

Doynton Parish Pump

Lenten lunches: the final Lenten lunch this year will take place on Friday April 5th, 12.30 p.m. in Holy Trinity church. No lunch on April 12th: the regular village lunches resume on May 10th. Our chosen charity this year is **Yate and Sodbury foodbank**. Regular collections for the foodbank will be held at **Café Church** on the second Sunday of each month (next on April 14th) and **Doynton Village Market** on the first and third Saturdays. All donations gratefully received! See <https://yatechippingsodbury.foodbank.org.uk/> for their current wishlist.

St Peter's Dyrham and Holy Trinity Doynton: the annual parish church meeting for Dyrham is on April 7th and for Doynton on April 28th. For any queries, please contact: Mike Blacker (Doynton) on 0117 937 3172; Alison Grose (Dyrham) on 0117 937 3764.

The AGM of the **Friends of Summers Field** will be held in the village hall on April 25th, 7 p.m.– all welcome. Hear all about the plans for the community orchard over the next year!

Doynton & Wick WI: At the March meeting, Charles Denny and Andy Berry talked about the Cotswold Canals Trust, which is painstakingly restoring a six-mile stretch of canal centred on Stroud, Gloucestershire. The restored canal will be available as a leisure and environmental resource for boaters, walkers, cyclists and wildlife – the Wallbridge Lower Lock development includes a special bypass around the lock for the local eels and fish. The Trust runs three visitor centres, in Saul, Stonehouse and Stroud, and offers boat trips in its two canal boats, *Endeavour* and *Perseverance*. The

speaker next month (Wednesday April 10th, 7.30 p.m. in Doynton village hall) is John Hoyland on Friendly Societies. The competition is: a friendship gift idea. Members are invited to pot up any spare plant cuttings and bring them to the meetings in April, May and June for sale at 50p each for charity.

The ever-popular **safari supper** will return this year on **Saturday August 17th**. The event will follow the same format as in 2017: welcome drinks at Boyd House on Mill Lane, where you will be notified of your venue for the starter course; move on to a different host for the main course; then finish up at Boyd House again for dessert. Tickets £25 per person, including wine, from Jo James (tel. 937 3794). Hosts also needed to provide a starter and main course for up to six guests – take part in the event for free, and you can claim back expenses if you wish. All profits to the Samaritans.

Doynton village hall bookings: Suzanne Carten – email [doyntonvillagehall\[at\]mail.com](mailto:doyntonvillagehall[at]mail.com) or tel. 07986 636611.

Running companions in Doynton: Contact Anneli Hendy ([aa.jhendy\[at\]btinternet.com](mailto:aa.jhendy[at]btinternet.com)).

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

Saturdays April 6th and 20th and May 4th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall.

Friday June 28th: advance notice of our **summer party** in the village hall – watch this space!

Mondays 10.00–11.00 a.m.: over-50s **keep-fit** in the village hall.

Tuesdays 8.30 a.m.: **Morning Prayer** in Holy Trinity church.

Tuesdays 7.15–8.15 p.m. and Thursdays 9.30–11.00 a.m.: Yoga in the village hall, tel. Sam (07734 201431).