

Doynton Parish Pump

Sadly, **Doynton post office** is due to close, with the last session on Thursday March 13th. For more details, see the link below:

<https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/doynton-hosted-outreach-bs30-9qg-334470>.

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will meet on Thursday March 6th, 2.00–4.00 p.m., at the village hall, with a chair-based yoga session, group singing and Spring-related activities. Anyone with dementia or memory loss, with their family member or carer, is very welcome. For more information, see Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email [mcdoynton \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:mcdoynton[at]gmail.com) or tel. 07817 311001.

This year's **seed swap and plant sale** – the fifth – will take place on **Saturday March 8th** (10.00 a.m.–12 noon) at Doynton village hall. We will be focusing on seeds and plants that encourage birds, bees, butterflies and other invertebrates. Several varieties of Heritage vegetable seed will be available, also seed from the Special Plants nursery (dating from 2023, but well worth a try!) and seeds of some unusual and beautiful clematis grown by a young woman in Kharkiv, Ukraine, trying to support her family and elderly relatives. Information on this venture and how to support her will be displayed at the Swap. Recut sharpening services will be there to put an edge on scissors and garden and woodworking tools. As in previous years, we will have a “gardenalia” section to which people have donated unwanted garden tools, pots, ornaments, etc. for others to help themselves to (and hopefully leave a donation) – message or call Jane on 07920 258844 to arrange collection. This year our craft activity will be making a holder for bird nesting material. We will be serving teas and coffees and freshly made cakes and biscuits.

Support your local doctor's surgery! Come along to a **Thai Curry Night** in Doynton village hall on **Friday March 21st**. Doors open 6.30 p.m., food served at 7.00 p.m. Choice of chicken or vegetable curry, pay bar, raffle. All proceeds to Friends of Three Shires Surgeries. Tickets in advance only: adults £15, children (under 14) £7.50: contact Lisa on 07974 771670 or [Lisaj.williams \[at\] me.com](mailto:Lisaj.williams[at]me.com). We also need desserts, volunteers to help serve on the night, and raffle prizes: contact Shu on 07796 956392 or [shuhanjade \[at\] yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shuhanjade[at]yahoo.co.uk).

The **Friends of Summers Field AGM** will be held at 7.00 p.m. on **Tuesday March 25th** at the village hall. All welcome.

The phantasmagorical **playing field quiz** will take place on **Saturday March 29th** at the village hall, doors open at 7.30 p.m. for a prompt start at 8.00 p.m. Tickets £20 for teams of four people or £5 single – pay on entry, cash only; pay bar, cash or card. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated – please bring on the night. Proceeds go for the upkeep of the playing field. Contact Jane Stewart: [johnjane252 \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:johnjane252[at]gmail.com) or tel. 937 3299.

Doynton village market: next markets **March 1st and 15th** (NB no market Saturday 29th). After a prolonged rest over the festive period, the producers came back refreshed and raring to go, and our customers were too. It's interesting that January seems so long and slow-ish, then February comes and the year gets turbocharged and rushes forward. The markets have been steady and well supported, and we have had a good range of produce on sale. I put one of our producers to the test and ordered a special card, and they came up trumps. The point I make is, if you would like anything special, be it a card, picture, craft, cakes, or savoury, have a word with us. And as usual, if you want to be sure of getting something you would like and can't get to us early, please call, message or WhatsApp us (07711 670704, **note new number**) or contact us through our Facebook page “Doynton Village Market”, before midday on the Wednesday before the market. We look forward to seeing you!

Advance notice of a **swing band music evening** with the Wiltshire Police Band on **Saturday April 5th** (7.30 p.m.) at Holy Trinity church. For details, see <https://www.doyntonvillage.org/uploads/images/events/Karens%20concert.jpg>.

The **cake stall at Doynton Hard Half Marathon** on February 2nd raised almost £1400 in aid of Bath Welcomes Refugees and Medical Detection Dogs. Thanks to those who came along to help serve, and to the many who brought cakes.

The speaker at **Doynton and Wick WI** in February was Ian Caskie on the sometimes chequered history of the SS Great Britain. This iron-hulled ship, the brainchild of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, served variously as a luxury trans-Atlantic liner, a troop ship and a coal cargo ship, eventually being left to rot off the Falkland Islands before a major rescue operation and transfer to Bristol harbour for restoration. In March, the speaker will be Bob Rogers of Wingspan Wildlife. The competition is “a bird ornament”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on March 12th, 7.30 p.m.

Don't forget: Warm Wednesdays: 10.30 a.m.–12 noon at the village hall, for tea/coffee, sweet treats and a good gossip!