

Village Voices - Act the part

Actors wanted - no experience necessary.

This is the current theme of the theatre in Doxey project. Over 70 people are now involved, but there is a need for more in the acting department.

It is not too late, though. Rehearsals don't start in earnest for a few weeks. Between now and then there will be a chance to get together with others who are interested in acting and start to think about what will be involved and to build your confidence.

Some people may be a bit hesitant about appearing on stage, but the professionals who will direct the play know all about working with people who are new to acting. They will give you every support you need. Everyone will want you to succeed. And there will be a range of parts to fit what you feel you can cope with.

After the production is over you will have had a terrific experience and will have acting skills that can be useful in the future. Anyone who has acted in a play will tell you what a buzz it gives. So, why not give it a go? See below for contact numbers.

In the meantime, work towards production of the play in April and May is well on schedule. All of the groups working on different areas of theatre skills are now operating. But it is not too late to join one of them.

Further information about any aspect of the production can be obtained from **Jane on 621453 or Joan on 251622.**

Get ready for the parish council election

Doxey Parish council comes into being in April this year. Nominations of people to be parish councillors will be invited. There will be nine seats. If nine people or fewer are nominated there will be no need for an election. If 10 or more people are nominated there will have to be an election. The date of this election will depend on whether there is a general election on 5 May or not. More information on that later.

Being a parish councillor is a way for you to help make your local community a better place. To help you decide whether you would like to be a parish councillor and to find out what you have to do to become one, information booklets will be available in various public places in Doxey. Look out for them and take a copy home if you are interested.

The Borough Council is organising a briefing session for **Thursday, 10 March at 6.30 p.m** which could be useful for people interested in becoming parish councillors. Call **619424** if you would like to attend or for more information about becoming a parish councillor.

Nomination forms will be available in mid March.—to be returned by **7 April** at the latest. For more information look at the Doxey website – www.doxeyca.org.uk – or call the Borough Council on **619424.**

DOXEY LEISURE BARN PROJECT

Members of Doxey Youth Forum have been working with a volunteer business advisor to put together an action plan. They are looking to develop a building to give the people of Doxey a really good facility, where people of all ages will be able to play a variety of indoor sports,. There would also be a meeting room and refreshment area. This project would make such a difference to Doxey by providing an opportunity for all the community to have a local centre

This is a big project and the young people need help from the people of Doxey to give them some specialist help and advice. If you have any expertise in:-

Financial planning	Project management
Sales and Marketing	Fund Raising
Quality Assurance	

or if you are prepared to offer your services in any other way please contact **Sue Fox** on **823457**. The Youth Forum next meets on 14 March.

£1186

This was the cost of repairing the lettering on the front of the parish church recently. It had been damaged by a group of young people climbing on the roof. And putting themselves in danger This is money which the church can ill afford to pay and shouldn't have to pay.

If you see anyone behaving in an anti-social or dangerous manner, call the police who are trained to deal with the problem on **08453 302010** or 999 in an emergency.

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Are you entitled to vote?

If you want to vote for parish councillors — and any other election in May — you will have to be on the electoral register by **11th March**.

Many Doxey residents are not on the register and will not be able to vote.

If you are not sure whether you are entitled to vote, phone the Borough Council on **619424**. If you are not on the register they will send you a form to fill in. But be quick, there is not much time left.

Is this a right of way?

Some people have agreed to make statements about the path between The Drive and the old railway track. We do need more. If you can help, please call **251622**.

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