

Doynton Parish Pump

The next **memory café** will take place on **Thursday June 4th**, 2.00–4.00 p.m., in the village hall, where some furry visitors are expected. Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer, free of charge. Crafts, games, puzzles, shared memories, chats with our volunteers, tea and home-made cakes are a feature of every café. We have lots of information and guidance available for those with a new diagnosis of dementia and their families, and many of our volunteers have experience of someone with dementia among their own family or friends. For more information, see our Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or call/text 07817 311001.

Doynton Village Market: June 6th and 20th, 10.00–11.00 in the village hall. Come along for fresh vegetables, eggs, meat, cakes, savouries and preserves – if you’re lucky, there may be some elderflower cordial left! Our craft stalls are always popular, with home-made presents and cards. We look forward to seeing you on the first and third Saturdays of the month, check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or place your orders by phone or message on 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market.

Doynton and Wick WI: cuteness overload at the May meeting, when Yvonne Cox spoke about the sterling work of Hedgehog Rescue Bristol and South Gloucestershire, based in Yate. Hedgehog numbers are declining alarmingly: you can help by flattening tin cans and knotting or cutting fruit and vegetable nets and ring-pulls and six-pack rings from drink cans – all these may be “liberated” from your dustbin by other scavengers and left out where hedgehogs may trap their heads or paws. The next meeting is the annual **members’ mystery trip** – meet at Doynton village hall on **Wednesday June 10th at the earlier time of 4.00 p.m.**, and bring your bus pass if you have one.

Many thanks to everyone who joined the **Friends of Summer’s Field** on their **dawn chorus walk** on Sunday May 17th. We were blessed with dry, sunny weather and the beautiful sound of birdsong pervading the orchard and woodland. We picked up around 25 species singing, and had clear sightings of the kestrel in the orchard and two treecreepers flitting from tree to tree in the wood. Definitely worth getting up early to discover so much about the bird life in our village. The breakfast at the end was a fantastic treat too!

The **Warm Wednesdays community café** runs every Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the village hall. Come along for tea/coffee, biscuits and a good chat with your neighbours. All welcome.

Please donate any packets or tins of food you can spare to the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol and South Glos foodbank** basket in the church porch. The foodbank always needs staples such as tinned meat and vegetables, long-life milk, fruit juice and squash, but also toiletries such as shampoo and soap. The need is as great as ever – please help if you can.

Have you received your **new recycling bags** and blue bags for soft plastics (*ours are a tasteful shade of lavender – Ed*)? If not, call Street Care on 01454 868000 to arrange delivery.

If you are unable to drive for any reason, **Green Community Travel** may be able to help you with transport to hospital or other appointments. For details, see <https://greencommunitytravel.co.uk/>, email admin [at] greencommunitytravel.co.uk or phone 01454 228706.

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.

Save the date

Saturday August 1st – a summer party at the village hall: watch this space for more details.

Saturday November 14th: don’t miss **the autumn feast and barn dance** at the village hall: watch this space for more details.