

Doynton Parish Pump

Doynton village hall: the annual general meeting will take place in the hall on Wednesday February 19th, 7.30 p.m. All members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The new car park is bedding down nicely, and lighting down the drive has been installed with the generous financial support of South Gloucestershire Council. The hall has a new, plumbed-in tea urn and a new fridge, and has now been awarded a licence for preparation of food on the premises. The hire fees have increased slightly to £10/hour on weekdays and £12/hour at weekends. Special rates will continue to apply for regular village bookings.

Meet the Neighbours ... Meet the Neighbours has started again on Monday afternoons at the Cross House Inn, at the new time of 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome! Contact Jenny Bartram (937 4561) or Sue Merrall (937 3497).

Lenten lunches will be taking place in Holy Trinity church every Friday in March – 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th – from 12.30 p.m. Please do come along and join us for soup, sandwiches and cake. This year, donations will be graciously accepted on behalf of Jamie's Farm, a local charity in Ditteridge, Box, near Bath. Jamie's Farm works to re-engage disadvantaged young people (aged 11–16) who are at risk of social or academic exclusion.

A reminder that **South Glos Filling Station** now meets on the fourth Thursday of the month (instead of Wednesday – 7.30–9.00 p.m. in the village hall).for a lively programme of excellent Christian speakers, a live band and an opportunity for prayer and spiritual refreshment. Why not come along and see for yourself what goes on? Friendly faces and some great coffee and cake await you! For details, tel. Sara (303 9095).

Your generous gifts at **Christmas Eve in Doynton** totalled £390, shared between Christian Aid for development work overseas and One25, working with vulnerable women in Bristol. On behalf of these good causes, thank you!

Thanks also to the villagers who ran the very successful tea and cake stall at the **Doynton Hard Half Marathon** on January 19th, which raised £59 for the new village defibrillator and a magnificent £600 for the North Bristol Foodbank.

WI news: Members shared an enjoyable Christmas meal in December and swapped Secret Santa presents. At the January meeting, Jenni Tame, daughter of our President Tina Holbrook, encouraged everyone to think about small changes that will make our lives more sustainable, from repairing and reusing rather than buying new to reducing food waste. Next month's talk is on the Jessie May Children's Hospice at Home. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday February 12th, 7.30 p.m. The competition is "a childhood toy".

Cross House Inn: see the pub newsletter here: <https://pubsecure.lucidpress.com/9aa7dc2c-0465-4ac9-877e-c21f22d4e0e3/#9T4ms8f5r-E~>. Forthcoming highlights include steak nights, tasting evenings and a Valentine's Day dinner!

Doynton open gardens will be back on May 30th and 31st. This is always a popular event and raises lots of money for our chosen charities – RUH Forever Friends and St Peter's Hospice. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Jenny Bartram, Sue Merrall or Corrinna Wakefield-Wylde (937 2110).

Dates for your diary (also at www.doyntonvillage.org)

Saturdays February 1st and 15th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall. **NB no market February 29th.**

Friday February 14th, 12.30–1.30 p.m.: **village lunch** in Holy Trinity church.