

Doxey Times September 2011

Who's Who

Following the AGM the Doxey Community Association trustees are:

Chair Mark Smith

Secretary Anita Sumner-Smith

Treasurer Rob Belcher

Plus

Sally Hems David Hughes Isabella Davies Gill Smith Denise Peel

Mikron

The Mikron Theatre Company will be performing their new play 'Hell and High Water'

St. Thomas & St. Andrew's Church hall Sunday 18th September 3pm YES THIS SUNDAY!

Refreshments will be available.

Mikron's new show takes us back to 1761, when three men had a vision and hundreds of others toiled to make it a reality. Over rivers, under rock, through "Hell and High Water", they proved that determination can literally move mountains.

Play Space for Doxey Update

You will have noticed that things have gone quiet on the PS4D front. This is mainly because we are waiting on events.

Football Field & Paths

After the meeting with the Borough Council a letter was sent to Saint-Gobain by Jeremy Lefroy, our MP, asking for reassurances that the football pitch would be available until development started. We understand that they wouldn't give this assurance but that they have informed the parish council that the pitch is available for another year.

The web Site (<u>www.doxeyca.org.uk/ps4d</u>) contains the latest information and the background data.

The Children's Society sale

The Children's Society will be holding a sale of secondhand books and bric a brac

St. Thomas & St. Andrew's Church hall Saturday 15th October 2011 11.30 am - 1.30 pm

You are invited to come along and support the Society who work tirelessly towards safeguarding children in the UK. Reasonably priced refreshments will be available and there will also be a tombola stall. Please pop in - you will be most welcome.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner Saturday December 10th

Please make a note of the date for this event in order to avoid disappointment and look out for the booking form in the next Doxey Times.

Borough Development Plans

You may have read that the Borough is about to publish its development plan for the next 20 years. Residents need to consider the implications of having over 2,000 new houses built between Doxey and the Castle. Such housing would require a large amount of recreation space as well as additional roads and services.

The Borough council is hosting an open day at

St. Thomas & St. Andrew's Church hall Tuesday Sept 20th 2 to 8 pm.

During that time the plans will be on view. Please go along, look at the plans, discuss them and if you have any concerns tell the Borough Council, or, if appropriate, the Parish Council of them.

'Universal Grinding Wheel' project

Jesse and Delia Brough have spent the last two years accumulating and organising material about the Universal Grinding Wheel Company and its employees. Jesse's interest started when he found many old documents were being thrown away. Realising the historical importance of these he and Delia started the project to celebrate Doxey's once largest and most respected employer.

To accompany the displays a video has been made featuring many ex-Universal employees including John Whipps, JohnTaylor, Eileen Skelton, Arthur Gould and many others.

The exhibits included photographs, awards, employees rule books, samples and advertising literature. Two books that created a lot of interest were the two '30 Club' lists of members (complete with photos) who had served more than 30 years with the company.

Fortunately all these items will be preserved as the whole exhibition is being donated to 'The Staffordshire Archives'.

Some photos of the exhibition are on the DCA website (<u>www.doxeyca.org.uk</u>)

An exhibition of this archive was held in August. For those who missed it we are hoping to have a repeat viewing soon. Details will be in the Doxey Times if it can be arranged.

Craft Group

We are a group who get together to learn new craft skills and to share those skills that we already have. So far we have people who embroider, knit, crochet, make rugs and sew. More skills and ideas are always welcome.

If you have a skill you could pass on or want to learn something new, come and join us. We are very informal - just drop in!

St. Thomas & St. Andrew's Church hall 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30-9.30 p.m.

There is a cost of £2 (to cover room hire). For more information call: **Denise on 0792 356 4094**

Dates for your Diary

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Doxey Community Association

The Sutton Centre Wednesday 12th October 7:30 pm

Please along come with ideas of activities and events you would like to see in Doxey.

Parish Council Meetings

The Sutton Centre Second Thursday of the month At 7pm

Borough Development Plans

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Children's Society Sale

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Coffee Morning

The Sutton Centre Every Monday
10 am to 11 am
All welcome.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 10th