

Doynton Parish Pump

Doynton village hall: looking forward to our **summer party** on **Friday June 28th**, 7.30–11.45 p.m. There will be a barbecue, bar, disco with popular local DJ Alistair and raffle. 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!

Don't forget to vote in the **South Gloucestershire council elections** on May 2nd. In addition, elections to the European Parliament may take place on May 23rd – check your polling station for the latter, as Doynton village hall is booked on that day.

Lenten lunches: Once again, the lunches were supported by both Doynton and Wick members and friends from around the area. We have been able to send £281 to the local food bank at Yate. Thank you to all who made the soups and donated cakes, sandwiches and fruit (*and washed up!* – Ed). Over the three Fridays, we served 70 customers. This was the 19th year of the Lenten lunches – next year will be a special one so look out for notices.

Doynton & Wick WI: At the April meeting, John Hoyland told the story of the Friendly Societies – the forerunner of today's welfare state. The Friendly Societies were set up by working people, who paid a small monthly subscription in return for sick pay, medical care and pensions in times of need. They also fulfilled a valuable social function, with monthly meetings (often in the local pub) and an annual “walking day” – a

holiday on which members paraded around the village carrying their distinctive brass emblems. Next month (Wednesday May 8th, 7.30 p.m., in Doynton village hall), members will vote on the resolutions to be debated by the WI at national level, and our own Maureen Crew will talk about the work of Associated Countrywomen of the World, the largest international organization for rural women. The competition is “something from India”. The WI is contributing a hamper for the raffle at the village hall summer party (see above). **Please bring items** (home-made or bought) that remind you of the WI, of Doynton or of the hall **to our meeting on May 8th** – the village hall committee will make up the hamper prettily. Please also bring plants for the plant stall.

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 May 4th and 18th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall.

Mondays 10.00–11.00 a.m.: over-50s **keep-fit** in the village hall.

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

Thursdays 9.30–11.00 a.m.: **yoga** in the village hall, tel. Sam (07734 201431).