unless you are 100% certain that it is from a secure source; to do so is to invite an attack of malicious software. You may receive a joke or amusing viral and all too often you will be tempted to pass it on to a friend. **Don't** - this may give a scammer access to other e-mail accounts and enable them to write to your friends pretending to be you.

Don't forget, scammers are very clever people dedicated to conning people out of their money or maliciously destroying computer software, don't let them get to you. If you're not sure - **DELETE!**

Updates from your Brizlincote Ward ESBC Councillors

Jake Fellows	Phone: 01283 546092	Email: jake.fellows@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk
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Collision Barriers: Van smashed into a collision barrier in front of a bus stop on Beaufort Road, resulting in the removal of the barrier by Staffordshire County Council (SCC). Following Cllr Bernard Peters request for prompt action regarding the replacement, SCC have now replaced the barrier along with damaged ones in Violet Way near Paulet School.

Irresponsible school parking: We have been asked to address this creeping problem, residences in Foxglove Avenue and on occasion Ashdale Close are experiencing driveways being blocked off by parents collecting children from Violet Way Academy, the issues will be discussed at the next Joint Parking Committee meeting in the near future.

Model Dairy Farm: the outline application was approved by the planning committee a few weeks ago subject to 106 agreements being signed off by the Land Owners; because one of the land owners has died the signing off has been delayed, this is a legal issue that will take its due course.

Continually Improving: As Borough Councillors, we are keen to hear your feedback on what we do or undertake on your behalf within the Ward. We see this as being critical to ensuring residents achieve the greatest benefit from their local Councillors and to ensure we are meeting your expectations and needs. We would appreciate any feedback you have, particularly around the improvement works undertaken to Spring Terrace Road junction.

Liz to climb Ben Nevis for the Alzheimer's Society

Liz James, our Parish Clerk, is to scale new heights in June. Along with a friend, she is undertaking the Alzheimer's Society's Midnight Challenge climbing Ben Nevis in order to raise much needed funds for the charity. She will climb the highest peak in the UK in darkness with the aim of being at the summit to watch the sun rise. More usually spotted seated at meetings with pen and paper, this spring she has been in training for the arduous climb, taking part in various walks including the 'Leadenboot' marathon in May which takes place in Alstonefield in the Peak District.

If you wish to donate towards the fundraising, please contact Liz or visit the following website:

<http://www.justgiving.com/TraceyandLizclimbBenNevis>



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Can We Have Your Feedback Please!

Send us your comments by contacting **Liz James**, Clerk of the Brizlincote Parish Council; email clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk, Phone **01538 702077**, or use contact form available on the Parish Council website, www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk.

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Brizlincote Parish Council Meetings for 2013

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 20th June

Thursday 18th July

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