

## *Doynton Parish Pump*

The next **memory café** will take place on **Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 2.00–4.00 p.m., in the village hall, with an Easter theme and a performance by a local children's choir. 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:** come and enjoy on the first and third Saturdays of each month, 10.00–11.00 a.m., with eggs fresh from the farm and regular supplies of local fresh and frozen meat, fruit and vegetables, fresh flowers and plants. Also available: home-made sweet and savoury treats, including gluten-free – buy scones and preserves for your afternoon tea later in the day. Choose a gift or treat yourself from one of the craft stalls which include collectable novelties, sewn and knitted items for all ages, essential oils, wax melts and scented sachets, free from harmful chemicals, also greetings cards and paintings. Orders can be taken for the food stalls and commissions are welcome for bespoke items from all the craft stalls. And before you leave, well stocked before the next market, relax with a drink and a biscuit or cake while chatting with friends. **Next markets April 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter Saturday) and 18<sup>th</sup>**. See you there!

Many thanks to everyone who attended the **Lent lunches** and those who made soup, cakes, etc. and helped out each week. It was greatly appreciated. We made £283.00, which will be split between the charity Jamie's Farm and Holy Trinity Church, as a contribution towards the new heating system.

The **seed swap and plant sale** on March 14<sup>th</sup> made almost £1200 for the Hillfields Community garden in Bristol. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

The March meeting was an energetic one for the members of **Doynton and Wick WI**, as they tried out Seated Zumba to music with Philomena Connelly [*I ached for two days – Ed.*]. It's a safe yet challenging

workout, especially for people who aren't too steady on their feet, and certainly caused a lot of laughter. At the next meeting on **April 8<sup>th</sup>** (7.30 p.m.), Lou Ruddell will give a talk on sharks. The competition is "a fishy item" – interpret that as you will! All welcome at Doynton village hall.

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 – in the week before Christmas, 881 people were referred for emergency food support, compared with the previous record of 681. Please help if you can.

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.

If you don't have a car or are unable to drive for any reason, **Green Community Travel** may be able to help you with transport to hospital or other appointments. See <https://greencommunitytravel.co.uk/>, email admin [at] greencommunitytravel.co.uk or phone 01454 228706.

The **Warm Wednesdays community café** takes place every week in the village hall between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Come along for tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits galore. Everyone welcome.

**Doynton village hall bookings:** Suzanne Carten – email doyntonvillagehall[at]mail.com or tel. 07986 636611.

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.

*A happy Easter to you all!*