

A very happy new year to all our readers!

Recycle your Christmas cards

Everyone's recycling now. Don't waste valuable natural resources by putting your Christmas cards in the bin.

Nor do you have to take them to town for recycling. There are three collection points in Doxey where you can leave your Christmas cards. They are:

The William Sutton Centre,
Sutton Drive
The Bradbury Rise Stores
St Thomas' and St Andrew's
Church

The Community Council of Staffordshire is running a competition to find the community which can collect the greatest weight of cards.

A real village event

The Christmas tree outside the parish church was a first for some time. It was fitting, then, that the carol singing round the tree, just before Christmas was so well attended.

Over 100 people - of all ages - took part, both regular churchgoers and non-attenders.

After the carols mince pies and mulled wine were served in the hall. There was a last opportunity to view the excellent display of Christmas trees and a collection was taken for the church's support for work with street children in Colombia

A big thank you to Mark

Eileen Skelton said it beautifully in verse in the Stafford Post just before Christmas. We can't match her poetic skill, but would like to add our thanks to Mark Smith, members of his family and his friends for the splendid Christmas party they put on for Doxey's senior citizens. A lot of careful planning and hard work went into making this a very enjoyable event.

Mark hopes to be at university next year, so, perhaps now is the time for you to be thinking whether you could lend a hand next December. Call **604233** to find out more

Doxey's parish plan - have your say

The drop-in held on 10 December was well attended and work on Doxey's parish plan has now started.

There are many ways in which you can make a contribution and make your views known about how things should develop in Doxey. Call **Mike**, who is co-ordinating work on the plan, on **607434**.

Help the schools which Doxey's children attend

Most Doxey children attend Doxey Primary or King Edward's. The PTAs from these schools are holding two fund raising events soon.

Hog roast and pig racing at King Edward's

Friday, 20 January
at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £3 in advance. Call **Mary** on **824339**. Includes the hog roast.

Quiz night for Doxey Primary

Early March
Look in next issue of Doxey Times for details.

Panto progress

Rehearsals have started in earnest towards the Easter holiday production of *Mother Goose*. Some funding has been received already and more is being applied for.

There are still openings for people to help. In particular, singers for the chorus and people to make costumes and are required. Contact **John** on **604233** if you are interested

Regular events

Doxey Friendship Group meets on the first Wednesday in the month at 2.00 p.m. in the parish church

Next meeting is on 1st February.

Doxey Parish Council

Next meeting is on

Thursday, 9 February
at 7.00 p.m.

in Doxey Primary School

Doxey Community Association meets on

the second Wednesday in each month
at 7.00 p.m.

in the community centre,
Sutton Drive.

All Doxey residents will be welcome. Next meeting is on 8 February. Agendas for the meetings and minutes of meetings are displayed on the notice board near to Doxey House.

Life support project This provides training in basic techniques for helping a person who is unconscious. The training is team is headed by a local doctor. More than thirty Doxey people have taken part so far. Call **Joan** on **251622** for details, dates and times and to book a place.

Sessions on how to help a person who is choking are also available.