

## *Doynton Parish Pump*

The annual residents' meeting of **Doynton Parish Council** will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 p.m., in the village hall – all welcome.

You are warmly invited to the Friends of Summer's Field **Dawn Chorus walk** on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at – gulp – 5 a.m. We will meet at the main entrance to the field and will also listen in nearby woodland. Dress appropriately and bring binoculars and mobile phone apps if you have them. A complimentary breakfast of sausage in a bun and drinks will be served afterwards in the village hall. To book a place and advise re dietary requirements, please text Diana on 07855 877647 by Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Doynton Village Market: May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00–11.00 in the village hall.** NB no market May 30<sup>th</sup>. The footfall through the market has been good, even though we had markets at the start and finish of the Easter school holidays. The pork and lamb have proved popular, with some customers commenting on how good they are. Our vegetarian/vegan/gluten free products seem to be going well too, as more customers with intolerances get to learn of their availability. The vegetable table will be a bit sparse for a while as we go into the “hungry gap” before the summer crops kick in. Our hand-made goods are also a good reason to stop by, as we do have a good selection of cards and products suitable for lovely presents, etc. or spoil yourself! If you would like anything specific made for you, please contact us.

The next **memory café** will take place on **Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>**, 2.00–4.00 p.m., in the village hall. Musical entertainment will be provided by Midnight Harmony, with music from the 1960s and 1970s. 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 and Wick WI:** in a change from the published programme, Martin Hall gave an illustrated talk about Bristol Zoo. Martin worked on the development of the new site, and was a volunteer gardener at the old site. His photos brought back happy childhood memories for many members. The speaker in May is Yvonne Cox of Hedgehog Rescue, and the national WI resolutions will be discussed. The competition is “a hedgehog item”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 p.m.

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? 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](http://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.