



# *Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter*

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## **Introducing your new Brizlincote Parish Councillors**



**Paul Presley-Brooks (chairman):** I live with my wife Moira in Brizlincote Lane. I worked on the investment division of a large local brewery until the time this was closed down. I then worked for a company being responsible for controlling the running of some 57 pubs, hotels and nightclubs. I built a 72 bed dedicated dementia home complete with hospice/end of life wing. I was invited to the House of Parliament to address the all party dementia committee, that led to being invited to discuss privately with Baroness Greengross and Labour MP Hazel Blears.



**Brian Judd (Vice Chairman):** Born in Manchester, I moved to Burton in 1975 and have lived in Stapenhill ever since. Ex- British Coal at Bretby, where I was employed in the latter part of my career there as Product Reliability Engineer. More recently a self employed Industrial Noise Control Engineer. Now fully retired from paid work, I am Vice-Chair of Governors at Abbot Beyne High School and Midlands Area rep for The British Association of Colliery Management and a member of the National Executive Committee. Married with three children.



**Bob Bidgood:** I moved to Brizlincote, from Nottingham, in 1998 and have lived in the same house with my wife since we arrived. When I was in employment, I spent nearly all my working life in the Transport Industry. I have been retired for a few years now and this has given me the time and opportunity to become more involved in local matters. I have an allotment in the Parish where I grow a few flowers (just for the bees really) but mainly grow vegetables. You cannot beat the flavour, freshness and taste of your own produce.



**Adrian Cowan:** Originally from Manchester I worked for Bradford & Bingley for over 25 years, then eleven years with the Department of Work & Pensions. I have been active in voluntary organisations for over forty years. I joined the Brizlincote Parish Council in December 2012, rapidly becoming more involved with SpeedWatch, setting up community litter picks and liaising with ESBC over issues such as getting extra litter bins, handrails installed and footpaths resurfaced. I am concerned about wilful littering, dog mess not being picked up, keeping footpaths clear & open, and encouraging residents of Brizlincote to pick up litter.

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**Arthur Goldstraw:** Retired Chartered Quantity Surveyor and Chartered Arbitrator. For over 30 years has held part-time lecturer posts in further and higher educational establishments. Currently chair of one of the Assessment of Professional Competence panels for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Member of the Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, attend meetings on a regular basis. Committee member of Burton Civic Society for a number of years. Co-opted independent person of Staffordshire County Council Standards Committee. Currently chair of governing body of local School. Member of Brizlincote Parish Council since inception, former chair.



**Ruth Goldstraw:** Trained as a shorthand typist at a Commercial College following which I was employed in the legal profession and the NHS, ceasing employment on the birth of my first child. I returned to part-time in the NHS some years later following which I did voluntary work in the citizens advice bureau and other voluntary organisations. For over 20 years I acted as a part-time secretary in a professional office. I am very interested in local affairs. Member of the Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, attending meetings on regular basis. Member of Brizlincote Parish Council since 2008.



**Vera John:** I was born in Burton upon Trent and have lived in and around the town for most of my life. I have lived in Winshill for the last 19 years. I am now retired but previously worked as a company director with my husband in a medium sized specialist construction company in Burton upon Trent for 14 years. I am an active member of St Mark's Church and am a member of the P.C.C., the choir and also the vergers for weddings in church. I have a daughter and two granddaughters and my chosen interest on the council will be working for youth and children.



**Robin Ludford-Brooks:** Married, with two sons and two daughters, I have been living in the Winshill/Stapenhill areas of Burton on Trent since 1982, having moved here with my job at British Rail Engineering and later with ABB (Transportation) Ltd. A Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, I specialised in Computerised Human Resource and Payroll Systems. After being made redundant I became an International Software Consultant for a software company implementing and training clients on HR and Payroll systems in UK, Europe, Middle East and Africa. As a Parish Councillor, I am now looking forward to serving the residents of Brizlincote in any way I am able.

### Message from the incoming Chairman.

'On behalf of the Parish I would wish to thank Geoffrey Willett and Liz James for their dedication and enthusiasm shown during their time as Chairman and Clerk respectfully. Without their combined efforts the parish of Brizlincote would not be as good as it is today. I hope they both enjoy their retirement and new ventures and offer an open invitation for them both to attend any future meeting they would wish. Once again many thanks to them both'.

