

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Memory Cafe** has celebrated its third birthday! We will continue to meet throughout the summer on the first Thursday of the month (July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th), 2-4 p.m., at Doynton village hall. In July we are planning some gentle indoor and maybe outdoor games and activities; in August we will be celebrating holidays. All our cafes feature tea/coffee and delicious home-made cakes, a warm welcome and lots of activities. We usually end by singing together with Clare and the big red balloon. Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer. The cafe is free to attend, thanks to generous support of local parish councils, organisations and individuals. Recently we have benefited from generous donations from the Wick Open Gardens day – thanks to all who supported us. Volunteer Week is over, but we are always so grateful to all our volunteers and will celebrate and thank them at an afternoon tea in July. If you would like any more information about any aspect of the cafe, you can find us on Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton” or text us on 07817 311001.

The **magnificent gardens of Doynton House** will be open on **Sunday July 6th**, 2.00–6.00 p.m., under the National Gardens Scheme. Admission £7.50, children free. Come and sample your neighbours’ home-made cakes!

The **Warm Wednesdays** café will continue over the summer – many thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers who man (and woman) the coffee machine and taste-test the biscuits for you every week. Come along between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon for a warm drink and warmer company!

Doynton Village Market: we had a brilliant start to June, with most being sold out, with lots of (very) fresh vegetables, plants and virtually just picked flowers. It is only going to get better as the next couple of months progress, with fruit coming on, plus tomatoes and salad, and the usual sweet treats/cakes. If over the July/August period you happen to be going off for a day out, picnic goodies can be ordered and picked up early, or if you are just staying home and want something for an alfresco lunch, or indeed if you are planning a BBQ our heritage pork sausages could fit the bill. Don't forget we can also supply vegetarian and gluten-free goods, but if you want something special, please enquire. Just as a reminder, we are open on the first and third Saturday mornings of the month, 10.00–11.00 a.m. at Doynton village hall (**July 5th and 19th, August 2nd and 16th** (but not 30th) and **September 6th**). Check us out on

Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or tel./message 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market. We look forward to seeing you!

The **Cross House Garden Festival** will be going ahead again this year on Sunday August 24th, 3.00–10.00 p.m., with live music, BBQ and local ciders. Adults £10 per ticket, under-12s go free. Tickets on sale from the bar at the pub (don't delay – when they're gone they're gone!).

The **village fête** on June 14th made the grand total of £4300, despite some typically British weather. Many thanks to everyone who helped out, staffing the stalls, serving teas and making cakes.

At the June meeting of **Doynton and Wick WI**, Sandra Bateman dispelled some of the conventional myths about the Brontë sisters, Charlotte (author of *Jane Eyre*), Emily (*Wuthering Heights*) and Anne (*Agnes Grey*). Dismissing the common view of an isolated childhood dictated by a tyrannical father, Sandy told the story of a close family, inventing imaginary worlds and writing poems, plays and stories. The next meeting is the annual mystery outing and meal on **July 9th – meet at Doynton village hall at 5.00 p.m.** The evening will be mostly indoors: bring your contribution of £15 (in cash, please) if you have not already done so. Next meeting August 13th, with a BBQ and beetle drive.

Advance notice of the **autumn feast and barn dance** on **Saturday October 11th** at the village hall. Proceeds to support Summers Field community orchard. More details to follow.

Please donate any packets or tins of food you can spare to the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol and South Glos foodbank** in the church porch. Many families are still in great need.

Down in the dumps: did you know that, if you want to visit the local waste recycling centre at Mangotsfield, you now have to pre-book a slot online? Go to <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/book-recycling-centre/> to book a slot up to two weeks in advance.

Visit the Doynton village website, www.doyntonvillage.org, for news of upcoming events, Doynton history and useful local links. To publicize a Doynton event, email doytonvillage [at] live.co.uk.

The Pump will be spending the summer testing the chocolate digestives. See you in September!