

Doynton Parish Pump

Another Christmas over! The annual **carols and family service** at Holy Trinity church were well attended as always: this year, everyone gathered on the village green opposite the church to sing carols beforehand. A lovely family occasion.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed food items for **Yate and Sodbury foodbank** – the donations amounted to around five carrier bags full. Doynton and Wick WI donated the charity collection from their Christmas meal, amounting to over £90, to the same worthy cause.

After saying they'd have 2019 off, **Doynton Big Screen** is making a surprise return this month. On Saturday February 16th, there will be a showing of the brilliant *American Animals*. This is a heart-pounding heist movie and a bantering conversation between real life and fiction. The setting is Lexington, Kentucky, 2004, when two disillusioned students at Transylvania University hatch a plan to steal rare books from the college library. Supremely watchable and surprisingly poignant, *American Animals* takes its bumbling, hapless frat-rejects and places them in a tightly plotted, high-stakes thriller. This screening has been arranged to support the Norbulingka Institute, founded in 1995 at Sidhpur, near Dharamshala, India. It is dedicated to the preservation of Tibetan culture in its literary and artistic forms. See <https://www.norbulingka.org/> for more information. Doors open at 7.15 p.m. and the film starts at 8 p.m. As usual, a pay bar and three-course meal will be available. Tickets

£7. To book a table, please contact Nick Fryer at [nfryer6\[at\]googlemail.com](mailto:nfryer6[at]googlemail.com) / tel. 0117 937 2084 / 07870543730.

Doynton and Wick WI: the annual Christmas meal was an enjoyable occasion, as always. This year, the venue was Avon Valley Railway, where members enjoyed a festive meal in a converted railway carriage. At the January meeting, Genevieve Arney of Designability (formerly the Bath Institute of Medical Engineering, based at the Royal United Hospital) demonstrated the Wizzybug - an attractive motorized wheelchair for disabled children up to the age of five, available for sale or on loan. In February, the speaker will be Ryan Lewis, with a talk on Bristol Zoo. The competition is “an old photo of the zoo”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday, February 13th, 7.30 p.m.

Time to start prepping ... for the spring **playing field quiz**, which will take place in the village hall on Saturday, March 30th, 7.30 p.m. for a prompt start at 8.00 p.m. Tickets £12 per team of four from Mark Pitman (tel. 937 2583), Jane Stewart (937 3299) and Martin James (937 2287).

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

Saturdays February 2nd and 16th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.:

Doynton Village Market in the village hall.

Friday February 8th from 12.30 p.m.: **village lunch** at Holy Trinity church.

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

Tuesdays 7.15 p.m. and Thursdays 9.30 a.m.: **yoga** in the village hall, tel. Sam (07734 201431).