Paul Presley-Brooks.  
Chairman, Brizlincote Parish Council .

# Brizlincote in Bloom

## Gardening Competition 2015



Continuing this popular competition into its 6<sup>th</sup> Year, Brizlincote Parish Council intends to allow gardens which are at their best slightly later in the season to shine this year. The 2015 competition will be judged on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** and the categories this year will include new categories for vegetable plots and allotments as well as a category for younger gardeners.

### Entry form - Open to all residents of Brizlincote Parish

Name		
Address		
Phone number		
Email address		
<i>Please indicate which garden competition you want to enter by ticking box.</i>	Best rear garden	
	Best front garden	
	Best floral display (baskets or tubs)	
	Best improvisation of a sloping garden	
	Best vegetable plot (private garden or allotment)	
	Best Junior garden (up to 18 years of age)	

The competitions will be Judged on the 5th September 2015 by a team of judges using specific criteria to score each category. No judges will ask to enter your house; they will only look at the gardens. If you cannot be present on the day we are judging we will need your specific permission to judge your garden in your absence. Please email entry to the [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk) or post to: **Brizlincote Parish Council, 16 Brizlincote Lane, Burton upon Trent, DE15 0PR**

**CLOSING DATE IS 7th AUGUST 2015**

If you or a member of your family has green fingers or you have a neighbour whose garden deserves recognition, please do enter or encourage the gardener to enter. Entry forms will be available from :

- the Clerk via [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk) or via 01283 814648 or
- by downloading from the Parish Council website: <http://www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk>
- or fill in this form



## SCC Councillor Conor Wileman's Update

**Speed Appraisal:** Having received a number of emails relating to speeding on Brizlincote valley and more specifically the bend near Hargate Road and Ashworth Avenue, money has been set aside to increase visibility of signage in the vicinity. This will include a larger and better located sign warning of the off camber bend, chevrons to warn drivers of the danger and more speed checks along the road to understand whether the problem is increasing. If so further measures will be looked at.

**Solar Farm Brizlincote Lane:** I am very concerned with proposals from Sun Edison to use Brizlincote Lane as the access to build a solar farm. The planning application has not been submitted but it is likely the developer will opt to use Brizlincote Lane as the access point. I would welcome any resident to contact me about their concerns so we can address the application if it is submitted.

**Highways team:** Staffordshire County Council funds a highways team to do a general tidy of the area every year. They will be in our area over the next couple of weeks and will tackle some overgrown shrubs and weeding to make the area a tidy place to live.

## Allotments Still Available

North Stapenhill Allotment Association still has a number of vacant allotments available on Woods Lane. The allotments are offered as half plots. For more information contact:

**Mick Jones on 07974 838889**

## Dealing with local issues

**Full litter bins:** report to ESBC (environmental health) **phone 01283 508000** make a note of when you rang them, if nothing happens within 7 days contact one of your Parish Councillors. ESBC also deal with graffiti, fly tipping, syringes & needles, dead or missing animals and asbestos.

**Pot holes:** report to Staffordshire Highways, **phone 0300 111 8000** (charged at a local rate) **Email:** [highways@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@staffordshire.gov.uk) or contact your County Councillor Conor Wileman: **phone:** 01283 529281 **Mobile:** 07907 182477 **Email:** [conor.wileman@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:conor.wileman@staffordshire.gov.uk)

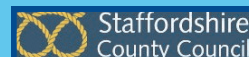
If you don't get a response within two working days please contact your Parish Councillor for help. If you don't feel confident about raising it, the Parish Council will do so on your behalf.

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## Can We Have Your Feedback Please!

Send us your comments by contacting **Barbara Roe**, Clerk of the Brizlincote Parish Council; email [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk), Phone 01283 814648, or online [www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk](http://www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk).

## Editorial Committee

Paul Presley-Brookes & Barbara Roe

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## Brizlincote Parish Council Meetings for 2015

Thursday July 16th

Thursday August 20th

Thursday September 17th

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