

Doynnton Parish Pump

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

The **Memory Café at Doynnton** will hold its next meeting on Thursday September 5th in the village hall. 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 on the first Thursday of every month, 2.00–4.00 p.m. For more information, see our Facebook "The Memory Cafe at Doynnton", email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or call/text 07817 311001.

Doynnton Village Market: next markets September 7th and 21st, 10.00–11.00 a.m., in the village hall. The market continues to do well, and this is the time of year we have an abundance of fruit, vegetables, cut flowers, etc. – so much so that we have increased the table space to accommodate it all. Our produce couldn't be fresher, often picked on the morning of the market or the afternoon before. If you want the pick of the crop, please get here early! It won't be too long before this year's apple juice will be available ... watch this space. Alongside all this we also have the perennial sweet and savoury products. If you want to be sure, you can always order (by the Wednesday before the market) and collect your order on the day. Tel. Elizabeth Crew (0117 937 3168). Even if you don't need anything, why not pop in for a cuppa and slice of cake? We look forward to seeing you!

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!

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).

Summers Field community orchard: the cream tea on July 20th was moved to the church for meteorological reasons. It was a lovely afternoon, full of community spirit, and made a small profit for orchard

funds. Thanks to all the scone-makers, the scones were delicious. The next orchard event is 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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Doynnton foodshare box** over the past four years. We have now "retired" the Doynnton box, but encourage everyone who can do so to continue to support the North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank via the collecting box in the church porch. If you need to make use of the foodbank, please contact them on 0117 472 5172, or visit their website at nbsg.foodbank.org.uk. Our local "village agent", Aimee Cherry-Williams, can help you to access the foodbank network and provide further support if needed – this is a completely free and confidential service. Read more at https://orlo.uk/Village_Agents_plEmf.

Doynnton and Wick WI: at the August meeting, member Alex Huband took us through the year in the magnificent gardens of Dyrham Park, including the new parterre behind the house, with metalwork manufactured locally in Doynnton. Two meetings in September: Wednesday 11th in the village hall, with Richard Ricketts, "the Bee Man" (please bring produce for the harvest stall), and Friday 20th, a garden party for the Doynnton group of WIs.

The **animal blessing service** in Holy Trinity Church on August 18th, led by Rev. Elaine, was much appreciated. The congregation included three horses, six dogs, a rabbit, a tortoise, a hen and a frog! Here we were reminded that God's love for each one of us is even greater than our love for our pets.

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).