



# ***Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter***

Issue 26 Spring 2018

## ***The Chairman's Message***

Well, what a few months it's been. As a Parish Council we have been very busy indeed.

During the Christmas period we held the East Side Art Competition, which I, as Chairman, hosted. It was a very successful event with lots of schools entering. The Mayor and Mayoress of East Staffordshire had the difficult job of judging the wonderful paintings. May I say a huge thank you to everyone involved, in particular Parish Councillors Vera and Mervyn John and the Brewhouse Arts Centre staff for making us so welcome.

We have also elected two new parish councillors, Mr Peter Marston and Mrs Karen Hyde. Both have fitted in very well and are now busy with their respective working parties.

Councillors Graham Lomas, Mervyn John and Vera John have resigned from our Parish Council. So on behalf of Brizlincote P.C. we wish them well for the future and thank them for their hard work in the past.

You may have noticed the "Tesco" roundabout in Beaufort Road is being redesigned. This is in conjunction with East Staffordshire Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council and, of course, Brizlincote Parish Council. I have been working with Paul Steed from ESBC on the planning of the island and hope you will consider the final result to be a massive improvement, improving visibility and adding colour to a previously drab-looking island.

In addition, during the summer months, look out for an abundance of wild flowers along Violet Way, Beaufort Road and the open space area off Trevelyan Close. This, I am sure you will appreciate, will help the insects and wildlife in Brizlincote as well as providing a wonderful display of colour. The wild flower seeds have been kindly donated by ESBC.

Here's hoping we all have a great summer.

Kind regards

Colin Wileman

Chairman of Brizlincote Parish Council



## ***Stapenhill Allotment Association***

Did you know the above celebrates its centenary this year? For 100 years it has been on Woods Lane, and yes it is in Brizlincote.

The association currently have some spare plots and are looking for new members. Do you enjoy being out in the fresh air, like gardening, meeting new people and prefer to eat organically grown vegetables? Then maybe it's time to speak to Peter Stone (Assistant Secretary of the Association) on 07475 803181.

Why not involve the children or grand children many of whom think vegetables only come from the Supermarket? So give them a fork and get started on your allotment. Costs are very reasonable and the savings you make on not buying food will more than compensate you.



## Nature Trail

As reported in the previous newsletters, your Parish Council have been progressing the establishment of a Nature Trail in the parish. You may have seen, in the Minutes of Meetings and the plan published on the Parish Council noticeboards that we have now progressed to the implementation stage.

Your Parish Council will soon be letting contracts for the provision of finger (direction) posts and information boards to establish the trail. This is expected to happen during the on-coming Spring months and by the time this newsletter gets to you, some of the work may already be apparent in the parish.

Progress will be reported in future Minutes of Meetings and on the parish website: [www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk](http://www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk)

## Newsletter

The Parish Council Newsletter arrives to your home and is delivered by volunteers who receive an ex-gratia payment, by way of our gratitude, to effect these deliveries. The balance are delivered by your Parish Councillors.

We need more helpers for this task and therefore if you enjoy a walk and have the time to make these deliveries please contact the Parish Clerk on 01283 814648 or email on [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk).

Please advise if you can cover any area or if you only wish to operate in your own locale.

**We are a parish newsletter and wish to promote the parish to its best, please support.**

## Defibrillator

We are very pleased to confirm that following the last newsletter, two volunteers have come forward to begin to form a community defibrillator group. We are, however looking to encourage a few more volunteers to create further community involvement as well as offer flexibility for the group. As a volunteer, you will not be expected to act as an emergency first responder or called upon if there is a need for the defibrillator to be used.

The units are all designed to be used without formal training but are directly linked to the ambulance service and an online records system and of course, if any of us as members of the general public were faced with having to help someone, we would dial 999 as a priority but this will also access the key code - the defibrillator is not intended to be used in place of the medical professionals but time is of the essence in cases of sudden cardiac arrest. Essentially, the group will be responsible for the governance of the defibrillator – initial order and correct installation, registration with local ambulance service, weekly and monthly checks and record keeping ensuring any problems or replacement parts are reported.

