

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Brizlincote in Bloom 2014 Prize Presentation

The October Brizlincote Parish Council Meeting started with a prize giving presentation for the winners, and the issuing of certificates to all who participated by the Judges. All participants were congratulated on all the hard work which had gone into the event, and the very high standard of the gardens viewed.

Feedback from Councillors, judges and participants included ideas such as a category for young peoples' gardens, changing the time of the year of judging to allow for gardens which are at their best in spring or autumn, and the introduction of categories such as allotments and/or vegetable gardens. A suggestion was to differentiate between small and large gardens within the categories. Another suggestion was made regarding the potential for the public to nominate gardens they think worthy of an award.

The entrants requested feedback on all gardens judged to see where it was felt that their gardens could be improved; this led to an idea of a comment slip given to each garden by the judges.

Pictured are the winners who were present at the presentation being awarded with their prizes, shields, medals and certificates by Helen Betts, one of the judges.



Colin Massy - Best Rear Garden



Wendy Burton (left) and Malcolm Boston (right) - Joint Best Floral Displays



Mr & Mrs Cawley (left) and son of Dr K Dev Pai (right) - Joint Best Sloping Gardens



Patrick Nicholls (absent) - Best Front Garden

Parish Councillors to get ID Badges

Brizlincote Parish Council is issuing the Councillors with ID badges.



Councillor News



Councillor Kay Sherratt has resigned as a Parish Councillor for Brizlincote Parish Council. Kay was elected in May 2007 and served on the Finance, Governance and the Parish Plan committees. The Brizlincote Parish Council would like to thank Kay for her 7 years of service, and hope that she enjoys better health in the future.

Caught on camera in Brizlincote



These two cars pictured here were parked on double yellow lines and not displaying a disabled badge.

Lucky for them the ESBC enforcement team were not about at the time. Some road users seem to have very little understanding of the meaning of double yellow lines, and why they are there, the Highway Code has lots of important information.

The residents of Brizlincote appeal to those who park while picking up or dropping off children at Paulet School and Violet Way Academy only to park where they are allowed, not to obstruct driveways, not to make it difficult for emergency vehicles to access property, and have respect for the local residents in our community.

PLEASE DRIVE and PARK RESPONSIBLY

Rev Michael Mookeji to retire in 2015

The farewell service will be held at St Mark's Church Winshill on January 25th 2015 at 1015 am to celebrate Michael's gracious and faithful ministry of 12 years.



Councillor Michael Ball who joined the council in July 2009 has explained that on health grounds he has decided not to stand for re-election next May. Michael sits on the website & Publicity committee.

Volunteers required for the Brizlincote Parish Emergency Planning Committee

Can you help the Parish Council by letting us know if you reside in the parish and would be willing to sit on the Brizlincote Parish Emergency Committee.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Liz James either by email: clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or by phone: 01538 702077.

More Hedges Cut Back!

Over the last couple of years East Staffordshire Borough Council have been tackling the over-grown hedges on the footpath from Wetherel Road to Beaufort Road. The final upper section of the footpath has recently had the over-grown laurel hedge cut back and reduced in height, resulting in a much brighter path that now does not have the street lighting obstructed by over-growth of hedges and trees. Thanks to ESBC.



Christmas Message from the Chair

I am pleased to wish you all a Happy Christmas...there are plenty of carols available in our local Churches:



St Peter's Church, Stapenhill

21/12/2014	6.30 pm	Carols by candlelight
24/12/2014	3.30 pm	Children's Carol Service
24/12/2014	11.30 pm	Carols at Night and Holy Communion
25/12/2014	10.00 am	All-in-Meeting

St Mark's Church, Winshill

21/12/2014	10.15 am	Nine Lessons & Carols
24/12/2014	4.00 pm	Christingle Service
24/12/2014	11.30 pm	Midnight Holy Communion
25/12/2014	10.15 am	Family Holy Communion Service

Short Street Methodist Church

25/12/2014	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service
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Winshill Methodist Church

24/12/2014	6.00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Celebration
25/12/2014	9.45 am	Christmas Day Service

Community Church Paulet High School

21/12/2014	11.00 am	Christmas Carol Service
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Am I Qualified to be a Parish Councillor?

Most people are. However there are a few rules. You have to be:

A British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the EU; and on the "relevant date" (day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over;

You must have lived in the parish or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the "relevant day".

You cannot stand for election if you are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order, or have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the UK of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.

Election Day May 7th 2015

You may have already heard enough about the 7th May and the General Election. Please do not forget the local elections are also on that day, this includes electing the Brizlincote Parish Council.

There are 11 seats to fill, please consider offering your services. The meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Violet Way Academy.

On Thursday 14th May the Annual Parish Meeting will be held also in Violet Way Academy at 7 pm.

You are always welcome to attend these meetings, and if you do decide to stand, as I hope a good number will, contact the Parish Clerk with a photograph along with a note about yourself and your aspirations (not more than 50 words) by the end of February for publication in the next newsletter.

Send your details to the Parish Clerk **Liz James**, either by

email: clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk
or by phone **01538 702077**.

Geoffrey Willett

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended), Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

MALVERN STREET AND MALVERN AVENUE, BURTON UPON TRENT
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Malvern Street and Malvern Avenue, Burton upon Trent from its junction with Spring Terrace Road for a distance of approximately 350 meters in an easterly direction unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works. Vehicular access to frontages will be limited. Pedestrian access will be maintained. The alternative route for traffic will be available via Spring Terrace Road, Woods Lane, Spring Farm Road and Clay Street.

The order will come into operation on 05 January 2015 at 09:00, and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. The works should be completed by 31 January 2015.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the gas mains renewal and connection works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Date: 19 December 2014

John Tradewell, Director of Democracy, Law and Transformation, No. 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2LP

Ref: C26657; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000 <http://roadworks.org>

BRIZLINCOTE WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillors Jake Fellows & Bernard Peters would like to express thanks to all those who returned the **Brizlincote Residents Survey** in response to questions we asked that will help us to understand and identify what residents expect from their Ward Councillors. Councillor Bernard Peters said the views and opinions of our residents are very important, we will continue to respond and undertake to resolve any specific concerns that are drawn to our attention. Anyone who was unable to respond please feel free to contact us using the contact details printed above.

Brizlincote Parish Councillors' Contact Details

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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, Phone **01538 702077**, or online www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk.

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Brizlincote Parish Council Meetings for 2015

Thursday 15th January

Thursday 19th February

Thursday 19th March

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