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BRIZBEST!

Brizfest: without a doubt the event of the year in Brizlincote Parish and it didn't rain! An estimated 1700 people attended and enjoyed the multitude of attractions, which can be seen from the photos in this newsletter. See if you can spot yourself!

Congratulations to Buttercup Close who won the inter-street Tug Of War and Joel Foster the winner of Briz Has Got Talent with his guitar/vocals act.

Our roving reporter cornered local resident Helen Peach, from Brizlincote Street, who neatly summed up the spirit of the day,

"It helps to build the community," she enthused. "There must have been a lot of hard work that has gone into it and so many people are here enjoying themselves! There are many familiar faces that you usually only see in their cars. You may not get to speak to your neighbours very often, but something like this brings us together."

"We were absolutely delighted with BrizFest this year," agreed

organiser Sue Jolley. "With the quantity of people who came, the fun that everybody seemed to be having, local schools showcasing their talent, community groups working together and parents not having to dip into their pockets! Everything ran without too many hitches! The Community Church would really like to thank our funders, without which this event would not be possible, especially our local Brizlincote Parish Council who gave us £2000 towards the event and even provided some muscle on the day!"



The Human Fruit Machine
(L-R) Harriet Charles, Lizzie Beaver and Theo Beaver.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

During the summer I read Andrew Roberts' "Life of Lord Salisbury" and here is a quotation, "if Tory squires tended to irritate Salisbury, then those who voluntarily immersed themselves in local government fared even worse. Village Hampdens are, in practice fussy, greasy sort of people, very fond of jobbing and endowed with a preternatural thickness of cuticle in order to enable them to endure patiently the mortifications incident to a life passed in parochial contested elections."

My comment on the quotation is to suggest that the nomination of sufficient candidates for the Parish Council next May to require an election would be very welcome. Please start thinking if you would like to stand, you will be in for an interesting time., though whether the expected Localisation Bill will be an opportunity for or a threat to Parish Councils remains to be seen.

Please feel free to come and observe the Council Meetings at 7pm on each third Thursday at Violet Lane Infants School dining room and see if you like the taste.

Geoffrey Willett

There is a very successful and thriving Stapenhill WI group which meets on one Monday morning per month. I joined Netherseal's evening WI group after meeting and bonding with it's president and have had a very enjoyable two years there. During this time I have been a committee member with responsibility for all the press articles and fundraising, an extremely important aspect of running a group. I have had many interesting outings; for example to RHS gardens, the theatre, NEC exhibitions and Highgrove. I developed dormant skills, embroidery, flower arranging, competitive writing and reading aloud (I was in the Netherseal team of three which won the first time we entered the Derbyshire Federation competition). However, I do worry about my reliance on the car all the time and decided to withdraw to re-evaluate what was available locally. By pure coincidence, a local Bretby resident, Judy Stanhope, came as a speaker to Netherseal. I approached her for a chat as I had researched local Stanhope family connections for my history of Brizlincote book. Judy mentioned that the Derbyshire WI Federation was seriously thinking of trying to start up a local group, for ladies in Brizlincote and Stapenhill to attend in the evening, to complement the daytime group. With such a large number of households it seemed feasible that enough people would be



By Val Williams

interested. When, to her surprise, Judy realised that I actually lived locally, planning began to move the idea from vague to definite. With the support of Violet Lane School where meetings will be held, Local Life which ran a free article, the Parish Council website which has aired developments, Brizfest which allowed an information stand (over twenty people expressed interest) and now the revamped Tesco Express with its new Community board, we have been successful in planning for the new group. On 25th October at 7.30 at Violet Lane School, a coffee evening is being held to inform interested parties hopefully to establish the group as an organisation. **Further information can be sought from Judy on 01283 703266.**



Brizlincote in Bloom Gardening Competition 2010

The Brizlincote in Bloom 2010 Gardening Competition was judged on Saturday 24th July. The Judges, Sue Priest and Jean Froggatt, along with Councillors Bill Warrilow and Graham Lomas visited seven gardens within the Brizlincote Parish.

The Best Floral Display category was won by Mr Anthony Muldoon of 73 Grafton Road; who was awarded 90 points out of 100 (Gold Award) for his Wow factor display. The judges commented on his excellent choice of plants.

"The plants that look best at the time go into the baskets," explained Mr Muldoon. "It's a great privilege to be a winner. Hanging baskets enhance the estate with all the colour and I'd encourage everyone to enter Brizlincote in Bloom."



The Best Floral Display: Anthony Muldoon

The Best Front Garden category was won by David & Marie Andrews of 26, The Maltings who were awarded 87 points out of 100 (Gold Award). The judges commented on the good choice and quality of plants, and on the four seasons theme of planting.

"We are both delighted to have won the best front garden competition and would like to thank everyone involved," said Mr & Mrs Andrews. "Our garden is designed in the shape of a celtic cross, with each of the four beds in different colours to represent the four seasons, along with a pot in the middle which has the four seasons printed around it. The sustainable plants used were chosen to give all year round colour, not just summer interest. We hope that it gives as much pleasure to all that pass by our house as it does to us."



The Best Front Garden: David & Marie Andrews

The Best Improvisation of a Sloping Garden category was won by Sylvia & Gerald Green of 16, Derwent Road; who were awarded 86 points out of 100 (Gold Award). The judges were impressed by the good design of the upwardly sloping garden, and the choice of plants especially in the shady areas.

"The design was initially done to create terraces to enable easier access to the garden," explained Mr Green. "The more recent modifications were to make the maintenance easier as we are getting older, i.e. less edges to cut on the lawn, the steps deepened and grass removed etc. With regard to winning, it was unexpected but encouraged us by thinking we must be doing something right, myself with the design and Sylvia with the planting."



The Best Improvisation of a Sloping Garden: Sylvia & Gerald Green

Congratulations to all the winners who will receive a gardening voucher, a certificate and will be presented with an engraved Annual Shield.



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Dates of 2010 Parish Council Meetings

Thu 21st October Thu 18th November Thu 16th December

To be held at Violet Lane Infants School with a prompt 7pm start.

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 or email, or by using the online contact form on the website.

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