

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Memory Café** continues to meet at the village hall, 2.00–4.00 p.m. usually on the first Thursday of the month. In May, we will meet on **Thursday 9th**, owing to the local elections on the first Thursday. Our monthly get-together is free to attend and anyone with dementia or memory loss, with their family member or carer, is very welcome. Each month we see a few new faces as well as lots of familiar ones. Our activities in the next few months include container planting, a ukelele band and ballroom dancing. At each cafe we have delicious refreshments, kindly provided by local WI groups, and we enjoy a variety of craft activities, singing and games. We also have a wide range of resources and information. More details about the café are available on our Facebook page (The Memory Café at Doynton), by email (mcdoynton [at] gmail.com) or tel. 07817 311001.

The **annual residents' meeting** and annual meeting of **Doynton Parish Council** will take place on Tuesday May 28th, 7.00 p.m., at Doynton village hall, followed by a normal council meeting. **All residents are welcome to attend.**

Doynton Village Market: Saturdays May 4th and 18th, 10.00–11.00 a.m. in Doynton village hall. Come along for fresh veg, eggs, baked goods, preserves and home-made craft items, and stay for coffee! The first market in April was well attended, thank-you everyone who joined us. At this market we had an extra table with houseplants for sale in aid of Dorothy House Hospice. In some respects this was quite fortuitous, as at the AGM following the market we voted to support this charity as well as the Memory Café once again. A big hurrah, the second market of the month dawned cold but sunny, a very welcome start to the day, and as always a happy crowd of customers joined us. We look forward to seeing you at the market during May. After 30 years plus supporting and running the market, Elizabeth Crew is standing down as market coordinator, but she will still be with us helping out with the teas and coffees, and taking pre-orders (tel. 937 3168 by Wednesday morning before the market). With grateful thanks to her for keeping the market running over the years!

Doynton and Wick WI: Our WI celebrates its 100th birthday this year! Claire Dimond Mills has been sifting through the archives for stories, photographs and press reports from the early years. Some members recognized themselves in the (later!) photos and shared fond memories

of Pearl Brookman and her poems and the garden parties hosted by Mrs Eileen Pitman at Doynton House. At the meeting in May, members will discuss this year's national resolution, on "dental health matters". The Going Down Memory Lane photo archive will be on display, and the competition is "a Spring flower arrangement". All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday May 8th, 7.30 p.m. Doynton and Wick is hostess of the Doynton group of WIs this year, and the first group event will be on May 24th in Doynton – a "Mamma Mia!" evening with Greek meze and buffet and an opportunity to sing along to the film!

Avon and Somerset Police tell us that reported crime was low in the Doynton area. However, do continue to be aware of scams and take precautions with property security. Report anything out of the ordinary to Bianca Rotariu by phoning 101, quoting her badge no. 9061, or email 9061 [at] avonandsomerset.police.uk.

"Warm Wednesdays" community café: every Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.–12 noon in the village hall. All welcome for tea, coffee and good company! Catch up on the gossip here!

Doynton village fête As we have not been able to find enough volunteers to form a viable organizing committee, the decision has been taken to cancel the fête this year.

Please donate any packets or tins of food you can spare to the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol and South Glos foodbank** in the church porch. Many families are still in great need.

Post Office in the village hall: every Thursday 9.30–10.30 a.m. for standard post office services. You can also withdraw cash, pay bills, pay in cheques and return mail-order purchases. Order groceries by 6.00 p.m. Wednesday for collection (Oldland Common Post Office and Store, tel. 932 3159).

Yoga: Thursday morning class 9.30–10.30 a.m. in the village hall. Suitable for everyone, safe and friendly. £10 per class. Classes are run by Jean Foley, Wild Heart Yoga. Tel. 07341 347547 or email jean72foley@gmail.com.

Dates for your diary

Thursday June 6th: celebration of the **80th anniversary of D-Day**.

Saturday June 22nd, 11.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m.: **open gardens** at the **Old Rectory**. Adults £6.00, children free, cream teas available.

Saturday October 12th: advance notice of the **Summers Field barn dance** in the village hall. More details to follow!