

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Friends of Doynton Church service** will be held on Sunday July 21st at 6.30 p.m. It will be a Songs of Praise celebration, followed by wine and nibbles. Friends of Doynton Church was established in 1958 to “encourage the widest possible spread in help to the Church by personal service and financial gifts”. Please come and support your local church!

Langton Trust bursaries: The Rev. William Langton charity provides small bursaries for apprentice and educational purposes – books, tools or specialist workwear. Contact the Chairman of the Trustees on 0117 937 4108.

Doynton Village Hall improvements Mike Blacker writes: “Many thanks for the comments and questions I've received about the works to the Hall car parking area. The Hall Committee's next meeting is on Wednesday August 21st at 7.30 p.m.: you are very welcome to join us if you would like more information or have any questions or comments about the works, which are scheduled to start on November 4th.” Contact Mike on 937 3172.

Doynton & Wick WI: At the June meeting, Chris Westgate of Heavenly Hedgerows talked about the food, preserves and liqueurs she prepares from natural ingredients gathered from fields and hedgerows, including hawthorn, nettles and wild garlic. From small beginnings in her home kitchen, Chris has built up a business supplying restaurants, hotels, weddings and the general public with natural products ranging from sloe gin to lavender jelly, scooping up three local Good Food awards along the way. It all looked delicious (your correspondent still doesn't quite dare to try nettle soup,

though ...). Next month's meeting is the annual mystery trip and supper – looking forward to a great evening out! Meet at Doynton village hall at the slightly earlier time of 7.15 p.m. The meeting in August (Wednesday August 14th, 7.30 p.m., Doynton village hall) features a return visit by John Caldicott, telling “Daisy's Story”. The competition is “a pretty handkerchief”.

Still a few tickets left for the **safari supper** on **Saturday August 17th**, starting out at Boyd House on Mill Lane and then at various venues around the village. Tickets £25 per person, including wine, from Jo James (tel. 937 3794). Hosts also needed to provide a starter and main course for up to six guests. All profits to the Samaritans.

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

Saturdays July 6th and 20th, August 3rd and 17th and September 7th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall.

NB no market August 31st.

Fridays July 12th and August 9th, 12.30 p.m.: **village lunch** in Holy Trinity church, for delicious food and the latest gossip!

Thursday July 25th, 7.30 p.m.: **Doynton Parish Council** meeting in the village hall, all welcome.

Saturday August 31st: **Hawkesbury Show** in Hawkesbury Upton near Badminton, featuring lumberjacks and Indian Running Ducks!

For more details, see <http://www.hawkesburyshow.org/>.

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

Thursdays, 9.30–11.30 a.m.: **Post Office** in the village hall.

Thursdays, 9.30–11.00 a.m.: **yoga** in the village hall, contact Sam on 07734 201 431.

*The Pump will be spending the summer making
nettle soup. Back in September!*