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# BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**With such delights as Rodeo Roulette Wheel, a 30 foot slide, Human Table Football, Punch and Judy, Magic Shows, Face Painting, music from The Gatecrashers and Seventh Sense, the ESDC Paulet Dance Group, the Violet Way Academy Choir and Edge Hill School Talent, the third bi-annual Brizfest took place at Paulet High School on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

"We were tremendously pleased with the event this year," exclaimed event organiser Susan Jolley, "there were well over 1500 people in attendance, and the weather held off for the majority of the time to give us a fantastic afternoon!"

Along with all the fun and frolics, the theme behind Brizfest is celebrating the talent and variety that is the local community within Brizlincote.

"There was a real sense of the community all working together," enthused Susan, "a fantastic showcase of all that is Brizlincote with lots of community groups represented, performances on stage from Violet Way, Edge Hill and Paulet schools which were excellent, and a fiercely competitive Tug of War, finally won by the Paulet Staff Team!"

"The Community Church are very grateful to Brizlincote Parish Council for supporting this Community event financially, and for allowing many many families from across our area have a brilliant FREE afternoon out with neighbours and friends.

"I was delighted with the opportunity to Partner with Paulet High School for the first time as the new venue gave us much more space and the opportunity for indoor facilities too, they were a pleasure to work with and I hope we shall be back with BrizFest '14 at the same venue."

# VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Do you fancy donning at least a woolly jersey along with thick socks and wellington boots to enjoy a November afternoon in muddy soil, as you barrow smelly manure and spread it across the ground? Will you enjoy the assault of a cold March wind as you sow thinly your tiny Early Nantes carrot seeds? By late April you may enjoy spring sunshine as you thin out the young seedlings and then a massage on your painful back?

A week or two later on in a much hotter day there will be the pleasure of fighting the weeds with your hoe and the midges with your fly repellent. At least your sunscreen will eradicate the aroma of your autumn manure. Finally your reward: a twisted little two forked carrot, rejected by Sainsbury's for a Basics bag and provoking your wife to wrath as she cleans up not just your carrot but her muddy sink top.

I am glad to inform you that some 25 people have asked the Parish Council for additional Allotments in search of the above delights. At present the waiting list at Woods Lane is quite short, I am not aware of any vacancies at Claverhouse, though you know I am against depriving the residents of Burton upon Trent of perhaps 15 years of burial space on a permanent basis. Please let me know if you would like to join the plea for additional allotments and I am sure Brizlincote Parish Council will do their best.

Thank you Winhill Parish Council for my half plot (No. 2A) on Wheatley Lane.

Geoffrey Willett (Chairman)

## SPRUCED UP!

A few years ago the PC had three flower beds cut-out with the intention of bringing some colour to the Parish, regrettably these have returned to nature somewhat and have become invaded by weeds. At a recent PC meeting representatives from the Brizlincote Women's Institute volunteered to get their hands dirty, the PC readily agreed!

"We are doing the three beds the PC had cut-out and are hoping to do the big one at top when it has been cleared," explains Val Burton, "The W.I. is famed for its work in the community on various projects all over the country, most of us live locally and we didn't like walking or driving by the weeds, so we are doing it to make the valley look nicer."

The plants have very kindly been donated by ESBC Green Spaces Officer Paul Stead from the Greenhouse Project, making this a real community effort.

*The PC would like to thank everyone for their hard work.*



Carol Horton and Teresa Wain

### Brizlincote Parish Council Meetings 2012

Thu 19th July	Thu 18th Oct
Thu 16th Aug	Thu 15th Nov
Thu 20th Sept	Thu 20th Dec

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

# BRIZLINCOTE PARISH PLAN

## QUESTIONNAIRES: AN UPDATE

Many thanks to all those who completed and returned the Parish Plan Questionnaire which was part of the last newsletter. We had over 140 responses which were spread fairly evenly through the parish and as such gave a good overview of the feelings of our residents. Some common themes have been revealed by those responses – in the majority, you felt that the current recycling system works well, and that there is adequate school and church provision for the parish.

