

Calling all gardeners

Reminder of this new venture for the Doxey Community Association. The web page is up and running on www.doxeyca.org.uk/

Greedy Moss!!

That's right, the moss lurking in your lawn will soak up any rainfall leaving soil dry as a bone. Time to give the grass a good raking to clear out mossy intruders. Remember: rake, mow, rake, and lawn feed so that rainwater can work its magic! For large bare patches, mix a bit of lawn seed with sand to keep your grass looking greener. Happy Easter!

Local Member Initiative Scheme:

Doxey Community Association would like to say a huge thank you to County Councillor Mark Winnington for the £500 grant from the Local Member Initiative Scheme. The grant has been used to purchase the first part of a stage for use throughout the community. It is hoped that further funding can be obtained in 2009/2010 for this very important and useful community asset. If you are interested in funding and would like help in making an application please contact Anita on 605653.

MASE

If you care for an Alzheimer's sufferer then this could be just the ticket. Meet up with other carers, a 'direct payments' representative and health care specialists over light refreshments.

Monthly Alzheimer Support Evening

Begins 9th April 2009 and thereafter the second Thursday of each month

At Haughton Village Hall

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Live and Local

A great time was had by all who came to the Boka Halat evening, but this was just one show offered by Live and Local, perhaps you would prefer something different. To view the choices and have your vote log onto the DCA website at www.doxeyca.org.uk. **No internet? Then ring John on 604233.**

Aged under 20?

Then don't forget the youth clubs:

Up to 13yrs

Mondays

7:30 - 9pm from 20th April

St.Thomas and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Ages 14-19yrs

Tuesdays 7-9pm from 21st April

at the Sutton Centre.

Save Money

Please save yourself the cost of a large fine by cleaning up after your dog and not fly tipping. If you see someone spoiling our village in this way then please report them.

Junior Doxey FC

On **Saturday 23rd May**, Stafford Football Association and your local neighbourhood policing team will be coming to set up football training sessions. These sessions will take place every Saturday over the summer on the football pitch at The Drive and will be **FREE** of charge! Anyone aged 8 to 16 who is interested in joining a junior Doxey FC please come along:

2pm until 4pm

on Saturday 23rd May

to The Drive football pitch

Please wear sports gear or football kit if you have it and bring some water. To pre book your place or for any more information please call **Helen on 07966 449435.**

Dates for Your Diaries

Doxey Community Association

Wednesday 8th April

7.30pm

at the Sutton Centre

Let us know how you feel about the area and what can be done to improve it still further, better still come along to the meeting and give us your views.

Parish Council meeting

Second Thursday of the month

7.00 p.m.

at The Sutton Centre. All welcome

Trip to Alrewas Memorial Arboretum

For details ring **Joan now on 247287**

Mobile Library Times 2009

Doxey House 2.00-2.35pm, The Drive 2.40-3.00

7 th April	21st April	
5 th May	19th May	
2nd June	16th June	30th June
14th July	28th July	
11th August	25th August	
8th Sept	22nd Sept	
6th Oct	20th Oct	
3rd Nov	17th Nov	
1st Dec	15th Dec	29th Dec

Election of Parish Councillors

There are currently vacancies on Doxey Parish Council. There will be an election if 10 or more electors in Doxey call for one. Otherwise the vacancies will be filled by the Parish Council in accordance with government rules.

If you think there should be an election contact Ian Thompson, the returning officer, at the Civic Centre, Riverside ST16 3AQ or phone him, in the first instance, on 619196..

By The Way. To find out more about our Broad Eye windmill please go to www.broadeywindmill.co.uk/

Reminder Table Top Sale

Playgroup will be holding a tabletop sale

Saturday 25th April

In St Thomas and St Andrew's

Church hall

from 9am to 2pm

There will be a cake stall, refreshments and an indoor bouncy castle for the children. Tables are being hired out at £4 each so you can sell things for yourself or your favourite charity.

Money raised will go towards our funds.

For further information and to book a table please ring **Jo Upton on 01785 223907 or**

07810 377355

The DCA had originally planned a clearout day at the same time but this has been postponed until May, however instead there will be an Eco/Earth Day! This will be an exciting mix of activities and stalls, celebrating everything that's green and reusable: Learn how to make paper or your own recycled "rag rug" Add some new items to your wardrobe from the clothing exchange Try a tasty tit-bit from our recipe's recycle. Get handy hints, tips and freebies from the 'Waste Minimisation Unit'. Look at the information and exhibitions from; Stafford Wildlife Trust, Back-to-Bikes, Furniture Exchange and Local Agenda 2. Why not try your luck on the green tombola and be in for a chance to win anything from a lettuce to some energy saving light bulbs!

Clothes Exchange

We're looking for good quality clothing for the clothes exchange. All donations will be gratefully accepted. To arrange for items to be collected please contact **Anita on 605653.**