

Doynton Parish Pump

It's so nice to see the sun again! Do make the most of the finer weather to get out around the village now that the coronavirus restrictions are gradually easing again.

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 and Wick WI is continuing to meet online for the time being. The speaker on **Wednesday May 12th** is Jo speaking on "Organic Blooms", and the competition is "a piece of floral jewellery". The weekly WI Zoom chats take place on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. If any members do not receive their link by email, they are invited to contact the President, Tina Holbrook, at [Tinaholbrook\[at\]aol.com](mailto:Tinaholbrook[at]aol.com).

Many thanks to all the villagers who have offered their services to help their neighbours – details below. Contact the **Doynton Mutual Aid Group** at 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).

Dates for your diary

Saturdays May 1st and 15th, 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. NB no market May 29th.



A surprise act of kindness...

Local resident Jayne Bressington wrote to let us know of a very kind thought from the Doynton Village Market team earlier in April.

Jayne is the Vice-Chair of rare cancer charity GIST Cancer UK. She set up the PAWS-GIST clinic and research fund when her daughter Eve was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, referred to as wild-type GIST, in 2010, aged just 15 years old. PAWS-GIST stands for paediatric, adolescent, wild-type and syndromic (PAWS) gastrointestinal stromal tumour (GIST).

Back then, Jayne's family were advised that there was *no treatment, no, cure and no research.*

Finding it impossible to accept such a terrible outlook and with the help of family, friends and our fantastic community of Doynton, Dyrham, Hinton, Pucklechurch, Wick and subsequently the families of other young patients who have connected with PAWS-GIST, the funds raised over the past 11 years have been used to:

- establish the **PAWS-GIST clinic** – *which is at Addenbrookes hospital, in Cambridge and is only the second clinic of its type in the world;*
- set up the **National GIST Tissue Bank**, which facilitates access to these rare tissue samples so that research can happen;
- work with Public Health England to create the **National GIST Registry**;
- **fund eight PAWS-GIST research studies to date** – *two more applications for funding are anticipated in 2021 (<https://pawsgistclinic.org.uk/research.htm>).*

Covid has had a devastating effect on our planet and for most charities has seriously damaged income when fundraising events have been cancelled. So it was a very welcome surprise when the team at **Doynton Village Market presented Jayne with a**

cheque for £500 as she paid for her goods at the market a couple of weeks ago.

Tragically, Eve died in March 2018 aged just 23 years old, as effective treatments have still to be found, so the work continues ...

GIST Cancer UK and PAWS-GIST have been granted 10 places in the Virginmoney Virtual London Marathon on October 3rd, so if you or anyone you know would like to run for PAWS-GIST, please let Jayne know, or write to fundraising@gistcancer.org.uk.

Thanks again to the Doynton Village Market team and to everyone who has and continues to support PAWS-GIST.

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