

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Memory Cafe at Doynton** will meet on Thursday September 4th, 2-4 p.m., at Doynton village hall. This month, our topic is the BBC Proms, with art, crafts, word search and a quiz with a musical theme, and even a little flag-waving! 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. 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.

Doynton Village Market: the market continues to do well and, despite the dry conditions, a lot of our produce comes from or contains home-grown sources, so not many food miles covered. Also, we have a lovely variety of home-made goods, some decorative, some practical, some functional, so come on in and buy a unique card or present. The continued hot weather we've had seemed to be good for the fruit and flowers, but not necessarily for some vegetables: however, we have been able to fill the garden produce table with a good variety. By the time you read this, we (may) have had something called rain, and hopefully we will have a late flush of produce with apples and pears coming, plus the first pressings of apple juice. Hopefully the greenhouses will be producing tomatoes and other salad crops for a couple of months yet, the toms being especially lovely, you cannot beat a home-produced tomato. As always, we can endeavour to cater for special orders, given time, and we try to cater for all tastes and allergies. Come on in and visit us, sit down for a tea or coffee and a chat, and let us know if there is anything you would like us to make. As always we are open 10–11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (September 6th and 20th and October 4th). Check us out on Facebook ("Doynton Village Market"), or tel./message 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market to order your goods. We look forward to seeing you!

The next meeting of **Doynton Parish Council** will take place on Tuesday September 16th at the village hall at 7.00 p.m. – members of the public warmly invited to attend.

Friends of Summers Field: come along to our Autumn Feast and Barn Dance on **Saturday October 11th**. Doors open 6.30 p.m., food at 7 p.m., dancing 8–10 p.m. Tickets: adults £15.00, children £7.50, includes ploughman's supper. Pay bar – cash or credit card. Tickets in advance only, from Lisa (07974

771670) or Corinda (07587 175474). All proceeds go for the maintenance of Summers Field community orchard.

Date for your diary! There will be a **fund-raising event for the playing field** in Doynton Village Hall on **Saturday November 15th**. Will it be the traditional quiz or... will it be something completely different? Watch this space for more information!

Advance notice of the **Doynton Hard Half Marathon**, which will take place in and around the village on **Sunday February 8th 2026**. Volunteers to act as marshals or staff the tea tent always welcome. Watch this space for more details.

Come along to the **Warm Wednesdays** café in the village hall between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon every week, for tea, coffee or hot chocolate and a good gossip – all welcome.

The July meeting of **Doynton and Wick WI** was an evening of home-grown entertainment. After a fast-and-furious "beetle drive", members tucked into hot dogs and cake and socialized together. The next meeting, on September 10th (7.30 p.m.) in the village hall, will feature an update on the Mercy Ships charity, which brings life-enhancing surgery to people all over the world on specially converted hospital ships. The competition is "a harvest arrangement in any medium", and there will be a harvest stall – please bring contributions and a bag to carry home your purchases!

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. The foodbank is collecting **recipe books** to help its clients to prepare their own food – if you have a book to donate, please leave it in the box in the church porch.

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.

Some of you may remember Rosalind Hinton, widow of the Rev Josh Hinton, former Rector of Dyrham, who sadly passed away in June this year.

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 doyntonvillage [at] live.co.uk.