

Doynton Parish Pump

Lenten lunches 2018: there will be three more Lenten lunches, on Fridays March 2nd, 9th and 16th at 12.30 p.m. in the church room, Holy Trinity church. Come and join us for delicious soups and sandwiches and the fellowship of meeting together. We ask for donations for the charity Tear Fund, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

Get your brain cells in trim for two **quizzes** in March, both from 7.30 p.m. in the village hall: **Saturday March 10th** in aid of **South Beaufort Young Farmers** (tel. Sam Kidner, 07788 600520) and **Saturday March 24th** in aid of **Doynton playing field** – tel. Mark Pitman (937 2583); Jane Stewart (937 3299) or Martin James (937 2287).

The series of contemplative **worship evenings** for Lent continues on Friday March 23rd, beginning at 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity church. The lecture this month is “God of reconciliation” “All welcome.

Doynton phone box: The box will continue to be covered in knitting, crochet and pompoms. Thank you to everyone who has donated! We had a lovely response to our love letters for Valentine’s day and filled the box with love. Watch this space for Easter celebrations in the box. If you have any ideas for an exhibition or have some feedback, email Emma on [emmalouise.roch\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:emmalouise.roch[at]gmail.com).

WI news: We heard a few months ago how horses were led through the wide entrance corridors of Chipping Sodbury’s many inns to the stables at the rear. At the February meeting, Jim Elsworth of Sodbury and District Historical Society had more stories to tell about the town’s long history as a trading centre. The reason there are so many pubs in Chipping Sodbury, Jim said, was originally the town’s position on the pilgrimage route to Kingswood Abbey in Gloucestershire, and later its role as a watering-hole for drovers taking cattle from Wales to London for sale. It wasn’t all about the demon drink, however: Jim also described the magnificent Little Sodbury Manor, where William Tyndale was moved to begin his translation of the New Testament into English, and the churches of various denominations, including the Quaker meeting house and the Roman Catholic church established (in a former pub, the Swan) by the wife of a local Anglican vicar.

Doynton and Wick WI is so successful that the committee have decided to start a waiting list for new membership applications for the time being. Contact a committee member if you would like to join the list. Next month the talk will be on Bath Harvest Oils, and the competition is for “the prettiest jug”. Come to Doynton village hall on Wednesday March 14th, 7.30 p.m. Remember to bring chocolate cream eggs for the children of Warmley Park School.

Pete Blanchard writes: “Emersons Green Running Club would like to thank you all for once again welcoming us to Doynton to present the Doynton Hard Half Marathon. The weather made the race extremely challenging this year, but the community spirit was as strong as ever and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A total of 403 runners managed to cross the finish line, one more than last year. The club donation fund this year is £1000 and we are pleased to support the following local causes: Cotswold Conservation Board, Doynton Church, Doynton Playing Field, Doynton Summers Field, Golden Valley Nature Reserve, 74th Kingswood Scouts and the RUH Forever Friends appeal. Payments will be made over the next few weeks. The catering team at the village hall raised funds for the Red Cross, and several other charities were supported by individual runners, including Headlight, Scotty’s Little Soldiers, Myeloma UK and Redland Green School. Race pictures can be found on the race website at www.doyntonhardhalfmarathon.co.uk/gallery. Thanks again, and we hope to join you again next year.”

Doynton Parish Council: Applications for co-option on to the Parish Council are now invited from parishioners: apply to the Parish Clerk by email at [doyntonparishcouncil\[at\]hotmail.co.uk](mailto:doyntonparishcouncil[at]hotmail.co.uk).

Dates for your diary (see also www.doyntonvillage.org)
Saturdays March 3rd and 17th and April 7th: **Doynton Village Market** at the village hall, 10.30–11.30 a.m.

Friday April 20th, 8 p.m. Lent lecture, at Holy Trinity church: “God of peace”.

Doynton Open Gardens will return again on Sunday May 27th and Monday 28th. There will be approx. eight gardens open in the village – every one of them stunning. Get weeding now!

A very happy Easter to everyone!