

Doynton Parish Pump

Stop press! The **Cross House Inn reopens** on Saturday September 28th. Come and support your local hospitality! Plenty of time to go to the pub in October, but November is looking busier.

The **autumn quiz** to raise funds for the playing field will be held on Saturday November 23rd in the village hall. The cost is £12 per team of four. Larger teams can participate but, if they win, they will not be eligible for a prize. Please arrive for 7.30 p.m. for a prompt start at 8 p.m. The quiz-setters for the event live in the village and their identity will be revealed on the night! For further information please contact Mark Pitman (tel. 937 2583), Jane Stewart (937 3299) or Martin James (937 2287).

Doynton village hall improvements: the hall will be closed on November 4th–19th while the car park is extended and resurfaced. Access to the Thursday morning post office will be via the neighbouring driveway (the home of the late and much-missed Wendy Scott). The market on November 16th will be held in Holy Trinity church. For more information, contact the hall chairman, Mike Blacker, tel. 0117 937 3172.

WI news: At the September meeting, Lucienne Boyce brought the history of the women's suffrage movement in Bristol to life through the experiences of five brave women who were all arrested on the same day and sent to Horfield Prison. In their impassioned campaign for votes for women, they succeeded in harassing and assaulting a surprisingly large number of senior politicians, including Winston Churchill, but they suffered for their beliefs, with regular spells in prison, hunger strikes and the cruel force-feeding that permanently damaged their health. Use your own votes, ladies!

The WI craft group has restarted for the new season – it meets at Holy Trinity church, Doynton, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays.

Next month's meeting features a talk by Paul Evans on "Village life" – we know all about that! The competition is "a photo of a past village event". Please bring books for the book stall. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday October 9th, 7.30 p.m.

Yate and Sodbury foodbank has merged with North Bristol foodbank. Donations are still collected in the village – leave them in the boxes in the church or village hall – and will be taken either to Yate or to Bath foodbank. Thank you all for your generosity: your donations are needed more than ever.

Doynton open gardens will be back on May 30th and 31st 2020. This is always a popular event and raises lots of money for our chosen charities – RUH Forever Friends and St Peter's Hospice. Several garden owners have already agreed to take part, but we are always looking for new gardens to include. So if you are a keen – or even not so keen – gardener and would like to open your garden, we would be delighted to hear from you. Anyone interested please contact Jenny Bartram (tel. 937 4561), Sue Merrall (937 3497) or Corrinna Wakefield-Wylde (937 2110).

Dates for your diary (also at www.doyntonvillage.org)

Saturdays October 5th and 19th, 10.30–11.30 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** in the village hall.

Advance notice of markets: November 2nd, 16th (Holy Trinity church) and 30th, December 14th and 21st and January 4th 2020. Order your Christmas poultry or beef from Elizabeth Crew, tel. 937 3168.

Friday October 11th, 12.30–1.30 p.m.: **village lunch** in Holy Trinity church.

Sunday October 13th, 10 a.m.: **CafeChurch** in Holy Trinity church.

Wednesday October 23rd, 7.30 p.m.: **Filling Station** Christian worship in the village hall.

Sunday January 19th 2020: Doynton Hard Half-Marathon in and around the village.

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, 9.30–11.30 a.m.: **Post Office** in the village hall.