

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will hold its next meeting on **Wednesday July 3rd** as Doynton village hall is required for General Election voting the following day. 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. The café meets (usually) on the first Thursday of every month, 2.00–4.00 p.m. For more information, see our Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or call/text 07817 311001.

Friends of Summers Field: there will be a **cream tea** with BBQ and option to camp (!) on **Saturday July 20th, 3.00–4.30 p.m.** Camping 6.00 p.m. onwards. Bring your own BBQ and food. Look out for posters around the village out nearer the time.

“Warm Wednesdays” community café: the café will be taking a break in July, August and September – back in October!

Doynton House will be open under the National Gardens Scheme on Saturday **September 1st**, 2.00–4.00 p.m., with home-made teas on offer. Admission adults £7.50, children free.

The sun smiled on the **Old Rectory gardens** on Saturday June 22nd, and over 300 visitors flooded in to admire the gardens at their best. Profits from the teas amounted to almost £1000, which will be used for the upkeep of Summers Field community orchard. Many thanks to hosts Edwina and Clive Humby and all the helpers.

Your correspondent was sorry to miss the **80th anniversary of D-Day** celebration on June 6th, but she is reliably informed that the bonfire blazed like a good ‘un, the beer flowed freely and the reading of the National Statement was a truly moving moment. She can attest that the fish and chips, brought home by a well-wisher, were delicious!

Doynton and Wick WI: the first event for the Doynton Group of WIs this year, on 24 May, was a riotous “Mamma Mia!” themed evening, with delicious Greek food, a chance to sing along with the film, and a very special treat – a video of personal messages of congratulation from Mamma Mia! cast members past and present, magicked up by Kay Stock. The next group event will be a “flower power” garden party

on September 20th. The June meeting was a foraging trip to the wood at Diddingtone Firs, with expert guidance from Maria Fernandez Garcia and fascinating stories of the history of the wood from Barbara Kent. July 10th sees the annual WI mystery trip – the coach leaves Doynton village hall promptly at 7.00 p.m., so don’t be late! On August 14th, Doynton and Wick member Alex Huband will talk on “Dyrham through the year”. The competition is “How many words can you make from the phrase ‘Dyrham House?’”. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month, 7.30 p.m. at Doynton village hall.

Doynton Village Market: Saturdays July 6th and 20th, August 3rd and 17th and September 7th; 10.00–11.00 a.m. in Doynton village hall. Come along for fresh veg, eggs, baked goods, preserves and home-made craft items, and stay for coffee! NB no market August 30th.

Post Office in the village hall: every Thursday 9.30–10.30 a.m. for standard post office services. You can also withdraw cash, pay bills, pay in cheques and return mail-order purchases. Order groceries by 6.00 p.m. Wednesday for collection (Oldland Common Post Office and Store, tel. 932 3159).

Yoga: Thursday morning class 9.30–10.30 a.m. in the village hall. Suitable for everyone, safe and friendly. £10 per class. Classes are run by Jean Foley, Wild Heart Yoga. Tel. 07341 347547 or email jean72foley@gmail.com.

Avon and Somerset Police tell us that reported crime is low in the Doynton area. However, do continue to be aware of scams and take precautions with property security. Report anything out of the ordinary to Bianca Rotariu by phoning 101, quoting her badge no. 9061, or email 9061 [at] avonandsomerset.police.uk.

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. Our local foodbank alone feeds 1350 people on average every month.

On **Saturday October 12th**, there will be a **barn dance** in the village hall in aid of **Summers Field** community orchard. More details to follow!

The Pump is spending the summer eating scones.

And fish and chips. See you in September!