

Doynton Parish Pump Cake Stand

Please note that from May 1st the new **manager and bookings secretary of Doynton village hall** is Suzanne Carten – email doyntonvillagehall[at]mail.com or tel. 07986 636611.

The **village hall 80th anniversary celebration** on May 13th was well attended and much enjoyed by everyone. Mountains of sandwiches and cake vanished in a remarkably short time – rivalled only by the steady drop in the level of the beer barrel at the evening party and BBQ, with rockin' local band "Freefall". Mark Pitman gave a short account of the history of the hall, which was his grandfather's gift to the village in 1937. Now the hall is a thriving community resource, with regular exercise classes for dogs and people, celebrations to mark "hatches, matches and dispatches" and what must surely be the smallest post office in the South-West. Many thanks to all who provided photographs for the exhibition on the village hall through the decades, a large number of them featuring William Crew. Thanks also to those who donated food, put up the balloons and bunting, ran the BBQ and bar and washed and dried every plate and teacup in the hall four times over. There was just enough cake left over for the village chickens to hold their own party. Here's to the next 80 years!

Put **Saturday June 10th**, 2.00–4.30 p.m. in your diary now! As well as the **village fête** (see box opposite), the beautiful **gardens** of the **Old Rectory**, next door to the hall, will be open 11 a.m.–4 p.m. (admission £4.00, children free, home-made teas from your very own WI).

Walk off all that cake, at least temporarily, with a quiet country-lane **walk around Doynton**, organized by South Gloucestershire Walking for Health. Meet at Holy Trinity church on **Wednesday, June 21st** at 2 p.m. for a 45-minute walk, then put back all the calories with a cream tea in the Church Room (NB **not** the village hall as stated in the S Glos brochure).

Doynton House is opening its gardens under the National Garden Scheme on **Sunday June 25th**, 2-6 p.m. (admission £4.50, children free, home-made teas i.e. more cake). For further details, see the NGS website, www.ngs.org.uk/?bf-garden=34524.

For more information on the **Friends of Doynton Phone Box**, contact Elaine Weightman ([doyntonparishcouncil\[at\]hotmail.co.uk](mailto:doyntonparishcouncil[at]hotmail.co.uk)).

Doynton Garden Fete

10th June in Toghill Lane
Starts 2 p.m.

Teas, Barbecue Lots of Games
Tombola Skittles Raffle
Brass Band Puppets
Gymnastic Display



... and cake

WI news: At the May meeting, members approved both of the national resolutions, on alleviating loneliness and eliminating microplastics from our oceans. No cake, for once. Everyone had brought flowers and greenery from their gardens, and much fun was had making small posies to give to a neighbour or leave for a stranger to find. Next month's meeting will feature a talk from author Anne Holloway, and the competition is "A hat to depict a fictional book character". Come to Doynton village hall on Wednesday June 14th, 7.30 p.m.

Need to run off some cake? Contact: Anneli Hendy for running companions in Doynton ([aa.jhendy\[at\]btinternet.com](mailto:aa.jhendy[at]btinternet.com)).

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

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

Friday June 9th, 12.30–1.30 p.m. – **village lunch** in Holy Trinity Church. All welcome!

Fridays June 16th and 30th (note change): **mobile library** at the Cross House Inn, 10.40–10.55 a.m. and the bus stop 11.00–11.15 a.m.

Saturday August 19th **safari supper**: contact Jo James, tel. 937 3794. Proceeds to the Samaritans.