

Doynton Parish Pump

Friends of Summers Field: The delicious cream teas in Summers Field on September 12th raised a fantastic £255, which will be used to buy a new multi-stemmed silver birch tree in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee later this year. Many thanks to all who provided scones, and to James and Bex, who are moving on from their posts of chairman and treasurer.

On Saturday October 16th, there will be a Summers Field **Autumn Feast**, starting at 6 p.m., with a fabulous ploughman's spread, Doynton apple juice and Doynton beer! Jane Hulm will talk about how she turned around a neglected village orchard in Englishcombe, Bath. Tickets for the evening will be £12 for adults and £6 for under-15s, available via the Doynton WhatsApp group and at the village market – all are welcome! Dress warmly, as doors and windows will be kept ajar. The weekend before the Autumn Feast, we will be taking apples from Summers Field across to Englishcombe to be pressed and pasteurised to produce our first harvest.

Zumba: a new energetic fitness class every Thursday evening, 7.15–8.15 p.m. in the village hall, £5 for adults, £2.50 for under-16s. Have fun and get fit at the same time! Contact Lucy on 07403 247764 for further information, or just turn up on the night.

Holy Trinity Church: we look forward to welcoming you to Café Church (October 10th, 10.00 a.m.), when Clare Fussell, environmental adviser to the Diocese of Bristol, will tell us about the new EcoChurch initiative – all welcome.

Please leave any tins or packets you can spare in the church porch for the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol foodbank** – as urgently needed as ever now that the Universal Credit supplement is being withdrawn.

Meet the Neighbours has started up again – come to the Cross House Inn on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. for coffee and a chat. All welcome.

Doynton village hall: the hall is open again for clubs and parties, and our programme of repairs and maintenance is well under way. New members of the management committee always welcome – if you are willing to commit to a year or two, we would be happy to see you! Contact the Chairman, Mike Blacker, at doyntonvillagehall[at]mail.com.

Doynton and Wick WI: members were back together once again for the September meeting, where Alison Baillie talked about her visits to the Naankuse Foundation Wildlife Sanctuary in Namibia. The animals at the sanctuary are all orphaned or injured and can never return to the wild: volunteers' duties range from acting as surrogate mum to a baby baboon to wrangling (tame ...ish) cheetahs. Next month the speaker is Andy Stowe of East Bristol Auction House – bring along a favourite item for an informal valuation. All welcome at Doynton village hall on October 13th, 7.30 p.m.

Don't forget to contribute your sewn, crocheted, knitted or crafted panels (each 60cm x 100cm) for the massive scarf that will be presented at the **2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference** (COP26) in Glasgow in November. Contact Jane Girling at janegirling[at]hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Dates for your diary

Saturdays October 2nd and 16th, 10.00 a.m.-11.00 a.m.: **Doynton Village Market** for locally produced vegetables, eggs, meat, fish, baked produce, preserves, craft items and more. Please adhere to social distancing and wear a mask, unless exempted. Contact Elizabeth Crew on 0117 937 3168 by Wednesday with your food orders (hint: order your Christmas meat and poultry early!). NB no market October 30th.