The Tesco Express store manager has been very supportive of the project as is the landlord of the commercial premises. We are hoping the unit will be sited immediately under the CCTV camera, to the left of the ATM and are currently in the process of ordering the defibrillator and confirming electrical installation compliance.

## Brizlincote is Blooming

It's that wonderful time of year when the flowerbeds in Brizlincote are beginning to look their best with daffodils, cowslips and primulas.

The Brizlincote volunteers have been helping the WI create vibrant, colourful displays from the top of Ashby Road all the way through to Stanton Road.

This year, the flowerbeds are being entered into a Neighbourhood competition run by the Royal Horticultural Society on behalf of the W.I so if you can spare a little time on a Sunday afternoon, please let us know.

Contact Colin Wileman 07572 685741  
Or our Parish Clerk, Barbara Roe 01283 814648 for more details



## New Parish Councillors

**Karen Hyde** has recently been co-opted onto the Brizlincote Parish Council.

Karen was born in Devon but has moved around the UK and abroad as the daughter of a military father. She moved to Burton in 1988 and has made the area her home ever since despite keeping up the family habit of moving! Her home, in Brizlincote, is her longest of 15 years. She has a daughter, son, step-son and granddaughter. Her professional background is as a Chemist, moving into teaching Science 17 years ago across six different secondary schools, achieving Headship. She now focuses on both developing and delivering training courses to teachers and leadership teams to support professional development and whole school improvement. She has been volunteering with the YMCA's Night shelter project over the winter months - a very worthwhile cause for the area's rough sleepers.



**Peter Marston** has also recently been co-opted onto the Brizlincote Parish Council.

Peter was born in Burton on Trent and apart from 14 years at College and working away, he has lived in Burton or Swadlincote all his life. After achieving a degree in Food Technology at Reading University he worked for Unigate, firstly in development and later as a Company Laboratory Manager. Following company reorganisation and subsequent redundancy, he chose to change career and owned and ran a Pet Supplies and Garden shop in Swadlincote for 22 years. After retirement he has helped with Charity work and is currently working at the Burton Soup Kitchen. Since he is keenly interested in the local area, he hopes to use the skills gained in his work and business life to the advantage of the Brizlincote area.



## The East Side Art Competition

The council is pleased to report the success of the recent East Side Art Competition which was supported by Winshill, Stapenhill and Brizlincote Parish Councils. The competition was held in the weeks before Christmas and all of the schools on the east side of the river were invited to submit entries. In the event a total of 250 entries were received from five schools. An exhibition of all the entries was held in the Brewhouse over a two week period in January and on 27th January thirty two short listed entrants were invited to the prize giving event at the Brewhouse.

The judging was undertaken by the Mayor of East Staffordshire, Councillor Simon Gaskin, assisted by the Mayoress, Jane Gaskin, and the winners in the various categories were as follows.

### Aged up to 11.

First: Reece Bradshaw aged 6.

Second: Louie Weeks aged 10.

Third: Maya Nora aged 4.

### Aged 11 to 16.

First: Alishia Tomlinson year 8.

Second: Kester Jenkins year 9.

Third: Magnus Snyer aged 12.

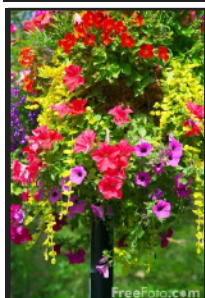


The Mayor and Mayoress of East Staffordshire and the Prize Winners.



# Competition Time

## Brizlincote in Bloom 2018



Last year's competition was a huge success with a large number of people entering. The eventual winners of each category received garden centre vouchers as their prizes. This year we are hoping for even more entrants.

**You do not need to be an expert gardener to take part . The judges don't bite!!**

**Gardening is not only fun it's a great way of keeping fit and in this day and age with computers and mobile phones everywhere, why not spend some quiet, quality time in your garden listening to the birds singing.**

Please have a look and fill in your competition entrance form.

