

## *Doynton Parish Pump*

Well, things are gradually opening up again – good to see the Cross House reopening for business. Enjoy your new freedoms responsibly!

**Holy Trinity Church** is recruiting a cleaner – £12 per hour, 3 hours a week. Contact Mike Blacker on 0117 937 3172. Services take place in the church every third week, with social distancing and careful adherence to Government guidelines – see the noticeboard outside the church for details.

**Doynton village hall:** the hall is open for hire once again, in line with prevailing Government regulations. New handrails have been fitted to the front steps for your safety and comfort.

Karen King has completed the hilly 20-mile Circuit of Bath sponsored walk in aid of Julian House hostel for homeless people. Many thanks to all who donated. Karen's JustGiving page is still open for further donations ([http://www.justgiving.com/Karen-King49?utm\\_id=27](http://www.justgiving.com/Karen-King49?utm_id=27)).

Don't forget the fascinating Doynton history books on the village website <http://www.doyntonvillage.org/history/doynton-history-books.html> – well worth a read!

**Doynton and Wick WI:** Our Committee have been heartened to see that most of our members have had the confidence to renew their membership once again this year. We are continuing to meet virtually as best we can and look forward to the time when we will be able to once again, God willing, enjoy fun and friendship face to face.

The May Speaker, Jo Wright from Organic Blooms gave her talk via Zoom to 28 of our members. Not only did she give us an insight into her business of growing native blooms, but she also told of her commitment in helping others to fulfil their potential. Organic Blooms is a social enterprise training people who referred by professionals and who might otherwise be overlooked. After a minimum of two years, Jo and her “gentle” staff encourage her charges to take their newly gained qualifications (and confidence) in horticulture and seek formal employment. This enthusiastic speaker spoke from the heart and members saw what a wonderfully talented and kind lady she is, not only doing a fantastic job growing flowers but helping others and changing lives. Organic Blooms is based in Rangeworthy and, from June, it will be open to customers on Saturday mornings wishing to “pick their own” .... booking essential! Find them at <https://organicblooms.co.uk/>. We look forward to our talk on June 9<sup>th</sup> with John Harvey, who will show us the delights of the “Island of Great Britain”. With most of us confined to our own shores this year, we hope that he will enlighten us about places not too far from home! Members should receive the Zoom link for the meeting a couple of days in advance, or contact a Committee member for help.

Contact the **Doynton Mutual Aid Group** at [doyntonvillage@live.co.uk](mailto:doyntonvillage@live.co.uk) to join the WhatsApp group, stay informed and get access to help within the village.

**Doynton foodbank:** villagers have donated a number of food items which can be found in a box in the church porch; please feel free to help yourself if you are in need. Also a big thank you for your continued support for **North Bristol Foodbank**, which is needed now more than ever. Please leave any tins or packets you can spare in the box in the church porch (please make sure they are at least three months within their use-by date).

**Fly-tipping:** unfortunately, illegal dumping of building or household waste has become even more of a problem during the COVID-19 lockdowns, and our lovely lanes and fields are a favourite destination for the criminals. If you find abandoned waste, or see fly-tipping in progress, first of all keep yourself safe – do not touch the waste, which may contain asbestos or other hazardous substances, or challenge the fly-tippers. If you can do so safely, note and photograph as many details as you can of the waste and any vehicles and people involved. You can report abandoned waste at the following website: <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/general-information/online-services/report/>, or download the free ClearWaste app at <https://clearwaste.com/> to your phone. If you are having any building work done, ask to see the builder's waste carrier registration certificate, ensure you obtain an official receipt and make a note of the registration number of the vehicle taking the waste away.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Saturdays June 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**, 10.00–11:00 a.m., in the village hall: **Doynton Village Market: for locally produced vegetables, eggs, meat, fish, baked produce, preserves and more.** Please adhere to social distancing and wear a mask, unless exempted. Contact Elizabeth Crew on 0117 937 3168 by Wednesday to reserve your goods.