

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will meet on Thursday October 2nd, 2-4 p.m., at Doynton village hall. The theme will be “Harvest”, and we will be entertained by the children’s choir of Emersons Green Primary School. Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer. The cafe is free to attend, thanks to the generous support of local parish councils, organizations and individuals. Thanks also to our dedicated volunteers! You can find us on Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton” or text us on 07817 311001.

Harvest at Holy Trinity church: you are warmly welcomed to our special harvest service on **Sunday October 5th**, 11.00 a.m. This will include thanksgiving for the support of the “Friends of Doynton”. The church relies on our care and support. As part of the celebration, we are planning a “bring and share” lunch (puddings provided) after the service. Donations of food for the North Bristol & South Glos. foodbank will be very welcome: see <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> for the currently most urgently needed items.

Friends of Summers Field autumn feast and barn dance: don't miss this great fun event on **Saturday October 11th**. Doors open 6.30 p.m., food at 7.00 p.m., dancing 8–10 p.m. Adults £15.00, Children £7.50, includes ploughman’s supper. Pay bar – cash or credit card. Tickets in advance only, from Lisa (tel. 07974 771670) or Corinda (07587 175474). All proceeds going for the maintenance of Summers Field community orchard. Three new information signs have been put up at the entrances to the field to help visitors to identify the flora and fauna within. The website pages (also accessible via QR codes on the signs) have also been revised and extended.

Pay forward this year’s bumper harvests by collecting seeds etc. for the next **seed swap and plant sale**, which will take place on **March 14th 2026** in Doynton village hall. The event will include not just seeds, but also seedlings, bulbs, tubers, flowers, herbs, etc., as well as garden equipment for you to take in exchange for a donation to charity (tools/garden equipment, garden ornaments, ceramic pots or plastic pots (large ones only) gardening books, magazines, bird tables, bird houses or feeders, hanging baskets, etc. All in good working order please). Please save your seeds and unused/partially used seed

packets and pot up spare plants and seedlings over the next few months.

Don’t forget the **Warm Wednesdays community café** in the village hall, every week between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Colder weather is coming soon, you will need that hot chocolate!

Doynton Village Market: plenty of Nature’s bounty still available – come along to the market for fresh vegetables and fruit, eggs, baked goods, preserves and handicrafts. We are open 10–11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month – October 4th and 18th and November 1st and 15th. Check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or tel./message 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market to place your order. We look forward to seeing you!

Doynton and Wick WI: the speakers in September were a pathologist, Edward Sheffield, and his wife, Ruth, who told members about Mercy Ships, on which they have both worked. The Mercy Ships charity runs and supports two hospital ships, currently based in West Africa and in Madagascar, where they can reach people who have little or no access to health care and treat them free of charge. They are run by volunteer doctors, nurses, technicians and everyone else needed to run a hospital. They come from all over the world, some working for a few weeks, some for a year or longer. Not only do the doctors address such issues as cleft palate repair, eye problems, scarring from burns, rickets or benign growths, but they also help to train local doctors. In October, in a change from the published programme, the speaker will be Rob Jones, who will speak on a “surprise” subject! Members know they are in for a treat! All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday October 8th, 7.30 p.m.

Did you know that, 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.

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.