

Doynton Parish Pump

Venture on to the streets of Doynton at your peril on **Sunday April 2nd**, as hordes of **cyclists** descend on the village hall to gorge their fill, on the feeble pretext of completing a 116-km cycle ride. We know they are really in it for the cake ...

The **Friends of Summers Field** will be holding a get-together and their annual general meeting at Doynton village hall on **Wednesday April 5th**, 7.30 p.m. For further details, contact james_hughes_7[at]hotmail.com. Come along and learn about next year's plans for your community orchard!

No village lunch in April, but **come to tea on Good Friday**, April 14th, in the Church Room from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. All welcome!

South Beaufort Young Farmers will hold a **quiz night** at Doynton village hall on Saturday April 29th at 8 p.m. For further information, contact Sam Kidner (07788 600520/sam-kidner17[at]hotmail.co.uk).

WI news: At the March meeting, held at Wick Chapel owing to the redecoration of Doynton village hall, members heard a fascinating account from Wendy Locke of the work of Avon and Somerset Police's own "CSIs". Wendy is one of the forensic scientists who collect and analyse evidence from crime scenes to catch the culprit and secure a conviction. Members had the chance to investigate a gruesome crime of passion, with members of the audience playing the suspects. It turned out to be Angela Kidner who dunnit. A huge pile of chocolate eggs was collected as an Easter treat for the children of Warmley Park School.

Next month's meeting will feature a talk on "Fighting Blindness" by Ron and Gina Pritchard. The competition is "your prettiest spectacle case". Please bring along your used stamps (cut from the envelope but preserving the perforated edge) for the speakers' chosen charity. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday April 12th, 7.30 p.m.

Doynton Village Hall

Looking forward to the **80th anniversary celebrations** on Saturday May 13th – we are looking for your photos of the village hall through the decades for our exhibition. If you can offer any photos, please contact Pete Hart on 0117 937 2611/peter.j.hart[at]btinternet.com. The photos will be scanned and returned to you in a few days, so please look through your photo albums now!

We are also looking for donations of cakes and/or sandwiches for the celebration tea on the afternoon of May 13th. All offers to Sue Merrall (scmerrall[at]yahoo.co.uk) or Tracey Baker (traceytbkr[at]aol.com), please.

Remember **Meet the Neighbours** – every Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Cross House Inn.

Safari supper: put Saturday August 19th in your diaries, when the popular Safari Supper will start from Mill Cottage, Mill Lane at 7.30 p.m. Tickets (limited in number, so don't delay!) £22 per person, available from Jo James, tel. 937 3794. Proceeds to the Samaritans.

Wanted: land to buy for a natural burial site and Buddhist retreat/camping site: at least 10 acres with no public rights of way, no waterways and two road access points. Contact Lucy White (07961 821099/lucywhite[at]gmail.com).

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

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

Fridays April 7th and 21st: **mobile library** at the Cross House Inn, 10.40–10.55 a.m. and the bus stop 11.00–11.15 a.m.

Mondays, 10–11 a.m.: **keep-fit** for the over-50s in the village hall.

Tuesdays, 8.30 a.m.: **morning prayer** in Holy Trinity Church.

Thursdays 9:30–11:30 a.m.: **Post Office** in the village hall.

Thursdays 9.30–11.00 a.m. and 7.00–8.30 p.m.: **yoga** in the village
hall: Tel. Sam (07734 201431) for further information.