

## *Doynton Parish Pump*

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will meet on **Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 2.00–4.00 p.m. at the village hall, with an Easter theme and the ever-popular ukelele band. Anyone with dementia or memory loss, with their family member or carer, is very welcome. For more information, see Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or tel. 07817 311001. We would love to hear from potential volunteers, especially those living in Doynton. NB the May meeting will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>, not 1<sup>st</sup>, owing to local elections in the hall.

**Doynton village market:** next markets **April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**, 10.00–11.00 a.m., at the village hall. The March markets were well supported, accompanied by some better/sunnier weather. It felt like the year has finally woken up. We can truly say that we enjoy your company and seeing you all on the first and third Saturdays of the month. As we have said before, if you cannot make it and would like specific goods, or if you might be late coming, please ring or message us, we can keep something back for you, or arrange pick-up/delivery. We also take orders, and recently supplied a special birthday cake. Helping our customers out is something we love to do. With Easter approaching, we will be making some appropriate goodies, but as always, if there is anything you would like, please ask – tel. or message 07711 670704, before midday on the Wednesday before the market.

Take your places for the **swing band music evening** with the Wiltshire Police Band on **Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>** (7.30 p.m.) at Holy Trinity church – a toe-tapping extravaganza to raise funds for Falcon Holidays for local children in need. Tickets £12.00 in advance or £15.00 on the door from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wiltshire-police-band>.

Be careful crossing the road on **Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>**, when hundreds of cyclists will be passing through the village, ostensibly on a 116-kilometre **cycle ride**, but really for the “legendary catering” provided courtesy of Doynton and Wick WI. For details of the event and an artist’s impression of our very own village hall, see <https://www.pedalution.co.uk/events/barrys-bristol-bash-110/>.

At the March meeting of **Doynton and Wick WI**, Bob Rogers shared his deep love for the breathtaking scenery, magnificent beaches and peaceful way of life of the Outer Hebridean islands of Scotland, where Gaelic is still the first language. The tiny airport at Barra has no runway; instead, the planes land on the beach among the cockle-gatherers. The

speaker in April is Claire Bounds on “Scams”, and the competition is “a top tip for scam avoidance”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.

**Don’t forget Warm Wednesdays:** 10.30 a.m.–12 noon at the village hall, for tea/coffee, sweet treats and a good gossip. We regularly welcome 20 guests or more, and one of these days we will succeed in getting the “boys” and “girls” tables to mix!

Advance notice of the **Annual Residents’ Meeting and annual meetings of the Parish Council**, which will take place on **Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>** (7.00 p.m.) at the village hall. This will be followed by a regular Doynton Parish Council meeting. Residents welcome at all meetings.

Doynton Parish Council event to commemorate the **80th anniversary of VE Day: Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6.30 p.m. at Doynton Mill field, off Rookery Lane. Fish and chips £15, sausage and chips £12, halloumi and chips £13 (ticket includes one free drink). Lighting of the beacon at 9.30 p.m. Tickets from Elaine Roch (07799 280743), Lisa Williams (07974 771670), Sue Merrell or Warm Wednesday coffee mornings.

**Doynton Village Fête:** this year, the fête will take place on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** (1.00–4.00 p.m.) around the village hall and the orchard, with the usual range of summer attractions, including cream teas, barbeque, children’s sports, farm animals, Morris dancers, entertainer and brass band. Please put the date in your diary and bring any donations – bottles, home-made produce, plants, bric-a-brac, children’s toys, books, etc. – along on the morning of the fête.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the **North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank** via the collecting box in the church porch. The need is greater than ever as the cost of living continues to rise. The foodbank provides three days’ nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people in crisis – more and more of them are in work but still unable to afford food. Working alongside local partners, the foodbank also connects people with expert advice on income, debt and support services to address the root causes of hunger. If you need to make use of the foodbank, please contact them on 0117 472 5172, or visit their website at [nbsg.foodbank.org.uk](https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk). Our local “village agent”, Aimee Cherry-Williams, can help you to access the foodbank network and provide further support if needed – this is a completely free and confidential service, see [https://orlo.uk/Village\\_Agents\\_plEmf](https://orlo.uk/Village_Agents_plEmf).

*The Pump wishes you all a happy Easter!*