

Doynton Parish Pump

The village celebrated the **coronation of King Charles III** in right royal style, with a hog roast and disco on May 5th, a sumptuous bring-and-share lunch on May 6th and a rousing peal of Stedman's on the church bells. The hall, magnificently decorated by Jayne and Kim Bressington, featured a throne, crown and sceptre for guests to emulate His Maj on social media. God Save the King!

Memory café: Thursday June 1st (apologies if this column does not reach you in time), 2.00–4.00 p.m. at the village hall. We will be celebrating the Memory Café's first birthday with a tea-dance-style café and ballroom dancing demonstration/ participation. A warm welcome awaits anyone living with dementia or memory loss and their family members or carers. Find us on Facebook "The Memory Café at Doynton" or contact us for more information (tel. 07817 311001). Thanks to Doynton and Wick WI for their support in donating cakes.

Doynton village fete is back! Come to the village hall on Saturday June 10th, 2.00 p.m., for delicious teas and cakes, stalls and games. Please bring any bric-a-brac, books, old crockery, bottles, toys, plants, teddies, cakes, produce, children's books, CDs, etc. to the village hall in the morning.

Doynton Community Café: Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m.–12 noon, until at least the end of June: note new start time. Please join us for free tea, coffee and biscuits and a good natter!

Doynton village market will take place in the village hall on Saturdays June 2nd and 16th, 10.00–11.00 a.m. for fresh spring produce, cakes and bakes, preserves and handicrafts. NB no market June 30th.

Doynton and Wick WI: members raised a glass of bubbly to King Charles III at the beginning of their May meeting and enjoyed a demonstration of trug making by Carl Sadler, the "Miserable Old Trugger", transforming slithers of soaked ash wood and copper nails into a hand-crafted trug with the simplest of equipment. He is one of only five trug makers in the country: his craft was passed down from his father and will hopefully be passed on to the next generation. Members also discussed and voted in favour of this year's

resolution, "Clean rivers for people and wildlife", which will be debated at the Annual Meeting in Cardiff on May 25th. The next meeting is on June 14th, 7.30 p.m., featuring a talk by Sergeant Major Generalle James Carr hys Regiment on "Everyday life in the 17th century". The competition is "an everyday object you would be lost without". If you are not a member but you would like to come along as a guest, please do!

Walks around Doynton: did you know we now have a dedicated web page giving detailed instructions for four lovely walks around Doynton? See <http://www.doyntonvillage.org/environment/Walks.html>. There is also a large map of the walks on a noticeboard next to the pub. Many thanks to Ron Ritchie and the team who organized it.

Doynton post office is open every Thursday 9.30–10.30 a.m. for all post office services. You can also withdraw cash, pay bills, pay in cheques and return mail-order purchases. Order groceries for collection by 6 p.m. Wednesday (Oldland Common Post Office, tel. 932 3159). Use it or lose it!

Please donate any packets or tins of food you can spare to the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol and South Glos foodbank** – collection boxes are in the church porch. The need is greater than ever, with soaring food and energy prices and rising job losses. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9.30–11.00 a.m. in the village hall: **yoga classes**, suitable for everyone, safe and friendly, £9 per class. Classes are run by Jean Foley, Wild Heart Yoga. Tel 07341 347547 or email [jean72foley\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:jean72foley[at]gmail.com).

Thursday 7.15–8.15 p.m.: **Zumba exercise class** in the village hall. £5:00 for adults, £2.50 for under-16s, with Lucy (tel. 07403 247764).

Advance notice of a **cream tea** in the community orchard, Sunday July 2nd, 3.00–4.30 p.m., £3.00 per head, in aid of the orchard. All welcome and fingers crossed for a sunny day!

Saturday September 9th: **safari supper** in aid of the Samaritans. Meet at 7.00 p.m. in the village hall for drinks and details of your starter host. After the starter, move on to a different host for your main course, then return to the village hall for dessert. Tickets £35 per person, including wine, from Jo James ([jojames57\[at\]hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jojames57[at]hotmail.co.uk), tel. 937 3794, 07967 122776). Hosts please volunteer!