

# Blooming Good Day!

Brizlincote in Bloom 2013 has turned out to be our largest gardening competition yet, with 22 garden areas being judged at 12 households across the Parish. On August 3rd Councillors Geoffrey Willetts, Bill Warrillow & Graham Lomas along with judges, Sue & Helen had an enjoyable time viewing the entrants' gardens. Below are the winning gardens for the 4 categories of the competition.



Winning Front Garden (above): Ann Cross of Woods Lane



Winning Basket/Display (above): Mr & Mrs A P Finney of Merrydale Road



Winning Sloping Garden (above): Mr & Mrs Dodson of Orchid Close



Winning Rear Garden (above): Pat Burns of Woods Lane

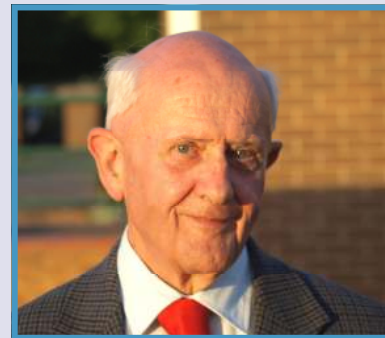
The 2013 Brizlincote in Bloom Gardening Competition Prize Presentation will be held on Thursday September 19th (7.00pm) at the Violet Way Academy.



## Message from the Chair...Cllr Geoffrey Willett

### ***Divine reward for litter picking Council Leader!***

It is exactly sixty years ago this month that I received the news that I had passed 'O' Level English Language and Chemistry. Physics had to be re-taken in November and Maths had not even been attempted. Aged 14 I was to look forward to a life without these scientific trials and to a more pleasurable diet of History, Latin and French. I well remember the warning from the Chemistry teacher that I should end up picking up litter from the streets. His prophecy has been fulfilled many times on Church yards, car parks and the surroundings of Rectories and Vicarages.



On the 20th July 2013 I was taking part in Brizlincote Parish Council organised litter pick on the path between Tower Road and Beaufort Road, whilst Cllrs Bernard Peters, Bill Warrilow, Adrian Cowan and a resident were busy on Violet Way, Beaufort Road and Grafton Road. Sometime in heaven I must tell my late Chemistry teacher that I quite enjoyed the Brizlincote litter pick; I think this is because by and large the ESBC employees do a good job of clearing litter in our parish. I must also confess to the self righteous satisfaction of undoing the damage of careless, selfish litter droppers and plotting their undoing. Tesco receipts should lead to their identification and capture. I also found one penny! Was this a generous divine reward for my work on the pleasant ancient parish boundary, whilst my colleagues suffered the burden and heat of the busy Brizlincote rat run? Please reward them by keeping the area around you free of litter. Thank you to the many residents who are already doing a very good job outside their homes.

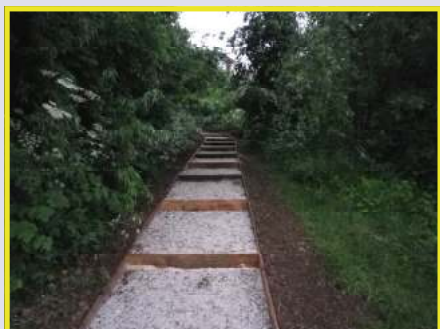
### **Date of next Brizlincote Parish Litter Pick...volunteers welcome**

Brizlincote Parish Council intend to hold another litter pick, on Saturday 21st September, meeting outside the Violet Way Academy gates at 10am. The litter pick will concentrate on nearby woodland walks.

The first Brizlincote Parish Litter Pick was held on Saturday 20th July. The collecting of roadside litter was carried out along Violet Way, up Grafton Road and towards Tesco. The volunteers collected a number of bags of litter which included bottles, drink cans, pens, clothing, cardboard, newspaper and in the parking spaces outside Violet Way Academy a very large number of cigarette butts!

Some fly tipping was identified on the slope off Grafton Road, which ESBC Cllr Peters arranged to have removed by East Staffordshire Borough Council. For further information on our litter picking scheme please contact Cllr Adrian Cowan on 01283 530472 .

***A step in the right direction!*** The steep path from Leander Rise down to the Redwoods has been upgraded with the introduction of some new shallow steps (pictured below). Brizlincote Parish Council would like to thank Trudi Joyce of ESBC for managing this successful project.



In September ESBC contractors will resume the project to reduce the height of overgrown hedges around the parish. Contractors must wait for the bird nesting season to end (March to August) before they can begin. It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.