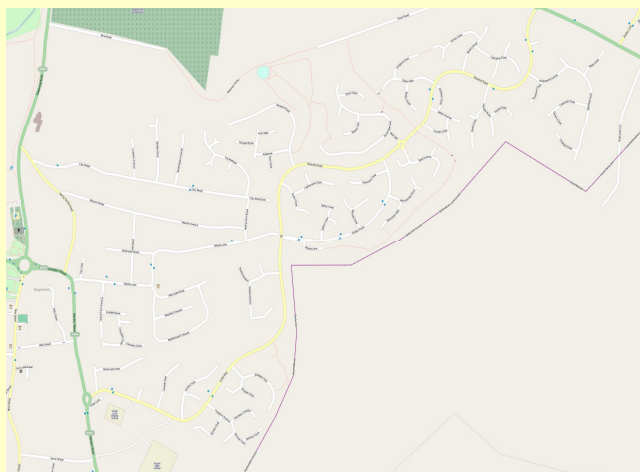
Whilst there are mixed feelings about the facilities available for the young residents, more consensus appears to be the case regarding parking around the schools with 76% of respondents feeling that this is a problem. The most requested additions to the area are improvements to the green spaces and a community centre. Requested improvements to services show that the policing and hedge trimming, footpath maintenance, street cleaning and grass cutting come high on your list of priorities.

In the section asking for your top three priorities that you felt that the Parish Council should be working towards on your behalf, the top four given were traffic volume and speed bumps, parking around schools, increasing the police presence and dog fouling.

Whilst the analysis of the results so far goes on, we have also incorporated an online version of the questionnaire which we would like to add to the data gathered so far. This can be accessed via

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/brizlincoteparishplan>, or through the Brizlincote Parish Council website or through our Facebook page. We would love to hear your views.

**So, if you have an opinion about current local services or about current local issues, please access the Parish Plan Questionnaire and add your voice to your community.**



### BRIZLINCOTE

*THE FINEST VIEWS IN BURTON,  
THE SONGS OF DIFFERENT BIRDS,  
TREES THAT LINE THE ROADSIDES,  
A MODEL DAIRY AND CATTLE HERD.*

*THE VIEW FROM MY BACK GARDEN,  
WATCHING HORSES IN THE FIELD,  
FOXES ROAMING LATE AT NIGHT,  
IF YOU KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.*

*AMAZING GREEN VALLEY VIEWS,  
THAT I SEE ALL AROUND,  
MAGESTIC TREES AND SHRUBERIES,  
BLOOMING FLOWERS IN THE GROUND.*

*FIRST THING IN THE MORNING  
AND THEN LAST THING AT NIGHT  
I CAN HEAR THE BIRDS CALLING  
I CAN SEE THE BIRDS TAKE FLIGHT*

*TRANQUILITY AND BEAUTY,  
ARE EVERYWHERE TO NOTE,  
BUT WHERE IS THIS PARADISE,  
WHY OF COURSE IT'S **BRIZLINCOTE**.*

**Poem by Bobbie Parry  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

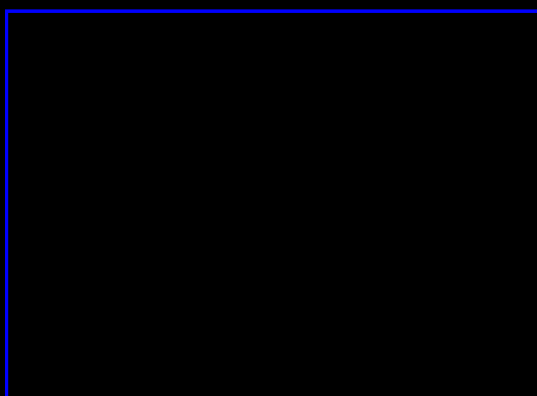


# LET THERE BE (LESS) LIGHT?

The Parish Council has received a letter from Staffordshire County Council's Lighting and ITS Manager Mr Stephen Bradbury detailing future plans to modernise the way in which street lighting is delivered.

The two options are as follows;

- Dimming of street lights between "late evening and early morning"
- Part Nights, i.e. turning off of lights altogether



*Artist's impression of Cottesmore Close at 4am on a December morning*

SCC have deemed Part Nights as unsuitable within Brizlincote due to the nature of the area, however we at the PC have been asked by SCC to canvas the feeling within the Parish.

If the choice is to go to Part Nights, this will require some investment which will be funded by SCC, but if at a later date a decision was taken to move away from Part Nights, this would have to be funded by the PC.

Mr Bradbury states he will write back to the PC during the summer, so if you have any comments please contact the Chair of the PC at the number below.

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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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## Help Required!

This newsletter is written and distributed entirely by volunteers. With over 2,000 houses to reach, we are asking for some help with the delivery. If you feel able to give us an hour or two of your time please contact Cllr Graham Lomas on 01283 538721.

Thank you!

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