

Doynton Parish Pump

Lots on this month: get your diaries ready!

Hoping for fine weather for the annual **village fête**, which will take place on **Saturday June 8th** from **2 p.m.** on **Toghill Lane** and in the **village hall**. Fun and games for all the family, with children's sports, welly-whanging, skittles and a visiting pirate! No need to eat before you come: just head for the barbecue, cream teas, Pimm's stand and cakes and local produce stalls. Entertainment will be provided by the Tatters and Tails Morris Dancers, the Filton Concert Brass Band and a classic car display. Donations of cakes, books, tombola items and bric-a-brac gratefully received; please bring them to the hall on the morning of the fête. Free entry and programme, car parking £1. Roll up, roll up, all the fun of the fair!!

On the same day, **Saturday June 8th**, (11 a.m.–4 p.m.) the **magnificent gardens of the Old Rectory**, next door to the hall, will be open under the National Gardens Scheme. Well worth a visit! Entrance is £5 adults, free for children, and teas will be provided by the legendary Doynton and Wick WI.

Another open garden later in the month: **Doynton House gardens** will be open on **Sunday June 23rd** (1–5 p.m.). Admission £6 adult, free for children, with the proceeds to be divided between a number of medical and caring charities. Home-made teas will be served by your friendly, smiling neighbours. Doynton House gardens are spectacular at this time of year – don't miss the chance to see them!

Doynton village hall party: looking forward to our **summer party on Friday June 28th**, 7.30–11.45 p.m. There will be a barbecue, bar, raffle and disco with popular local DJ Alistair. Tickets (including your first burger or hot dog): £10 for adults and £5 for under-12s. Contact Tracey Baker (tel. 07881820618, traceybkr[at]aol.com) or Sue Merrall (tel. 937 3497, scmerrall[at]yahoo.co.uk). Summer is on its way!

Doynton village hall improvements: the parking at the hall will be upgraded this year, with more hard-standing parking spaces, improved lighting, landscaping and, if feasible, electric vehicle charging points. The work is scheduled for November 4th–19th, and the hall will be closed throughout. For more information, contact the hall chairman, Mike Blacker, tel. 0117 937 3172.

Doynton & Wick WI: At the May meeting, members approved the resolutions that will go forward to the national WI meeting in June, on rural bus services and cervical cancer screening. Our own Maureen Crew talked about Associated Countrywomen of the World, the largest international organization for both rural and urban women with a membership of 9 million in over 70 countries. Your "Coins for Friendship" and contributions to the "Flower of the Month" competition have helped to fund water, sanitation, agriculture and education projects, mostly in Africa and India. On June 12th, (Doynton village hall, 7.30 p.m.), Chris Westgate will talk on "Heavenly hedgerows". The competition is "a hedgerow posy in a jam jar". Don't forget to bring your surplus seedlings and seeds for the plant stall!

Pauline Blacker, Secretary, writes: "Everyone is welcome to attend the **Friends of Doynton Church service** in Holy Trinity church on **Sunday July 21st**, 6.30 p.m. This 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'. Your support is always greatly appreciated."

The ever-popular **safari supper** will return this year on **Saturday August 17th**. The event will follow the same format as in 2017: welcome drinks at Boyd House on Mill Lane, where you will be notified of your venue for the starter course; move on to a different host for the main course; then finish up at Boyd House again for dessert. 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 June 1st and 15th: 10.30–11.30 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall. NB no market June 29th.

Thursday June 6th, 7 p.m.: **Community Engagement Forum at Wick village hall**. Here is your chance to raise any concerns you have about your local community with representatives of South Glos and local councils, police and other public services.

Friday June 14th, 12.30 p.m.: **village lunch** in Holy Trinity church, for delicious food and the latest gossip!

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