

Doynton Parish Pump

Christmas is coming! Lots going on in the village, so enjoy this special time. **Doynton Christmas Post Box:** post cards to your neighbours in the church porch from December 1st for delivery by December 20th – thanks to Janet Ogborne and her daughter Lawna-Rose. **Church services: Advent** Sunday December 1st, 6.30 p.m., with refreshments afterwards; **Carols by Candlelight** Sunday December 15th, 6.30 p.m. – please bring a candle in a suitable holder; **Christmas Eve in Doynton** Tuesday December 24th – meet at the Cross House Inn at 6.30 p.m.; **family service and Holy Communion** Wednesday December 25th, 11.00 a.m. Collect all **Christmas meat and poultry** ordered through Doynton Village Market from Elizabeth Crew on December 23rd – tel. 937 3168.

Meet the Neighbours ... at the Cross House Inn for an informal cup of tea or coffee every Monday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. For more details, tel. Jenny Bartram (937 4561) or Sue Merrall (937 3497). All welcome.

The **hire fees for the village hall** will increase slightly from January 1st, to £10/hour on weekdays and £12/hour at weekends, with special rates for regular village bookings.

#DRYMUDWETMUDCOWMUD Doynton Hard Half Marathon is back on Sunday January 19th. As last year, there will be no race parking in the village and disruption to residents will be kept to a minimum. Race marshals, cake-and-tea-makers and enthusiastic cheerers-on all rapturously received: see <http://www.doyntonhardhalfmarathon.co.uk>.

From January 23rd, **South Glos Filling Station** will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month 7.30 p.m.–9.00 p.m. in the village hall. We have a lively programme of excellent Christian speakers for our monthly, mid-week meeting, which also includes a live band and an opportunity for prayer and spiritual refreshment. For details, tel. Sara (303 9095).

Have you had enough to eat today? Will you eat too much at Christmas? Many families in this so-say prosperous country go hungry in times of financial crisis. You can help in a small but practical way by donating non-perishable, in-date goods to your local foodbank: leave them in the boxes at the back of Holy Trinity church – also urgently needed after Christmas!

WI news: at the November AGM, members re-elected President Tina Holbrook for another year and then tried “Swishing” – swapping unwanted items of clothing, including a particularly magnificent hat. For the December Christmas meal, please bring a Secret Santa present (value approx. £5) and socks, gloves and toiletries for Julian House. Meet at Doynton village hall on Wednesday December 11th, 7.30 p.m.

Cross House Inn Christmas/New Year Food & Bar Times		
Date	Food	Bar
Christmas Eve	12 noon–2.15 p.m. & 5.30–8.00 p.m.	11.30 a.m.–11 p.m.
Christmas Day	Closed for Food	10.00 a.m.–12.30 p.m.
Boxing Day	12 noon–2.30 p.m.	12 noon–3 p.m.
Friday 27 th	Open as Normal	11.30 a.m. –11 p.m.
Saturday 28 th	Open as Normal	11.30 a.m. –11 p.m.
Sunday 29 th	Open as Normal	12 noon–10 p.m.
Monday 30 th	Open as Normal	11.30 a.m. –11 p.m.
Tuesday 31 st	12 noon–2 p.m. & 7-9 p.m. (Fully Booked for Food)	11.30 p.m. –1 a.m.
Wednesday 1 st	12 noon–2.30 p.m.	12 noon–3 p.m.

We will be closed on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th To Recover and Re-Open on Wednesday 8th Fresh and Ready.

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

Saturdays December 14th and 21st and January 4th and 18th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.:

Doynton Village Market in the village hall.

Fridays December 13th and January 10th: **village lunch** in the church, 12.30 p.m..