Householders are urged to check that their hedges and trees have not overgrown onto pavements & roads causing an obstruction, and if it is necessary please trim the foliage back . Thanks.

## Council Barking Mad after theft of signs



Following the introduction of Dog Orders within the Brizlincote Parish, Brizlincote Parish Council was required to fix 'Dogs must be kept on a lead in this area' signs at the entrances to Tower Woods, Clifton Way Open space, and the bridleway behind Jasmine Close. Sadly some vandals have been removing signs as soon as they have been fixed. We have now been informed by ESBC that Brizlincote Parish Council will have to purchase any additional signs they require to replace stolen ones!

## Community Speed Watch Update

Recent speed checks on Violet Way have uncovered a disturbing amount of motorists still exceeding the 30 mph speed limit.

**July 27th:** 234 vehicles were checked over a period of one hour with 32 exceeding 36 mph. 45 mph was the highest speed recorded.

**August 2nd:** 191 vehicles were checked over a period of one hour with 21 exceeding 36 mph. 41 mph was the highest speed recorded.

**A speeding motorbike was clocked at 58 mph on Violet Way!**

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN & KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE**



## Fundraising for Alzheimer's Society

We did it! You may have read of my plans in the last edition of the Brizlincote Parish Council newsletter to climb Ben Nevis at midnight on 22 June 2013 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

The weather conditions were awful and there were gale force winds, driving rain at the base and snow falling and lying on the summit. However, on the plus side, it was good fun sliding back down that section in the pitch black at 3am. Due to the poor weather conditions we were advised to keep moving rather than waiting on the top for sunrise as we had originally planned.

Unfortunately we did not see a spectacular sunrise on our descent...it became daylight through the fog and cloud but as we descended we could appreciate the views, the height and the drops as we left the cloud and fog behind us. I am thrilled to report that our team of two exceeded our fundraising target and raised over £2,100. We wish to thank all who so generously supported us with donations and sponsorship. With so many excellent charities and good causes out there, we are so grateful for all the support we received.

Thank you! Liz (Brizlincote Clerk) and Tracey



Liz (left) & Tracey wearing their medals

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**Light at the end of the tunnel:** There is 'light at the end of the tunnel' with regard to ongoing parking problems near to schools on Violet Way. Cllrs Bernard Peters (ESBC) and Conor Wileman (SCC) led the debate at a recent Borough Council Joint Parking Committee meeting on the parking problems on Violet Lane and junctions near to Violet Lane Academy, resulting in the committee adding the issues to its list of priority works. The traffic and parking problems in Violet Way will be risk assessed and evaluated by the SCC highways team who will report on its findings at the next Joint Parking Committee meeting in October. Once traffic regulation orders are approved, it will allow enforcement teams from ESBC to exercise powers and issue fixed penalty notices in a greater and wider area closer to the Violet Way Academy. There will also be the implementation of double yellow lines at road junctions to end to the problem of dangerous parking on junctions.

**Longer term realistic plans are also being drawn up:** Cllr Conor Wileman has asked Staffordshire County Council to look into setting up a stopping point at the Paulet School, which would allow parents to park off the road when they drop off and pick up and children heading to both the Paulet School and Violet Way Academy. If the plans went ahead, a new roundabout would be installed on Violet Way at the junction with Paulet School. The junction would be widened with the use of a slip road. Activity in the car park could be monitored by staff at the schools. The idea behind the proposal has been welcomed by both schools, but that the solution would have to work for everybody. Cllrs Bernard Peters & Conor Wileman would like your feedback on the ideas...*PLEASE CONTACT THEM* with your comments.

**Focus on the problem:** Cllr Jake Fellows has come up with a snappy way to report problems around the parish by encouraging residents discovering a problem to provide photographic evidence, so that the local councillors can focus on the issues reported promptly. If you see any parking, landscaping, dog fouling or litter issues around Brizlincote; take a photo and email it to the [clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk), informing them of the date, location and problem. The Parish Council will then forward the information to Cllrs Jake Fellows & Bernard Peters; who will contact the relevant authority after viewing the photographs to rectify the problem.

**Feedback Required:** Cllrs Jake Fellows & Bernard Peters would like any feedback you have relating to the improvement works undertaken to Stapenhill Road/ Spring Terrace Road junction, especially the latest proposal to make it a no right turn into Stapenhill Road from Spring Terrace Road.

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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](mailto:clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk), Phone **01538 702077**, or use contact form available on the Parish Council website, [www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk](http://www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk).

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### Brizlincote Parish Council Meetings for 2013

Thursday 19th September

Thursday 17th October

Thursday 21st November

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