We're looking forward to hearing from you so **happy gardening and good luck.**



### Brizlincote in Bloom

### Gardening Competition 2018 - Entry form

Open to all residents of Brizlincote Parish - Closing date 8th July 2018

Name:	Address:
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Phone number:	Email address:
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<i>Please indicate which garden competition you want to enter by ticking box.</i>	Best front garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best rear garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best use of a sloping garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best use of containers/tubs (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best hanging basket (First prize £50 Gardening Voucher)	
	Best young gardener (7-16 years) (First prize £50 Gardening Voucher)	



**Judging will take place on Sunday July 22nd 2018 – Judges' decision is final.**

The judges will be Chairman Cllr. Colin Wileman and Cllr. Robert Bidgood of Brizlincote Parish Council. Our aim is to create a Brizlincote which is a vibrant and colourful place to live. So come on Brizlincote let's get gardening. **Each category requires a minimum of three entries to run.**

Please email entry to [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk) or post to: Brizlincote Parish Council, 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX. Closing date 8th July 2018.

## Grit Bins

There is a requirement for a grit bin in Marlborough Crescent. For this to happen, we need volunteers from the local area to spread the grit around on the road and pavement when necessary during the winter. However, until we have these volunteers a bin cannot be provided.

Please note, the contents of the grit bins are not for personal use and should only be used on public roads and pavements.

## Tesco Roundabout

The traffic island in Brizlincote valley which has been a major concern for many residents is now being redeveloped and eventually will add a splash of colour to what was a very drab dangerous junction. Your Parish Council has been working with East Staffordshire Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council to redesign the island. Many motorists had complained about poor visibility and drivers approaching the island far too fast. Already there has been a vast improvement. The Heathers planted on the island will grow providing a beautiful display and summer bedding plants add an array of colours.

Just a thought, would you like to see some "public art" on the island, like for example The Flying Geese at Belper?



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## BRIZLINCOTE VOLUNTEERS



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After a very long winter of cold, snowy weather the daffodils and other spring flowers are now in full bloom. It seems that everything is a few weeks behind schedule.

Our aim is, of course, as always to make Brizlincote a colourful and vibrant place to live - and we hope everyone enjoys looking at the flower-beds and wild flower areas.

- ♦ We **NEED** more volunteers so, if you are interested in helping and joining our small army of existing volunteers for a few hours on a Sunday afternoon, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email. It is a fun way of helping **YOUR** community and everyone is welcome. **NO** experience is necessary - tools are provided. So if you can help, or would like more information, **please telephone Councillor Colin Wileman on 07572 685741 or email to colinwileman27@gmail.com**

The Brizlincote volunteers always help the W.I. maintain the flower beds. So **PLEASE** - come on W.I. members - we need your help!!! We start at 1.00 pm, finish approximately 3.00 pm and meet at Hargate Road - hope to see you there!!

### NEW DATES FOR 2018

Sunday 13th May

Saturday 19th May

Sunday 27th May

Sunday 10th June

Sunday 24th June



More dates will follow - please look out for these on the parish noticeboards and in local shops

**Councillor Colin Wileman** (07572 685741)

## Brizlincote Parish Council in Action

Parish Councillor Peter Marston followed up reports by members of the public and assessed multiple potholes in Woods Lane and Clay Street. These were reported to Staffordshire Highways department and surveyed by them. Following this, the most urgent potholes were filled in within seven days and those others requiring work will be completed in the coming weeks. Monitoring of potholes throughout Brizlincote is ongoing.

### Can we give you money?

Brizlincote Parish Council has limited funds available to assist non-profit making community organisations located or operating in the Brizlincote Parish for the benefit of local residents. Any organisation, club or society wishing to apply for grant aid must make a written application using the Parish Council's Grant Application Form. This application will be discussed at the next Parish Council monthly meeting against criteria set by the Parish Council. The Parish Council's Grant Application Form can be downloaded at: [www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk](http://www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk).

### Parish Councillor Vacancy

There are vacancies for Councillors on Brizlincote Parish Council.

The work is voluntary and meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month with a 7pm start and last two hours. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or would like further details please contact Barbara Roe, Clerk to Brizlincote Parish Council on 01283 814648 or email [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk).



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Brizlincote Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, in the ICT Suite, Violet Way Academy and Nursery with a "Public Session" starting at 7.00 pm (The ICT Suite is at the rear of the Academy).

### Can We Have Your Feedback Please?

Contact Barbara Roe, Clerk, Brizlincote Parish Council; email [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk)  
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