

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Doynton Memory Café** continues its informal get-togethers for people with dementia/memory loss and their family members/carers on the first Thursday of each month (2.00–4.00 p.m.). Themes this autumn will include Harvest and Food & Festivals, and we expect to try more country dancing and welcome The Strummers Ukelele Band and a sea shanty crew. Contact: tel. 07817 311001 or find us on Facebook, “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”.

Doynton Village Market: where have all you lovely people gone? The last couple of markets have been good, but we are missing some of our regular customers. However, if you haven't been to us before, come along and see what we have to offer, and have a coffee and biscuit, if we haven't got what you would like, please ask, hopefully we can help you. The Christmas order book is open for your orders, please get your meat order in early. Unless you require an earlier delivery, Tom our butcher will be delivering to us on the morning of the market on the 23rd. The order book is also available for any other goodies you might like for the festive period, again available to pick up at the Christmas Eve market. Please note December's markets will be the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (December 9th and 23rd), On the 23rd we will probably have a limited supply of produce, so please order beforehand to avoid disappointment. As always, to place an order for the market, please phone 0117 937 3168 by the Wednesday before market day.

Friends of Doynton Church *Pauline Blacker writes:* I would like to convey my thanks to all those people who attended the Harvest/Friends service on Sunday September 24th. Our thanks go to Steve Burgess, who led the service, and all the ladies who kindly made delicious cakes. This year we raised £2,575 including Gift Aid. It means that over the past four years we have received a total of £19,322. This money is used to help with the ongoing maintenance costs of the Church. As Secretary, I would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to become a Friend and contribute in any small way (Pauline.blacker [at] btinternet.com).

Doynton and Wick WI: the speaker in October was Carol Laslett of the Bristol environmental charity Street Goat. Street Goat provides goat's milk for around 30 households in Bristol and grazes male kids, which would otherwise be slaughtered straight away, on waste ground in and around Bristol and Bath, to eventually be sold for meat. The goats are great characters – maybe you have seen them tidying up the Wick Quarry nature reserve – and there are a few escape artists among them! The next meeting, on Wednesday November 8th, will be the annual general meeting – please volunteer for a committee role if you can. The speaker is Susan Symonds on “the colourful personal life of Queen Victoria” (will we be amused?). The competition is “Victoriana”. Please bring any tins or packets you can spare for the foodbank.

The **Friends of Summers Field Autumn Feast** raised £1,000 for the upkeep of the community orchard. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening celebrating the orchard harvest of apples and a record amount of juice – contact a committee member to purchase.

The Doynton “Warm Wednesdays” **community café** is up and running again, every week 10.30 a.m.–12 noon. The attendance so far has been 15–20 people per week, but there's plenty of room for more. Come along for tea, coffee and good company – all welcome!

Doynton Parish Council: your ~~country~~ parish needs you! Calling for volunteers for a committee to outline and assist with the implementation of the plans for the **80th anniversary of D-Day** on Thursday June 6th 2024. Please contact Doynton parish clerk or members of Doynton Parish Council if you can help: tel. 07725 165181 or email doytonparishcouncil [at] hotmail.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

Thursdays 9.30–10.30 a.m.: **post office** in the village hall – use it or lose it!

Thursdays 9.30–11.00 a.m. in the village hall: **yoga classes** with Jean Foley, £9 per class. Tel 07341 347547 or email jean72foley[at]gmail.com.

Sunday February 4th 2024: **Doynton Hard Half Marathon** in and around the village – marshals, tea-makers, cake-makers and en-route entertainers all needed! Email

dhhm@emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk for details.