

Arresting News

Following an extensive police investigation a 29 year old female from the Stafford area has been charged with burglary on the Doxey road. Your local policing team would like to thank the community of Doxey and members of the public for the information and support they have given during this investigation.

Tom Speake's

Autumn

Fashion Show

in aid of 'Let the Children Live' - care for the children of the streets, and also in aid of restoration work within St Thomas & St Andrew's Church, Doxey.

High street quality fashion to suit all ages and all sizes. Hugely discounted prices, 'cheap as chips' but classy and sassy.

Monday 22nd September 2008

7.45 PM

St. Thomas & St. Andrew's Church Hall,

Tickets £2.00 per person

Sales on the night will be by cash, or cheque with guarantee card. Please arrive early – refreshments will be provided immediately before the show.

Doxey Cameo Club

Wednesday 8th October

2.00 pm

At St Thomas and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Gill Sly, a retired barrister, will be giving a humorous talk on 'crime doesn't pay', with illustrations that are currently in the news. Do come and join in.

Doxey Bridge Mystery

As all residents will now know, the bridge over Doxey Brook is closed for some months and will be replaced with a brand new, much safer, construction costing £400,000. As this is being done there is some mystery about some details of the original bridge.

When the County Council replaced the carriageway and parapets in 1994 they removed a stone that read

DOXEY BRIDGE

ERECTED A.D.

1681

This is not what it seems! The bridge was actually built about 1890. '1891' is of course '1681' upside down but is this just a coincidence? The 1890's bridge replaced both a ford that had been in use for centuries and a wooden footbridge nearer Aston Bank Farm. The stone appears to have been incorporated into the structure of the bridge at this time. The inscription is peculiar in that the carving of the date is uneven and in a different style to the rest. There is no evidence of any earlier bridge here. The Broad Eye bridge in town was often referred to as 'Doxey Bridge'. The current iron bridge was built in 1878 and replace an earlier stone bridge built in the 17th century. Could this stone be from that?

If readers of the Doxey Times have any ideas we would be interested in hearing them, Can you remember the stone? Do you have any photos? Did you carve the '1681' into the stone?

There are pictures of the stone and the bridge on the website (www.doxeyca.org.uk). Any comments to Iain Simpson (607771) .

Debt-O-Nation

A performance by the **Mikron Theatre Company**

Sunday 5th October

3.00 pm

At St Thomas and St Andrew's Church Hall.

Entry is free but there will be a bucket collection in inimitable Mikron style after the show.

So what's it about?

Rod and Joy are up against it. Rod's business selling sock suspenders is not doing as well as could be hoped, Joy is addicted to Marks and Spencers and they need a new dryer. Neither of them knows what the other is or isn't doing and soon things will get on top of them.

Joy's ageing Auntie in the cellar is like their money problems: always there, an embarrassing and unspoken presence. We now owe a trillion in personal debt in UK and money owed exceeds the country's GDP. When personal debt increases by a million every four minutes and 15% of 15-25 year olds think an ISA is an iPod accessory where are we heading?

Using the words of those affected by debt and the testament of those that work with them Mikron will make something entertaining and informative out of great trauma.

Through song, humour and a cracking story owing money was never such fun. Losing your home, inability to pay the bills and a sparse Christmas ahead - let's talk about the topic that prompts the most discomfort: **MONEY**.

Dates for Your Diaries

Doxey Community Association

Wednesday 8th October

7.30pm

at the Sutton Centre

Please come and support the DCA. Let us know how you feel about the area and what can be done to improve it still further. It's your area, your DCA, your life.

Coffee Morning

Every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

from 10.30am

at the Sutton Centre

Clearout Day

Sunday 28th September

In St Thomas and St Andrew's Car park.

1pm for a 1.30 start

Please bring items others might want and you no longer need. No money changes hands but the landfill sites are a little less full.

Parish Council meeting

Thursday 9th October,

7.00 p.m.

at The Sutton Centre. All welcome

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 excellent cuisine and a chat

Earth Women's Group

How do you start an organic garden? To find out more please come to a talk on

Tuesday 7th October

7.30pm

In the side room of the Vine Hotel, Stafford.

Then to see the theory in practice visit a newly formed organic garden at

277 Doxey on

Saturday 11th October

between 10 am and 4 pm

There will also be an opportunity to swap plants and seeds so please bring along your favourites for others to try.

Doxey House Lunch Club

8th October then every 2 weeks

12.30pm

Doxey House

For good company and food