

Doynton Parish Pump

Lots of village events coming up! First of all, of course, the patriotic fervour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Thursday June 2nd: Jubilee **bonfire** lighting at 9.45 p.m. in the field at Doynton Mill (take the footpath behind the church and follow the signs). Also Thursday: **nature adventures, campfire songs and overnight camping** in Summers Field from 4.00 p.m.

Friday June 3rd–Sunday June 5th: **Scarecrow Trail** – create a scarecrow of a significant figure from one of the seven decades of the Queen's reign. Entry forms in the church porch or from elaineroch58[at]gmail.com. Maps and guess-the-scarecrow entry sheets available from Friday June 3rd.

Saturday June 4th: **Cream teas at Doynton Village Market**, from 10.00 a.m. Also on Saturday: **Jubilee disco and BBQ** at the village hall, 7.30 p.m. until late, with bar. Entry by ticket only. Adults £10 Children £3 (including food). Tickets available from Lisa 07974 771670, Sarah or Corinda.

Sunday June 5th, 10.00 a.m., **Holy Trinity Church: service** to celebrate the long and faithful service of our Queen – all welcome. Also Sunday: **Big Jubilee Lunch** at the village hall, 2.00–4.00 pm. Donations of food to be brought to the village hall by 11.00 a.m. Contact Tricia on 07518 906443. Each child under 16 years in the parish will receive a commemorative **Jubilee coin** – collect at the Big Lunch.

A **photography exhibition** will run in the church and village hall over the weekend. If you have any photos from past royal celebrations which you are happy to lend, please contact Ron Ritchie (Ron.Ritchie[a]jcloud.com, or tel. 07970 897129). Bunting will be put up in public areas, but it would be lovely to see every house decorated for the occasion. To **lend or make bunting**, contact diashman[at]aol.com or scmerrall[at]yahoo.co.uk.

Friends of Summers Field have planted a white cherry tree in the community orchard to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. It is marked with a small plaque. It joins the broad-leaved lime planted in 1897 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and the red oak planted in

2012 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The cream tea in April raised £207.40, and the new bug house is buzzing!

Looking ahead: **Doynton Open Gardens** July 2nd and 3rd, 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).

Doynton Village Market: Apologies to customers old and new for the small number of producers attending the May markets. Rest assured that normal service plus will be restored on June 4th – come and enjoy your first cream tea of the day! June 4th and 18th, 10.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m. at the village hall.

The “Soup & Delicious Desserts” event in April raised a magnificent £857 for Ukraine: thanks to all soup-makers, helpers on the day, guests and donors.

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

Doynton and Wick WI – in May, in a change to the published programme, John Lever took members on a tour of Florence, which has captivated lovers of art, churches and fine food for centuries – from his favourite early-morning coffee stop and ice-cream parlour to the breathtaking art and architecture of Michelangelo, Botticelli and Brunelleschi. Members voted unanimously in favour of this year's national resolution, on diagnosis and management of autism and ADHD in women and girls. At the June meeting (Wednesday June 9th, 7.30 p.m., Doynton village hall), Caroline Sheldrick will speak on “medicinal herbs in your garden”, and members will toast Her Majesty's health with a glass of fizz. The competition is “a royal souvenir”. Please wear red, white or blue (or all three!).

Dates for your diary

Saturday September 3rd: **Doynton fete.**

Saturday September 24th: **Charity auction of promises and objects** in aid of Freedom from Torture and Bath Welcomes Refugees. More details soon. Please think about what you may be able to offer for this very worthy cause.