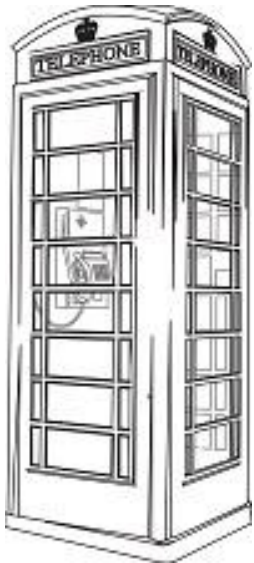


Doynton Parish Pump



A happy new year to everyone! I hope you all got to see the telephone box decked out in its Christmas finery and wrapped up in its warm scarf to beat the January gales. Watch out for more displays later in the year.

And now ... Easter! **Lenten lunches 2018:** there will be four Lenten lunches, on Fridays February 23rd and March 2nd, 9th and 16th at 12.30 p.m. in the church room, Holy Trinity church. Come and join us for delicious soups and sandwiches and the fellowship of meeting together. We ask for donations for Tear Fund, who are celebrating 50 years of relieving suffering in the Name of Jesus. At the moment, they are extremely active in Syria and Lebanon and in Bangladesh, working with the Rohingya refugees from Burma.

Also on Friday February 23rd: “God of compassion”, the latest in a series of contemplative **worship evenings** for Lent, led by Elizabeth Bavin and beginning at 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity church. The series continues with “God of reconciliation” on March 23rd and “God of peace” on April 20th. All welcome.

Doynton village hall management committee will hold its annual general meeting at the hall on Wednesday, February 21st at 7.30 p.m. Come and hear about our plans for the hall in 2018!

Doynton Big Screen will be back in the village hall for its final film of the season on Saturday February 24th, when there will be a showing of Andy Serkis's *Breathe*. Joy is a complicated emotion to capture on screen – particularly when your narrative deals with paralysis, imprisonment and a desire for death. Yet Andy Serkis's directorial feature debut, about the life of pioneering polio survivor Robin Cavendish, is so full of laughter that you might easily forget its sombre subject matter. Part exuberant love story, part great escape adventure, this is an old-fashioned tale of triumph over adversity that refuses – like its protagonists – to succumb to confinement. It stars Andrew Garfield

as Cavendish and Claire Foy as his wife, Tom Holland as her twin brothers and Hugh Bonneville as the inventor of the machine that lets Robin escape from his iron lung. This event is in aid of SANDS, the stillbirth and neonatal deaths charity (<https://www.sands.org.uk/>). Entrance will be £6.50. For a great evening and to support this amazing charity contact Nick Fryer on 937 2084 or nfryer6fat@googlemail.com. As well as the film, there will be the usual delicious food and licensed bar. Doors open at 7.30 p.m.

WI news: “Whichever direction your relationship is headed, a tandem will get you there quicker”, said the speaker in January, Marcus Mumford (no relation to our own Monica). Having spent their honeymoon on “a bicycle built for two” and still on speaking terms, Marcus and his wife Kirsty rented out their house, stored their worldly possessions in a shipping container and set off to pedal around the world. The journey had its ups (Tanglang La in India, at 5328 metres the second-highest mountain pass in the world) and downs (posting a reward for the return of the stolen tandem in Kyrgyzstan), but it all added up to an unforgettable experience and a host of evocative photographs. The speaker next month is Jim Elsford on “From Stone Age to Waitrose in Chipping Sodbury”. The competition is “a historical/hysterical joke”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday February 14th, 7.30 p.m.

Doynton Parish Council: a request to parishioners and visitors to ensure they pick up their dog's mess and put it in the public bins or take it home with them for disposal. Residents are also requested to be considerate about the rubbish they burn on bonfires and the time of day this is undertaken. Applications for co-option on to the Parish Council are now invited from parishioners: apply to the Parish Clerk by email at [doyntonparishcouncil\[at\]hotmail.co.uk](mailto:doyntonparishcouncil[at]hotmail.co.uk) or in writing to: Elaine Weightman, 103 Couzens Close, Chipping Sodbury, BS37 6BS.

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

Saturdays February 3rd and 17th and March 3rd: **Doynton Village Market** at the village hall, 10.30–11.30 a.m.

Get your brain cells in trim for two **quizzes** in March, both from 7.30 p.m. in the village hall: Saturday March 10th in aid of South Beaufort Young Farmers (tel. Sam Kidner, 07788 600520) and Saturday March 24th in aid of Doynton playing field – tel. Mark Pitman (937 2583); Jane Stewart (937 3299) or Martin James (937 2287).