

Brizlincote in Bloom 2017 Winners

Best Front Garden: Mr & Mrs Hall



Best Rear Garden: Mr & Mrs Malcom Boston



Best Use of a Sloping Garden: Julie Roger & Roger Green



Best Use of Containers/Tubs: Mrs Margaret Gillan



Prize Winners Presentation

At the September Parish Council Meeting the Brizlincote in Bloom prize winners were presented with certificates, trophies and gardening vouchers from the Chairman.



Mr and Mrs Malcom Boston
Best Rear Garden



Julie Roger and Roger Green
Best Sloping Garden



Mrs and Mrs Hall
Best Front Garden



Mrs Margaret Gillan
Best Tubs & Containers

Dedication of Bill's Bench



On the morning of Saturday 16th September, the dedication of a bench donated by Brizlincote Parish Council, was held in memory of the late Bill Warrilow. It is placed at the Ashby Road end of Beaufort Road as a thank you for all Bill's hard work and commitment to the parishioners of Brizlincote.

Bill was a member of the original Parish Council and it was in 2006 that he became a member of the Brizlincote Council, becoming Vice-Chair in 2008. He served on committees dealing with planning, highways, green spaces and was instrumental in getting Brizlincote Community Speed Watch established.

The dedication was attended by family, friends, neighbours, Parish Council members and also members of St Mark's Church congregation.

Bill's death is a great loss to the community and the bench is a fitting tribute to him.

The Chairman's Message

As Chairman, I was very pleased to see so many people all gathered together to honour the late former councillor Bill Warrilow. I know that Bill's family really appreciated our kind gesture to commemorate Bill's life with a bench looking over Brizlincote.



The bench was blessed by Reverend Canon Geoffrey Willett with a wonderful tribute about Bill's history and life. On a personal note although I wasn't fortunate enough to have known Bill, but I'm sure his spirit was watching over us and I'd like to think he was smiling.

It was my pleasure to present the awards to the winners of our gardening competition. The standard this year was excellent. A big thank you to everyone who entered this year's competition. Now we look towards 2018 so come on residents of Brizlincote lets get gardening!!

Two fantastic Parish Councillors retired recently, Arthur and Ruth Goldstraw. As Chairman I'm going to miss them both for their dedication, local knowledge and wealth of experience. I wish them both good luck in the future and please don't be strangers, you're both welcome to Parish Council meetings anytime.

A key decision was taken in our July meeting regarding the proposed building of a large scout hut. Planning application number P/2017/00740. The council voted unanimously against the proposal because we feel it is important to protect our local nature reserve, the ancient woodland within it and the trees that protect the large amount of wildlife. The area known as Scalpcliffe Woods is just off Stapenhill Road. The local nature reserve is the only one on the east side of the river Trent and falls within the boundary of Brizlincote Parish Council. The woodland is for everyone to enjoy and I urge all to take a look and help protect it, not just for our generation but for our children's generation as well.

I'm very pleased to see the post office in Brizlincote is now open again after a long absence. It's an important community asset so as they say USE IT OR LOSE IT. However, I would like to see the sign above to say Brizlincote Post Office if anyone wishes to launch a campaign to change it please let me know.

Best wishes to you all,

Cllr. Colin Wileman,

Chairman of Brizlincote Parish Council.

New Parish Councillor

Mervyn John has recently been co-opted onto the Brizlincote Parish Council.

Mervyn was born in Westcott, which is a small village near Dorking in Surrey but moved to Burton upon Trent in his twenties and has lived in and around the town since. He is now retired, but previously worked as a company director with his wife in a medium sized specialist construction company in Burton upon Trent for 14 years. Mervyn is an active member of St Mark's Church and a Lay Reader and member of the P.C.C. He has a daughter and two granddaughters. Over the years he has accumulated four degrees; a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. in pure mathematics, an OU degree in science subjects and, most recently, a B.A. in theology to back up his work as a Lay Reader. Mervyn's interests on the council revolve around planning issues, computing and finance.



Co-op Defibrillator

The Co-operative Society has recently installed public access defibrillators at its stores in Brizlincote and Winshill. If the defibrillator are ever needed, call 999 and the emergency operator will pass on a code that will open the locked case the equipment is stored in.



Goodbye & thanks to our longest serving Councillors



Brizlincote Parish Council longest serving councillors, Arthur & Ruth Goldstraw have decided to step down. Arthur, a former Chairman of the council, joined the parish council when it was formed in 2003, his wife Ruth joined in 2008.

Arthur served on the planning & complaints committees, scrutinising all local planning applications and advising the Parish Council its response to ESBC planning office.

The Parish Council thanks them for their joint 23 years of service to Brizlincote Parish Council, their presence and expertise will be missed at the council meetings.

Volunteers needed to run Defibrillator Group

Brizlincote Parish Council is looking for local people to form a Defibrillator Group, with the aim of purchasing, installing and maintaining community public access defibrillators. The Council will provide a grant to the group to fully fund and maintain the equipment.



Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) are portable devices that can be used on someone having a cardiac arrest. They check the heart rhythm and send an electric shock to the heart to try and restore a normal rhythm. They have been in wide use for many years and form part of the standard equipment that paramedics, ambulances and first responders carry.

In the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest, the time it takes to administer aid is critical. Having access to a nearby defibrillator can greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to administer lifesaving support. They give the best possible chance for someone to survive until medical services arrive.

If you are interested please contact Brizlincote Parish Council by email clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk, or Phone 01283 814648

Parish Councillor Vacancies

There are two vacancies for councillors on the Brizlincote Parish Council.

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

The East Side Art Competition

Brizlincote Parish Council is joining with Winshill and Stapenhill Parish Councils to hold a Children's Art Competition for all children living in those parishes. It will be known as **The East Side Art Competition** and entries should be on the theme of Christmas or winter.

All of the schools in the three parishes will be invited to submit entries to the competition. The closing date for entries is 20th December 2017 and prizes will be given for the best three pictures in the two age categories; under 11 years and 11-16 years.

First prize of £75, second prize of £50 and third prize of £25 all in the form of cinema vouchers.

Competition Guidelines.

- The picture should be submitted on A4 size paper and have either a Christmas or winter theme.
- The name, age and contact details of the entrant should be clearly printed on the reverse of the picture. A stamped addressed envelope should be included if the entry is to be returned.
- Pictures should be sent to:
Cllr. Vera John,
Highbank House,
51 Ashby Road,
Burton on Trent, Staffordshire,
DE15 0LQ
- The winning entrants will be notified during January 2018.
- The decision of the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Entries may be published or exhibited prior to return.

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.

Proposed Nature Trail

Brizlincote has an extensive network of walking routes linking a number of open areas including meadows and leisure spots. These areas host many species of flora and fauna. To the uninitiated these are hidden and your Parish Council is considering creating an information system so that walkers are informed about the environment through which they are walking.

Initially the route will run from the footpath off Wetherall Road going through a small copse into a large meadow with the path joining another linking to Trevelyan Close and then proceeded down to the bottom where there is a small gate and footbridge over a stream. The path goes on to Tesco Express, over Beaufort Road and up the hill to Tower Road.

At various points it is proposed information boards would be installed explaining what is to be seen and direction signs indicating walking times and destination information, possibly modelled on those in the Hollows.

This proposal is under development by your Council and funding is being sought through a neighbourhood fund which will mean no additional burden on the council tax payer.

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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 7.00 pm start. (ICT Suite is situated at the rear of the Academy).

Can We Have Your Feedback Please?

Contact Barbara Roe, Clerk, Brizlincote Parish Council;
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