

Doynton Parish Pump

Paint an Easter stone with a design of your choice, to be displayed in Holy Trinity church over the Easter festival. Collect your stone from the church porch and return it there by Maundy Thursday, April 6th. Further details from Rob Stewart (robjstewart[at]gmail.com). The advert for **our new Rector** (or Vicar, depending on your parish) has gone live, and interviews will be held in the first week in May.

Come and enjoy a **cream tea** amongst the apple blossom. Sunday April 23rd, 3.00 p.m. in **Summers Field community orchard**. All proceeds to Friends of Summers Field.

The **Thai curry evening** organized by Shu Lock and her team on February 17th raised £1750 for the DEC Earthquake Appeal in aid of people devastated by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Many thanks to all those who contributed their time and hard work, and to everyone who attended.

The **third Doynton seed swap** on March 11th raised £410 for North Bristol and S Glos foodbank. Many thanks to all who attended, helped out and provided the delicious cakes and refreshments. Happy growing!

The **Soup and Delicious Desserts** lunch in the village hall on March 20th raised approx. £720 for Bath Welcomes Refugees. Grateful thanks to all who donated, helped out and attended.

Doynton and Wick WI: at the March meeting, Geoff Vian spoke on the varied work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. As well as the brave lifeboat crews – all volunteers – who go out in all weathers to rescue seafarers in distress, the RNLI provides lifeguard services on our beaches and teaches water safety in schools. You can even visit their boatyard in Poole where the rescue vessels are constructed. The April meeting will feature a talk entitled “Jane Austen made me do it!”. The competition is “your favourite Jane Austen book and why you like it”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday April 12th, 7.30 p.m.

Doynton Village Market writes: At our recent AGM we voted to donate to some good causes. They are close to our hearts and the village, and well

worth supporting: the Trussell Trust foodbank was one, the other will be the Memory Café which meets at Doynton village hall once a month. This is in addition to our support for Wick Brownies after the December market. We are able to do this since a percentage of our sales is taken to pay for market running costs. In the past year we had a surplus which we voted to assign to these good causes. We also have to give a big thank-you to all of our customers who come and support us: you help us make this happen.

Doynton Community Café: “Warm Wednesdays” will continue in the village hall, 10.00 a.m.–12 noon, until at least the end of April. Please join us for free tea, coffee and biscuits and a good natter!

Doynton Coronation celebrations: Saturday May 6th, 7.30 p.m. to midnight – Coronation Disco in the village hall. Tickets £10 per adult, £5 per child, to include hog roast (veggie option available), plus bar. Tickets from Sue Merrill (tel. 0117 937 3497), Sarah Preece (07779 581682) and Chris Sherman (0771 258 2974, chrissherman1910[at]gmail.com), or at the Community Café in the village hall.

Sunday May 7th, 12 noon – **Coronation Big Lunch** in the village hall. Bring and share buffet — contributions of sweet or savoury items appreciated (please let Joanna know what you will bring). If you are able to volunteer your help for this (setting-up, washing-up, etc.), then please contact Joanna Bond (tel. 07766 748170, joanna.bond3[at]hotmail.com) or Lorna Grey (symondshall[at]myfwi.co.uk).

Dates for your diary

Saturdays April 1st and 15th, 10.00–11.00a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall. NB no market Saturday 29th.

Thursday April 6th, 2.00–4.00 p.m.: **Memory Café** in the village hall: a relaxed, informal and free drop-in providing support for people with memory difficulties and their carers. Contact: 07817 311001.

Monday April 17th, 10.00 a.m. in the village hall: Annual General Meeting of **Doynton Memory Café**.

Thursday May 25th, 6.30 p.m., in the village hall: annual residents’ meeting and annual meeting of **Doynton Parish Council**, followed by the regular Council meeting – all residents welcome to attend.