

Doynnton Parish Pump

Meet the Neighbours: that Autumn is here and the weather is not so warm, how about coming along to the Cross House Inn for an informal coffee morning every Tuesday at 11.15 a.m. Tom serves a good range of coffee, tea and, for the really cold days, hot chocolate! We hope this may turn into a regular meeting-place to catch up, have a chat and enjoy a cup of coffee. Hope to see you there! For further information, contact Jenny Bartram (tel. 937 4561) or Sue Merrall (937 3497).

A **Christmas craft** activity session for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section members and would-be members (girls aged 5–18) will take place on Saturday December 10th, 12.30-3.00 p.m. Come and make Christmas cards and gifts, Advent calendars and edible festive treats. Cost £4. Numbers are limited, so tickets must be bought in advance. If you haven't already registered via your Rainbow/Brownie/Guide Unit please contact Becky Winterson on bwinterson[at]hotmail.com.

Come along to the annual **Christmas Eve service** for a quiet few minutes away from the hectic rush. Meet at the Cross House Inn at 6.30 p.m. before processing along to Holy Trinity church for a short, family-friendly service.

Doynnton Hard Half-Marathon is still recruiting marshals and helpers for the big day on Sunday January 22nd 2017. Contact Pete (956 5458) or Neil (07733 101593) or email [dhhm\[at\]emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk](mailto:dhhm@emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk). After the amazing success of last year, when we raised nearly £1000 for charity, a small group has got together again to provide refreshments for the runners and their supporters in the village hall.: all proceeds to the Red Cross to support their work with refugees (including reuniting families, helping vulnerable groups including children, providing emergency food and water, first aid, etc.). We would love you to join us by baking a cake/ making soup/helping on the day (serving, washing up!). Please come /drop cakes in on the day or contact Jill ([jill.ritchie\[at\]globallearning.co.uk](mailto:jill.ritchie@globallearning.co.uk)) or Frances ([franceslc11\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:franceslc11@gmail.com)) for more details.

Have your say on the revised proposals for the future of **South Gloucestershire library services**. The proposals include reducing the number of staffed opening hours but providing access to libraries 11 hours a day, using swipe card technology. It is proposed to replace the mobile library service with community-centre-based libraries run by volunteer groups. Give us your views

at www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges. The consultation closes on January 2nd 2017 and a final decision on how to proceed will be made in the New Year.

Janet Ogborne can no longer coordinate **deliveries of heating oil** in the village. If anyone is willing to take over the job, please contact Janet on 07807 906716.

WI news: the speaker in November was Martin Poole, who gave an inspirational talk on his work with the Bristol Soup Run Trust, which initially started with handing out soup to a few tramps in the city. Now, 70–80 people of all ages are dependent on the charity for support. The evening finished with the annual general meeting: there were no changes to the committee, and Tina Holbrook was elected for a second term as President. The December meeting is the annual Christmas party and meal. Please bring a Secret Santa gift (to the value of £3), gifts of socks or toiletries for the Julian House homeless shelter and coins for a collection in favour of RUH Forever Friends, based at the Royal United Hospital in Bath. Come to Doynnton village hall on Wednesday December 14th, 7.30 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Send a Cow' charity through their donations at September's Cafe Church and the "Called to be Saints" concert in October. With Gift Aid, a total of £338 has been raised – which is enough to provide 12 families in sub-Saharan Africa with the resources and training to start working their way out of poverty.

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

Fridays December 2nd, 16th and 30th: **mobile library** at the Cross House Inn, 10.40-10.55 a.m. and the bus stop 11.00-11.15 a.m.

Friday December 9th, 8 p.m.: **Christmas lights switch-on** at the Cross House Inn.

Friday December 9th: **parish lunch** in Holy Trinity church, 12.30-1.30 p.m.

Saturdays December 10th and 24th (note change from usual schedule):

Doynnton Village Market at the village hall, 10.30-11.30 a.m. Order your Christmas beef and poultry from Elizabeth Crew, tel. 937 3168, for collection on Christmas Eve.

Village hall AGM tentatively scheduled for 15 February – watch this space.

Merry Christmas – back in February!