

Mother Goose flies

Two cracking performances rounded off the hard work put in over the past months by the cast and crew of Doxey's pantomime - *Mother Goose*. From the start of each performance the audience - more than 120 on each occasion - entered rapidly into the spirit of the pantomime, singing along and making the required responses. Comments on the evaluation sheets filled in after the Saturday performance were also highly complimentary. Well done, everyone!

Many in the *Mother Goose* team had worked on the successful *Village Voices* last year, but there were more than 15 new participants, many of them young people.

Talk about the next production has already begun. There are many ways in which you can take part, as well as acting, singing or dancing. Call **Jane on 621453** and tell her what you would like to do. (This applies especially to anyone who said on their evaluation that they were interested, but left no name or telephone number.)

Doxey Democracy

A copy of the Parish Plan Questionnaire has been delivered to every household in Doxey during the last week. The Parish Plan Committee urges you to fill this form in and return it. It is **your** chance to **have your say** about Doxey and to shape the future of the Parish and your environment.

It only takes a few minutes to complete and your views are important, so don't delay, act today. Tell the Committee what you think so that they can take action in co-operation with the organisations that govern our lives and provide our services.

Come and hear about "Streetscene" at Doxey Community Association's annual general meeting

The guest speaker at the annual general meeting of Doxey Community Association will be a manager from the Borough Council's "Streetscene" team. The team is responsible for keeping Stafford's roads and public places clean and tidy and is particularly proud of its rapid response to problem situations. The meeting will be held

on Wednesday, 10 May

**in the hall of St Thomas's and
St Andrew's Church
at 7.30 p.m.**

Refreshments will be served from **7.00 p.m.** when there will also be an opportunity to read reports submitted for the meeting.

An important feature of the meeting is the election of trustees and officers for the next 12 months. Anyone who is a member of the Association can make a nomination and/or stand for office. Nomination forms are available at the two shops in Doxey and also the parish church. If you have any questions, please call **251622**.

A trip to Blackpool

Another day-trip to Blackpool is being arranged for this year. The basic cost will be £14 for adults; £11.50 for senior citizens and £9 for children, but much lower if there are enough to fill a coach.

It is expected that it will be on **Saturday, 2 September or Saturday, 9 September**. Call **David on 600094** to register your interest. You can also tell him, which date you prefer.

Annual plant sale

Doxey Community Association's annual plant and garden sale will take place

on Saturday, 6th May

from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30

in the Three Tuns car park

Now is the time to get your garden into shape for the summer and this is the chance to get some new stock at rock-bottom prices.

If you have already started working in the garden you may have surplus stock, tools or equipment. Please bring them along to the sale. It is the main source of funding for the Times. Call **251622** if you want things collecting.

Regular events

Coffee Morning - Mondays in the Sutton Centre from 10.30 a.m. until 11.30.

Friendship Group - First Wednesday in the month at 2.00 p.m. in the parish church

Doxey Parish Council - Second Thursday in the month at 7.00 p.m. in Doxey Primary School

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Life support project - Providing training in basic techniques for helping people in life-threatening situations. Sessions arranged as required. Call **251622** for details.

Digital photography - Ongoing advice, free of charge, from a professional photographer. Call **607771** for details.

Mikron - fourth glorious year

For the fourth year running, the nationally acclaimed Mikron Theatre Company will be performing in Doxey. The title of the production is "Carrying On", written by Richard Povall who wrote the much enjoyed Village Voices.

The date of the performance is

Saturday, 10 June

at 6.30 p.m.

**in the hall of St Thomas's and
St Andrew's Church**

This is a fully professional performance. Tickets cost £5 (concessions £4). Early booking is advisable as performances are often sold out. Call **621453** or **251622**.

Can you help Doxey Pre-school Playgroup?

Doxey playgroup has been operating for over 30 years. Sadly, its future is now in doubt.

There is a need for several more people to join the committee and, eventually, become officers. Because the playgroup is a charity it must have a proper committee. Being a committee member is not very demanding; a couple of short meetings each term. Please call **Joan** on **251622** if you can help.

Clear-out day

A big thank you to all who made the Spring clear-out day a success, especially Mike who organised it. Most items were taken away by satisfied residents and the rest went to charity shops.

Published by the Doxey Community Association. If you need further information or want to make a comment or put something in a future issue of Doxey Times, call **251622**, or e-mail: press@doxeyca.org.uk or leave a message at the Community Centre, 43 Sutton Drive.