

Grand Official Opening of Doxey football pitch Saturday 19th July.



Gates open at 1pm

Grand Opening at 2pm

Followed by the inaugural match: Doxey Uni. Football Club verses The Police. Kick off at 3pm

This is being supported by all the groups in Doxey who will be running fun events throughout the afternoon.

Please come and give your support and cheer on the teams.

Unusual Holiday Breaks

A group of Doxey residents have spent ten days working in Azerbaijan helping at a psychiatric hospital, orphanage and vocational centre for vulnerable people. This report from Sam tells us of his experience.

Most people have never heard of Azerbaijan, and I have to admit I hadn't either until I was offered the chance to go there. The first thing that strikes you about Azerbaijan is the mix of cultures, Russian, Arabic and Turkish, probably

dating from the time of the silk routes when Azerbaijan was strategically placed at its centre.

The road from Baku to Genca, where we were staying, was not in the best condition and driving was like an episode of 'Wacky Races' with buses and heavily loaded Ladas all overtaking dangerously. However we all got there in one piece and settled down to stay with Neil and Lucy, the CARD (Central Asian Research and Development) representatives.

Work began straight away with reviewing the garden at the hospital. It was decided that a space for hanging washing and a quite area for the female patients was needed and we soon set to work clearing the area, making borders a gravel path and installing a washing line. Also on top of this, Tom and I visited another CARD project, the vocational training centre, which teaches ICT, English, Carpet making and carpentry to the most vulnerable children including refugees and orphans. There we joined in the English class and played games. We also visited the babies' orphanage where we played with the children .

I really enjoyed my experience out there and I believe that all the work done will have a big impact on people's lives as out there a little is a lot. We would all like to go out there again and do more work. I would also like to thank all those who contributed towards the trip and gave generously to make it possible. Finally I would like to urge all of you to visit www.card.org.uk to find out more about the good work they are doing out there.

Dates for Your Diaries

Doxey Cameo Club

Wednesday 13th August

2.00 pm

At St Thomas and St Andrew's Church Hall.

All welcome.

Earth Women's Group

Please note that there is no meeting in July or August keep your eyes peeled for further information about September.

Coffee Morning

Every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

from 10.30am

at the Sutton Centre

Lunch Club

At St Thomas and St Andrew's Church

12.30 to 2.00,

on the first Tuesday of the month. Come along for good company and home cooked food.

Parish Council meeting

Thursday 14th August,

7.00 p.m.

at The Sutton Centre

Doxey Community Association (DCA)

Social evening, a chance to meet others in the community

7.30pm

at the **Doxey Arms**

Doxey Community Scheme

Craft and music session

William Sutton Centre

Thursday 24th July

10am

Monday 28th July

picnic on the Green

2pm start