

Doynton Parish Pump

Don't forget to vote in the **Combined Authority Mayor election** on May 1st. Our local polling station is the village hall.

Advance notice of the **annual residents' meeting and annual meeting of the Parish Council**, which will take place on **Tuesday May 6th** (7.00 p.m.) at the village hall. This will be followed by a regular Doynton Parish Council meeting. Residents welcome at all meetings.

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will meet on **Thursday May 8th**, 2.00–4.00 p.m. at the village hall (not May 1st as voting in the mayoral election is taking place in the hall on that day). 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 or tel. 07817 311001. We would love to hear from potential volunteers, especially those living in Doynton.

Doynton Parish Council event to commemorate the **80th anniversary of VE Day: Thursday May 8th** from 6.30 p.m. at Doynton Mill field, off Rookery Lane. Fish and chips £15, sausage and chips £12, halloumi and chips £13 (ticket includes one free drink). Lighting of the beacon at 9.30 p.m. Tickets from Elaine Roch (07799 280743), Lisa Williams (07974 771670), Sue Merrell or Warm Wednesday coffee mornings.

The life of trees: come to the village hall on **Friday May 30th** (6.00 p.m.) to learn all about trees with Nigel de Berker, an arboricultural consultant. There will be a 30-minute talk, accompanied by a slide show and followed by a short walk around Doynton identifying and discussing local trees. Free entry, though donations for research into sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) would be appreciated.

At the April meeting of **Doynton and Wick WI**, Claire Bounds of Avon and Somerset Police shared some valuable tips on avoiding the scams that are so frequent nowadays, both online and face-to-face. The golden rule is "take five and tell two" – step back for five minutes and think whether that request to move money from your bank account is really likely to be genuine, and tell two other people, since they will not have been influenced by the scammer's persuasive arguments and scare tactics. At the meeting in May, members will vote on the resolutions they wish to see adopted at national level. Fiona Edwards will speak on "working with glass", and the competition is "a piece of

coloured glass". All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday May 7th, 7.30 p.m.

Doynton village market: next markets **May 3rd and 17th** (NB no market May 31st), 10.00–11.00 a.m., at the village hall. This report comes fresh following the second market in April: if any of you readers are also our customers, then a big thank-you for your support, we had a cracking two markets this month, which has been a joy to be part of, particularly as the second market was part of the Easter weekend. We had a lovely spread of produce, the baking table had a good choice of Easter seasonal goodies from biscuits to Simnel cakes, we also had our traditional fare of savoury goods, Scotch eggs, sausage rolls, quiches, pies and our gluten-free vegetarian range, along with a new batch of sausages from the son of one of our members who is studying at an agricultural university: he keeps Oxford Sandy and Black pigs, which yield a nice proper sausage, and to prove it we had some samples – lovely. The garden produce table had its usual pick of potatoes, leeks, sprouting broccoli, spring greens, also tomato plants starting to make an appearance, an array of flowers looking lovely and the usual eggs. Our craft tables also don't disappoint, with a great choice of cards, pictures, paintings, stuffed figures, sewn goods and knits, and we also welcomed in Olivia from the village with her range of wax melts, there certainly was a pleasant odour emanating from that side of the hall. As producers, we love what we make and sell, and love talking to our customers. We look forward to seeing you on the first and third Saturdays of the month, check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or tel. or message 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market.

Doynton village fête: the fête is back on **June 14th** (1.00–4.00 p.m.) around the village hall and the orchard, with the usual range of summer attractions, including cream teas, barbeque, children's sports, farm animals, Morris dancers, entertainer and brass band. Please put the date in your diary and bring any donations – bottles, home-made produce, plants, bric-a-brac, children's toys, books, etc. – along on the morning of the fête.

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

Down in the dumps: 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.