

Doynton Parish Pump

Holy Trinity church: a new **Community Prayer** session is starting on the first Tuesday of the month (9.00–10.00 a.m.), alternating between Holy Trinity and St Peter's, Dyrham. In October, the session will take place on **Tuesday October 1st** at Holy Trinity. All welcome.

The **“Warm Wednesdays” community café** will open its doors once again from **October 2nd** (10.30 a.m.–12.00 noon). Come along for tea/coffee and a biscuit or six, and the best gossip in town!

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will hold its next meeting on **Thursday October 3rd** in the village hall. We are looking forward to welcoming a children's choir from Emerson's Green, and our theme will be “Harvest”. The café meets on the first Thursday of every month, 2.00–4.00 p.m. For more information, see our Facebook page “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or call/text 07817 311001, as well as the Memory Cafe poster elsewhere in this magazine with full details of the month's meeting.

Doynton Village Market: next markets October 5th and 19th, 10.00–11.00 a.m., in the village hall. The late summer fruit will be adorning the tables, alongside the fresh vegetables. Order your meat, cakes, pies, produce and eggs (by the Wednesday before the market) and collect your order on the day. Tel. Elizabeth Crew (0117 937 3168). Or just pop in for a cuppa and slice of cake!

Soup and Delicious Desserts: Monday October 7th from 12.30 p.m. in the village hall. Coffee and tea available. Donations (min. £6) graciously accepted, all profits to Bath Welcomes Refugees. Please book to secure your place: contact Jill (jill.ritchie [at] globallearning.co.uk) or Jenny (jjbartram [at] btinternet.com).

Doynton and Wick WI: on **October 9th** (7.30 p.m.), the speaker will be Jason Coward, National Chair of the Royal British Legion, on the history and work of the organization The competition is: a homemade poppy. All welcome.

Summers Field community orchard: looking forward to the **barn dance on Saturday October 12th** in the village hall. Doors open 6.30 p.m., ploughman's supper 7.00 p.m., dancing from 8.00 p.m. Tickets in advance £15 (adult), £7.50 (under-16). Pay bar, card or cash. Contact Lisa (07974 771670) or Corinda (07587 175474). Limited tickets available! Posters around the village soon.

Local Nature Action Plans: Little Things Matter: as part of South Gloucestershire Council Biodiversity Action Plan, Doynton has been asked to build its own parish plan to help nature. We already have several nature-preserving initiatives under way from Summers Field and the Parish Council, but we need to build on this work as a community. Our plan needs to address broader issues like preserving or recovering habitats and creating nature corridors where nature can thrive. We know that if we preserve it or create it, nature will come – as many hedgehogs and owls can attest. Sarah Magraw (sarah.magraw [at] gmail.com) has taken on responsibility for building Doynton's plan. She is keen to hear both ideas and offers of support from those with expertise and/or enthusiasm around the village. Potential projects being evaluated are: a wildlife tower; the creation of a wildlife corridor between Doynton and Dyrham; and a scheme to monitor the health of our rivers. You can look at other parish plans here: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Local-Nature-Action-Plans-guidance-for-town-and-parish-councils.pdf>.

Doynton House National Gardens Scheme opening: the experiment with a September rather than July opening was a leap into the unknown and we are delighted to have attracted 270 paying visitors on a day with a distinctly iffy weather forecast. Luckily we enjoyed an hour and a half of sunshine and warmth before a huge thunderstorm set in very nearby – some of the tea ladies saw lightning strike the road outside! Visitors managed to enjoy the gardens and then a mass huddle under slightly drippy shelter. Thank you to everyone who helped, especially the drowned rats and those who rescued the table that collapsed under the weight of the teas! We were able to send nearly £3000 to the NGS from this opening alone, adding to other group visits earlier in the summer. THANK YOU, DOYNTON!

Advance notice of the stupendous **playing field quiz**, to be held at the village hall on **Saturday November 16th**. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. for a prompt start at 8.00 p.m., tickets £20 for a team of four people or £5 per single ticket – cash only, please. Pay bar – cash or card. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated – please bring them on the night. For more information, contact Jane Stewart (johnjane252 [at] gmail.com) or tel. 0117 937 3299.

Post Office in the village hall: every **Thursday 9.30–10.30 a.m.** for standard post office services. Order groceries by 6.00 p.m. Wednesday for collection (Oldland Common Post Office and Store, tel. 932 3159).