

## *Doynton Parish Pump*

Lots of fun over the Jubilee weekend, and the weather was (fairly) kind. The hall was magnificently decorated (was Boris ever found?) and the bonfire reached Australian bushfire proportions. Make the most of the summer!

**Doynton Open Gardens** July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12.00 noon–5.00 p.m. Come along and see what wonderful gardeners we have in Doynton. Tickets £7.00 per person, accompanied children free, valid both days. Proceeds split between Alzheimers and South West Children's Hospice. Volunteers needed to staff the carpark, serve teas and bake cakes: please contact Jenny Bartram (jjbartram[at]btinternet.com).

**Back-to-nature outdoor yoga retreat:** rediscover your inner serenity at Doynton House on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>. Further details from teacher Jean Foley, email jean72foley[at]outlook.com.

**Doynton Village Market:** it was loads of fun celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, the hall looked fantastic, and our customers didn't let us down. It was really lovely to see so many people joining us, some we hadn't seen for a while, a BIG Thank-You to all who came along. Everyone was treated to a super range of goods on sale as well as cream teas, it was a fantastic atmosphere. Over the summer, we will open the doors on to the rear lawn for everyone to enjoy a drink and natter in the sun. As always, we look forward to seeing you at our markets, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

**Doynton and Wick WI:** in a change to the published programme, the speaker in June was Caroline Sheldrick, who talked members through the many medicinal herbs growing unnoticed in our gardens: lavender, lemon balm, dandelion tea and nettle soup – a host of traditional remedies awaits us in gardens and hedgerows, and it's all free! Members drank to Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne with "No-Secco" and delicious cake. July 13<sup>th</sup> sees the annual WI outing – a mystery trip starting from Doynton village hall at the **earlier time of 6.45 p.m.** Come prepared to walk a short way, with a cardie for the cool of the evening and enough money for supper. At the meeting in August, Amy Frost will speak on Beckford's Tower, a local landmark for anyone driving over Lansdown. The competition is: "a holiday photograph". All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.

The annual **village fête** will take place on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> – look out for notices around the village.

**Charity auction** of promises and objects is to be held in the village hall on the evening of **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>**. The beneficiaries are Freedom from Torture and Bath Welcomes Refugees. Freedom from Torture is a national charity set up to support asylum seekers from all parts of the world – the Middle East, East Africa, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan – as they progress through recovery from severe physical and unimaginable psychiatric trauma and work their way through the complicated and long drawn out asylum application bureaucracy. Bath Welcomes Refugees is a local charity dedicated to the rehousing of the displaced, currently mostly from the Ukraine, and helping them to integrate into the local community. All pledges welcome: objects, cakes, meals or anything else you can offer! Please put the date in your calendar and send your pledges by September 1s to Barbara Kent at barbarakent30[at]gmail.com.

**Doynton litter picks** require a new volunteer to organize this annual event, which is supported by S Glos Council. Please contact doyntonparishcouncil[at]hotmail.co.uk or tel. 07725 165181.

Please leave any tins or packets you can spare in the church porch for the **Doynton foodbank and North Bristol & South Glos foodbank**. Donations nationwide have dropped sharply as donors turn their attention to the crisis in Ukraine, but the need at home is greater than ever.

To book **Doynton village hall**, email [doyntonvillagehall@mail.com](mailto:doyntonvillagehall@mail.com) or tel. 07986 636611.

### **Dates for your diary**

Saturdays July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (not 30<sup>th</sup>) and August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 10.00–11.00 a.m.: **Doynton village market** in the village hall.

Thursdays, 7.15 p.m. in the village hall: **Zumba fitness class**, £5 adults, £2.50 under-16s. Contact Lucy on 07403 247764, or just turn up.

*The Pump will be spending the summer in the airport security queue. See you in September!*