

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Annual Residents' Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** will take place in the village hall on Wednesday May 4th at 6.30 p.m., followed by a normal council meeting. Members of the public welcome!

Doynton litter picks require a new volunteer to organize this annual event. Please contact doyntonparishcouncil[at]hotmail.co.uk or tel. 07725 165181.

Jubilee celebrations June 2nd–5th: lots lined up for a festive family weekend! 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 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. To enter your scarecrow, please complete an entry form, available in the church porch or from elaineroch58[at]gmail.com. Maps and guess-the-scarecrow entry sheets will be available from Friday June 3rd.

Saturday June 4th: **Jubilee disco and BBQ** at the village hall, 7.30 p.m. until late. Entry by ticket only. Adults £10 Children £3 (which includes food) There will be a bar. Tickets available from Lisa 07974 771670, Sarah or Corinda.

Sunday June 5th: the **Big Jubilee Lunch** at the village hall 2.00–4.00 pm. Donations of food to be brought to the Village Hall by 11 a.m. For more information, contact Tricia on 07518 906443.

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]icloud.com, or tel. 07970 897129).

Jubilee coins: each child under 16 years in the parish will receive a commemorative Jubilee coin. These can be collected at the Big Lunch.

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.

Doynton Village Market: the market continues to thrive, and the hour we are open seems to fly by. Like the other village organizations, we are planning to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by serving **cream teas** on Saturday June 4th – come and join us at the market, 10.00–11.00 a.m.

Doynton and Wick WI: at the April meeting, Gill Sammonds described the endangered countryside protected by the Avon Wildlife Trust, including salt marshes in Somerset and our own Willsbridge Mill. At the May meeting, members will discuss the national WI resolution on women and girls with ASD and ADHD, and there will be a plant stall. Karen Beasley will lead a gardening container demonstration and quiz. The competition is “a Chelsea garden in a saucer”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday May 11th, 7.30 p.m.

Advance notice: a **charity auction** of promises and objects is to be held in the village hall on the evening of Saturday September 24th in aid of Freedom from Torture and Bath Welcomes Refugees. Freedom from Torture is a national charity that supports asylum seekers from the Middle East, East Africa, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, etc. as they recover from severe physical and unimaginable psychiatric trauma and work their way through the complicated and long drawn-out asylum application bureaucracy. Bath Welcomes Refugees is a local charity dedicated to the rehousing of displaced persons, currently mostly from the Ukraine, and helping them to integrate into the local community. Please put the date in your calendar and start thinking of contributions to the sale. Further details nearer the time.

Please leave any tins or packets you can spare in the church porch for the **Doynton foodbank and North Bristol & South Glos foodbank**. Families are struggling more than ever with food and energy price rises.

Village hall bookings: tel. 07986 636611/email doyntonvillagehall@mail.com.

Dates for your diary

Saturdays May 7th and 21st, 10.00–11.00 a.m.: **Doynton village market** in the village hall.

Thursdays, 7.15 p.m. in the village hall: **Zumba fitness class**, £5 adults, £2.50 under-16s. Contact Lucy on 07403 247764, or just turn up.

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